

Balonne Bulletin

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Balonne Shire Flourishes with Business and Tourism Boost

The Balonne Shire has received a notable transformation in recent times, following the successful completion of the Balonne Business Improvement Program in April 2024.

With a strategic investment of over \$1.26 million and under the guidance of Council, the initiative has revitalised businesses in our commercial districts across the Shire, bolstering local businesses and enhancing tourism prospects.

The program has provided benefits via two streams to maximise impact:

- **Visual Improvement:** Focused on aesthetic external and internal enhancements, including painting, new panels, fencing, verandas, flooring, landscaping, and more.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Aimed at reducing energy cost and carbon footprints through solar installations, battery storage, and energy-efficient lighting and refrigeration.

This program's reach was extensive, with 71 applications received, leading to the approval of 53 projects being delivered across all seven townships.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole welcomed how the outcomes of this project have improved the visual amenity and energy efficiency for local businesses.

"Because of this project, our Shire is now much better placed to welcome tourists and investors alike, showcasing its commitment to progress and resilience."

"The Balonne Business Improvement Scheme has been a great example of a well-delivered government and business collaboration," said Mayor O'Toole.

"This program has not only improved the visual and energy profiles of businesses, but also contributed to economic sustainability and job retention.

"This program also sends a clear message to anyone thinking of setting up a business here that Balonne Shire is not just open for business, it's a shining example of what can be achieved with a business friendly Council.

"Local contractors were also a focal point in delivering this program, receiving 49% of the total spend, amounting to over \$610,000 in business."

This program was made possible from funding of \$833,000 from the Australian Government under the Murray-Darling Economic Development Program and \$427,000 in co-contributions from proponents.

What's On

ST GEORGE CUP RACES

Celebrating 150 years! Join in for a very special race day, as we celebrate 150 years of St George racing!

When: 27 July 2024

Where: St George Jockey Club

DIRRANBANDI POLOCROSSE CARNIVAL

Head to Dirranbandi for a weekend of entertainment at the Polocrosse, featuring a 1 vs 1 competition on the Saturday afternoon!

When: 27-28 July 2024

Where: Dirranbandi Showgrounds

BALONNE SHIRE MAYORAL BALL

Winter Wonderland Mayoral Ball: Save the Date for August 3rd, 2024! Tickets are now available—don't miss out. Gather your friends, colleagues, or family and purchase a table. Enjoy a night of dancing, music and drinks included in your ticket price.

When: 3 August 2024

Where: St George Cultural Centre

MUNGINDI SHOW

Looking for a family event for the weekend? Mungindi show is the perfect fun event for the whole family. Come along to Mungindi show for a fun filled weekend.

When: 9 - 11 August 2024

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.

Where: Hebel

When: 10 - 11 August 2024

BALONNE CUTTING HORSE FUTURITY

Hold onto your saddles horse lovers! The Balonne Cutting Horse Futurity is not just a competition, but a celebration of the rich heritage and tradition of cutting.

Where: St George Showgrounds

When: 25 August - 1 September 2024

A message from the Mayor



It is that time of year again where we get the chance to let our hair down to support a great local cause with this year's Mayoral Ball coming up on 3 August.

This is our third Mayoral Ball with the previous two raising a total of over \$96,000 for a Bursary Fund that provides financial support to our local students that are chasing their educational dreams through the Country Universities Centre Balonne, while staying close to their loved ones in the Shire.

The Country Universities Centre Balonne has been such a great initiative for our community that is heading off the loss of our young minds to the big cities to study and we have now surpassed 300 enrolments since May 2021, which far exceeds the original goal of 38 students in the first four year!

If you are looking for a great night out that supports our local students, then I would urge you to get your tickets while they last and I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Throughout July, Council is getting back to holding Community Catch-ups in each township in the Shire.

These Community Catch-ups are a great opportunity for all residents to come along and have a one-on-one conversation with

Council representatives about any issues you may have, or to hear about all of the initiatives Council is currently undertaking.

This first round of Community Catch-ups will give residents the opportunity to meet our team of Councillors for the 2024-28 term and to discuss all of the initiatives that are currently being prepared in Council's 2024/25 budget.

Finally, I would like to direct everyone's attention to a current Regional Telecommunications Review being undertaken by the Australian Government.

Our area has more than its fair share of issues with telecommunications and I would urge everyone to have their say and provide feedback to this review, so that we can all work towards getting our issues and possible solutions on the radar of the Australian Government.

As a Council, we have already contributed to Submissions to this Review from the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils and the Local Government Association of Queensland.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming period.

