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BE PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE FLOODING

As you're all aware we've had a tremendous amount of rain this year. With more heavy rain predicted and waterways already full, Council would like to remind householders to be prepared in case of flooding. For those living outside of our townships, please ensure you have basic supplies and medications on hand.

Safety precautions must be exercised at all times around flood waters. **Don't enter flood water for any reason.** If you need assistance you will receive the quickest response by calling the **SES** emergency number **132 500**. This call will be directed to your local SES Controller. For information regarding road closures visit the Main Roads website www.131940.qld.gov.au or phone RACQ on 1300 130595.

Any primary producer wishing to apply for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement assistance (low-interest loans and freight subsidies) must first apply for an Individually Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP) declaration by phone the customer service centre of the Department of Communities on 13 25 23 to arrange a property inspection.

Anyone experiencing personal hardship due to flooding can contact the Department of Communities on 1800 173 349 for support.

To ensure our region remains tragedy free, please take note of this warning and exercise caution.

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



Welcome to this edition of the Galilee Gazette. Some great rain has been received during August and September, bringing

with it the promise of a good spring and summer.

One major challenge for the Barcaldine Regional Council is how best to partner with industry to curb the wild dog problem to allow our sheep, wool and cattle producers to be more productive. This can only happen if we all collectively fight the problem on one front.

I recently travelled home from the LGAQ Conference in Mackay via the Clermont-Alpha Road. The country was looking great and the Alpha section of the road was very good.

The Clermont-Alpha Road was on the Conference agenda as were many issues concerning the Galilee Basin. The Isaac and Mackay Regional Councils are lending good support to

see this road sealed.

At the Tidy Towns dinner in Barcaldine Regional Council was unfortunate not to get any awards, however Aramac received a plaque for 30 years continual involvement in Tidy Towns.

The Multaburra spa has arrived; the Lake Dunn facilities have started and the Alpha pool buildings are almost finished along with the Barcaldine Town Hall facilities.

The nominated Outback Mates from all communities have been tripping around getting to know each other's area. This program will increase visitation and length of stay for all of Council's areas. This program will be officially launched on 17 October in conjunction the 2010 start of the Outback Trailblazer.

October promises to be a busy week with the Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer only a couple of weeks away and the Outback Queensland Tourism Association Awards rounding off what will be a very busy month.

Cheers and keep safe,
Rob Chandler

KERNAGHANS & CHOIRS TO 'DECK THE HALL'

Tania and Ray Kernaghan and 20 massed choirs from throughout Central Western Queensland will headline a packed program of bush pageantry set to 'Deck the Hall' for a spectacular early Christmas in the outback.

Revellers from far and wide are invited to muster at the Stockman's Hall of Fame for the inaugural 'Deck the Hall' Bush Christmas Pageant on 21 October.

The iconic outback attraction will be decked out with a giant Christmas tree, hundreds of carollers and thousands of flickering candles for the event, which will raise vital funds for Angel Flight

Australia.

'Deck the Hall' organiser Lance Smith AM said the inspiration for the bush Christmas entertainment extravaganza emerged during planning for the 2010 Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer.

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wonder of the bush, and the Deck the Hall Bush Christmas Pageant in Longreach will take their breath away," Mr Smith said.

"But more than that, it will be a chance for people from all over central Queensland to enjoy a very special night that showcases local talent, towns and schools." Compered by Channel 7 presenter Dean Miller and sponsored by Woollam Constructions, the Stockman's Hall of Fame "Deck the Hall" Bush Christmas Pageant will feature choirs from 16 Western Queensland schools and Sing Australia adult choirs from several towns.

As well as appearances by country music stars Tania and Ray Kernaghan, concert-goers will be treated to performances by the famed 'dancing horses' of the Australian Agricultural College, bush poets and didgeridoo players plus a special visit by Santa Claus.

"It will be an unforgettable Carols by Candlelight experience with a difference," Mr Smith said.

"Santa is giving his reindeer a spell, so we've found him a genuine bullock wagon to arrive on, while other VIPs will arrive by Cobb & Co horse-drawn stage coach.

"And Tania Kernaghan has volunteered to step in as Santa's helper, so it promises to be huge fun while we raise precious funds for Angel Flight."

Gates to the Stockman's Hall of Fame 'Deck the Hall' Bush Christmas Pageant will open at 6.00pm on Thursday, October 21, with the concert to run from 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

Concert-goers are requested to BYO blanket or folding chair.

'OUTBACK MATES' PROGRAM



LEFT TO RIGHT BACK ROW - Mark Whitfield, Sonya Schmidt, Kylie Owens, Aleisha Shaw, Ian Hannay, Chrissy Beaven, Rodney Little and FRONT ROW - John Dagan, Brian Huemiller

In the coming months look out for a few changes to uniforms for some of the Council garden crew as they step into their new role as 'Outback Mates'. The changes will be visible and will help identify Outback Mates to visitors.

Tourism continues to play an important role in the future economy of this region and with this in mind the Outback Queensland Tourism Authority (OQTA) and the Barcaldine

Regional Council have combined resources to establish the 'Outback Mates' Program.

'Outback Mates' is a local ambassador program aimed at helping and greeting visitors to the regional as part of their daily job or activities.

They will be identified by an 'Outback Mates' uniform and will assist visitors with general information, local insights and probably a few tall stories. This is a voluntary position sanctioned by the

employer and will work closely with the Visitor Information Centre to greatly enhance the visitors experience to the region.

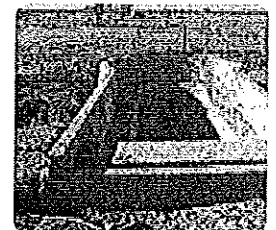
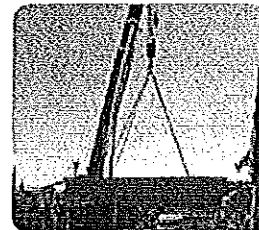
This unique program will put visitors in touch with local identities and connect them to the region in a way not previously available.

