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Beardmore Dam set to return as a key recreation area

In decades past, the Beardmore Dam recreation area was a sought-after weekend past-time for our community and those times are now set to return with a revitalisation announced in the 2023/24 Council budget.

In early-August, works will commence on returning the recreation area to its former glory thanks to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Balonne Shire Council and Sunwater, and the successful approval of two grant applications.

As part of the Beardmore Dam Master Plan, the revitalisation will be undertaken in 3 Stages, with Stages 1 & 2 works currently fully funded and set to commence in early-August and late-2023 respectively.

Stage 1 works will occur in the vicinity of the current picnic/BBQ area and will include the installation of irrigation, the installation of 2 new picnic shelters and a BBQ shelter with table seating and lighting and landscaping throughout the area.

Stage 2 works will take place just next to the current carpark and include the construction of irrigation to the grassed area, the installation of a new amenities block, the renewal of existing signage and landscaping throughout the carpark area.

Stage 3 works are currently awaiting grant funding and will involve the development of an area to the north of the dam wall and include the construction of a concrete boat ramp and fish cleaning facilities, a new access road, picnic/BBQ shelters and a new

toilet/shower block to allow for camping.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole was thrilled for works to start on the rejuvenation of the Beardmore Dam recreation areas.

"Our motivation to bring these recreation areas back to life was in large part due to the many stories of how central it was to life in our region in decades past", Mayor O'Toole said.

"We are all looking forward to bringing this area back to its full potential for people to enjoy the stunning vistas of Beardmore Dam.

"I'm especially looking forward to the prospect of future camping and boating access to the dam, as that will create another attractive lifestyle option to our area."

This project was made possible with joint funding from Balonne Shire Council, Sunwater and grant funding from the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland Program and Fishing and Community Infrastructure Grant Program.



please note: this image is for illustrative purposes only

What's On

MUNGINDI SHOW

The Mungindi Show is a fun event for the whole family. The main attraction is a Header/Picker Demolition Derby on Saturday afternoon. There will also be a car demo derby, lawn mower races, wood chop events, Bubble Muffin Cooking classes, Mungindi Aerial lolly drop, U-Beaut Ute comp, side show alley and rides and fireworks.

When: Fri 4 & Sat 5 August

Where: Mungindi Racecourse

HEBEL CAMPDRAFT

The Hebel Campdraft won't disappoint, be part of witnessing the skills involved for these riders. Events from kids right through to the adults with camping available, so why not roll up the swag from a full weekend of fun and entertainment.

When: Sat 12 & Sun 13 August

Where: Hebel

BALONNE CUTTING HORSE FUTURITY

More than 400 entries competed in the Balonne River Cutters event in 2019, with contestants travelling from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and New Caledonia. With numbers up by 50 per cent on last years, here's hoping 2022 will deliver promising numbers too.

When: Sat 26 August to Sun 3 September

Where: St George Showgrounds

A message from the Mayor

On 29 June, Council handed down its budget for the 2023/24 financial year, which highlighted the great financial shape our Council is in.

The budget featured a total revenue of over \$108 million, expenditure of over \$90 million, a net operating surplus of over \$1.3 million and a forecast of ongoing surpluses for the next ten years. This is one of the largest budgets from recent years and the culmination of many years working towards financial sustainability and lobbying for change in the distribution of the Federal Assistance Grants.

Our commitment to fiscal responsibility has put us in a position to be able to deliver over and above for the residents of Balonne. Over the coming financial year, we have forecast over \$26 million in our Capital Works Program and a total of over \$65 million allocated for road maintenance and upgrades throughout the Shire. This is an immense amount of infrastructure works to be delivered and follows on from the delivery of over \$80 million on our road network over the previous two financial years.

These figures really do highlight the outstanding efforts of our Council team when contrasted with the annual revenue from rates and charges of around \$10-11 million per annum.

Despite significant challenges in terms of increasing prices for materials, transport costs and supply chain delays, Council has also managed to keep average rates & utilities increases to below CPI with on average an additional \$5 per week for a



typical residential property.