Samantha O'Toole



Storyfest SOUTH WEST
FIND STORYFEST IN ST GEORGE
For more information, contact the St George Library on 4620 8878

FREE Customer Service Workshops
The Visitor Experience is Everyone's Business

FREE WORKSHOPS PRESENTED BY:
ANITA CLARK TOURISM

9 JULY 10AM - 12PM: INFORMATION STATION, THALLON
5:30PM - 7:30PM: CIVIC CENTRE, DIRRANBANDI

10 JULY 2PM - 4PM: BOLLON HALL, BOLLON

11 JULY 5:30PM - 7:30PM: WALLAM ROOM, CULTURAL CENTRE, ST GEORGE

To book or for more information, contact vic@balonne.qld.gov.au

Stormwater Upgrades & Planning across the Shire

Council is currently undertaking a range of actions and assessments of stormwater drainage in townships across the Shire and is seeking community feedback to assist in identifying the most impacted areas.

In some areas, ageing or deteriorated drainage infrastructure and sub-standard drainage solutions that were installed decades ago, are causing issues with the stormwater drainage networks and need to be upgraded to better deal with rainfall events.

Recently, Council received funding from Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program to undertake master drainage studies for St George and Mungindi to identify key local drainage issues that may be impacting residents and prepare detailed engineering solutions to alleviate drainage issues.

In Dirranbandi, Council is also currently awaiting a response from the Queensland Resilience & Risk Reduction Fund for a



grant application to undertake a broader assessment of stormwater drainage in Dirranbandi with a comprehensive master drainage study.

In the interim, Council is currently coordinating the design and engineering of three short-term solutions to assist in mitigating potential inundations from major rainfall events in Dirranbandi.

Council will also be inviting tenders in the coming weeks to construct a new pump station with new inlet and outlet mains to pump stormwater at the detention basin near Crothers St, Dirranbandi to the river.

This new pump station in Dirranbandi will help convey stormwater and subsequently diminish ponding for the

southern area of town.

As further funding opportunities become available, Council plans to submit similar applications for master drainage studies for the townships of Thallon, Hebel and Bollon.

Residents in our townships are urged to provide feedback on any stormwater drainage issues that may be impacting their properties during rainfall events to the Balonne Stormwater Drainage Survey that can be accessed on the Council website or by scanning the QR code above.

For more information, residents can talk with Council at the upcoming Community Catch-up days or contact Council on (07) 4620 8888.

COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY CATCH-UP DAYS

Meet Your Councillors & 2024/25 Budget Update

16 JULY	Mungindi - 1:00pm – 3:00pm, next to the Mungindi RTC Thallon – 4pm – 6pm, at Thallon Town Park
23 JULY	Bollon – 1:30pm-2:30pm, at Walter Austin Park St George – 4:30pm-6:30pm, outside the Cultural Centre
30 JULY	Hebel – 1:30pm-2:30pm, at Hebel Hotel Dirranbandi – 4pm- 6pm, at the Rail & River Precinct

Council is holding a series of Community Catch-up days to allow all members of the community the opportunity to talk face-to-face with Council and gain an understanding of all the Council initiatives currently underway throughout the Shire.

The first round of Community Catch-up days in July will give local residents the opportunity to meet all of the Councillors for the 2024-28 term and include an update on all of the Council Budget initiatives for 2024-25.



Our local Police Awarded for their service

Our local Police have received some well-deserved recognition at the recent Roma Patrol Group Awards for their dedication to serving our local communities.

The awards recognized officers who have gone above and beyond in their service to the community.

The awards included:

Senior Sergeant Dan Gallagher and Sergeant Curtis Jope – Awarded: Queensland Police Service Emergency Response Medal

Detective Sergeant Megan Down – Awarded: 15-year clasp to the Queensland Police Service Medal

Constable Daniel Burton and Police Liaison Officer Chelsea Beardmore – Awarded: District Officer's Certificate's for innovation, commitment and a continuing contribution to the Blue Lures youth engagement program.



2024 Regional Telecommunications Review

Council is urging local residents to have their say and provide input to the Australian Government's 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review.

The Regional Telecommunications Review is undertaken every 3 years and is an opportunity for people living and working in regional, rural and remote Australia to share their views and experiences using telecommunications services.

Council has already contributed to Submissions to this review from the Western Queensland Alliance or Council's and the Local Government Association of Queensland.

If residents would like to have their say on this review, please scan this QR Code, visit www.infrastructure.gov.au or go to the link from Council's website.



