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July 2023



2023 Birdsville Rodeo, Campdraft & Bronco Branding winners



Travelling Jewel Photographer

Frank Booth Memorial Open Singles winners - Northern Flinders
Bill Brook Memorial Open Doubles winners - Morney Plains



Encouragement Draft Winner
1st - Scott Blackett - Ally Cat
2nd - Scott Blackett - Angel



Annandale Trading Co Open Barrel Race
1st Kevin Monaghan
2nd Kath McQueen
3rd Darren Lorenz



Birdsville Hotel Open Draft
1st Jess Twyford - Deputy
2nd Maryellen Blacket - Tag
3rd Harrison Alick - Duck & Spin
4th Ty Norris - A lil bit of luck



Mae Fatnowna Poddy Ride
1st - Roper Millership
2nd - Tully Burke
3rd - Beau Nunn

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The Diamantina
Birdsville Bedourie Betoota
Where the Desert meets the Channel Country

MAYORS REPORT

ROBBIE DARE

Hello Diamantinians,

I hope this newsletter finds everybody well. I would like to advise the community that you have an Interim CEO in Mike Hayward who started Monday 19th June. Mike has a big job on his hands, firstly filling positions urgently needed, Mike has proceeded with very good applicants employed. There will be a further report on successful applicants.



Mayor Robbie Dare

We have had another round of events with urgently needed rain just coming at the wrong time but in true Diamantina determined style, all was done to pull the events off where possible. The Bedourie Gymkhana and Campdraft was a casualty and could not go ahead because of rain. This event has been rescheduled for September.

The benefit of the sealed road to Big Red was high lighted immediately considering it was only completed in June. A great initiative of the previous term council.

After the cancellation of the Bedourie Gymkhana and Campdraft, and considering the large amount of work involved by those who organise events, it made me recognize again the amount of donation that the Brook family makes. Donating stock and staff to allow these events to proceed. It is a great cost to David & Nell and our shire is greatly appreciated of your ongoing support to functions held within Diamantina including the Big Bash.

Deputy Mayor Francis Murray, councilor Kerry Morton and myself have just attended a bush councils conference at Goondiwindi. The agenda was very relevant and I look forward to outcomes on shire sustainability and water (new bore & heat exchanger in Birdsville).

We had a visit at Bedourie Camel Races from Nikki Boyd (Deputy Minister of Infrastructure and Local Government) and Bruce Saunders (Deputy Director General of Rural Transport). Councilor Murray took them down to the Cuttaburra on Friday against Big Red Bash flow of traffic to highlight the last dirt section on Birdsville - Bedourie road. Nikki & Bruce were blown away by the pressure put on town and road infrastructure. Now we have 2 more new champions in parliament to support our request for help in these areas.

Josh Hannah a good friend of Diamantina Shire who had 15 years in Department of Transport has been promoted to Deputy Director General of Local Government. Josh was at Goondiwindi and it is great for us to have a Champion to contact.

An enquiry about the Birdsville - Windorah, and Birdsville - Bedourie roads, which closed on 18th July with the results come out in November. I am excited about this and will be pushing to get a plan to complete the total road. 10 or 15 year program, if we can get commitment then we can plan one more realignment, water, gravel and be as economical as possible, will have a bit more news in the next yarn.

Until then stay healthy and safe.

Regards,

Robbie Dare

COMMUNITY & TOURISM REPORT

MATT ALLARD - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

****Greetings Diamantina Shire Community!****

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Director of Community and Economic Development for the Diamantina Shire Council. It is an absolute privilege to join this vibrant community and have the opportunity to work alongside you all to shape a prosperous and sustainable future for our beloved region.

As the Director of Community and Economic Development, my foremost mission is to collaborate with each of you to foster a thriving community that flourishes economically while cherishing its unique heritage and spirit. Together, we will embark on a journey of growth and progress, driven by the collective vision and aspirations of our residents, businesses, and stakeholders.

I bring to this role a deep commitment to community engagement and a passion for developing innovative solutions that address the diverse needs of our residents. My experience in community development, economic planning, and partnerships will be instrumental in guiding our shared efforts towards achieving inclusive and sustainable prosperity.

Over the coming months, I am eager to meet with community members, local businesses, and community organizations to listen to your perspectives, understand your aspirations, and learn from your experiences. Your voices are paramount in shaping our strategic initiatives, ensuring that our development plans truly reflect the needs and values of our community.

At the heart of our endeavors will be an unwavering commitment to inclusivity, transparency, and collaboration. Together, we will build a robust platform for economic growth, support our local entrepreneurs, and leverage our region's natural assets to bolster tourism opportunities. We will also prioritize community services, infrastructure development, and environmental sustainability to create a strong foundation for the well-being of every resident.

I firmly believe that by working together and embracing innovation, we can overcome any challenges and capitalize on opportunities that lie ahead. As we embark on this transformative journey, your active involvement, insights, and enthusiasm will be instrumental in shaping a vibrant and prosperous future for Diamantina Shire.

I am incredibly excited to be a part of this amazing community, and I look forward to meeting each one of you and collaborating on projects that will create lasting positive impacts. Together, we will take Diamantina Shire to new heights of success and ensure that our community remains a place we can all be proud to call home.

Thank you for your warm welcome, and I eagerly anticipate our shared journey ahead!