Our Shire has been through a lot of adversity over recent years with five recent flood events, so this positive outcome with the Council's finances is very welcome news for our residents.

Thank you to our Councillors, Executive Team and staff who have contributed to developing the budget, rating strategies and operational plan.

Results like this, along with the efforts of our Council team also allow us to deliver on long sought-after projects such as the revitalisation and redevelopment of the Beardmore Dam recreation area. Many of our long-term residents would remember the glory days of this recreation area and the countless weekends spent enjoying this facility with family and friends.

Samantha O'Toole



DrumMUSTER

All landholders are invited to dispose of their empty AgVet chemical containers at DrumMUSTER, at Springwell Rd, in St George on Friday 4 August 2023 from 8am to 12pm.

To meet occupational health and safety standards, all containers must be properly clean to be accepted. Rinsing and cleaning should be done immediately after emptying the chemical container, as residues are much harder to remove when dry.

For further information, don't hesitate to contact the Council's environmental Services Team on 07 4620 8888.



2023 MAYORAL BALL
HOLLYWOOD
IN BALONNE
SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 6PM

TICKET SALES LIVE
SATURDAY 15 JULY

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE
Book quickly to avoid disappointment!

To secure your tickets, email mb@balonne.qld.gov.au

Celebrating 28 years of dedicated community service

In June, Balonne Shire Council formally acknowledged Don Avery's commitment to serving our community, with 28 dedicated years of service to the Work Camp Community Advisory Committee.

Don became a member of the Committee in March 1995 and remained an active committee member until his recent retirement.

The Work Camp program has proven to be very successful in reducing recidivism while providing prisoners with the opportunity to rehabilitate and reintegrate through the services they provide to our communities.

This would not be possible without the support of dedicated community members like Don, who has worked with the

Work Camp Program to achieve great success.

Don has been a huge asset to both the Work Camp Program and the Community Advisory Committee and will be sorely

missed.

We wish Don all the best in his future and sincerely thank him for 28 years of dedicated service to our community.



Balonne Shire Council formally acknowledged Don Avery's commitment to serving our community

Balonne's Deputy Mayor recognised in the King's Birthday 2023 Honours List

Balonne Shire's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robyn Fuhrmeister, was one of five Queenslanders recognised in The King's Birthday 2023 Honours List for their outstanding service to local government, and to the community of St George.

Councillor Fuhrmeister, who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, is the current Deputy Mayor of Balonne Shire Council and has been a Councillor since 1992. She has been a Policy Executive Member for the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) since 2020, chaired the Disaster Recovery Committee from 2010 to 2012 and is a current member of the Local Disaster Management Committee. Councillor Fuhrmeister has also



Balonne Shire's Deputy Mayor, Councillor Robyn Fuhrmeister

served as the Chairperson of the Care Balonne Association since it was founded in 1994, in addition to chairing numerous tourism boards and associations.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole has recognised Councillor Fuhrmeister's outstanding commitment to, and involvement with, local government.

"This is a fantastic achievement and well-deserved acknowledgement for Councillor Fuhrmeister's long and committed service to our community," said the Mayor.

"I hope our community will join me in congratulating Robyn. It is an incredible honour to be recognised on this es-

teemed list, Robyn should be proud of her achievements, dedication and legacy."

The King's Birthday 2023 Honours List recognises and celebrates 1,192 recipients, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for distinguished and conspicuous service. There were 920 recipients of awards in the General Division of the Order of Australia, 622 of those were awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia. Notably, for the first time since the Order of Australia was established in 1975, the majority of recipients in the General Division are women.

For more information about the King's Birthday 2023 Honours List, follow this QR code:



Pub Choir is coming to Balonne - Thallon!

Following a call for Expressions of Interest from local businesses and community groups throughout the Shire to take on the role of Event Organiser, Council received 5 very strong and competitive submissions.

An independent panel assessed all submissions and made the decision that Thallon

will be the location for the Pub Choir event on 29 October 2023.

We would like to thank all organisations that took the time to submit an application, as they were all very well prepared and made the final decision all the more difficult.