Council invites residents to have their say on Arts & Culture Strategy

Balonne Shire Council is inviting residents, community groups, arts and non-arts organisations throughout the Shire to share their vision for the growth and development of local art, music, culture and craft.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole said Council is developing an Arts and Culture Strategy that will play an important role in enhancing the community's identity, spirit and wellbeing, while contributing to the local economy.

"I wholeheartedly believe a thriving arts and culture sector can have an enormously positive impact on the social and economic development of our Shire," said Mayor O'Toole.

All residents are encouraged to complete the survey via the 'Have Your Say' page on Council's website, which will close on Friday 12 August.

The survey is one part of a detailed research and consultation process, which will help to grow, support and develop a vibrant and thriving arts and culture sector in the Balonne Shire.

To Have Your Say on these two stories, please scan this QR Code, or go to www.balonne.qld.gov.au

2024 MAYORAL BALL
BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL

Winter Wonderland

3 AUGUST 2024

TICKETS ON SALE NOW



Ag Immersion Program Empowers Students in Balonne

Recently, 17 students from St George State High School and Toogoolawah State High School attended the Ag Immersion Program, which is a collaborative effort involving St George State High School, and Balonne Shire Council.

The Ag Immersion Program, developed through the Balonne Agriculture, Water, and Environment (AWE) Collaboration, is empowering students to explore the world of agriculture, water, and environmental management.

The aim of this program is to provide an immersive learning experience for students in Years 10–12 from across the State, equipping them with practical skills, industry knowledge, and valuable networks for future employment in the field of agriculture.

This is the third camp for this program so far and over this five-day camp students learned first-hand insights into cotton production, onion and garlic production and processing, wool production, farm machinery, irrigation systems and agricultural aviation career pathways.

By connecting classroom learning with real-world applications, Caitlin Crowe and Greg Fisher (from the St George State High School) are nurturing the next generation of agricultural leaders with four students from each camp having indicated a desire to return to the area to explore job opportunities.

Stay tuned for more updates on this groundbreaking program as it continues to shape the future of agriculture in the Balonne Shire with two more camps to be held this year!



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

Protect your car

To reduce the risk of theft, Queensland Police Service recommend that you:

- Remove all valuables from vehicles, or keep them out of sight.
- Remove all personal documents from vehicles.
- Lock all doors and close all windows, even when parked in your own driveway.
- Remove all keys from vehicles and keep garage door openers out of sight.
- Remove unsecured tools from the back of utes.
- Regularly check your registration plates are in place.

Protect your home and valuables

To reduce the risk of theft, Queensland Police Service recommend that you:

- Lock all doors and windows in your house.
- Put wallets and keys out of sight, not near a door where they can be easily grabbed.
- Mark your property with microdots or a personal code.

POLICELINK 131 444
CRIMESTOPPERS 1800 333 000

Queensland, who inspires you?
NOMINATE NOW
australianoftheyear.org.au

We're all part of the story

Australian of the Year Awards
Select. Support. Celebrate.

Australian of the Year
Senior Australian of the Year
Young Australian of the Year
Local Hero

ST GEORGE BORE WATER DISRUPTION

TUESDAY 16 JULY, 10PM-1AM

The bore water supply will be disrupted in St George on Tuesday 16 July from 10pm. Works are expected to be completed by 1am, 17 July.

Balonne welcomes decision to create new Queensland Cross Border Commissioner

Balonne Shire Council fully supports moves to introduce a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner to support communities that derive services from either side of the border.

As a Shire that borders New South Wales and includes the communities of Hebel near the border and Mungindi, which straddles both sides of the border, a new Queensland Cross Border Commissioner will bring greater certainty for the people of our Shire.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole welcomed the news from the Queensland Government for the introduction of a new Queensland Cross Border Commissioner.

"We have been pushing for this to occur for many years now and warmly welcome the announcement and commitment of funds to make it happen", said Mayor O'Toole.

"As a community, we have all endured negative impacts from issues like flooding, Covid lockdowns and bushfires, but the coordination of responses to these negative impacts has been all the more difficult in our border towns of Hebel and Mungindi without a Queensland Cross Border Commissioner in place.

"We look forward to working with the new Queensland Cross Border Commissioner to further deliver for our community on matters where government collaboration is essential."

Communication tops the list of most in-demand skills in 2024

Exceptional communication skills are key for job seekers and those looking to advance their careers, according to LinkedIn's annual report on the most in-demand skills in 2024.

Toastmasters facilitates competitive skills in public speaking applicable for business, life, and beyond with over 140 active clubs spread out across the far reaches of the state, including in St George.

If you like to get involved in Toastmasters in St George, the Club runs from 7:30 pm every 1st & 3rd Thursday at St Patrick's Parish Hall.