Through promotion of the program and travelers word of mouth it is expected these 'Outback mates' will become known by visitors as a friendly source of information, local knowledge and general advice.

The 'Outback Mates' for the region are: Muttaborra - John Dagan and Rodney Little; Aramac - Ian Hannay and Sonya Schmidt; Jericho - Christine Beaven and Carl Bonham; Alpha - Nola Hollaran and Barcaldine - Mark Whitfield, Aleisha Shaw and Brian Huemiller.

MUTTABURRA SPA NEARING COMPLETION

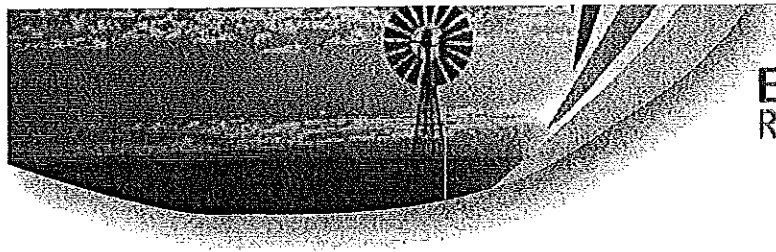
Muttaborra's Artesian Spa is nearing completion. The installation of the shell of the spa on 23 August left only some landscaping and paving work to be done. Rain has delayed this final stage. The Spa was funded by the State Government under the Rural Living Infrastructure Program. The project's total cost is just under \$300,000.



invitation

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS ARAMAC HOSPITAL

Past and Present Hospital Staff, Residents and Auxiliary Members...



THE UPLANDS POWERS ON

The Desert Uplands Committee continues to deliver inspirational forums; targeted field days and projects; and great imagery of and for this unique bioregion. The bioregion is quite substantial, about the size of Tasmania at close to eight million hectares, and represents over two thirds of the Barcaldine Regional Council.

Earlier this year, the Empowering Women Forums were two wonderful days held in Barcaldine and Pentland by the Desert Uplands Committee. Margaret Bridgeford, Robyn Pullman, Linda McDouall and the Lawrie sisters, Simone and Meagan offered insightful and clear messages of motivation and achieving your goals. Champagne, great food and fabulous female networking finished the days.

With three Grass-fed Beef Days in April, the DUC informed beef producers of the quickly developing urban desire to eat beef that has not been finished on grain, but rather in the field on quality pasture, and how the industry is progressing towards its certification and supply. Ian McCamley, a passionate producer from Rolleston led the presentations which included Todd Amor from Teys Brothers Biloela plant and Samantha Jamieson from MLA.

In time for grading firebreaks, the DUC worked with regional bodies, DCQ and NQDT to have seven Soil Erosion and Grader Workshops across Queensland from Charters Towers to Boulia. Territorian, Darryl Hill gives sound practical advice and

guidance on how to place, build and maintain better tracks and roads, and then demonstrates exactly how with a laser and grader in the paddock.

Botanical artist Jenny Mace has retired to Barcaldine and is now engrossed in the DU150 Project. Working with the Desert Uplands Committee, 150 specimens will be illustrated, recognising the significance of the bioregion's unique and diverse flora. In this, the International Year of Biodiversity, with the Desert Uplands being a nationally declared Biodiversity Hotspot, and the predicted great wildflower season, it is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wishes to be involved in this artistic preservation to collect flowering specimens for Jenny. Simply collect early in the day, place in water, write down its location and drop off to Andrea Lingard at the Barcaldine Regional Council office.

To capture the "Bloomin' Desert" that it was early this year after such a good season, the DUC commissioned renowned photographer John Elliott to capture the Uplands at its best. The Committee is now planning a 'Hotspot Hotshots' collection of great images of the Desert Uplands. Look out for your chance to contribute photographically to this great collection and exhibition. Email the DUC chair [Robyn Adams on stratford01@bigpond.com](mailto:Robyn.Adams@bigpond.com) for any further information on this, or any Uplands issue.

MEN'S SHED ON COUNCIL'S AGENDA

According to John Williamson, "All Australian Boys Need a Shed" and it seems that Australia and now Barcaldine Regional Council agrees.

Council decided at its August meeting to investigate the establishment of a "Men's Shed" similar to the sheds already in existence throughout Australia.

The modern Men's Shed concept is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that is entrenched in Australian culture.

If you looked inside a Men's Shed you might see a number of men restoring furniture, perhaps restoring bicycles for a local school or fixing lawn mowers. You might also see a few young men working with the older men learning new skills and maybe also learning something about life from the men they work with. You will see tea-bags, coffee cups and a comfortable area where men can sit and talk.

The Men's Shed provides a safe and busy environment where men can take the opportunity to improve their health and well being, be productive and valuable, connecting with friends and maintaining an active body and an active mind. The Men's Shed is open to men of all ages.

Council has earmarked the hearse shed in Ash Street as a potential site for the development of the Men's Shed. The hearses will be relocated to the Council Depot.

You are invited to join in celebrating Aramac Hospital's 100 years of caring for this community.

Celebrations will commence with a morning tea at 9.30 a.m. on hospital grounds, followed by the dedicating of the monument and opening of the paved landscaped area at 10.30 a.m.

Tours of the hospital can be organised on the day.

For more information please contact:

Aramac Hospital Auxiliary President

Mrs Zilla McAuliffe
Ph: 4651 3289

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Mrs Jennifer Russell
Ph: 4651 3177

COMMUNITY GARDEN EOI'S

Council is interested in hearing from community members who would be interested in establishing a Community Garden in Ash Street near the proposed Men's Shed. If you are interested in assisting with this please contact, **Brett Walsh** on 4651 5601.

OUTBACK TRAILBLAZER EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

WHEN an intrepid bunch of folk set off on a new 4WD charity event through western Queensland last year, they were simply out for a good time to help a good cause. Few expected what most came to describe as 'the experience of a lifetime.'