Congratulations to Thallon Progress Association for having your town chosen to host the event.

We are looking forward to working with you and attending the event when it comes.

Further information about this upcoming event will be made available closer to the date.

PUB CHOIR IS COMING TO BALONNE - THALLON



Pub Choir is a euphoric interactive show sensation that turns a crowd of strangers into a legendary choir AND it's coming to Thallon on Sunday 29 October 2023!

Further information about this upcoming event will be made available closer to the date.



Budget Feature

Balonne budgets for a decade of surpluses

Balonne Shire Council has handed down its largest budget in recent years for the 2023/24 financial year with a total revenue of \$108.67M and expenditure of \$90.17M with a net operating surplus of \$1.372M and a forecast of ongoing surpluses for the next ten years.

Despite significant challenges in terms of increasing prices for materials, transport costs and supply chain delays, Council has also managed to keep average rates & utilities increases to below CPI with on average an additional \$5 per week for a typical residential property.

Key Points about the 2023/24 budget:

- Total revenue is \$108.67M and expenditure of \$90.17M.
 - Capital works program for 2023/24 is forecast at \$26.43M.
 - The approved flood recovery submissions for roads we have completed include \$58.9M at the end of 2021/2022; an estimated \$22M completed in 2022/2023 and a further estimate of \$50M to be completed by June 2024.
- Balonne Shire Council Mayor Samantha O'Toole said our Shire has been through a lot of adversity over recent years with five recent flood events, so this

positive outcome is very welcome news for our Shire.

"Getting our budget back into surplus whilst delivering the largest capital expenditure this Council has seen, just goes to show what can be done with effective planning, perseverance, and a commitment to our community," said Mayor O'Toole.

"Council's responsible budget management and success in bringing the budget back into surplus helps us to continue planning and delivering a broad range of projects that makes our Shire a more attractive and liveable place to live."

Budget delivers key projects across the Shire

The 2023/24 budget is set to deliver a capital works program of \$26.43M.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole said Council's commitment to fiscal responsibility has put us in a position to be able to deliver over and above for the residents of Balonne.

"This budget is in line with our Corporate Plan and goal to maintain strategic investment in infrastructure whilst continuing to deliver projects and programs that enhance a sense of community."

The key focus for 2023/2024 budget will be the finalisation of the following key projects, the majority of which were made possible through State and Federal funding:

- Upgrade of Victoria St (Federal Local Roads Community Infrastructure funds (LRCIP) and Federal Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program (MDBEDP))
- Dirranbandi Rail & River Precinct Federal Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program (MDBEDP))

- Balonne Shire Business Improvement Program (beautification project for shop facades and energy efficiency (MDBEDP))
- Balonne Shire Business Mentoring program (MDBEDP)
- Betterment road programs on Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd and Whyenbah Rd (Queensland Reconstruction Authority - QRA)
- \$50M in Flood recovery road works (QRA)
- Improvement to the Beardmore Dam Facility (Queensland's Fishing Infrastructure Grant and Works for Queensland (QFIG-W4Q))

Council will also commence delivery of the following key projects in 2023/2024:

- St George Industrial Development (LRCIP)
- Mungindi Water Security Project (New South Wales Cross Board fund - NSWCBISF)
- Expansion of the St George cemetery
- Construction of staff accommodation (W4Q)

Community programs & facilities a strong focus in the budget

Council's 2023/24 budget is set to deliver on its vision to create a welcoming, connected and innovative community, where economies are strong, and opportunities are abundant.

Projects and programs set to be delivered in this budget cover events, grants programs, parkland and sporting facility upgrades, which help to create the fabric of our local communities.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole said our warm, welcoming and connected community is one of our greatest features and this budget aims to further build on the lifestyle that we all enjoy.

"Our parklands will gain a boost in this budget with a revitalisation of the Beardmore Dam facilities sure to be a welcome addition to our Shire.

"We will be investing around \$835,000 on revitalising parklands and sporting facilities across the Shire to provide community with places to meet and enjoy all that our outdoor facilities offer.