St George Toastmasters Club with Balonne Shire Council candidates

ENVIRO-COLUMN

Illegal Dumping - Help Keep Our Shire Clean

Illegal dumping pollutes our environment and significantly diminishes the use, enjoyment and value of our public places—making our communities and natural areas look dirty and uncared for, unpleasant to be in and less likely to be used by the public.

A poor and uncared for environment can also lead to more dumping, other illegal activities and antisocial behaviour, which can reduce community pride and property values.

Your safety in a situation where someone may be illegally dumping is important to Council, so please follow the below advice:

- Do not approach the vehicle or individuals who are illegally dumping;
- Do not let the illegal dumpers know you are there;
- Do not touch the illegally dumped material.

You can report illegal dumping to Council on 4620 8888 or by email at council@balonne.qld.gov.au , or by visiting www.balonne.qld.gov.au



YOUR VOICE, OUR CHANGE

Balonne Youth Council - Applications are still open.



6 spots left

Enhance your leadership skills and develop a positive image & profile

Be a voice for local youth



Council's Win Borderless Communities Award at Excellence Awards

Moree Plains Shire Council with Balonne Shire Council have received an Excellence Award in the 'Borderless Communities' category at the NSW Local Government 2024 Excellence Awards in Sydney Thursday 6 June.

This award acknowledges the exemplary cross-border collaboration efforts of both Shires in fostering positive relationships, enhancing communication and cooperation, and working together to find innovative solutions to common issues.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole welcomed news of this award that celebrates both Council's ongoing and successful collaboration to support the community of Mungindi.

"Having our township of Mungindi straddling the border between Queensland and New South Wales has presented more than its fair share of challenges," said Mayor O'Toole.

"We are so grateful for the great working relationship we share with Moree Plains Shire Council.

"By working closely together, our Council's have broken down the barriers of a border, creating a more connected and cohesive society in Mungindi, and more broadly, the two Shires.

"This award is a welcomed and significant recognition of the efforts of both Council's in promoting collaboration, unity and inclusivity across borders."



Landholders urged to prepare now as bushfire season looms

A mixture of high vegetation loads and persistent frosts across south west Queensland have led to an increased risk of bushfires this season.

The Rural Fire Service Queensland (RFSQ) is urging property owners to get on top of their bushfire preparation now, with dry grass posing a significant fire risk.

RFSQ South Western Region Manager Bushfire Mitigation, Inspector Michael Welsh, said it's important residents act now during the cooler months to ensure their bushfire preparation is on track.

"If you're a landholder, now is the time to think about your responsibilities ahead of the fire season," he said.

"Ensure there is adequate access in and around your property for crews to enter, giving them the best chance to stop the progress of a fire.

"Simple steps like mowing your lawn regularly, trimming overhanging branches and getting rid of flammable materials from around your home can all help to reduce your risk."

Information about contacting local fire wardens, bushfire warnings and how to prepare for bushfires can be found on the QFD website, <https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/prepare/bushfires>



St George Aerodrome Hangar Allotment Development



Council has completed bitumen works at the St George Aerodrome to the apron and taxiway, including a culvert underneath the existing taxiway and electrical and data to service the future hangars.

These initial works will pave the way for a larger industrial development of

the aerodrome into the future, which will include roads for serviced allotments suitable for industrial purposes.

These development works were managed by Balonne Shire Council and funded by the Queensland Government under the Building our Regions funding program.

Region to Receive Funding to Help Combat Feral Pigs

Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has announced \$2 million in funding to help combat the State's feral pig problem with Desert Channels Queensland and the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) set to receive the funding.

As a member of SWQROC, Balonne Shire Council is set to benefit from this funding, which will see the employment of four feral pig management coordinators across the two regions awarded by the State government.

These coordinators will support the initiation and delivery of effective feral pig management, bolstering local biosecurity efforts in line with the Department's Queensland Feral Pest Initiative.



Whyenbah Road Sealing Upgrades

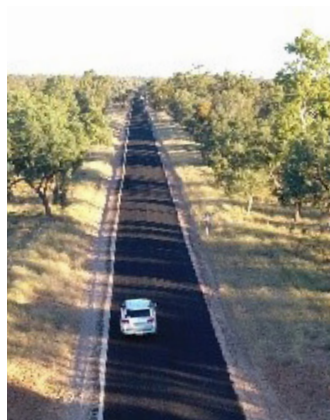
Council has recently finished an additional 19.7 kilometres of bitumen seal along Whyenbah Road, north of the Bridge.

This additional bitumen sealing now brings the total sealing along Whyenbah Road from Balonne Highway heading south to a total of around 40 kilometres.