The inaugural Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer was a madcap, magical adventure that left its participants in awe of the land, exhilarated at the camaraderie shared and deeply moved by the spirit of everyone involved.

Hard to beat, you might think. But the 2010 Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer is shaping up to again eclipse expectations and build on its reputation as Australia's must-do new motoring experience.

"Hang onto your hats, pack your swag and enter a team now for seven of the most action-packed days and magical nights you can imagine," says Outback Trailblazer organiser, Lance Smith AM.

"2009 was a tough act to follow, sure, but you'd better believe the 2010 Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer will be filled with incredible new experiences and more fun than ever."

From October 17 to 23, the convoy of 'outback angels' in 4WDs, utes and off-road coaches will take part in everything from an outback 'oompah' Oktoberfest in Jundah to raft races on Muttaborra's Broadwater, yabbe races at Aramac and dining with the dinosaurs on a Winton plateau.

A spectacular highlight will feature 20 massed choirs from Queensland country towns and schools joined by Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer patron Tania Kernaghan and father Ray Kernaghan for an inspirational early Christmas in Longreach.

Compered by Channel Seven presenter Dean Miller, the Woollam Constructions 'Deck the Hall' Bush Christmas Pageant at the Stockman's

Hall of Fame on 21 October will even see Santa give his reindeer a spell to arrive by a traditional outback bullock wagon. Also on Trailblazer's unique 2010 itinerary will be a stirring welcome at Barcaldine's Tree of Knowledge Memorial for VIPs aboard QR's Spirit of the Outback, drive-in movies at Jericho, a Teddy Bears picnic in Tambo and a Sixties themed finale party in Blackall.

The event, supported by several regional councils, RACQ, QantasLink, QR, Queensland Events, Queensland Tourism, GBA Consulting Engineers, Woollam Constructions, Ballandean Estate Wines and a host of businesses, raises funds for Angel Flight Australia.

Established in 2003, Angel Flight co-ordinates free non-emergency flights for financially and medically needy people to assist patients, family and carers travelling to and from medical appointments anywhere in Australia.

Volunteer pilot 'angels', who donate their time, skills, aircraft and the bulk of their costs, have so far flown more than 8000 missions helping over 1800 people.

"Angel Flight relies entirely on donations, so fundraising 'earth angels' like the Outback Trailblazer participants are critical to keep the service aloft," said Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor Rob Chandler.

"We'll be raising the dust on outback dinosaur trails, visiting a bush pub or two, meeting kids from tiny schools, sharing yarns with characters of remote Queensland and stopping in at sprawling stations, all under the watchful eye of two RACQ teams to keep us on track."

Among the 2009 trailblazers was 'best job in the world' winner, Ben Southall from the UK, who told the world he was sorry to leave the convoy after flying in to share in the fun.

"My time in the Outback was a real treat and hugely good fun. The people

we'd been lucky enough to meet all showed us great hospitality and it was fascinating looking into their lives," he blogged.

"The feeling of community and perseverance when up against it is overwhelming." That level of emotion was even felt by local participants.

"It would be up there in the best three things I have done in my lifetime," said Monique Rayment of Jundah. "The tears started and I was absolutely lost for words."

Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) team member Kristine Arnold described it as "a superbly co-ordinated, wonderful experience" and vowed to return in 2010, as did sponsor QantasLink.

"The concept of engaging local communities, schools, tourism, fun and a fine charity is sure to be a winner for many years to come. Count us in!" said QantasLink's Tony Edwards.

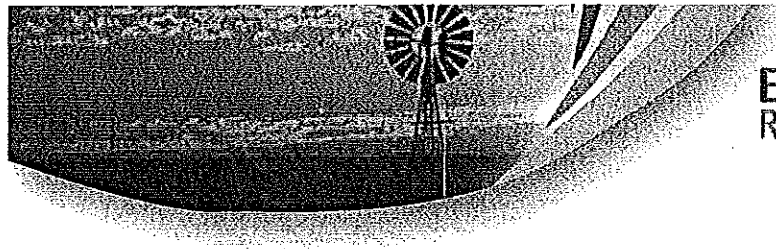
Team nominations are now open for the 2010 Angel Flight Outback Trailblazer, which is offering participants the chance to share in over \$20,000 worth of prizes along the way.

Organisers are urging would-be trailblazers to sign up fast as team numbers will be limited.

"Everyone is a winner – Angel Flight of course, all the communities along our bush route and, most certainly, each of those lucky enough to be an 'outback angel' team member."

For further information, the full 2010 itinerary and entry forms, visit the event website...

www.outbacktrailblazer.com.au, or call **Andrea Lingard**, Barcaldine Regional Council, **07 4651 5600**. As well being the major sponsor, Barcaldine Regional Council will submit a team for the week's adventure.



LODGING A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

A Development Application is required if a development is considered an assessable development under the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA). Assessable developments are determined by both the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009 and the Barcaldine Regional Council Planning Schemes.

WHAT DO I NEED A DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR?

Examples of the different types of developments which are assessable developments and therefore require a development application to be lodged with Barcaldine Regional Council are:

- Building – any free standing permanent structure
- Extending or raising an existing structure
- Building a retaining wall over 1 metre high or a fence over 2 metres high
- Erecting signs
- Constructing pool fencing
- Demolishing an existing building or structure (part thereof or full)
- Replacing stumps
- Altering the exterior of a heritage place
- Carrying out significant structural changes to an existing building

PROPERLY MADE APPLICATIONS

Development Applications must be made using the current Integrated Development Assessment System (IDAS) forms found on the Department of Infrastructure & Planning website or by contacting Council. All forms must be completed in full. Incomplete forms, or forms without all of the necessary information and documentation will result in an application that is not properly made. If an application is not properly made it can not be accepted by Council. If the application is not properly made within the relevant timeframes, the application will lapse.