Sincerely,

Matt Allard
Director of Community and Economic Development
Diamantina Shire Council



Weather Observations - July 2023

*bom.gov.au

Bedourie Rainfall: 46.9 mm

Bedourie Min Temp: 4.8 degrees c (8.7.23)

Bedourie Max Temp: 30.0 degrees c (30.7.23)

Birdsville Rainfall: 17.6 mm

Birdsville Min Temp: 5.3 degrees c (22.7.23)

Birdsville Max Temp: 30.3 degrees c (28.7.23)

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COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Thank you to the Diamantina Shire Council Birdsville team for the professionalism, positive teamwork and 'Diamantina Spirit' displayed throughout the busy event period of 2023 Big Red Bash.



BIRDSVILLE RACES

2023

The year to self-fly to Birdsville Races!

Diamantina Shire Council recently removed all fees for aircraft below 11 tonnes weight that visit Birdsville between 30 August & 3 September 2023.

For further detail, please contact Glenn:
glenn.robinson@airportsupport.com.au

28.7.23 Compliment received by CEO

Dear Mike,

While visiting your shire from Albury, we have been most impressed with your parks, gardens, pool and tourist office, and the obvious pride your staff take in their roles of maintaining such wonderful facilities. May I mention in particular Ameya, Teegan, Vicki, Paula, Jodie and Greg, who have been extremely friendly and helpful to the people in our group.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Appleyard

(on behalf of Leo Mahon, Nerida and David Clifton, and Geoff and Sharon Slaven.



2023 Queensland Outdoor Adventure Expo was held at Toowoomba Showgrounds from 28-30 July. In attendance was Patrice Brandenburg-Wallace (Diamantina Shire Council Interim Tourism Manager) and Ben Fullager (Birdsville Hotel General Manager).



FIRST 5 FOREVER!

Birdsville Rhyme Time!

The weather has been lovely in Birdsville so Rhyme Time was held outdoors this month. With many new puppies in town, the theme for our July Rhyme Time at Birdsville Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre was 'Pets!' Activities, discussion, children's literature, Auslan and rhymes chosen to suit. We learnt 2 new rhymes together to practice at home and story time ran beautifully with lots of eager, excited engagement, sounds, questioning and turn-taking.

Thank you to Birdsville Playgroup, Birdsville State School and the families of our youngest residents for attending. First 5 Forever Rhyme Time sessions are fun, inclusive opportunities to sing, dance and read with your child, learn new rhymes and match actions with words to encourage early learning.

The next Birdsville Rhyme Time is: 9am Thursday 10th August 2023.



Photography:
Birdsville State School



Bedourie First 5 Forever!



First 5 Forever



Bedourie First 5 Forever!

Join me at the park for story time and a yummy picnic!
Bring along your favourite teddy and your favourite snack!

Teddy bear picnic-Anzac Park

21st July

10am

See you there!



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DIAMANTINA SHIRE

2023 EVENTS

15 April - 30 September	Kirrenderri: Heart of the Channel Country - Wirrarri Centre Gallery
10 August	Rhyme Time! – Wirrarri Centre, Birdsville
11 August	Birdsville State School Community Athletics Carnival
26 August	Betoota Races & Channel Country Ringers Reunion
1 – 2 September	Birdsville Races
9 September	Bedourie Races
14 September	Rhyme Time! – Wirrarri Centre, Birdsville
16 September	Fun In The Sun! - ANZAC Park, Bedourie
29 Sept - 1 October	Bedourie Campdraft, Rodeo and Gymkhana
6 October	Birdsville State School Book Week dress up
12 October	Rhyme Time! – Wirrarri Centre, Birdsville
20 - 22 October	Channel Country Ladies Day - Bedourie
28 October	Halloween – Simpson Desert Oasis, Bedourie
7 November	Melbourne Cup - Bedourie & Birdsville
9 November	Rhyme Time! – Wirrarri Centre, Birdsville
11 November	Remembrance Day ceremony - Birdsville & Bedourie (10.45am)
14 December	Rhyme Time! – Wirrarri Centre, Birdsville



Diamantina Channel Country in flood - July 2023



Photograph: Carol Walker



Photograph: Tony Hoch

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DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF PROFILE



Bob Stephen

Position: Director Infrastructure

Family:

Sharon Stephen (Wife, Professor Sydney University), 4 Children between us and 5 Grandchildren.

Professional background? Where have you come from to join DSC?

Have worked in Construction and Engineering since completing my education, have mainly worked in the private sector. Have worked in the Middle East, Spain Gibraltar, UK and for the last 12 years have worked in Australia. I have moved to the Diamantina after 3 years at Walgett Shire Council as their Director of Engineering and Technical Services.

What do you love most about Diamantina Shire?

I have visited this area on several occasions prior to working here, it's such a wonderful part of the country, peace and tranquility, not a lot of people, but the ones that are here are very friendly.

Interest/Hobbies. Favourite day off activity?

I love camping and travelling in the remote areas of Australia, so I'm sure you will guess what I will be doing with my days off. Simpson Desert...here we come!

Most challenging aspect of residing in the Diamantina Shire?

Is that my wife will be residing in Sydney for the next year, but will travel to Diamantina Shire on a regular basis, as her work will allow her to work remotely.

Looking forward to in the next 12 months?

Looking forward to working with the current staff at Diamantina Shire Council and becoming part of the team, and hopefully building good working relationships with all teams working here.

DIAMANTINA HISTORY

- FROM THE BLUE BOOK



The below extract is from the book, Sand Hills and Channel Country, by Carolyn Nolan. All are welcome to contribute to the Diamantina History page. We welcome photographs with descriptions and short stories of events and people. All contributions can be emailed to diamantinashire@gmail.com with contact details. If you would like your photograph and story to be featured on our social media page as well, please indicate so in your email.

