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HEART & CULTURE ISSUE

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What's On

Broadway to Balonne

Experience a sparkling show of best-loved hits from some of the world's most popular Broadway musicals, when Opera Eagles Nest present their new fun-filled performance with songs from The Sound of Music, Mamma Mia, Rocky Horror, HAIR and more.

WHEN: 23 Sep 2022

WHERE: Riversands Winery

Hebel Campdraft

The 2022 Hebel Campdraft has changed dates due to wet weather. Now being held later in September, this will be a fun and action-packed-couple of days in the great south west.

WHEN: 24 to 25 Sep 2022

WHERE: Hebel Showgrounds

St George Sheep Dog Trials

A Queensland Working Sheepdog Association event promoting the skills of working sheep dogs (Border Collies and Kelpies) through sheepdog trials, including 3 Sheep (arena), Utility, Yard and Short course trials.

WHEN: 30 Sep to 2 Oct 2022

WHERE: St George

Dragon Country Sandgreen Cup

St George Golf Course is considered to be one of the best sandgreen courses. The event is held the weekend prior to the Queensland Men's Sandgreen Championships. Golfers of all abilities are welcome.

WHEN: 30 Sep to 2 Oct 2022

WHERE: St George

Festival of Small Halls

Festival of Small Halls will roll into Bollon on Wednesday 5 October with Karl S. Williams and Catherine MacLellan.

WHEN: 5 Oct 2022

WHERE: Bollon Civic Centre

Got a story, event or notice?

Tell us! We can include your information in the newsletter.

Phone: **07 4620 8888**

Email: **media@balonne.qld.gov.au**

A message from the Mayor

I joined other councillors and infrastructure staff on a Council road run this week, which is essentially a tour of roads in the shire. It's a useful way for elected members to better understand the condition of our roads and the challenges our staff face in financial, technical and practical matters related to roads maintenance.

The aftermath of recent floods has been a major influence on our ability to undertake or complete road works, however this has also been a catalyst for thinking outside the square and looking for alternative methods of keeping our roads network open wherever we can.

In Bollon, we also met with local town supervisor, Mick, to check out the skate park, cemetery, show grounds and various sites in town.

The route took us through Bollon-Dirranbandi Road, Honeyamah Lane, Cashelvale Road, Fernlee Road, Mulga Downs Rd, Woolerina Road, Jakelwar-Goodooga Road (South & North), Openbah Road and Whyenbah Road.

With technical staff on hand to give us insights into current and planned works, we inspected roads to ensure a level of service is carried across all Shire roads and better understand the state of condition of each road. The inspection of Jakelwar Goodooga Road helped us gain a better understanding of the proposed approach by the road crew.

Thursday saw the opening of the first electric vehicle charger in our shire, thanks to Australian Government funding through the Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund – Microgrids.

This project is spear-headed by All Energy Pty Ltd, who are working with Council, community and businesses this year to look at new ways of providing reliable and cost-effective energy. Microgrid technology has the potential to replace or supplement traditional electricity supplies for off-grid communities, a great concept for remote and re-



gional Australia.

I was surprised to learn that there are around 23,000 electric vehicles registered in Australia at the moment, with 8,000 of those in Queensland, and those figures are increasing every year. Manufacturers are now looking at ute and SUV designs in anticipation of greater future demand. The Federal and State governments are both looking at future funding to further develop electric vehicle routes beyond the coastal strip and urban areas, connecting regions and expanding the EV highway.

Also this week, along with Deputy Mayor Richard Lomman and CEO Matthew Magin, I met with senior Queensland Education representatives here in St George to discuss community concerns in the educational sector.

It was a very positive meeting, attended by Regional Director, Lianne Wright and Assistant Director General, Liam Smith, Assistant Regional Director, Adam Myers and Director, Rebecca Storck.

Our community's message has been heard, and we are keen to continue working with the Department, the school and the wider community to get the best outcome for our students and teachers.

Samantha O'Toole

Bollon prepares for Festival of Small Halls

As part of their 2022 Spring Tour, Festival of Small Halls will roll into Bollon on Wednesday 5 October with Karl S. Williams and Catherine MacLellan.

This all-ages event, produced by Woodfordia Inc., takes the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists, and sends them on the road to halls in communities all over Australia. The audience can expect a beautiful night of original music, as well as a chance to catch up with families and friends during a supper break.

The artist line-up for Small Halls is always one Australian artist and one international touring artist, both playing music of exceptional quality and heart.

Karl S. Williams is a genre defying, multi-instrumentalist and award-winning artist, with a voice and conviction so powerful it takes your breath away.