These works were made possible from funding that Council secured through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme and Roads to Recovery Program.

Council also has around \$1.1 million of works scheduled in the 2024/25 financial year for upgrades to Jakelwar-Goodooga Road.

For more information, please contact Council on 4620 8888.



SPLITS, LIDS & SKIDS



Is your bin suffering from:

- a cracked lid?
- split body?
- one wheel only?

You could be eligible for a replacement bin.

Submit your service request today by contacting Council on 4620 8888.

For more information, contact Council on 4620 8888.



THE LIBRARY LENS



Balonne Shire Libraries are free to join, provide services to around 1,500 residents each month, and are part of the Rural Libraries Queensland, which is a collaboration between local governments and the State Library of Queensland.

The countdown to Storyfest Southwest has begun! Storyfest Southwest will be in St George from 26 August to 28 August, with something for everyone to enjoy. The Storyfest Southwest programme is out now, so be sure to check it out.



BOOK of the MONTH

Drop into your local library branch to check out some of the winter warming recipe books on offer. Whether you're chasing something for your Christmas in July event, a new soup to appreciate, or a twist on your favourite toastie, our libraries are cooking with ideas.





COMPLETED WORKS THROUGH JUNE

1. Whyenbah Road
2. Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd South

WORKS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

- Narine Rd
 - Expected completion: late July
 - Construction is ongoing.
 - Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.
- Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd North
 - Expected completion: late September

- Construction is ongoing.
- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.
- Mungindi Levee Works
 - Expected completion: late July
 - Construction is ongoing.
 - No expected traffic delays.

UPCOMING GRADING WORKS

Eumerella South Road – late July



Mungindi Levee Works



Jakelwar Goodooga Rd North



Narine Rd

Community Working Group taking action to keep GP Services in St George

Following a Community Stakeholder Forum, a number of Community drop-in sessions and a Community Survey, a Community Working Group has been meeting to drive the establishment of a community-based model that will be able to continue General Practice services in St George.

The Community Working Group is currently investigating the different potential organisational structures that may be put in place to manage the GP services in St George into the future.

At the meeting on 26 June 2024, the Working Group appointed a Chair

John Travers and Deputy Chair Ben Brimblecombe to coordinate the group until the potential establishment of a Board.

The Working Group has created a Finance sub-group, which is investigating the various costs and grant funding opportunities open to the different business structures.

As part of the Working Group's investigations, they have also met with representatives of other GP clinics that have successfully transitioned to a community-based model.

The next steps in this process for the Working Group include developing a business plan, setting up an entity and raising the funds necessary to bring this venture to fruition.

The initial Community Survey has now closed, but there may be further Community Survey's in relation to this topic as it progresses into the future.

If any members of the community would like to be kept up-to-date in relation to this topic, they can visit www.balonne.qld.gov.au or email council@balonne.qld.gov.au to be added to the regular email list.



FUN AND FITNESS IN BALONNE

ST GEORGE SQUASH

St George Squash play every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night. Grading for the next season will be on the week of 29 July.

If you'd like to join in the fun and enjoy a hit, reach out to John on 0428 735 944.



ST GEORGE TENNIS CLUB

Anyone keen on having a hit of tennis? The St George Tennis Club holds fixtures on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in Rowden Park, St George and they sometimes have reserve spots available.

For more information, contact Debbie on 0488 042 951



ST GEORGE BOWLS CLUB

Head down and enjoy a game of Bowls at St George Bowls Club.

Wednesday 8am for social bowls, all welcome.

Green available on Saturdays for casual bowlers.



ST GEORGE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

The A grade Competition on Monday nights from 5:30pm has commenced.

The C Grade & B Grade competition and Netta is up and running on Saturdays.

Training for C Grade & B Grade is Thursday Afternoons, with C2 at 4pm, C1 at 5pm & B Grade at 6pm.

For all enquiries, please contact the St George Netball Club via email stgeorgenetball@gmail.com or 0413084891.



BOXING

Sign up to be a member of In the Box Boxing Club! Come down and work on your fitness or prepare for fights. Training on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday nights from 5:30pm.

For more information, contact John Morris on 0411 857 691.



GROUP TRAINING SESSIONS

If you're really looking to get in great shape for summer, you can head along to an Optimal Training. Group training sessions on Tuesday from 5pm at the Amphitheatre & Thursday's from 5pm at the studio.

In recess during school holidays.

For more information, contact Deanne on 0407 720 327.