"Our community development programs such as RADF grants, community sponsorships, youth projects and mental health and well-being programs will continue to benefit our community with a total investment of \$367,000.

"Horse enthusiasts are sure to welcome our \$80,000 commitment for a feasibility study to plan for an Equine and Event Centre for the Shire.

"This budget has allocated an investment of around \$94,000 to maintain show-ground facilities throughout the Shire so that they can continue to be central places for our communities to gather and connect with each other.

"Our community buildings and Libraries will benefit from \$236,000 to upgrade and improve facilities so that our community can continue enjoying the benefits of these assets.

"In all, we feel that this budget will ensure that we continue to build on the strong community spirit we in the Balonne have all come to know and enjoy."

Budget set to upgrade roads across the shire

Balonne Shire Council has handed down its largest budget in recent years with over \$65M allocated for road maintenance and upgrades.

This achievement is the culmination of many years working towards financial sustainability and lobbying for change in the distribution of the Federal Assistance Grants.

Council has maintained a good position to increase revenue through contract works with the achievement of ISO accreditation for its quality, environmental and safety systems for transport and infrastructure along with maintaining Transport & Main Roads accreditation.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O’Toole said Council’s commitment to fiscal responsibility has put us in a position to be able to deliver over-and-above for the residents of Balonne.

“Obviously, the delivery of road works is crucial to our Shire and it takes up the lion’s share of our forecast expenditure for the coming financial year.

“As a Shire with a small population spread over a large geographical area that relies on heavy transport haulage,

Council is focussed on doing what it can to continue improving our road network.

“Having the budget in such a strong position allows us to continue delivering road projects that allow, businesses, residents and visitors to travel safely throughout our region.”

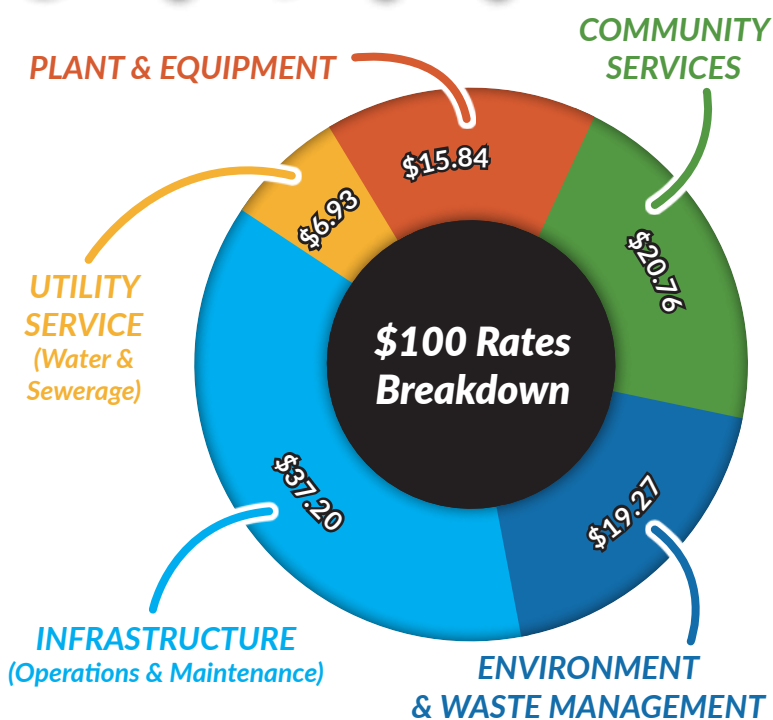
Below is a list of our key road projects for Balonne Shire for the 2023/2024 financial year:

- \$50M in Flood recovery road works throughout the Shire (Queensland Reconstruction Authority - QRA)
- Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd Upgrade (Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement – Local Recovery and Resilience Grants DRFA-LRRG)
- Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd South (Balonne Shire Council and Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme and Roads to Recovery Program (TIDS/R2R))
- Betterment Project - Jakelwar Goodooga Rd South (BSC and QRA)
- Betterment Project - Jakelwar Goodooga Rd North (QRA)