Relevant Development Application Fees must be paid at the time of lodging a properly made application.

Applications can be lodged at:

- 43 Dryden Street, Alpha
- 35 Gordon Street, Aramac
- 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine

OR posted to PO Box 191, BARCALDINE QLD 4725.

If your application includes any plumbing works you will also be required to submit a Plumbing Development Application and relevant fees.

BRC PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Barcaldine Regional Council is one step closer to adopting its Pest Management Plan (PMP) which was open for public comment during September. It is anticipated that Council will endorse the Plan for Ministerial consideration.

Once the plan has passed the State Interest Check and the Minister has approved it, the Council can then adopt the plan.

The PMP will span a four year period and will bring together all sectors of the local communities to provide for the management of declared pests in the BRC area.

The PMP lists known high risk pest animals and invasive weeds, sets strategies, priorities, activities and responsibilities for control of high risk pest animals and invasive weeds at a local scale

- ensures resources are targeted at the highest priority pest management activities and those most likely to succeed
- sets achievable objectives for the local community that address the economic, environmental and social impacts of weeds and pest animals
- incorporates monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the plan
- informs regional planning processes on local pest management priorities.

The plan incorporates six strategies and associated desired outcomes, for managing pests in its local government area:

1. To increase stakeholder awareness and knowledge of pest impacts, and pest management skills;
2. To establish long-term stakeholder commitment and compliance to pest plant and animal Management;
3. To collect relevant pest data to increase knowledge of pests enabling the improvement of pest management practices;
4. To create a holistic planning framework for pest management by reviewing, evaluating and implementing integrated pest management strategies and plans, and to adequately resource management actions;
5. To prevent the introduction and establishment of new pest animals and plants; and to minimise the spread of existing pest plants and animals to new areas; and
6. To reduce pest populations and impacts through the adoption and development of best practice pest control methods; protect environmentally significant areas from pest animal and weeds; and offer stakeholder pest management incentives.

GALILEE GAZETTE

DUMP-EZY SITES FOR ALPHA AND JERICHO

Barcaldine Regional Council [BRC] in association with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia [CMCA] will install two new Dump-EZY sites in Alpha and Jericho by the start of the 2011 tourist season.

The Alpha Dump-EZY site will be installed adjacent to the washdown area just off the Clermont Road, while Jericho's will be installed adjacent to the showgrounds.

CMCA fund the installation of the

Dump-EZY systems to the value of \$3000. The addition of the Alpha and Jericho sites will mean that all towns in the Regional Council area now have official disposal sites for waste from portaloos, ensuring that visitors to the area are disposing of their waste in a clean and environmentally friendly manner.

There have been instances where this waste has been dumped along the edges of roads within the region.

ARTESIAN COUNTRY EXHIBITION

Barcaldine Regional Council has agreed to purchase the "Artesian Country" Art Exhibition when it returns from its Queensland tour in the later half of 2011.

Artesian Country was a joint project undertaken by 12 artists based in Barcaldine and was officially launched in March 2009 at a red-carpet event. The exhibition was on display for five months in the converted dining room of the Railway Hotel in Barcaldine where it was viewed by more than 1000 people.

The exhibition is currently on tour and has been since late in 2009 with the Queensland Arts Council Ontour Onexhibition. All of the 41 works included in the exhibition depict places and stories within the Barcaldine Regional Council Area.

Mayor Rob Chandler said it was important to keep the works as an entirety, and not break up the collection.

"I am pleased that Council has assisted to keep this collection in the community," he said.

CRAVEN AND TUMBAR ROAD UPGRADES

Craven Road, east of Alpha and Tumbar Road, south of Jericho will each receive much needed upgrades from gravel to all weather sealed roads. The work commenced on the road in September and should be completed by Christmas.

The \$200,000 Craven Road upgrade was funded by the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery (R2R) program, while the \$260,000 Tumbar Road upgrade was funded by the Barcaldine Regional Council, the R2R program and the TIDS Program.

ALPHA-TAMBO ROAD

The Alpha-Tambo Road will also be upgraded to the tune of \$767,477 which has been funded by the Main Roads Department. This project will be

completed within this financial year.

The work on the Alpha-Tambo Road will include paving and sealing approximately 2.2 km.

HANCOCK BULK COAL SAMPLE PROJECT

Hancock Coal is about to commence work on a temporary bulk coal sample project at its Alpha Coal tenement approximately 60km north-west of the town of Alpha. The bulk sample project plays an important role in securing the long-term viability of the two proposed future coal projects, Alpha Coal and Kevin's Corner.

Hancock's Bulk Sample Project will employ approximately 70 people and extract up to 450,000 tonnes of thermal coal from the bulk sample pit site near Alpha, with the first stage being 120,000 tonnes. As part of the project, Hancock will wash the coal prior to export.

Hancock's current plan is for the transportation of coal by truck from Alpha to an offsite coal preparation plant near Blackwater for washing, before trucking to an en route rail loading facility for rail transport to the

coal terminal near Gladstone. The road transportation component of the project will take approximately four months starting early in 2011. All loads will be covered as an added safety measure. The transportation by road will only apply to the Bulk Sample Project. Future projects, Alpha Coal and Kevin's Corner operations will rely on the proposed Alpha to Abbot Point railway line.

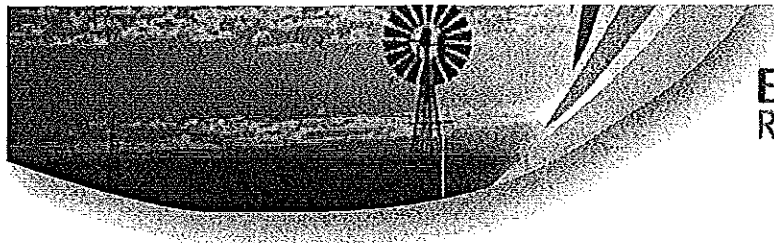
Mr Paul Mulder, Managing Director of Hancock Coal announced the appointment of Thiess as the Bulk Sample Pit operator, and Wagners as the transport contractor. "Both companies place safety and the environment as key priorities" Mr Mulder said.