INSPIRED FITNESS WITH TJ

Inspired fitness runs group training sessions on Tuesday at 10:00am, 4:30pm and 5:30pm (Pilates), and 5:30pm on Thursdays (Tone class). Classes are now held at the St Patrick's Church Hall on Balonne Street. For more information, phone Tori 0447 080 872



PARKRUN

Do you love a social run to get in shape? There is a free Parkrun held each Saturday morning at 7am along the St George foreshore leaving from the boat ramp on the Western end of St George's Terrace.

For more information visit www.parkrun.com.au/stgeorge



ST GEORGE GOLF CLUB

Enjoy a swing of Golf anytime at the St George Golf Club. Regarded as one of the best sand greens courses in SWQ - why wouldn't you spend a day here?

If you would like to contact the Golf Course, please call on 07 4625 3283.

St George RLFC Saints

The season has started and training is underway off for the St George RLFC Saints. Head down to Rowden Park every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30pm for some fitness or a social outing.

For more information, contact 0427 949 196 or stgrlfc@hotmail.com



St George Hash House Harriers - Social Running Group.

Enjoy a social run or walk of a Thursday evening! The group leave from The Terrace in front of The Australian Hotel at 6:00pm on Thursdays for a 5km run or a 3km walk, this is not a timed event.

For more information contact Peter on 0428 258 601



If you have a **FITNESS PROGRAM** or **CLUB** in the Shire that you would like posted here, please send the details to: media@balonne.qld.gov.au



FIGHT THE BITE



BANISH BREEDING SITES

BANISH BREEDING SITES AROUND YOUR HOME

Identify and remove potential mosquito breeding sites to reduce the spread of disease and infection



GUTTERS AND DRAINS
Clean regularly to ensure they drain well



WATER COLLECTING VESSELS
Store vessels under cover (e.g. boats, wheelbarrows)



BIRD BATHS
Flush and wipe out regularly



BUCKETS AND POTS
Store upside down or undercover

FIGHT THE BITE: PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY

Simple things you can do to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites



COVER UP
Wear loose-fitting, light-colour clothing, covered footwear



INSECT REPELLENT
Use repellent on exposed skin, with DEET, Picaridin or Lemon Eucalyptus



COILS
Use coils when outdoors



SCREENS AND NETS
Cover doors windows and beds with nets

For more information visit: <https://www.balonne.qld.gov.au/homepage/213/post-flood-tips-to-avoid-health-risks-and-hazards>

This project is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements



YOUR COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOU



ALFRED STREET WATER MAINS UPGRADE



BEARDMORE DAM FACILITIES UPGRADE



AFTER



BEFORE

MUNGINDI WATER SECURITY PROJECT



NEW COUNCIL HOUSING - ST GEORGE



AFTER



BEFORE

DIRRANBANDI RAIL & RIVER EXPANSION



AFTER



BEFORE

GREY ST PLAYGROUND FENCING



AFTER



BEFORE

2024 Upcoming Courses

Gateway to Training

FORKLIFT LICENCE

Gain the skills, knowledge, and accreditation to get your forklift licence, make sure to book as numbers are limited.

Where: St George

When: 16 - 18 July 2024

To register, contact Gateway to Training on 07 4671 2258

FIRST AID & CPR

From snake bites to burns, heart attacks to head injuries, gain the skills and confidence to handle most workplace and day-to-day emergencies and administer basic first aid by undertaking first aid and CPR training.

Where: St George

When: 20 July 2024

To register, contact Gateway to Training on 07 4671 2258

SWQ Training

DOGGING*

- **WHAT:** CPCCLDG3001 Licence to perform dogging
- **WHEN:** 01-05 July & 15-19 July 2024
- **FULL COST:** \$1665 per person

INTERMEDIATE RIGGING

(must hold a current RB high risk work licence)

- **WHAT:** CPCCLRG3002 Licence to perform rigging intermediate level
- **WHEN:** 01 - 05 July 2024
- **FULL COST:** \$1950 per person

SLEW CRANE UP TO 60T*

- **WHAT:** TLILIC0023 Licence to operate a slewing mobile crane (up to 60 tonnes)
- **WHEN:** 08 - 12 July 2024
- **FULL COST:** \$1899 per person

FORKLIFT

- **WHAT:** TLILIC0003 Licence to operate a forklift truck
- **WHEN:** 17 - 19 July & 07 - 09 August 2024
- **FULL COST:** \$675 per person

NON-SLEW CRANE*

- **WHAT:** TLILIC0040 Licence to operate a non-slewing mobile crane (greater than 3 tonnes capacity)
- **WHEN:** 22 - 26 July 2024
- **FULL COST:** \$1765 per person

EWP OVER 11M*

- **WHAT:** TLILIC0005 Licence to operate a boom-type elevating work platform (boom length 11 metres or more)
- **WHEN:** 30th July - 1 August 2024
- **FULL COST:** \$885 per person

BASIC RIGGING*

(must hold a current DG high risk work licence)

- **WHAT:** CPCCLRG3001 Licence to perform rigging basic level
- **WHEN:** 05-09 August 2024
- **FULL COST:** \$1895 per person

* CSQ Funding Available!