- Bollon-Mitchell Rd Upgrade (Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program -RRUPP)
- Whyenbah Rd (BSC and TIDS / R2R)
- Betterment Project - Whyenbah Rd (BSC and QRA)
- Drainage Kerb Replacement / Upgrade Main St, Dirranbandi (\$100,000)
- Rural Grading Water Points (\$95,000)
- Local Roads Reseal Prog. (\$500,000)
- Local Roads Re-sheet Prog. (\$500,000)
- Local Roads Sealed Road Rehabilitation (\$375,000)
- Local Unsealed Road Rehabilitation (\$375,000)
- Local Roads (Town) Prog. (\$250,000)
- Detail Design for Victoria St between Scott and Henry Sts (\$121,000)
- Road Condition Assessment (\$148,000)



Budget Highlights



Do you have a community story, event or notice for the next edition of the *Balonne Bulletin*?
 Let us know via Email: media@balonne.qld.gov.au

Tourism Events Grants open 1 August 2023

The next round of the Balonne Shire Council's popular Tourism Events Grant will open on 1 August.

Council offers a series of Tourism Events Grants to support event organisers in developing, promoting and executing events which contribute to growing tourism in the Shire.

Priority will be given to events which increase visitation to the Balonne Shire, generate positive media coverage, and stimulate the local economy. Examples of past funded events include:

- McIntyre 900, St George (Major Event)
- St George Show, St George (Destination Event)
- Grazing at the Waterhole, Thallon (Regional Event)
- Easter in the Vines, St George (Regional Event)

The program provides a tiered range of grants to support event organisers to develop, promote and host events which make a positive and ongoing contribution to the Shire.

Funding is available across four (4) categories for pre-existing Shire events:

- Regional Events (up to \$3,000)
- Destination Events (up to \$4,000)
- Major Events (up to \$7,000)
- Hallmark Events (up to \$10,000)
- New Event Development (one-off, up to \$3,000)

Round 3 opens on 1 August and closes on 1 September with applicants notified in October 2023. The assessment process is competitive; applications will be assessed on merit against the selection criteria outlined in the funding policy. Note that all event applications must be submitted a minimum of six months before the event occurs.

For further info please phone Council on 4620 8888 or follow the QR Code:



Council's tourism success delivering for the region

On 24 May 2023, Balonne Shire Council launched an Outback experience like no other with its St George Region: You'll be Hooked tourism hook that involves a Shire-wide scavenger hunt that has been delivering some outstanding results.

The I Got Hooked on St George Region Scavenger Hunt gives visitors and locals alike the opportunity to go it alone or team up with family and friends, while immersing themselves in an unforgettable experience that showcases the region's unique natural beauty, vibrant communities, and rich history.

To date, 162 people have participated in the scavenger hunt, of which 122 were travellers from outside of the Shire, and go of those travellers had changed their travel plans to come to Balonne Shire and/or stayed longer so that they could complete the challenge.

Balonne Shire Council Mayor Samantha O'Toole expressed excitement about the success of the campaign and the great benefit it is delivering to our local communities.

"The program really is a win-win for locals and travellers alike," Mayor O'Toole said.

"On the one hand, travellers, and locals, get to immerse themselves in our region's natural wonders and uncover hidden gems while having a fantastic time with family and friends.

"On the other hand, our Shire and our region is benefiting greatly from the economic boost that new intrastate and interstate tourism is bringing to our area.

"We are looking forward to watching this 'I Got Hooked' Scavenger Hunt continue growing in popularity and going from strength-to-strength."



Tourism Event Grants

Round 3 opens 1 August and closes on 1 September 2023

Applicants will be notified in October 2023

www.balonne.gld.gov.au/homepage/89/tourism-events-grant-funding-program

DAY OUT IN DIRRAN

SUNDAY 13 AUGUST 2023
11AM - 3PM
RAILWAY PARK DIRRANBANDI

FREE ENTRY

AUSTRALIAN ARMY BAND | GALLIPOLI BARRACKS
MARKET STALLS | LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

Balonne Shire highlights future opportunities & collaboration Chinese Consul-General (Brisbane) visit

Balonne Shire Council had the privilege of hosting a visit from the Chinese Consul-General of Brisbane, Dr Ruan Zongze, accompanied by a delegation from the St George Chinese Community Memorial Committee (SCCMC) from Brisbane over the weekend.