Chapter 2: West of the Cooper in the 1870s

p. 38-40

Many new settlers were heading west, from the inside districts of Queensland and from other Colonies. In the two years since stock was first taken to the Diamantina almost all the available country had been secured and stocked, down to the South Australian border. Though there had as yet been little 'trouble' with Aborigines on the Diamantina, a native police barracks was being set up by early 1877 on the lower block of Wallace's run. In June 1877 a detachment of native police was stationed at Chastleton on Cooper Creek, under Sub-Inspector Cheeke, welcomed by those settlers who had suffered from 'the depredations of the blacks'.

Carcory station was taken up by Hector and Norman Wilson from Melbourne in 1877. The homestead, built from local limestone, is now a roofless ruin, the run having been abandoned by Sidney Kidman in the early 1900s. It is likely that the name is a derivative of the indigenous word ka-ku-ri, meaning dry which A.M. Duncan-Kemp records is the native name given to the big white plain there.

The long drought had broken about Christmastime 1876, followed by thunderstorms then heavy rains. From then until about April 1877 there were floods in the Barcoo, Thomson, Diamantina, Hamilton and Herbert (Georgina) Rivers. Such was the height of the water that only swimmers could cross. Rations were low at most stations while the drought had lasted, and now with flooded country, packhorses with emergency rations were the only hope for some.

Mr. Kerwan, of the Herbert River, one of the pioneers, being out of everything, and weak and sick from want of proper food and shelter, left his place some months ago and got in as far as the Hamilton, at Mr. Drinan's station, which was in the same position as his own with regard to supplies and shelter. There he was obliged to remain till he died miserably, of fever and starvation. It was only about a week ago [mid May 1877] that the man who had been with him got in and reported his death at Cork.

Following rain came plagues of flies, sandflies and mosquitoes, for a time, to torment man and beast, and fires were lit so that horses in particular could stand protected in the smoke. After rain the heavy country was hard for cattle to travel over, though the many varieties of wildflowers and herbage after the rain made the country picturesque.

The river system has caused confusion since the earliest days of European exploration. The Hamilton river meets the Georgina below Marion Downs and then it becomes Eyre Creek. Eyre Creek continues on down to Glengyle, goes west to the lakes, then down to Goyder's Lagoon; then it meets the Diamantina. The Burke joins the Georgina below Boulia and above Marion Downs. As Bill Alexander learned in his years at Marion Downs, 'it takes three rivers to make a creek'.

'Outsider' rode from the Lower Thomson and this was reported in the Brisbane Courier on 14 January 1878. He crossed the Diamantina to Davenport Downs, which was then owned by Messrs Cobb and Co.

The head station is situated on a sandhill, overlooking a most beautiful waterhole, which is fed by the main river in flood time. The great draw back to all this country seems to be the total absence of any timber for building purposes, and mud has to be used as a substitute. At present the station people live in a large hole dug out of the sandhill and roofed over with grass and mud, and I must say it is very cool and comfortable and very little expense to make.

BIRDSVILLE RODEO, CAMPDRAFT AND BRONCO BRANDING

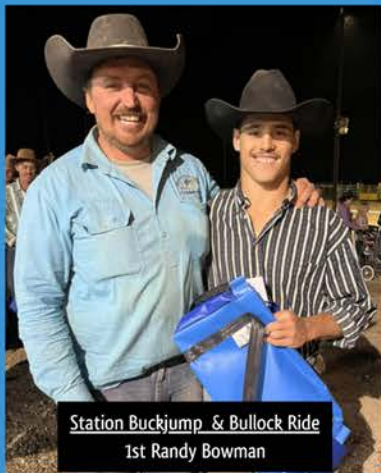
Life Members 2023

"It is with great honour we present Life Member awards to four dedicated people have been a part of the Birdsville social club for over 16 years, organising events for the community. They worked tirelessly all those years to put Birdsville Social Club out there and provide quality, good hearted events.

They were always there to help and support the community in any way possible. Birdsville Social Club wouldn't be where it is today without people like this who spent all those years supporting it and growing it. Your support and guidance to our club has never gone unrecognised. In saying that, we would like to present four Birdsville Social Club Life Membership awards today and honour these people.

Congratulations Don Rayment, Judy Rayment, Darren Lorenz & Nadine Lorenz. We appreciate everything you have offered Birdsville, the Shire and the support shown to the club."

29.7.23



Station Buckjump & Bullock Ride
1st Randy Bowman



Feature Horse Ride
Winner - Izayah Gilby



Frank Booth Memorial Open Singles Finals



NOVICE DRAFT

1st Harrison Alick - Sweet Miss
2nd Cain Burns - Cadbury
3rd Tied - Mark Eacott - Repeat
John Paine - Rooster



CT Ceremonies Mini Draft

1st Roper millership - Gecko
2nd Lacey Mourilyan - Jazz
3rd Mason Clarke - Shadow
4th Tied Dakota Blacket - Alfie Zoe Mourilyan - Sparkles

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BEDOURIE BULL & BRONC PIT

Ameya's Ride



Well done Ameya Deshmukh!

MUMBAI Safety Fella tries his hand at being a cowboy!



The Bull and Bronc Pit Friday 7th July 2023

From MUMBAI (India), Ameya Deshmukh will be riding a Bull for the very first time to raise awareness & funds for Blue Tree Project.

Please donate on the night or at Bedourie Visitor Centre to assist Ameya in raising funds for this very important service.



