

NOVEMBER 2025

MONTHLY UPDATE



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



It is disappointing to have to open my second monthly update by having to report that a number of council facilities and assets have been subject to break-ins and damage recently, with the most recent incident being illegal dumping cameras being knocked over. The costs associated with replacing stolen and repairing damaged equipment has a negative impact on what Council can fund in the community. Council will provide the police full support in securing prosecutions against the guilty parties.

On a much brighter note, I recently attended the Eulo Town Hall to support the Eulo Pink morning Tea. What a fantastic turnout with all the ladies (and quite a few of the men) resplendent in pink to support a worthy cause, with perhaps the highlight being the fashion show. Congratulations to the organisers, volunteers and everyone who attended demonstrating the strong community spirit in the Shire.

In mid-October the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and I travelled to the Gold Coast for the annual Local Government Association of Queensland annual conference which brings together Queensland local government leaders to discuss emerging challenges facing our communities including better roads, disaster resilience and financial sustainability.

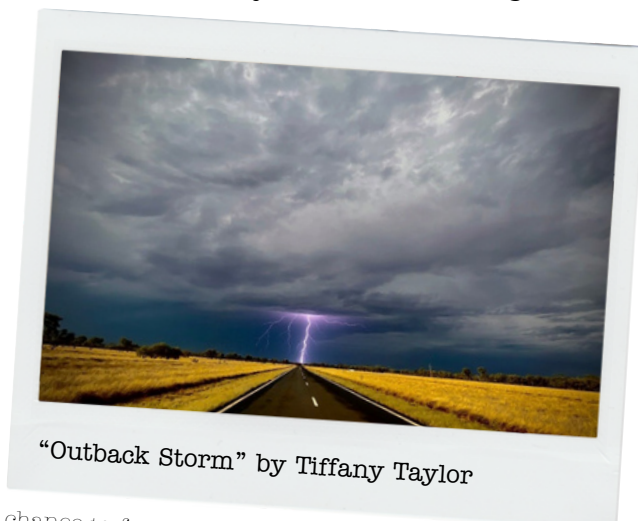
An interesting topic that came out of the conference was supply opportunities for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games with a focus on involving regional small to medium enterprises, indigenous owned businesses and those businesses that deliver sustainable products. I encourage all businesses, no matter how small, to register your interest, with briefing sessions to be held in 2026.

In closing, I also want to celebrate the work of our Infrastructure team which has received very positive feedback from Transport and Main Roads in relation to the standard of work by our road crews, together with many positive comments from community about the work of our Parks & Gardens team. Congratulations to all concerned.

We'd like to congratulate the October winner of the 2025 Paroo Shire Photography Competition!

Entries are now closed for the 2025 Paroo Shire Photography Competition.

Runner-up images will have a chance to feature in our November & December spots. Keep an eye on the Cunnamulla Tourism & Events Facebook page for voting.



"Outback Storm" by Tiffany Taylor

COMMUNITY
ENABLES US TO
WELCOME AND
HELP PEOPLE IN A
WAY WE COULDN'T
AS INDIVIDUALS

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- 18th November
- 11th December

JOB VACANCIES

- Plumber and Mechanic apprenticeship roles
- Casual Positions within the Infrastructure Team

For more info visit
www.paroo.qld.gov.au/employment or email
hr@paroo.qld.gov.au

WWW.PAROO.QLD.GOV.AU

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BEYOND BRONCOS GRADUATES

Congratulations to Heidi Jones, Addison Pender and Stella Mitchell who recently graduated from the Beyond Bronco's Community Program for Indigenous High School girls.

Well done to these three inspiring young women, we wish you all the very best.



L-R:
Shonnell Turner:
Student Support Officer,
Heidi Jones,
Addisson Pender and
Stella Mitchell.

FUNDING FOR SPORTING CLUBS & RECREATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Funding is now available for sporting clubs and recreational organisations in the Paroo Shire, impacted by the Western Queensland floods earlier this year.

Eligible organisations can apply for a minimum of \$20,000 (GST exclusive) and up to a maximum of \$1 million (GST exclusive) for each eligible project site (subject to funding availability).

Applications close 6 February 2026 5pm AEST or earlier if funding is exhausted.

For more information visit
www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/sport-and-recreation-recovery-grant/western-queensland-flooding

Show Society AGM

Saturday 15th November
at the Cunnamulla
Showgrounds

Christmas Fishing Fun Day

Sunday 16th November, register
from 6am - 2pm in Centenary Park

Cinderella Spinderella

Monday 17th November
at the Paroo Shire Hall

Cunnamulla Christmas Markets

Friday 5th December from 6pm
at the Paroo Shire Hall



Noorama Christmas Tree Event

Saturday 6th December from 5pm
at the Noorama Picnic Race Club

Eulo Christmas Tree Event

Friday 12th December

Custom Cricut Leather Keychains & Notebook Covers Workshop

Sunday 23rd November from 11am - 1pm at
the Paroo Shire CCEC - Kookaburra Room

Canva Design & Print Workshop

Sunday 23rd November from 2pm - 4pm at the
Paroo Shire CCEC - Kookaburra Room

Eulo Carpbusters

Wednesday 31st December
Register from 6am - 2pm at the Eulo Queen Hotel

COME GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN WITH SANTA

**Thursday 27th & Friday 28th
November from 2.30pm - 4.30pm**

Bring the family down to
the Cunnamulla Library for
a free photo with Santa!