Chinese Consul-General Delegation

The purpose of their visit was to rededicate the Chinese Memorial located in St George Cemetery, which was installed in the cemetery in 2019 as a tribute to the Chinese settlers from Amoy, China, who arrived in the mid-1800s and played a significant role in laying the foundations for our thriving agricultural sector, which continues to prosper to this day.



Chinese Consul-General Meeting

During their visit, the delegation was provided with a comprehensive overview of the vast offerings and opportunities within our Shire, along with guided tours of the Country University Centre – Balonne in St George, as well as our flourishing cotton and agricultural sector, and successful tourism ventures.

Balonne Shire Council Mayor Samantha O’Toole said the range of meetings with the Chinese delegation was a mix of both significant opportunities for the Shire and a humbling recognition of the historical efforts of early Chinese settlers that helped to shape our region.

“The meetings with the Chinese Consul-General of Brisbane, Dr Ruan Zongze and the delegation from the St George Chinese Community Memorial Committee (Brisbane) were a great opportunity to ex-

hibit the vast array of business and tourism opportunities that our Shire has to offer”, Mayor O’Toole said.

“It was also a great opportunity to once again celebrate the historical origins of Chinese settlers from the mid-1800’s to our region, whose efforts really helped to lay the groundwork for the prosperity that we all enjoy to this day in the Balonne.

“The visit served as a reminder of the importance of cultural diversity and the significant contributions made by various communities to the growth and prosperity of the Balonne Shire.

“We warmly welcome the generous gifts from the St George Chinese Memorial Committee for bursaries worth \$500 each to three local students with the aim of assisting them in pursuing their educational endeavours.

ENVIRONMENT COLUMN Don’t dump aquarium contents!

Although some exotic fish, snails and plants can be kept in private aquariums, it is illegal to release them into the wild because of the serious negative impacts they can have on our native environment.

The introduction of exotic species into Queensland’s natural waterways can affect native aquatic plants and animals through direct competition for food and space, predation, changes to their habitat and the introduction of exotic diseases and parasites.

Exotic fish, snails and plants have already established themselves in Queensland and their removal is almost impossible. Prevention of further populations in the wild is the best course of action.

For more information contact your local government or call Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit biosecurity.qld.gov.au



Kilcummin

CURRENT ROADWORKS

Maintenance Grader Crews:

- Ballangarry Rd
 - » Expected completion: End of August
 - » Expected traffic delays: 5-10 minutes
- Whyenbah Rd
 - » Expected completion: Mid August
 - » Expected traffic delays: 0-5 minutes
- Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd South
 - » Expected completion: Mid August
 - » Expected traffic delays: 0-5 minutes
- Shoulder re-sheeting along Balonne Highway

- Road maintenance patching & rest-stop servicing – TMR Main Road Network
- Flood damage crews working at various locations all across the shire.

UPCOMING ROAD WORKS

Maintenance Grader Crews:

- Littleton Road
 - » Expected start: Start of September
- Jakelwar-Goodooga Road Nth
 - » Expected start: End of August
- Sunset Valley Road
 - » Expected start: End of August
- Mitchell-Bollon Road Project

» Expected start: Mid August

- Road maintenance patching & rest-stop servicing
- Ongoing flood damage crews working at various locations all across the shire.



Woolerbilla

WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN PLACE IN ST GEORGE

LEVEL 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

RESIDENCES

- Water any time, any day - considering the maximum daily water limit of 3.0kL per household

ALL SCHOOLS & CARAVAN PARKS

- Water from 9am - 12noon & 3pm - 6pm Monday to Thursday

OTHER BUSINESSES

- Odd Property Numbers - Water from 7am - 11am & 2pm - 6pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays
- Even Property Numbers - Water from 7am - 11am & 2pm - 6pm on Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays

COUNCIL FACILITIES

- In accordance with parks and gardens programme

HANDHELD HOSES - FOR ALL CONSUMERS

- Water any time




Balonne Seed Library

WE NEED YOUR SEEDS!