Catherine MacLellan is one of folk music's true gems. Catherine's latest album, *COYOTE*, is reflective and hopeful, a travelogue through heartbreak, loss and the joy of life. All songs were written, recorded and self-produced at her studio on Prince Edward Island in Canada.

Both Catherine and Karl have been chosen for the tour not only because of their beautiful songs and tunes, but because they can really connect with the people they play for, whether through storytelling, the ability to tell a good joke (or a truly terrible one), a wonderful warmth and a real interest in visiting places a little off the beaten track.



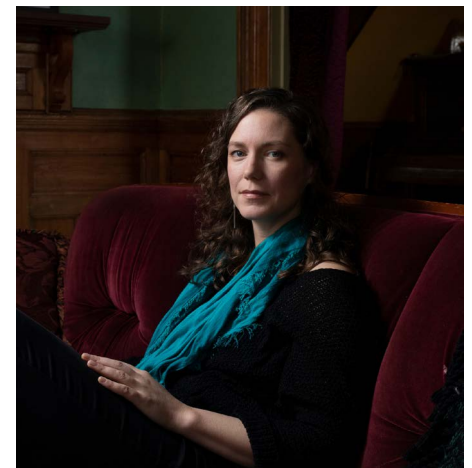
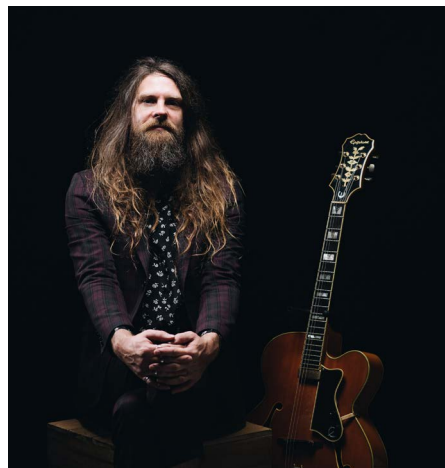
Above: Festival of Small Halls will come to Bollon on 5 October for a beautiful night of original music.

The Festival of Small Halls Australia was inspired from the seed of an idea in Canada for a new touring structure to take great music into regional areas. On Prince Edward Island, Canada, local communities have hosted roots, traditional and acoustic artists in community halls all over the island since 2008. In 2014, armed with a vision of bringing big music to small places, the Ontario Festival of Small Halls joined the family. The event was born of inspiration by the spirit of

community, hospitality, exceptional music, and fun that has made small halls festivals such treasured events.

Tickets are priced at \$15 for Full Admission, \$10 for Concession Admission (Pensioners, Health Care Card) and FREE for children 12 and under (must be accompanied by an adult).

Tickets can be purchased online at festivalofsmallhalls.com/bollon-2022/ or locally at the Bollon Post Office.



Above: Karl S. Williams and Catherine MacLellan.

Queensland Ballet brings classes to St George

Queensland Ballet (QB) Education Teaching Artists will deliver engaging all-age community dance classes and in-school workshops in St George next month.

With something on offer for all ages and abilities, the programs range from Petit Pointers for the youngest lovers of dance through to Ballet for Seniors for active mature adults. Children from six to 17-years-old will also delight in tailored ballet workshops.

QB's Regional Community Tour aims to get people moving and inspire inner creativity, providing locals the opportunity to experience the physical, social and emotional benefits of dance. Last year, the tour engaged over 9,000 participants across 37 locations.

QB Head of Community Engagement, Genevieve Dunn, says regional touring has been an inherent focus of the company

since founder and former Artistic Director Charles Lisner's first regional tour back in 1961.

"We are Queensland's ballet company, and our annual regional touring initiatives allow us to connect with diverse communities, ensuring those who want to experience and enjoy meaningful arts experiences have the opportunity to do so," said Ms Dunn.

"We are incredibly grateful for

the support of Arts Queensland, host local councils and our generous donors and partners, who continue to offer unwavering support to QB's regional initiatives," Ms Dunn added.