A full road impact assessment report and comprehensive road use management plan have been prepared in consultation with the Department of

Transport and Main Roads as well as the Barcaldine Regional Council. Mr Mulder acknowledged the concerns some community members may have around increased truck traffic, but stressed, when the Alpha Coal and Kevin's Corner mines are operational, all product coal will be transported by rail from the site through to the port of Abbot Point.

"Hancock wants to assure the communities along the transport route that effective planning and mitigation strategies are in place and we will closely monitor environmental and safety performance including road conditions during this temporary operation".

Hancock has established a hotline number and community members are encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns on 1300 279 766.



NATIONAL ARTS CONFERENCE A CREATIVE EXPLOSION

Representatives from the Barcaldine Regional Council area attended Junction 2010, Regional Arts Australia's national conference and arts festival held in Launceston Tasmania from 26 -- 29 August alongside over 700 delegates from around Australia and across the world.

The three who attended from the Barcaldine Regional Council area were Brett Walsh, Robyn Bowering and Eve Rogers.

The conference brought together artists, art workers, volunteers, policy makers and those passionate to learn how the arts can connect communities, including 60 representatives from Queensland. A menu of action-packed informative sessions allowed delegates to learn, share and engage with stories about the use of Arts with Health, the resilience of communities with arts and how small towns revived using arts and creative activities.

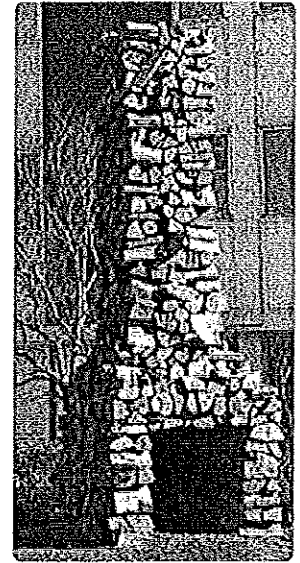
Council's Community Development Officer, Eve Rogers' attendance was funded by the Barcaldine Regional Council, Arts Queensland

and the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), while Brett and Robyn were funded by RADF and the Barcaldine Arts Council.

The conference moved through a number of themes throughout the four days, opening with Mike White from Durham in the UK exploring the interactions between arts and health and what this can mean for the well-being of communities both local and remote.

Enveloping and intersecting the conference was the Junction Arts Festival which was packed with performances, installations, exhibitions and creative exchanges throughout Launceston, in buildings, on the streets, up trees and just about anywhere you looked.

The pulsating heart of the conference was Civic Square which featured the Cabaret Club, the Junc Room, projections by roving performers, dancers and the public, interacting, enjoying and soaking up the explosion of colour and movement which lit up Launceston in the middle of winter.



ABOVE: Marcus Tatton's sculpture installations examining the footprint of human intervention on the planet were on display throughout the Regional Arts Australia Junction 2010 conference in Launceston.

ARAMAC COMMUNITY SEES NO BENEFITS IN LUCAS' PRIMARY HEALTHCARE CENTRE

The downgrading of the Aramac Hospital from a hospital to a Primary Healthcare Centre was announced on 23 September by Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Paul Lucas.

Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor, Rob Chandler said it was incomprehensible that the Aramac Hospital, which has continued to operate for over 100 years, is now deemed unsustainable and inefficient in these modern times.

"The previous Aramac Shire Council and the Barcaldine Regional Council have negotiated with the State Government to keep this hospital open for many years," he said.

"Health services are a State Government function not Local Government however BRC will continue its fight for the provision of essential health services for the Aramac community and surrounding catchment by keeping this hospital open."

As of last week, Aramac Hospital was serviced by one Director of Nursing, three local Nurses, two Agency Nurses and six Local

Operational Service Officers.

As of 1 October 2010, the Aramac PHC will employ one Director of Nursing (limited to Business Hours), one Operational Service Officer and one Part-time Administration Officer.

Mayor Chandler said the Minister had stated that there would be no loss of jobs due to this downgrade.

"This is political spin at its worst and it is disappointing that the State Government does not have the same agenda for "Jobs for Families" as the newly elected Prime Minister Julia Gillard. It was very clear during the recent election that the Federal Labor Party was all about jobs for families and especially families in Regional Australia.

"As Mayor of Barcaldine Regional Council, I will be seeking a deputation with the Deputy Premier and Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon as soon as possible to discuss an alternative model of health service provision for the Aramac district, prior to the announced implementation date for the downgrade of the Hospital," he said.



Barcaldine Regional Council has consistently identified over the last two and a half years that the opening-up of the Torrens Creek Road and the increased activity of coal seam gas exploration and coal mining would mean an increase in the need for a hospital in Aramac.

"I call on the Deputy Premier to rescind his decision to close Aramac Hospital, to retain all staff and return to the model of service as provided at the beginning of 2010 immediately. Deputy Premier Paul Lucas' decision to close the Aramac Hospital three weeks out from the centenary celebrations on the 16 October has devastated the community and is vindictive in its timing," the Mayor said.

GALILEE GAZETTE

EMERGENCY KITS – KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE

When stocked properly and maintained regularly, an emergency kit could help keep your family safe during events such as severe storms, cyclones and floods.

Keep your emergency kit in a safe place that you can easily get to. If your area is prone to flooding, you'll need to make sure it's kept in a high place, perhaps on top of a cupboard or wardrobe.

Make sure your containers are waterproof, made of strong material and large enough to hold all the items you need. Large plastic storage containers are ideal.