SWQ Training has been approved by Construction Skills Queensland to be a provider during the new round (October 2022 - September 2024). If participants are working in a construction related role they could be eligible.

Have a question? Please feel free to contact our friendly team on (07) 4617 7800 or email train@swqtraining.com.au

Council & TAFE Queensland

FOOD HANDLING (ST GEORGE):

This food handling course will equip you with the basic skills and knowledge required to handle food safely. Go on to complete your food safety certificate or complete further cookery related study.

<https://tafeqld.edu.au/course/18/18139/food-handling#ways-to-study-section>
SITSS00068 - 17 July 2024, 9am - 1pm
For assistance, please phone 1300 308 233

FOOD SAFETY SUPERVISION (ST GEORGE):

This course is a basic requirement to gain your food safety certificate. Successful completion of this course will give you the basic knowledge and skills required to work as a qualified food safety supervisor.

<https://tafeqld.edu.au/course/18/18138/food-safety-supervision#ways-to-study-section>
SITSS00068 - 17 July 2024, 9am - 1pm
SITSS00069 - 17 July 2024, 9am - 1pm and 18 July 2024, 9am - 3pm

(Please note for the supervision skill set, participants must attend both days)
For assistance, please phone 1300 308 233

COUNCIL OFFERED TRAINING FREE FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING

Roma Fire will be holding first aid / CPR courses. To book a space go to the website and select TRAINING COURSES. There will be an online theory quiz to complete prior to the training day.

For assistance, please phone Roma Fire office 07 4622 6999.

St George July 25th & 26th



Out and About in Balonne



B Kinder Day



St George Women in League Day



*QLD Day -
St George & Thallon*



Variety Bash



Balonne Shire Job opportunities

July 2024

Council Positions Available
St George & Surrounds



COUNCIL IS HIRING!

JOIN OUR TEAM

Visit our website to find out what jobs are available.


www.balonne.qld.gov.au

Store Person
St George

AGNVET RURAL

The primary purpose of this role is to undertake general warehousing duties, yard & warehouse maintenance. Above Award salary, plus superannuation, and generous staff discount. Enthusiastic and approachable. Customer service, time management and planning skills required. Manually handle stock up to 30kg safely, LF Forklift (or willingness to obtain). Experience in Agribusiness sector and holding an MR Truck Licence will be highly regarded.

Please apply to jobs@pursehouserural.com.au or for further information, please contact Branch Manager Scott Haynes on 0429 473 071 or Elaine Alker in the Employee Relations and Safety Team on 0439 374 400.



Male Support Worker
St George

AHANO DISABILITY CARE SERVICES


Casual

We're currently seeking dedicated Male Support Workers to make a positive impact in St. George. If you're passionate about empowering individuals with disabilities, providing personalized care, and fostering a supportive environment, we want to hear from you.

Experience working with Disability Support Services, preferably with Certificates.

Approximate pay scale: \$38.20 - \$31.09 / hour.

To apply, please email CV to info1@ahano.org



Service Manager
St George

ST GEORGE MACHINERY CENTRE

Full time

We are seeking a highly motivated and organised service manager to join the SGMC team. The Service Manager will serve as the point of contact between a business and its prospects or clients and have a range of responsibilities including maintaining customer satisfaction, booking service repairs, leading a workshop, diagnosing repairs, etc. Wage aligns with experience.

Email: cameron@sgmc.com.au or call 07 4625 3633 for more information.



Home Care Worker
St George

ANGLICARE


Part time

In this role, you will offer essential assistance to clients, aiding them in daily tasks to maintain independence and comfort at home. Your responsibilities will include personal care, medication assistance, transportation, domestic duties, and assisting clients to meet social needs.

Minimum qualifications and immunisations required, please contact us for more information.

\$31.00-\$39.00 per hour.

To apply, please email the Recruitment Team at careers@anglicaresq.org.au



General Store Assistant
St George

HALLS FURNITURE COURT

Casual

15 hours minimum per week.

Heavy lifting involved. Drivers license required.

To apply, please phone 07 4625 3296.