Thank you to the Diamantina community for all your support. It was unreal! Those seconds riding were undoubtedly the best few of my life. Since day one in the outback, I've come to realise that people out here have the heart of gold. In communities, weaved together by such kind-hearted people, no one deserves to feel alone. No one deserves to feel that they don't belong, and for that very reason I'd set out to do what we together pulled off at the Bull and Bronc Pit - raising funds and awareness of the Blue Tree Project. Please remember to reach out for help when in need.

Ameya.

Bedourie Bronc N Bull Pit

7 July 2023



BEDOURIE CAMEL BASH

BARRY WINS 2023 BEDOURIE CAMEL CUP!

New South Wales Camel, Barry, has taken out the 2023 Bedourie Camel Cup in front of a huge crowd. Barry is trained by Rod Samson from Oakfield Ranch. Congratulations to jockey Beaver Brophy, Barry and the Oakfield Ranch team.

First - Barry
Second - Nowhere
Third - Ringer



Photograph: Amanda Schwarzrock



Winners are grinners!



Bedourie Camel Bash volunteers



Bedourie State School P&C stall



Riding home with the win this year at the Bedourie Camel Bash was Beaver Brophy on "Barry". (Photograph: Nikola McWilliam)



2023 Bedourie Camel Bash



Photograph: Nikola McWilliam



Jodie Girdler supervises the camp oven comp



BIG RED BASH



Diamantina residents and friends ready to hit the runway (Photograph: Red Ridge Interior Queensland Ltd)

BIRDSVILLE
BIG RED
BASH
 ROCKIN' THE SIMPSON



George Mackney from Selective Meats & Don Rayment, Manager, Adria Downs (Photograph: OBE Organic Facebook)



2023 Big Red Bash (Photograph: Big Red Bash Facebook)



Sunset at Big Red



On Tuesday 4th July, Big Blue Day raised for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation an impressive \$74,897.90, plus an additional \$20,000 raised so far on the raffles (Photograph: Big Red Bash Facebook)



Big Red Bash 2023 reached another world record for 'the largest Nutbush City Limits Dance' with 5838 participants! This year's dancers raised an impressive \$87,570 for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Photograph: Big Red Bash Facebook)

BIRDVILLE STATE SCHOOL

Term Two Desert Yarns

It is hard to believe that we are over halfway through the year. Our students have settled well into our 2023 classroom and are achieving fantastic results. Mrs Birchley, Miss Venessa, Miss Amber and myself are thoroughly enjoying teaching and watching the growth of each student. Some Term Two highlights were:

- ANZAC Day community March
- P&C Mothers Day afternoon tea
- Under 8's Day
- National Simultaneous story time
- P&C Cross Country
- Post office excursion
- Birdsville State School Café
- Windorah sports camp



Term Three is off to a flying start with another busy calendar in tow. NAIDOC week activities will be held on Monday 31st July. Our P&C have another sporting event planned; this term it will be an Athletics Carnival. This is a community event and we strongly encourage for all to participate, the event will be held on Friday 11th August from 3-5pm. We will also be having our open day again for the Birdsville Races please keep an eye out for information on this. Please like our school page and P&C page on Facebook for regular updates.

Regards,

Laura Watson



Under 8's Day



Drawing on the windows at Birdsville Bakery



Off to sports camp!



Post office excursion



Under 8's Day

Photography: Birdsville State School Facebook

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Photography: Birdsville State School



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BEDOURIE NAIDOC WEEK



2023 NAIDOC



CWAATSICH
Massage
Spiritual Healer
Crafts
SEWB - Bingo

Bedourie Local
Markets
6PM - 28TH
JULY!

This year's NAIDOC theme is 'For Our Elders'. Come along to the Bedourie Community Hall to help celebrate our elders, past and present for our 2023 NAIDOC Week. There will be many great activities for everyone to enjoy. All welcome!!

Free Tea
Chicken Curry
Beef Curry
Mash
Rice



2023 Bedourie NAIDOC Week Celebrations



OUTBACK QUEENSLAND MASTERS BIRDSVILLE 2024



2024 Outback Queensland Masters



Tourism and Sport Minister Stirling Hinchliffe said, "I'm very pleased to announce the six locations for the 2024 Outback Queensland Masters which will tee off in June 2024 from our most remote golf course in Queensland, the iconic Birdsville Dunes Golf Club, and then onto to Boulia in the land of the Min Min Light, Winton, Barcaldine, Charleville and culminating in July 2024 in Quilpie for the Million Dollar Hole-In-One.

"Fast becoming an iconic Australian bucket list destination golf event, the Outback Queensland Masters attracted players from every state of Australia in 2023, some travelling some 10,000 km to compete in Queensland.

"Since its inception in 2019, the Outback Queensland Masters has gone from strength to strength, generating millions of dollars in visitor spend for the remote communities of Outback Queensland, and in 2022 generated 13,062 visitor nights and contributed \$1.89M to the Queensland economy."

The 2024 Outback Queensland Masters is presented by Golf Australia, with strategic partner Tourism and Events Queensland and Birdie Spirit Partners, the PGA of Australia and Rex Airlines, and Mateship Partners, Diamantina Shire Council, Boulia Shire Council, Winton Shire Council, Barcaldine Regional Council, Murweh Shire Council and Quilpie Shire Council.