Your Emergency Kit should include the following items, or at least make a list so you will know where to find them quickly in your home:

- Battery-operated radio (with spare batteries);
- Torch (with spare batteries), candles and waterproof matches;
- Strong shoes, leather gloves, hat, goggles and overalls;
- First aid kit and manual, and combination pocket knife;
- Medications, toiletry and sanitary supplies and a change of clothes;
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EMERGENCY
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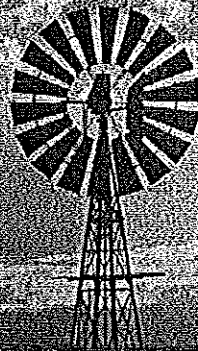
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ABLUTION BLOCK STARTED

Construction on the Lake Dunn abluion block started in mid-September and is expected to be completed before Christmas. The Barcaldine Regional Council received \$171,647 towards the \$471,647 project.

Council installed temporary toilets and showers prior to demolishing the existing structure. Les Fietz Contractors have been appointed to construct the new building.

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Barcaldine Qld 4725
phone: 07 4651 5625

Alpha

address: 43 Dryden Street
phone: 07 4985 1166

Aramac

address: 35 Gordon Street
phone: 07 4652 9999

Barcaldine

address: 71 Ash Street
phone: 07 4651 5600

Jericho

address: Pasteur Street
phone: 07 4651 4188

Muttaborra

address: 24 Bruford Street
phone: 07 4658 7191

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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

With the best season for 30-40 years graziers will have a very relaxed Christmas knowing all stock is in top condition. Water is

abundant and the feed is really coming away now that the weather has warmed up.

As it is with most good news, the wet has caused havoc on our roads. Coal seam gas and coal mining companies' activity is also having an impact on the roads as well. We will not have the capacity to get to some roads until as late as March/April 2011, depending on the weather. The macropod industry is another industry doing it tough as shooters just cannot get out to work.

The Q400 is due to commence the direct Saturday flights from Brisbane to Barcaldine around 4-11 February, 2011. These 72-seat aircraft are very efficient and fast.

The Channel 10 story, "Save Aramac Hospital" went to air on 24 November

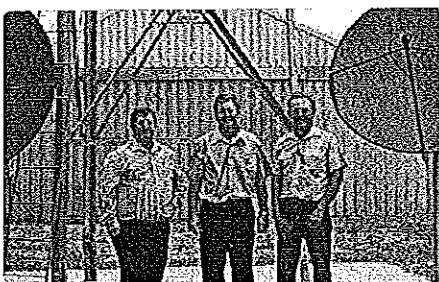
2010. Well done to those people who helped put the show together. Let's hope it will galvanise Government to at least put in place a blended model of care to ensure local employment and local health services continue.

In recent weeks, I have attended the opening of the Hancock Mining Company's test pit and the Queensland Resource Council meeting. I met last week with the new Co-ordinator General, Graeme Newton to discuss infrastructure needs and during the same week I attended the Galilee Basin Coal and Energy Conference. There is a tremendous amount of activity around our region as far as gas exploration is concerned.

On behalf of Council, the Chief Executive Officer, Des Howard and Executive Managers, I extend to all residents and staff a very Merry Christmas. Christmas is a time to relax with family and friends, so enjoy the Festive Season.

Cheers and keep safe,
Rob Chandler

SBS COMES TO ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA



Barcaldine Regional Council Executive Managers Scott Warwick (Aramac) and Brett Walsh (Barcaldine) were present at the official launch of the new SBS services in Aramac - they are pictured here with Broadcast Engineer, Glen Thorley.

The new radio and TV transmission sites at Muttaborra and Aramac have come about as a result of a combined funding effort between Barcaldine Regional Council and SBS Corporation and were commissioned in early November.

The new SBS radio service, transmitting on 100.5MHz in Muttaborra, and 99.7MHz in Aramac have been 100 percent subsidised by the corporation as it is seen as an aid in the promotion of tourism to the region and provides some communication for people living

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in the areas where a language other than English is spoken in the home.

The introduction of the new SBS television service, transmitting on channel 56 in Muttaborra, and channel 33 in Aramac has been 75 percent subsidized by SBS corporation as an aid to the delivery of more international communication and information to the Australian people.

Both facilities feature the latest in modern technology and their locations are easily identifiable by the 30m tower installed to enable better coverage of TV signals to each town.

Existing Council TV services (IMPARJA and ABC) were also moved to the new facilities to enable easier and more cost effective maintenance and to simplify the direction in which residences face their antennas.

The move to digital television will be so much easier for each town through the establishment of these new transmission facilities.

Residences are reminded that their TV antennas should be horizontal when pointing at the new site to enable maximum signal delivery.

LIBRARY CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN - BARCALDINE

The Barcaldine Library will be closed from 12 noon Friday, 24 December until Tuesday, 4 January 2011.

The last Book Club meeting for December was held on 18 December in the Library. There will be no Family History sessions in the Library until February 2011. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Julie Mitchell

WELWU CHRISTMAS

John Lennon (Songwriter) once said "Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans". This is very true. 2010 is coming to a close and the year has quickly disappeared.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year with a continuation of the season we are having. Hopefully, to each and everyone, 2011 will allow many new opportunities to be grasped, challenges to overcome, many new visions embraced and successes celebrated. If travelling on the roads during the festive season, please drive carefully. Enjoy and treasure this time with your families.

By John Gray

I would like to wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you all have a restful break and spend quality time with loved ones.

By Garry Battens

My best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year go to all of you. May the warmth and joy of being with family and friends make this festive season one to remember. Take care as you celebrate.

By Eeryl Pyler

On behalf of the Alpha area staff of the Barcaldine Regional Council, I sincerely wish all residents a Very Merry Christmas and a Safe, Wet and Prosperous New Year. We look forward to serving you in 2011.