Diploma Qualified Educator
St George


NCC EARLY LEARNERS

Full time

Flexible hours, term time for the right applicant.

Approximate wage scale \$36.81 to \$47.37 per hour, based on length of service.

Email headofearlylearners@ncc.qld.edu.au



Bachelor Qualified Early Childhood Teacher
St George

NCC EARLY LEARNERS

Full time

Flexible hours, term time for the right applicant.

Approximate wage scale \$36.81 to \$47.37 per hour, based on length of service.

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Barista and Runner
St George

THE FARMHOUSE CAFÉ ST GEORGE

We are looking for a passionate and experienced Barista to join our friendly team.

Approximate pay scale: \$25.59 - \$31.09 / hour.

To apply, please email CV to stgeorgefarmhouse@gmail.com



Cook
St George

THE FARMHOUSE CAFÉ ST GEORGE

We are looking for a passionate new team member to join our friendly team. Can be trained.

Approximate pay scale: \$25.59 - \$31.09 / hour.

To apply, please email CV to stgeorgefarmhouse@gmail.com

Batching Plant Labourer/Agitator Driver
St George

SAFEWAY EXCAVATIONS

Full time

Responsibilities include driving agitator vehicle, general maintenance on vehicles and equipment, and keeping vehicles and plant clean and tidy. After hours and weekend work may be required at times. Wages negotiable. HR licence training is available for the right applicant.

Contact Ron Irwin on 0417 602 170 or email ron.irwin@safewayexcavations.com



Agitator Driver
St George

SAFEWAY EXCAVATIONS

Full time Casual

Responsibilities include driving agitator vehicle and keeping vehicles and plant clean and tidy. After hours and weekend work may be required at times.

Hours are flexible and wages negotiable. Training provided.

Contact Ron Irwin on 0417 602 170 or email ron.irwin@safewayexcavations.com

Apprentice Carpenter
St George

SAFEWAY EXCAVATIONS

Full time

We have a position available for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to join our team. Full training provided.

Contact Ron Irwin on 0417 602 170 or email ron.irwin@safewayexcavations.com


Mechanic
St George

B A TIERNEY MECHANICAL

We have a fully equipped heavy vehicle workshop and are looking for a qualified mechanic in either heavy vehicle, light vehicle or mobile plant industries. Depending on the applicant's interest, this position can be either field service or workshop based. Australian Driver Licence and sound understanding of OH&S/WHs preferred.

This is a permanent full time position. Above award rates offered. Hourly rate will vary depending on experience. Overtime is readily available if wanted.

Please email applications to batierneymechanical@gmail.com or phone Ben on 0448 755 030.



Farm Manager
St George

MCINTYRE AGRICULTURE


Full time

An opportunity to manage cattle breeding and farm properties "Strathmere" and "Beardie".

All aspects of management, including overseeing operations for up to 6,000 head of cattle, servicing and maintenance of equipment and vehicles, supervision of farming contractors. Must have experience in mustering, maintaining fencing and water infrastructure, basic broadacre farming, record keeping, communication, mechanical and welding skills. MC licence an advantage.

Refurbished 4 bedroom, air conditioned homestead overlooking Balonne River is available for successful applicant. Work vehicle and electricity allowance provided.

Email resume to mary@mcintyreag.com



Farming Operations Manager
St George

MCINTYRE AGRICULTURE

Full time

Suit someone with experience in setting up and calibrating machinery for row crop and some broad acre farming, as well as a good knowledge in how to manage and deliver water supply for row crop irrigation.

Role will include leadership and management of farming team, servicing and maintenance of farm plant and equipment, setup machines for row crop and some broad acre operations, management of water supply and irrigation shifts.

Attractive remuneration package reflecting skills and experience, work vehicle and 3 bedroom house close to town, power and phone allowance.

Email resume to mary@mcintyreag.com

Business Manager
St George

RIVERSANDS VINEYARDS

Part time or Full time

Duties include managing events, mail orders, wine club, retail orders, staff recruitment, ordering supplies, running the office. Must have skills in customer service, website management, excel spreadsheets, event costing and office management.

\$30.00-\$35.00 per hour depending on experience.

Apply online <https://www.riversandswines.com/job-vacancies>



Seeding Operators
Hebel

WHEAT, BARLEY AND CANOLA

\$28.27 p/h + accommodation

Experienced tractor and farm machinery operators are required for a variety of operations. Roles are for between 3 and 6 months. Some knowledge and experience of general servicing of farm equipment, chemical accreditation and application experience.

To apply, please submit your CV/resume outlining your agricultural and machinery operations experience to edwardl@Staff360.com.au or phone 07 3720 8504.

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