To register for FREE community classes held at the St George Cultural Centre on Sunday 16 and Monday 17 October, visit qldballet.eventsair.com/regional-tour---st-george/st-george22/Site/Register



ST GEORGE GOLF CLUB
presents the

DRAGON COUNTRY
SANDGREEN CUP

MEN'S & LADIES' PROGRAMS

FRIDAY 30 SEPT
to
SUNDAY 2 OCT

STARTS 2PM FRIDAY
ST GEORGE GOLF CLUB
WAGOO ROAD, ST GEORGE

NOMINATE: E: DRAGONCOUNTRYCUP@GMAIL.COM
TOM SIDDINS M: 0427 730 984
CHERYL BRIMBLECOMBE M: 0427 793 403

2 x \$10,000 Hole in One sponsored by **O'Brien TOYOTA**

DRAGON COUNTRY
SANDGREEN CUP
2022 PROGRAM

FRIDAY - AMBROSE	SATURDAY - MEN & LADIES
Register by 130pm Shotgun Start 2 BALL 9 HOLE AMBROSE Winners - R/Up - NTPs	Register by 9am Shotgun Start 18 HOLE 4BBB STABLEFORD Winners - R/Up - NTPs
SUNDAY - MEN	SUNDAY - LADIES
AM & PM Times TBA Register 30mins Prior 18 HOLE GROSS R/UP & NETT ACROSS A B & C GRADES 18 HOLE SENIOR NETT 18 HOLE JUNIOR NETT (if sufficient numbers) NTP ON ALL PAR 3's LONGEST DRIVE ALL GRADES	AM & PM Times TBA Register 30mins Prior 18 HOLE GROSS R/UP & NETT ACROSS A B & C GRADES 18 HOLE VETANS NETT (55 & OVER) 18 HOLE SENIORS NETT (70 & OVER) NTP ON ALL PAR 3's LONGEST DRIVE ALL GRADES

SUNDAY 2 x \$10,000 HOLE IN ONE
10 x \$10,000 MEN & 1 x LADIES FOR FIRST PERSON ON SPECIFIED HOLE

SMOKOS, LUNCH & NIBBLES EACH EVENING, PLUS TAKEAWAY BOXED DINNER SUNDAY NIGHT INCLUDED IN NOMINATIONS
FREE CAMPING ON COURSE | LIMITED SPACES | BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL | CONTACT RICHARD LOMMAN M: 0427 791 748

THIS EVENT IS PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

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Broadway comes to Balonne

Experience a sparkling show of best-loved hits from some of the world's most popular Broadway musicals, when Broadway to Balonne takes to the stage at Riversands Winery in St George, later this month.

Just returned from sell-out performances in Goondiwindi, Stanthorpe and Laidley, Opera Eagles Nest are excited to present their new fun-filled performance with excerpts from some of Broadway's best-loved musicals, including songs from The Sound of Music, Mamma Mia, Rocky Horror, and HAIR.

Broadway to Balonne will be presented by performers who have graced the international stage, including tenor Glenn Lorimer, sopranos Tania Edmunds and Jenny Wilson, as well as mezzo soprano Terri Watters.

Opera Eagles Nest principal tenor Glenn Lorimer started his sing-

ing career in a rock band before graduating in opera studies under the great Sir Donald Smith OA. A Sun Aria finalist, Glenn has performed with international Opera companies such as London Opera, Scottish National Opera and Pavilion Opera, touring UK, Europe and America.

Tania Edmunds is Opera Eagles Nest Musical Director and Principal Soprano. Classically trained, her experience ranges from opera through to popular classics and musical theatre in Australia and overseas.

Terri Watters' extensive music theatre experience includes lead roles in Hello Dolly!, Funny Girl, Oliver!, Crazy for You, My Fair Lady and South Pacific, in the UK, Hong Kong and Southeast Asia, and Australia, including an Oscars' Tribute show at the Sydney Opera House.

Jenny Wilson has now been touring with the Opera Eagle's

Nest team for several years, receiving wide acclaim for her rendition of Madame Thénardier's song 'Master of the House' from Les Miserable.

The concert will take place at Riversands Winery on Friday 23 September. Tickets are priced at \$30 per person or \$250 for a table of 10, including a complimentary glass of wine on arrival. More information, tickets and food platters orders can be found online at riversandswines.com or by calling Riversands Wines on 07 4625 3643.

BALONNE BULETIN GOING MONTHLY

The Balonne Bulletin is moving to a monthly format.

Issue 29 will come out in early October.

Anglican Church St George

Art Show

Art, quilt, photography and creative exhibition

SATURDAY 18 SEPT | 6:30PM
WINE & FOOD AVAILABLE

SUNDAY 19 SEPT
FROM 10AM

133 -135 Victoria St
St George
Entry: \$10



The Wind in the Willows

BY DAVID GOODERSON

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER
9.30am & 11.30am
ST GEORGE CULTURAL CENTRE

PLUS DRAMA/DANCE WORKSHOPS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS
BOOKINGS ONLINE AT
WWW.SCHOOLTICKETS.COM.AU
SCHOOL GROUPS EMAIL: RAVAPRODUCTIONS18@GMAIL.COM

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The Wind in the Willows tour is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and the Balonne Shire Council through the Regional Arts Development Fund.