Tickets on sale www.outbackqldmasters.com

HEALTH & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Bedourie Primary Health Centre

Kepler St, Bedourie QLD 4829
(07) 4746 1500

Hours of Operation:
Monday to Friday
8am - 12pm
2pm - 4pm

Emergency & Ambulance Service
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

RFDS Dr clinic held every second Friday

Upcoming Visiting Health Services

Please look out for community emails or contact clinic directly



Birdsville Primary Health Centre

31 Adelaide Street, Birdsville QLD 4482
(07) 4564 2400

Hours of Operation:
Monday to Friday
9am - 12pm
2pm - 4pm

Emergency & Ambulance Service
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

RFDS Dr clinic held every second Wednesday

Upcoming Visiting Health Services

NWRH Allied Health
Dietician, Podiatrist & Exercise Physiologist
15 - 16 August 2023



Emergency/ Urgent/ life or property in danger... 000 (112 from mobile)

Non urgent reporting..... 131444

or Police link online reporting: www.police.qld.gov.au

Crime stoppers..... 1800 330 000

Bedourie Police Station: 07 4744 1600

Officer in Charge: Senior Constable Phillip Plant Plant.PhillipG@police.qld.gov.au

Bedourie QGAP (licensing/rego): 07 4744 1601

Bedourie QGAP opening hours: Wednesday & Thursday 8am – 4pm

QGAP Supervisor: Elisabeth Plant

Birdsville Police Station: 07 4744 1666

Officer in Charge: Senior Constable Stephan Pursell Pursell.StephanJ@police.qld.gov.au

Birdsville QGAP: 07 4744 1663 Fax 07 4656 3312

Birdsville QGAP opening hours: Tuesday and Thursday 8am - 5pm

QGAP Supervisor: Sharon Pursell Pursell.SharonJ@police.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Are you a Diamantina Shire resident? Want to be kept informed on community notices and items of relevance to Diamantina Shire?
Please complete consent form and email to admin@diamantina.qld.gov.au



Diamantina Shire Council Email Consent Form

This consent form will be used to give permission to the Diamantina Shire Council to collect and/or distribute personal email addresses in accordance with the terms of the consent. For consent to be valid it must be voluntary, informed, specific, current, and given by a person with capacity to do so.

Please return completed Email Consent Form to admin@diamantina.qld.gov.au or via mail

Email Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Given name: _____ Surname: _____

Please indicate residency:

- ☐ Bedourie
- ☐ Birdsville
- ☐ Betoota
- ☐ Diamantina Shire Station
- ☐ Non-Resident of the Diamantina

Please indicate Community email list you wish to be added to:

- ☐ Bedourie Community Group
- ☐ Birdsville Community Group
- ☐ Diamantina Shire Stations
- ☐ Desert Yarns (Community Newsletter)

Authorisation (Please read carefully and tick applicable box A, B or Both)

- ☐ A. Considering the above, I authorise Diamantina Shire Council and **consent** to the email address above to be added to Council Community Email List.
- ☐ B. I **consent** to Diamantina Shire Council sharing or distributing the email address above to Businesses and Clubs **ONLY** within the Diamantina shire

I understand my consent is voluntary and I may change or withdraw this consent at any time by notifying Diamantina Shire Council.

Signature _____ Date (DD/MM/YYYY) _____

Declaration

Council maintains a database of email addresses for Residents/non-Residents who have chosen to receive periodic information (in accordance with anti-spam and privacy laws).

Office Use:

Added to requested Community Email Groups <input type="checkbox"/>	Signature
Authorised Person:	

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Birdsville Container Exchange



The Birdsville Fuel Service has partnered with COEX - Queensland Containers For Change recycling program. The container refund scheme was introduced in Queensland to reduce beverage litter across the state. The scheme aims to increase recycling rates and reduce litter by allowing Queenslanders to exchange eligible drink containers for a 10 cent refund.

HOW TO GET STARTED: Download the Container for Exchange App, register for a Scheme ID Number and choose to have your refund paid into your bank account.

WHAT CONTAINERS ARE ELIGIBLE: Once you have downloaded the app, you can log in and scan your containers to check if they can be recycled through the scheme.

DROP OFF ZONE: Containers can be dropped off at the Birdsville Fuel Service – Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 5.00pm. When leaving your containers, ensure that your Scheme ID Number is attached to the bags. Spare bags available and are also available to clubs or organisations running events.

If you require assistance registering for a Scheme ID or would like to know more about the COEX exchange program, contact Jenna, Sam or Greg at the Birdsville Fuel Service.



Items we accept



Excluded containers



Birdsville, Australia

6pm Saturday, 13 January 2024

6.7k lap on the hour, every hour.

Maximum of 15 laps (100k)

Please contact Simpson Desert Ultra facebook page for further details

You get one minute less to finish each additional lap;

Lap 1 = 60 mins, Lap 2 = 59 mins, Lap 3 = 58 mins... Lap 15 = 46 mins

It'll be hot!

Laps start and finish in town with a billabong dip available mid lap.

When you're done, just tell us you're cactus and we'll give you a prize to commemorate your DNF

Entry \$125 pp

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

FOSTER PRIDE VIBRANT COMMUNITIES STRONG COMMUNITIES



Social wellbeing arts project for youth aged 5 - 14 living in the regions of Winton, Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackall, Barcoo, Tambo, Diamantina.

OUR PROJECT IS SEEKING 2 DRAWINGS/PAINTINGS (A4 SIZE) FOLLOWING THE THEMES: What do you love about living in the bush? What would you love to see or change in your region? (Remember to put your first name and age on the artwork. Submissions will be displayed in an online gallery as part of the John Villiers Outback Art Prize in March 2024.)

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED ARTWORKS TO:
Exhibition Supervisor
Outback Regional Gallery, Waltzing Matilda Centre
50 Elderslie Street, Winton Qld 4735
by **NOVEMBER 30, 2023**.