*Rob Bauer
Executive Manager
Alpha*

Well it's been a very wet year which has had its advantages and disadvantages. Thanks to the community for being patient while we attempt to repair our roads. Enjoy your break over Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

By Ross Bradshaw

I wish everyone in the Barcaldine Regional Council area, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are travelling away for Christmas, please take care on the roads and return home safely.

By Clayton Hawkey

I would like to wish all of our Barcaldine Regional Community a safe, healthy, and happy Festive Season.

By Andrew Cowper

After such an extraordinary year on the weather front, we have so much to be thankful for and to look forward to in 2011.

Wishing all our communities a safe holiday season, driving to the road conditions. I hope you get the chance to spend time with the ones who mean most to you. Merry Christmas to all!

*Scott Warwick
Mayor of Hawkey
Council*

On behalf of the Barcaldine Area employees, I would like to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to working with you in 2011.

*Brett Walsh
Executive Manager -
Barcaldine*

2011 Events Calendar

BARCALDINE
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BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA

Month	Date/s	Event	Location	Contact
January				
	8 January	Alpha ICPA Cricket Day 7 a side cricket	Alpha Showgrounds	David & Leah Gleeson - 07 4985 1381
	26 January	Australla Day Celebratons	Aramac Muttaborra Jericho Barcaldine	Eve Rogers - 07 4652 9911 Kerry Robinson - 07 4658 7191 Andrea Lingard - 07 4651 5603 Charmain Acton - 07 4651 5601
February				
	19 February	Alpha Bullarama	Alpha	Charmaine Kennedy - 07 4985 3483
	26 February	7's Rugby Union Carnival	Barcaldine Showgrounds	Leisa Pearce - 0408 799 822
March				
	05 March	Muttaborra Golf Club Opening Day	Muttaborra	Kerry Robinson - 07 4658 7139
	25 - 27 March	Alpha Campdraft	Alpha	Dave Gleeson - 07 4985 1381
April				
	02 April	Barcaldine Thoroughbred Races	Barcaldine	Tammy Scott - 07 4651 1869
	15-16-17 April	Muttaborra Rodeo	Muttaborra	John Fell - 07 4658 7011
	23 April	Easter at The Lake 7 a side cricket	Lake Dunn Recreation Area	David Hay - 07 4651 0596
	25 April	Anzac Day	Aramac, Alpha, Barcaldine, Jericho and Muttaborra	Events Barcaldine Regional Council 07 4651 5603
	29 April - 2 May	Tree of Knowledge Festival	Barcaldine	Andrea Lingard - 07 4651 5603
	30 April	Tree of Knowledge Thoroughbred Races	Barcaldine	Tammy Scott - 07 4651 1869
May				
	1 May	Rev Fest	Barcaldine	Sue Walton - 0427 646991
	02 May	Tree of Knowledge Goat Races	Barcaldine	Tom Lockie - 07 4651 2211
	07 - 08 May	Barcaldine Show	Barcaldine	Becky Plumb - plumb46@tpg.com.au
	07 - 28 May	Harry Redford Cattle Drive	Aramac	Andrea Lingard - 07 4651 5603
	14 May	Harry Redford Rodeo	Aramac	Clayton and Louellen Hannay - 07 4651 3110
	18 - 19 May	Alpha Show	Alpha	Sharleen Beltridge - 07 4985 3418
	21 May	Barcaldine Thoroughbred Races	Barcaldine	Tammy Scott - 07 4651 1869
	28 May	Aramac Races	Aramac	Gary Peoples - 07 4651 3313
June				
	04 June	Landsborough Flock Ewe Sheep Show	Muttaborra	Ann Ballinger - 07 4658 7194
	11 June	Barcaldine Thoroughbred Races	Barcaldine	Tammy Scott - 07 4651 1869
	11-13 June	Alpha Campdraft	Alpha	Dave Gleeson - 07 49851381
	11-12 June TBC	Muttaborra Polocrosse Carnival	Muttaborra	Kerry Robinson - 07 4658 7191
	TBC	Barcaldine 4BS Rodeo	Barcaldine	Jason Coveney - 0427 272 626

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July				
	29-30-31 July	Mullaburra Campdraft	Mullaburra	Melinda Gray - 07 4658 5626
	TBC	Barcaldine Campdraft	Barcaldine	Tom Gleeson - 07 4651 1630
August				
	13 August	Mullaburra Races	Mullaburra	Pru Kendall - 07 4658 5660
	26 - 27-28 August 3 days 400kms	Queensland Endurance Riders Association State Championships	Jericho	Maree Pearce - 07 4651 4237
September				
	13 - 14 September	Westech Field Days	Barcaldine	www.westechfielddays.com.au
	17 - 18 September	Ballyneety Campdraft & Rodeo	Aramac - Ballyneety	Christine Parker - 0429 795 397
October				
	TBC	Barcaldine Thoroughbred Races	Barcaldine	Tammy Scott - 07 4651 1869
November				
	TBC	Barcaldine Thoroughbred Races	Barcaldine	Tammy Scott - 07 4651 1869
	November TBC	Mullaburra Golf Open	Mullaburra	Nick Ballard - 07 4658 7139
	26 November	Town & Country Christmas Tree	Mullaburra	Sarah Fysh - 07 4658 5616
December				
	9 December	BBR & E group Barcy Bucks & Night Shopping	Barcaldine	Gay Gesch - 0428 170 363
	10 December	Alpha & District Tourism Christmas Tree	Alpha	Jan Van Lathum - 07 4985 1312

2010 CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWNS

Barcaldine Regional Council hereby advises residents of the following shutdowns over the Christmas and New Year period:

Council Depots

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Any queries during the shutdown should be directed to your local Administration Office.