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Visual Focus

Energising Balonne: Electric vehicle charging arrives in St George

The first electric vehicle (EV) charger in the Balonne has been switched on in St George, thanks to Australian Government funding through the Regional and Remote Communities Reliability Fund – Microgrids.

All Energy, Balonne Shire Council's project partner, secured the funding to undertake a study into more reliable, secure and cost-effective energy.

The EV charger in St George is just one part of the project, with 10kW solar arrays also being installed at the St George depot and the Dirranbandi pool, all funded by the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Microgrids grant.

Balonne Shire Council Mayor Samantha O'Toole said the project had the potential to provide reliable and cost-effective energy for businesses and communities across the Shire, while also providing tourism opportunities.

"Collectively, these systems will capture detailed data on power usage and power generation which will help to determine how our communities and businesses can access cheaper, more secure, and more reliable power," said Mayor O'Toole.

"With more than 23,000 electric vehicles registered in Australia and that market showing a definite upward turn, we believe the EV charger will provide additional tourism opportunities for our Shire and help individuals in our communities who may be interested in EV ownership," she said.

Ultimately, microgrid technologies could replace, upgrade or supplement existing electricity supplies for off-grid and fringe-of-grid communities to deliver cheaper, more secure, and more



Above: All Energy Pty Ltd Lead Engineer Gareth Forde and Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole put the new EV charger to the test.



Above: Community members joined staff and industry representatives at the EV charger opening.

reliable power to improve local business, community services, and emergency resilience.

To help determine local business and community needs, All Energy Pty Ltd will be working with Balonne Shire Council, communities and businesses for the rest of this year.

The EV charger installed in St George is a 22kW fast charger, which will take approximately

one hour to add 150km range to an electric vehicle and approximately 2.7 hours to fully charge an electric vehicle from empty, providing approximately 400km range. While many of these systems only have a power point, the St George charger also has a cable, which limits errors and provides maximum utility.

Streetscape tender now open

Council is moving forward with the St George Street Verge and Greenspace project with the release of the Request for Tender.

This project is being funded by the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions (BBR) program and funding from the State Government to undertake the redevelopment of The Hub precinct within St George.

The first part of this project, the St George Library Revitalisation Project, was recently completed in February 2022 and this stage of the project will complete the connectivity the new precinct and improve the visual presentation of a key part of St George.

The tender opened on 1 September 2022 and will close on the 22 September 2022. If you would like to know more about the project please contact Catherine Scott, Project Manager from COMPLETE Urban on 0428 949 109, or visit Council's website.

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Music for Mental Health

Music At The Bridge is a program for all community for those experiencing mental health issues. Learn to use music as the therapy to relax and have fun with through songs, musical games, music movie morning and socialising with others. No musical experience required. Ages 18+. 10am to 12 pm.

St George Library, 112. Victoria Street, St George

Fortnightly Tuesday from Tuesday 13 Sep - Tuesday 22 Nov 2022.

RTC Information Centre, 35/37 Railway Street, Dirranbandi

Fortnightly Thursday from Thursday 8 Sep - Thursday 3 Nov 2022

To book a place, call Nelly Fatnowna on 4625 5040.

Welcome to
The Mungindi Sculpture Trail.

Official Opening

Please join us to celebrate the life and work of local artist
Tony 'Nicko' McMillian at the opening of the
Mungindi Sculpture Trail

Sunday 18 September

When: 10.30AM
Where: Barwon River Park,
Mungindi, QLD
RSVP: Friday 9 September to
E: Kim.Wildman@balonne.qld.gov.au
P: 4620 8830

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Australian Government
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Friends of the Hub

Every Monday
9:45am - 12:00pm

Friends of The Hub (incorporating the St George Library, the Cultural Centre and the Country University Centres Balonne) meet socially every Monday at the St George Library.

This is a great opportunity to meet with library staff and fellow Friends of the Hub to socialise and connect, over a cuppa.

Pop in to say hello and find out more about the group's activities.

Contact the library for more information on 07 4625 8879

WOODFORDIA INC. PRESENTS

Coming to a Small Town Near You

Festival of Small Halls



Catherine MacLellan (CAN)



Karl S. Williams (AUS)

Spring Tour

FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022 | BOLLON CIVIC CENTRE | DOORS OPEN: 6:30PM
FULL ADMISSION: \$15 | CONCESSION (PENSIONERS, HEALTH CARE CARD): \$10 CHILDREN 12
AND UNDER FREE (MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT WWW.FESTIVALOFSMALLHALLS.COM/BOLLON-2022/
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