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ornithocheirid pterosaur.

### AAOD unveil 'Lenton's Iron Dragon'



ABOVE | Butch Lenton's wife, Ros, with daughter Carly and Lenton's Iron Dragon named in his honour.

On 4 October the Museum announced the The pterosaur site, which is located on the bank of a small creek, was excavated by staff discovery of Ferrodraco lentoni, a new genus and volunteers from the Museum in June and species of ornithocheirid pterosaur from western Queensland. The fossilised bones 2017. Although the fossils were fragile and widely scattered, two weeks of sifting through were recovered from a sheep station located the deposit, using a combination of dry and near the northeastern margins of the Winton wet sieving techniques, produced the remains Formation, a geological deposit that is of the most-complete specimen of an approximately 96 million years old. ornithocheirid, and of any pterosaur, The pterosaur specimen was discovered by discovered in Australia to date. Winton grazier Bob Elliott on Belmont Station in early 2017. The new site is located 8km from where the holotype skeleton of Savannasaurus elliottorum, a unique species of sauropod dinosaur, was discovered in 2005. Mr Elliott, who has been involved with the Museum since childhood, brought the specimens to the Museum Laboratory where they were identified as belonging to an

Ferrodraco lentoni (Lenton's iron dragon) is the third Australian pterosaur to be named, with all three named species coming from western Queensland. The specimen was nicknamed Butch after the late Mayor of Winton, Graham 'Butch' Lenton who died several months after the discovery. The species' name lentoni was chosen in recognition of his staunch support of western Queensland's regional communities.

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# **Submissions Guideline**

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- 1/2 page

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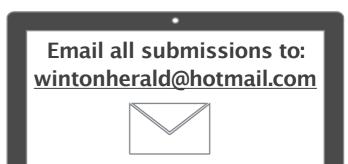
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### From your Editor

Thank you for picking up another edition of your local Winton Herald!

The Winton Herald is your news for Winton so if you know of a great idea for a story or have any questions about submissions please don't hesitate to email or phone.

It is absolutely a team effort!

Stay in touch, Tahnee Oakhill.

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME	INFO & CONTACT
TUESDAY 15-25	Royal Flying Doctor Service DENTAL SERVICE			1800 002 507 to book
FRIDAY 25	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Council Board Room, Vindex St		(07) 46 572 666
SATURDAY 26	'Grandparent Day' Morning Tea, Music, Bingo, Storytelling	Winton Library	10:00am	
THURSDAY 31	Winton Pastoral & Agricultural Show Society Inc AGM	The Winton Hotel	5:30pm	Carly Cox 0417 634 959 Leia Mitchell 0427 877 696

### HALLOWEEN IN WINTON 15 YEARS OF FRIGHTENING

The sun is setting, the witches' cackles are high pitched and the screams of children echo around Winton. It is the time of year our streets are filled with super heroes, the super natural and sugar highs. This year sees Winton hold its 15th Trick or Treat night thanks to the ongoing efforts of Kylie and Carol Carn. Despite a little 'anti-halloween' resistance at the start, Kylie and a team of girls (called the Bright Active Team Spirits) organised the evening and created decorated trick-or-treat bags for the children to use. The first year saw 25 children and now the even averages 80-90 children enjoying (or terrified of) the evening out.

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possible without the help of the people that volunteer their homes and business, from handing out a lollypop to the elaborate spooky decorations, games and costumes. It is not just the children that show a dedication to dressing up. Kylie remembers Linda Mann dressed as a cow during the whole hot walk, and Ducko dressed as a gorilla scaring even the older kids and parents! Children have been treated to

drinks, bookmarks, bubble wands, biscuits, lights, torches and of course lollies. Heaps of lollies.