Contact karens@matildacentre.com.au with any queries.



The Children's Art Project and Digital Exhibition hosted by the Outback Regional Gallery, Winton and supported by The John Villiers Trust is an ongoing project to create transformational and deep multifaceted impact for youth and young people living in outback Queensland. This project aims to foster pride and vibrant and strong communities by active engagement and connecting regional community, arts, culture, education, social welfare and health. The digital gallery of the children's artworks will be visible between March - May 2024 aligning with the 2024 John Villiers Outback Art Prize generously sponsored by The John Villiers Trust.

The latest RAPAD Board Communique provides an overview of the Board meetings held in the second quarter of 2023

Read and download a copy here:

<https://rapad.com.au/.../rapad-board-meeting-communiques.../-->

SECOND QUARTER 2023 | 1 APR - 30 JUN

RAPAD Board COMMUNIQUE



Mayor Sean Dillon
Secretary
(Regional Council)



Mayor Sally O'Neil
Mayor
(Shire Council)



Mayor Andrew Martin
Mayor
(Regional Council)



Mayor Rick Briston
Mayor
(Shire Council)



Mayor Robbie Dore
Mayor
(Shire Council)



Mayor Tony Kayner
Mayor
(Regional Council)



Mayor Gavin Baggett
Mayor
(Shire Council)



David Arnold
CEO RAPAD

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

Bringing out the end of the 2022-23 financial year period, the Board has held two meetings in this second quarter of 2023, one virtual on 5 May and the other, face-to-face in Longreach on 24 of May.

Apologies were received from Cr Dillon for both meetings, Cr Baskett for the 5 May meeting, and Cr Martin for the 24 May meeting - delegating his proxy to his Deputy Mayor, Cr Lindsay Russell. Cr Jack Nielson, Deputy Mayor of Boulia Shire Council, attended the 24 May meeting, along with most CEOs across both meetings. Ms Ann Leahy MP was also an apology for the 24 May meeting.



www.rapad.com.au

A united organisation, with a powerful voice for our region and capacity to deliver initiatives that shape and create a prosperous future for the RAPAD region of Outback Queensland.

Objects of RAPAD

The objects for which the Company is established are:
(A) to support, facilitate, promote and encourage the community, environmental and economic development of the region;
(B) to formulate, develop, facilitate, maintain and implement, or cause to be implemented, strategies, policies and plans relating to the objects in Rule 1.3(a);
(C) to advocate to, consult with, and inform, relevant State and Federal ministers and government agencies on matters of regional concern; and on the priorities of rural matters and the means to ensure effective co-ordination and implementation of the policies, activities and programs of those State and Federal agencies; and
(D) to facilitate, support, implement, or cause to be implemented, collaborative regional discussion and associated desired outcomes amongst, but not limited to, members.

Source: RAPAD constitution

Have your say



CENTRAL WEST REGIONAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANNING REVIEW



Have your say on the Central West Regional Drought Resilience Plan (RDRP).

Take the opportunity to share your ideas on drought, resilience and actions to include in the next plan for our region.

RDRP's are shifting the emphasis on planning and proactivity to help prepare for the next drought. The Central West plan will build on information collected over the last 10-12 years on drought impacts, and importantly, ideas and actions to include in the plan.

Share your ideas in the review survey:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWQ-RDRP

Questions? Contact: rachaelwebster.connect@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES



AUGUST
FRI - 25
SAT - 26
SUN - 27
2023

Betoota Races Weekend

FASHIONS ON THE FIELD
BAR & CANTEEN ALL WEEKEND
BOOKIES ON COURSE!

More details to come...

LIVE MUSIC
Friday & Saturday
night with
MOTHERS
SECOND CHOICE!

Tickets available: <https://www.eventbrite.com/.../betoota-race-club-inc...>

Tickets are on sale for Outback Queensland's most iconic horse racing meeting, the Birdsville Races.

birdsvilleraces.com

**BIRDSVILLE
RACES**

BIRDSVILLE RACES
1ST & 2ND SEPTEMBER 2023



Zara Burke and Nerissa Parsons carefully hold the Birdsville Cup

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The Diamantina
Birdsville Bedourie Betoota
Where the Desert meets the Channel Country

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Kirrenderrri HEART OF THE CHANNEL COUNTRY

15 APRIL 2023 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2023
WIRRARRI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE, BIRDSVILLE

A unique collaboration between Aboriginal stories, settler records and cutting edge archaeological research, *Kirrenderrri: Heart of the Channel Country* is an exhibition that presents deep history of the Channel Country region in South West Queensland. The display forms a rich narrative for all, through aerial photography, video, artefacts and donated items from the Alice Duncan-Kemp family.

Kirrenderrri: Heart of the Channel Country is a travelling exhibition presented and toured by the University of Queensland Anthropology Museum, with support from Mithaka Aboriginal Corporation, Diamantina Shire Council and Rex Airlines. The exhibition tour is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland.

WIRRARRI VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

29 Burt Street, Birdsville
Open 7 days/week: 8.30am to 4.30pm

Free Entry

Enquiries to info@diamantina.qld.gov.au or 07 4564 2000
www.thediamantina.com.au



QGAP

Queensland Government Agent
Program

QGAP Birdsville will be closed from
Tuesday 25th July – Tuesday 15th August.

The Police station will be open for all Police related enquiries during this period.