No bookings required,
Santa photos will be sent
via mail or email.

**For more information
phone the library on 4655 8491.**



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Everyone is welcome to talk to
Council staff and Councillors.

Noorama:

Racecourse: 17th November, 10am - 1.30pm

Yowah:

YOMCSI Building: 24th November, 10am - 12pm

Eulo:

Eulo Hall: 24th November, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Wyandra:

Wyandra Hall: 20th November, 10am - 12pm

Cunnamulla:

Kookaburra Room Council Office:
19th November, 5.30pm - 7pm

Please note that the dates for Yowah, Eulo and Cunnamulla have changed from what was listed in our previous newsletter to accomodate community events.

Become an On-Call Paid Firefighter

Contact your local Fire Station

Cunnamulla Fire & Rescue Station
0428 983 560

For more information

auxiliary firefighter

fire.qld.gov.au



INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

It's been another busy month for the teams in infrastructure. In time for summer, two new drinking fountains have been installed in John Kerr Park - one near the undercover area and another near the cricket nets - plus a third at the skate park.



Flood restoration funding from the Federal Government is currently being applied to repair sections of the Bollon-Charleville Road. This project is being delivered by Council on behalf of TMR. So far, Council has completed repairs across 14km of road, with an additional 37km scheduled for completion prior to the Christmas break.

Sealing works have also been carried out on the RMPC Charleville Road and Eulo-Toompine Road. These works improve overall road safety and usability for residents, transport operators, and visitors travelling through our region

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Help celebrate the local legends who make our community great.

Nominations are open now and close on the 1st December.

Find out more at
www.paroo.qld.gov.au/australiaday



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS COUNCIL CLOSURE

COUNCIL OFFICE AND LIBRARIES

From 4.30pm
Friday 19th December -
Friday 2nd January

OUTDOOR EMPLOYEES

Monday 22nd December -
Friday 9th January

FUNKY SHIRT FRIDAYS



Have you noticed the new bright and bold shirts Paroo Shire staff are wearing on Fridays?

Stores Manager, Jon Virtue, has driven the idea after reading about the Trademutt initiative to make the best day of the week even better by encouraging meaningful conversations with those around us.

Thanks, Jon, for making us all think about encouraging conversations and change the culture around mental health.

EXCLUSION FENCING RECOVERY GRANTS STILL OPEN

Primary producers affected by this year's floods can apply for Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants of up to \$500,000, jointly funded by the Queensland and federal governments.

An upfront payment of 10% (up to \$50,000) is available to help get repairs started, with the grant covering eligible fencing materials and costs.

Contact Quilpie Shire Council on 4656 0500 for help with applications or questions.

WYANDRA



Luke Chaplain from Skykelpie, visited us recently for a great workshop on using drones for mustering and aerial stockmanship. The workshop was funded by FRRR, through the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and we thank them for this as we all learnt some wonderful tips and had a great deal of fun flying the drones.

The Progress Association also held workshops with Sue from Wire N Rust, our last for the year, and the attendees made some wonderful ornaments all ready for Christmas. All thanks to RADF, FRRR and the Paroo Shire Council.

Coming up on the 27th November is the school graduation and break up. How quickly has this year gone!

YOWAH

The YOMCSI AGM was held last month. The committee is:
President - Denny Sharpe,
Vice President - Gary Barker,
Secretary - Eaprill Ainsworth,
Treasurer - Garry Ainsworth and
committee members -
Kylie Hamond, and Adam Woods.

Did you know?
Every Sunday we have an
online Yowah Opal Auction.

You can bid for 24 hours after the live event, or buy it instantly by bidding the stone's Buy It Now price - whichever happens first!

For more info visit
www.digidiggers.com/yowahopalauctions



What a busy time it's been in Eulo! We started things off with a fabulous Pink Morning Tea, raising funds and awareness for a great cause.



The kids had a fantastic afternoon trick-or-treating around town, finishing with a movie at the hall for Halloween - popcorn, costumes and all!

Melbourne Cup Day at the Eulo Queen Hotel was another highlight, with plenty of laughter, great fashion and funds raised for the Royal Flying Doctor Service - well done to everyone involved.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the Eulo Christmas Tree event coming up on Friday 12th December. It's always a wonderful way to wrap up the year together as a community.