Now is the time to donate some of your summer seeds back to any of our Seed Libraries, and get planting for your winter crop!



Bollon Dirranbandi Hebel St George Thallon

It's time to focus on waterwise measures

It was not that long ago that Beardmore Dam was brimming with water, but as the below image shows, that water supply is steadily decreasing.

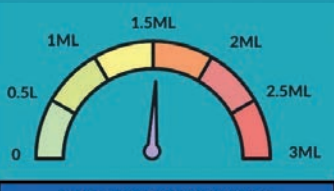
Despite an extended period of high rainfalls in our region over recent times, we are now being met with forecasts for an El-Nino and drier weather ahead.

Water is a precious resource for our Shire and the more we can all do to practise waterwise tips with our outdoor water use the longer that water resource will last us.


For more information on Waterwise tips follow the QR code:



Balonne Shire River Water Levels




CURRENT DAILY USAGE



REMAINING WATER

For more information, contact council on 07 4620 8888



Balonne continues successful Business Mentoring Program

Following the successful completion of three Business Mentoring Programs, Balonne Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from Balonne Shire based businesses that are looking to expand, diversify and build resilience in their operations.

The Program involves Council partnering with experienced business owners and experts in various fields to provide one-on-one mentoring sessions and workshops on topics such as financial management, marketing, e-commerce, tourism, ag expansion and diversification, Agtech and succession planning.

This Mentoring Program will focus on two key areas in this round, being Business Mentoring (for small to medium businesses and agribusinesses) and Tourism Mentoring (Tourism industry businesses) to help entrepreneurs across both areas to grow their businesses and create jobs in the community through resilience and recovery measures.

Balonne Shire Council Mayor Samantha O'Toole has welcomed the commencement of the fourth round of this highly successful initiative.

"The Business Mentoring Programs have delivered great results for our Shire and as a Council, we are keen to see this program to continue delivering for the people of Balonne," Mayor O'Toole said.

"The better our businesses are, the more local jobs we can create, which has a flow-on effect through our local economy.

"I am looking forward to seeing all of these benefits continue through this fourth round of our Business Mentoring Program."

Closing date for applications is FRIDAY 18 AUGUST.

This project is funded by the Queensland Government Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

To apply or for further information, please scan on the QR Code:



Out and About in Balonne

Dambusters 250



Kasey Chambers at Nindigully



Out and About in Balonne

History of Boolba Book Launch



NAIDOC Week



St George Chinese Community Memorial Committee Visit



Ladies Day



Peace Pole Installation



Balonne Shire Job opportunities *August 2023*

Relief Teacher
Full-time
Dirranbandi

DIRRRANBANDI STATE SCHOOL
\$69,218 to \$104,193pa
Natalie Cockram 07 4667 2303
Job search | Employment and jobs | Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)



Relief Early Childhood Teacher
Part-time or Full-time
St George

LADY GOWRIE BALONNE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

Must have ACECQA approved Bachelor of Early Childhood Education or similar qualifications, a passion and interest in nurturing children, experience working with 3-5 age group, blue card and current first aid/CPR
Many employee benefits // Renumeration per Lady Gowrie Enterprise Agreement
Forward resume to: hr@ladygowrie.com.au / 07 3252 2667



Lady Gowrie QLD
Educating and caring for children since 1940

Secondary English & HASS Teacher
Dirranbandi

DIRRRANBANDI STATE SCHOOL
\$69,218 to \$104,193pa
Natalie Cockram 07 4667 2303
Job search | Employment and jobs | Queensland Government (smartjobs.qld.gov.au)



Motivated and enthusiastic
Big Buddy Coordinator
St George

GOONDIR

Great benefits including: salary sacrifice package options, family friendly hours, Employee Assistance Program, uniforms provided, opportunity to work in an AGPAL & ISO accredited General Practice.
For more information contact HR: 07 4679 5966 or email hr@goondir.org.au