QGAP enquiries can be directed to Bedourie QGAP

4744 1601

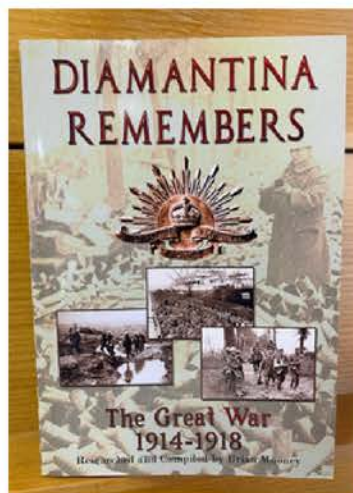
Email QGAP_Bedourie@police.qld.gov.au

Kind regards

Sharon Pursell
QGAP, Birdsville

Diamantina Remembers

The Great War 1914 - 1918



Diamantina Remembers The Great War 1914 - 1918 was researched and compiled by Brian Mooney. Sold at Bedourie Outback Visitor Centre and Birdsville Wirrarrri Visitor Information Centre.

\$5.00



BIRDSVILLE

RHyme TIME

SING, DANCE AND PLAY

Rhyme Time sessions are fun, inclusive opportunities to brush up on your nursery rhymes, sing and dance with your child. Learn new songs to try at home and match actions with words to help your child learn. Recommended for children 0-5 years.

Enjoy special time together, meet other parents and caregivers and learn something new!



9 AM

THURSDAY 10TH AUGUST 2023

Birdsville Wirrarrri Visitor Information Centre



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



2023 BEDOURIE CAMPDRAFT, GYMKHANA AND RODEO

29 September -1 October 2023

BEDOURIE & BIRDSVILLE PLAYGROUP

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

BEDOURIE
Bedourie Community Hall
Monday: 8.30 - 12.30
Tuesday: 8.30 - 12.30
Thursday: 8.30 - 12.30
Friday: 8.30 - 13.30

BIRDSVILLE
Birdsville Community Hall
Monday: 8.30 - 12.30
Tuesday: 8.30 - 12.30
Wednesday: 8.30 - 12.30
Thursday: 8.30 - 13.30

FREE TO ATTEND

www.diamantina.qld.gov.au

FUN IN THE SUN!

Save the date!!!!

When; Saturday , 16th of September

Where; ANZAC Park

Time; 11am till 2pm

Come along and join us at the ANZAC Park for some FUN in the SUN

What to look forward to!

Ball games, water activities, musical chairs and ELECTRIC MOTORBIKE RIDES!!



We look forward to seeing you all there!

Please bring a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle!



BAE BRUCE AIR & ELECTRICAL

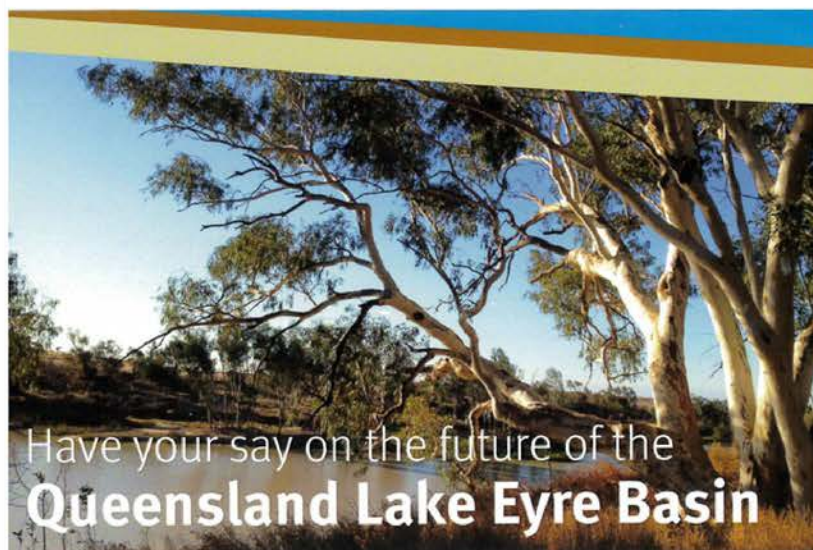
Bedourie Races 9th September 2023

\$30 Adult
Under 18 FREE
Tickets at the gate

Gates open 9am
First Race 11am
Fashions on the Field
Bar from 10am
Beer ticket system
Food Available
Cash & eftpos
Shuttle Bus - gold coin donation
On site Bookies
Calcutta \$5
Entertainment

BEDOURIE AMATEUR RACE CLUB

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Have your say on the future of the Queensland Lake Eyre Basin.

Visit: des.qld.gov.au/LEBconsultation

Email your written submission to policyinitiatives@des.qld.gov.au



The Lake Eyre Basin is of high ecological and cultural significance nationally and globally. It is the largest internal drainage system in Australia and one of the biggest in the world. The Lake Eyre Basin also has one of the most variable flow regimes in the world and contains one of the last remaining largely free-flowing arid river systems on the planet. Making up approximately 30% of the state, the Queensland section of the Lake Eyre Basin covers an area over 510,000km² with extensive watercourses and wetlands. The headwaters for the Georgina and Diamantina Rivers and Cooper Creek start in Queensland and all flow into the Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre system.

The basins of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre system are unique in that they include large, arid to semi-arid landscapes whose flora and fauna are adapted to a highly variable climate – featuring long dry periods to major flooding. Known for the cycles of 'boom and bust', the basins of the Cooper, Diamantina and Georgina support abundant ecosystems and an important grazing and pastoral industry.