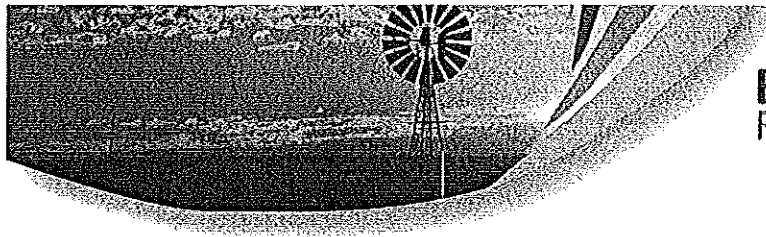
Administration Offices

All Council Administration Offices will be closed from 12 Noon on Friday 24 December 2010 and will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2011.

Any emergencies during the Administration shutdown should be directed to:

Alpha	0429 851 109
Aramac	0419 661 031
Barcaldine	0428 683 465
Jericho	0429 851 109
Mullaburra	0419 661 031

Merry
CHRISTMAS



SOUTH GALILEE COAL PROJECT – ONE STEP AT A TIME

AMCI (Alpha) Pty Ltd (AMCI) and Alpha Coal Pty Ltd (Bandanna Energy) are joint venture partners for the South Galilee Coal Project; a proposed new coal mine located approximately 15km south-west of Alpha. The mine is expected to produce up to 20 Million tonnes per annum of thermal coal for export to international markets. If approved the new mine will also generate approximately 1,500 jobs during construction and 750 jobs during mine operations, as well as support jobs for local and state suppliers and contractors over a 40 year mine life. Following consultation, final Terms of Reference for an Environmental Impact statement (EIS) are expected to be released this month by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning. Baseline studies are well advanced with the EIS expected to be completed and released for further comment by June 2011. Once

released, the final terms of reference will be available on the department's website:-<http://www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects/mining-and-mineral-processing/coal/south-galilee-coal-mine.html>.

AMCI and Bandanna Energy are committed to environmentally and socially responsible development as well as maintaining long term relationships with the local community. Integral to this, is an appreciation of, and respect for the life-style enjoyed by the Alpha community.

Rob McNamara, General Manager Project Development with AMCI, says "To be truly sustainable, a project of this nature must be developed sympathetically with the existing environmental and social conditions in an area, and that includes the local community in Alpha. AMCI is looking forward to ongoing consultation with the Alpha community throughout the EIS

development process and is committed to working with the community, throughout the life of the project."

The EIS must be approved by both the Queensland and Commonwealth Governments prior to the project going ahead.

If you have any queries or would like more information about the South Galilee Coal project, you can contact AMCI at:

Postal: South Galilee Coal Project
Stakeholder & Community
Engagement Team
PO Box 306
Fortitude Valley Post Office
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006

Email: info@southgalilee.com.au

Phone: 1800 214 543 (free call in Australia except from mobile phones)

Web: www.southgalilee.com.au

AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADORS

Barcaldine Regional Council will again be involved in the Australia Day Ambassador Program.

The Australia Day Ambassador Program, sponsored by Woolworths, sends high achieving Australians to community Australia Day celebrations.

Australia Day Ambassadors are invited as guests of honour at celebrations around the state and are often part of the activities and events on the day. As part of the celebrations, Ambassadors are asked to deliver the keynote address which captures the true spirit of being Australian.

Barcaldine Regional Council will host three Australia Day Ambassadors:

JERICHO AND ALPHA AREA:

Jonty Bush, 2009 Young Australian of the Year and champion of the One Punch Can Kill campaign.

Anti-violence campaigner Jonty, has developed a list of remarkable achievements after using her darkest hours to help others. Her latest is the title of 2009 Young Australian of the Year.

Jonty was twenty-one when her younger sister was murdered. Just four months later Jonty's father was assaulted in an unprovoked attack and

later died as a result of his injuries. Jonty's world again was rocked when the perpetrator of her father's assault was acquitted through the controversial Accident defense.

Jonty joined the Queensland Homicide Victims' Support Group to support others through their darkest hours of grief and loss, and through her continued awareness initiatives, mobilised a community to care about Queensland's laws and violence in society.

MUTTABURRA AND ARAMAC AREA:

Professor Michael Good AO, renowned national and international health leader and Officer of the Order of Australia.

Professor Good is a renowned national and international health leader who has made a life-long commitment to help prevent disease and improve the treatment of those who are sick.

He has pioneered the development of vaccines for malaria and Streptococcus A, which causes rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease afflicting large numbers of indigenous Australians. Professor Good's work saves the lives of thousands of people, not only in

Queensland, but throughout the world.

BARCALDINE AREA:

Dr Toni Johnson-Woods, is an expert in 1950's Australian Popular Culture and senior lecturer at the University of Queensland.

Toni Johnson-Woods completed Junior at the age of 14. Since then, she has worked a myriad of jobs including filing clerk, marketing manager, cosmetic consultant and recruitment consultant before going to university. Thanks to the free education of the 1980s she was able to complete a Bachelor of Speech Pathology degree. She studied for her Masters of Arts in the United States.

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Barcaldine Regional Council invites residents to take the opportunity to meet the Ambassadors at local Australian Day celebrations.

EMERGENCY KITS - KEEPING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE

When stocked properly and maintained regularly, an emergency kit could help keep your family safe during events such as severe storms, cyclones and floods.

Keep your emergency kit in a safe place that you can easily get to. If your area is prone to flooding, you'll need to make sure it's kept in a high place, perhaps on top of a cupboard or wardrobe.

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VOLUNTEER STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE MEMBERS

The Barcaldine Regional Council is calling for Volunteers to become members of the State Emergency Service in both Jericho and Alpha. Volunteers should be over eighteen (18) years of age at time of signing membership. The positions vacant are:

Local Controller - Alpha /Jericho Area Members - Alpha Area Members - Jericho Area

Applicants should state any information to enhance their application including but not limited to the following: Driving License, certificates or prior training.

Written applications should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer, Barcaldine Regional Council, P.O. Box 191, Barcaldine. Qld 4724 or left at the Alpha or Jericho Office's of the Barcaldine Regional Council. **Applications close on the 22nd December, 2010.**