Teacher Aide
Temp/Part-time
Dirranbandi

DIRRRANBANDI STATE SCHOOL
3 to 5 days per week
8:30am - 3pm (15 hours per week)
\$26,0474 to \$28,8684 per hour
Contact: principal@dirranbandiss.eq.edu.au



MC Truck Driver
Full Time
St George

MOONROCKS

Pay rate: combination of salary and KM rate.
Loading dry freight in pallet lots from destination in South Australia (no milk runs) & returning to the origin for reloading, 4-6 times per month for 9months per year. Remaining 3 months consists of general farm freight.
Email: lynda@moonrocks.com.au
Phone: 0467 792 018 / 07 4625 5146



Cleaner
Casual/Relief
Dirranbandi

DIRRRANBANDI STATE SCHOOL
4 to 8 hours per day, not during school hours.
Contact: admin@dirranbandiss.eq.edu.au



Cleaners
Dirranbandi (HQ)

RED DIRT FAIRIES CLEANING SERVICE
Looking for people to join the new team at Red Dirt Fairies previous experience a bonus, but not necessary // Flexible hours
Send cover letter and resume to: Olivia.fairiesdirran@outlook.com / or message on the Red Dirt Fairies Cleaning Service Facebook Page



(Expression of Interest)
Agricultural Assistant
St George

ST GEORGE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

38 hours/week
Must have a current working with children Blue Card and the ability to pass a criminal history check prior to commencement.
For more information contact: Jo Withers 0475 974 008 or jwith36@eq.edu.au



Cook Supervisor
Permanent
Full-time
Mungindi

MUNGINDI MULTIPURPOSE HEALTH SERVICE
76hrs p/fortnight
\$68,297 - \$74,895 p.a.
Contact Jayne Compston: 02 6750 6100
<https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/jobs/QLD-SW500734>



Administration & Customer Care role
Full Time
St George

MARANOA MECHANICAL

Full time, with some flexibility around hours.
\$55-65K
Contact Emily: 0427 255 449 or emily@maranoamechanical.com.au



Medical Receptionist
St George

ST GEORGE MEDICAL CENTRE
Casual Award HPSS wage
\$23-\$28/hr depending on experience
For more information contact: Jennifer 4625 5344 / pm@stgmed.com.au



Chef / Cook
Full-Time
St George

COBB & CO HOTEL ST GEORGE

Pay - Skills based
Contact Lethal: 0475 773 696



Parts Interpreter and Store Persons Roles
St George

RDO EQUIPMENT AUSTRALIA
Weekdays 7am to 5pm and occasional Saturdays.
Pay based on experience.
For more information call 07 4570 9500 or email reception.stgeorge@rdo.com.au



Bottle Shop Attendant
Full-Time / part-time
St George

COBB & CO HOTEL ST GEORGE

\$28.50/hr + penalties
Contact Lethal: 0475 773 696



Parts Interpreter
Full Time
St George

ST GEORGE MACHINERY CENTRE
Monday to Friday with on-call rotation
Salary negotiable
Contact: Cameron 0439 691 098 / cameron@sgmc.com.au



Service Manager
Full Time
St George

ST GEORGE MACHINERY CENTRE
Monday to Friday Local Case IH Dealership.
Salary package negotiable
Contact: Cameron 0439 691 098 / cameron@sgmc.com.au



Manager Roads Construction & Maintenance
Full Time
St George

BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL
Applications close 7/8/23
Package up to \$130,000 pa
For more information please visit: Balonne Shire Council website employment page



Service Manager
St George

MARANOA MECHANICAL
Are you a 'people person' who is passionate about vehicles, and keeping people moving?
Package incl incentives rewarding high performers.
Contact Brad: 0427 792 727 or brad@maranoamechanical.com.au



If you have a position you would like placed in this section, please contact Balonne Shire Council's Workforce Development Officer: Angelina Niven on 4620 8888.

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