Some of the key environmental values of the Lake Eyre Basin are:

- It has some of the last largely free flowing rivers in Australia.
- It is one of the world's biggest internal draining systems, meaning the streams do not reach the sea.
- It is comprised of connected watercourses and springs, highly fertile floodplains and groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDEs). These river systems, in turn, are the life blood of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre system.
- The wetlands support the nationally-listed, threatened ecological community of native species dependent on natural discharge of groundwater from the Great Artesian Basin.

The iconic Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre system and its tributary systems was recognised in the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement 2001 as one of the last arid-zone water catchments around the globe to flow intermittently without interruption, and therefore of high conservation significance on a world scale.

Have your say – Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement

Public consultation is open on options for how to best ensure Queensland's environmental protections can achieve a balance between ecological sustainability and future economic prosperity for the Queensland Lake Eyre Basin region. Following consultation with the Queensland Lake Eyre Basin Stakeholder Advisory Group, a set of options have been developed that could be implemented to ensure adequate protections of the Queensland Lake Eyre Basin now and for future generations. The Stakeholder Advisory Group helped ensure the interests of First Nations peoples, environmental and natural resource management groups, local governments, industry, businesses, and communities have been heard. These options were developed following a review of existing policies and legislation, ecological science and available information about resources. They aim to provide clarity about the future for the Queensland Lake Eyre Basin, and ensure our laws and processes are strong enough to protect the region's river systems. Feedback on the options is being sought from people who call the basin home or have a connection to its land, the businesses and industries which operate there and those who have a connection to or interest in the region.

Comments on the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement will close 5.00pm Friday 25 August 2023.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

10 Year Anniversary

CHANNEL COUNTRY LADIES DAY

Weekend

20 - 22 OCT 2023



Bedourie
Race Track

GUEST SPEAKERS

BROOKE HANSEN OAM

DALENE WRAY AM

REBECCA BRADSHAW

COMEDY

MANDY NOLAN & ELLEN
BRIGGS OF 'WOMEN LIKE US'

LIVE MUSIC

MICK LINDSAY

What's included in your ticket

GUEST SPEAKERS

LIVE MUSIC, COMEDY AND ENTERTAINMENT

BUSINESS, HEALTH AND PERSONAL GROWTH WORKSHOPS

BEAUTY AND PAMPER SERVICES

CREATIVE ARTISTIC WORKSHOPS

MARKET STALLS SHOPPING

MORNING EXERCISE ACTIVITIES

HEALTH SERVICES

RED RIDGE THE LABEL FASHION PARADE

THEMED EVENTS

FULLY CATERED

BYO CAMPING AREAS & TENTED ACCOM AVAILABLE

TICKETS
NOW ON
SALE



  ChannelCountryLadiesDay



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Bedourie Artesian Spa and Aquatic Centre



Bedourie Aquatic Centre Bedourie Aquatic Centre in Nappa Street is open 6am - 7.30pm 7 days/week.
Access cards can be obtained from the Bedourie Visitor Information Centre during opening hours.

****Please note that NO ALCOHOL is allowed on or in the pool area****

Birdsville State School Pool



Birdsville State School Pool

Birdsville State School Pool in Adelaide Street is open:

During School Holidays and Weekends
6am to 6pm

During School Term Weekdays
5am to 7.30am, then 3.30pm to 6pm

Keys can be obtained from the Birdsville Wirrari Visitor Information Centre during opening hours.

Please note that NO ALCOHOL is allowed in the pool or area



DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL JOB VACANCIES



JOB VACANCIES

SAFETY AND QUALITY OFFICER

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION BASED IN BEDOURIE, QUEENSLAND
APPLICATIONS CLOSE WHEN POSITION IS FILLED

DIESEL MECHANIC

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION BASED IN BEDOURIE, QUEENSLAND
APPLICATIONS CLOSE WHEN POSITION IS FILLED

TOWN SUPERVISOR (BEDOURIE)

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION BASED IN BEDOURIE, QUEENSLAND
APPLICATIONS CLOSE WHEN POSTION IS FILLED

PLANT OPERATOR (MAINTENANCE GRADER)

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION BASED IN BEDOURIE OR BIRDSVILLE, QUEENSLAND
APPLICATIONS CLOSE WHEN POSTION IS FILLED



JOB VACANCIES

TOURISM OFFICER

- CASUAL (EXPRESSION OF INTEREST)

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION BASED IN BEDOURIE OR BIRDSVILLE, QUEENSLAND
APPLICATIONS CLOSE WHEN POSITION IS FILLED

PLANT OPERATOR (MC TRUCK)

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION BASED IN BEDOURIE OR BIRDSVILLE, QUEENSLAND
APPLICATIONS CLOSE WHEN POSTION IS FILLED

PLANT OPERATOR (LABOURER - WORKS CREW)

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION BASED IN BEDOURIE OR BIRDSVILLE, QUEENSLAND
APPLICATIONS CLOSE WHEN POSTION IS FILLED

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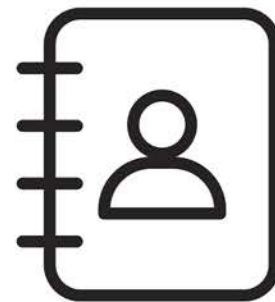
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Link to Diamantina Shire Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes:
www.diamantina.qld.gov.au/about-council/council-meetings/meeting-minutes

Our community newsletter, Desert Yarns, is a free service provided by Diamantina Shire Council, to inform residents and visitors of our local news, community events, activities and more.

If you have any community information, news, articles or photos that you wish to see in Desert Yarns please email:
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