For the evening a map of the places that offer treats (or tricks) is published so that families can walk the streets and visit each

house. Haunted houses included. Carol's favourite feature of the e evening is 'seeing all the effort that goes into the costumes every year and the kids' enthusiasm to participate'. 'The community's generosity and sometimes inventiveness, everyone smiling, laughing, having a great time walking around the streets will always stick with me', Kylie reminisced. This year's Trick of Treat will be held on the Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to volunteer your home or business this year please contact Carol Carn on Facebook or at the pool by the 24th October. The town's trick or treaters appreciate any effort big or small and let's hope the event will continue for another freaky fifteen years more!

"The Winton area has produced the majority of Australia's large dinosaur fossils so presenting a significant pterosaur skeleton alongside the giants with which it co-existed us a huge bonus for science, education and regional tourism." David Elliott, OAM



The research on *Ferrodraco* is being spearheaded by Museum palaeontologist Adele Pentland as part of her PhD in vertebrate palaeontology through Swinburne University of Technology. According to Ms Pentland, who has extensively researched Australia's pterosaurs, the skeleton of *Ferrodraco* is exceptionally well preserved and comprises five partial vertebrae, eight limb bones, a large portion of the jaw, skull and crest, and 40 isolated and partial teeth.

Pterosaur fossils are exceptionally rare in Australia and *Ferrodraco* is the first pterosaur to be named from the Winton Formation. According to Ms Pentland only 15 fragmentary pterosaur specimens had been described from the entire continent prior to the discovery. "With a total of 30 bones preserved, or 10% of *Ferrodraco's* skeleton, the number of



**ABOVE** | Lead Author Adele Pentland with Ferrodraco lentoni skull

**LEFT** | Grazier Bob Elliott holding the fully prepared fossils of Ferrodraco

pterosaur bones reported from Australia has now tripled" she said.

Based on the shape and characteristics of its jaws, including crests on upper and lower jaw and spikeshaped teeth, Ms Pentland and colleagues have identified the specimen as an ornithocheirid, a group of pterosaurs that is also known from Brazil and England.

*Ferrodraco lentoni* joins several significant dinosaur specimens at the Museum including *Australovenator wintonensis*, Australia's most-complete carnivorous dinosaur, and bones from the large sauropod species *Savannasaurus elliottorum* and *Diamantinasaurus matildae*.

Co-founder of the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum, David Elliott OAM, describes the new discovery as one of the Museum's most exciting accessions. "The Winton area has produced the majority of Australia's large dinosaur fossils so presenting a significant pterosaur skeleton alongside the giants with which it co-existed is a huge bonus for science, education and regional tourism," he said.

The fossilised remains of *Ferrodraco* are now on display at the Museum for all to see.

### **Into the future:** First BITCOIN transaction at Balamara Bakery

Currency has long been an evolving medium since its inception 3,000 years ago from the first known official currency in Turkey created by King Alyattes of Lydia in 600BC. Known as the 'Lydian Lion' the coin featured a roaring lion - the emblem of the Lydian Kings. Made of electrum (alloy of gold and silver) the coin was the equivalent of one month's pay. From barter, to coin, to the production of notes in 1661AD, and later the plastic credit card in 1946, currency has continued to evolve with the times. Unsurprisingly, in this electronic modern era, the establishment of the first decentralised cryptocurrency was created. Derived from the word 'cryptography', a computer technology used for securing and hiding information, cryptocurrency is defined as electronic money made with technology to control how it is made, protect transactions and hide the identities of its users. In 2009 Satoshi Nakamoto created Bitcoin which then became the first widely adopted form of cryptocurrency. Bitcoin is a computer file which is stored in a 'digital wallet' app on a smartphone or computer which allows users to send Bitcoins to your digital wallet and complete transactions between yourself and other parties. Each

#### WHAT IS CRYPTOCURRENCY?

'Crypto' is short for "cryptography" - a computer technology used for securing and hiding information, among other things. Cryptocurrency is defined as electronic money made with technology to control how it was made, protect transactions, hide the identities of its users.

transaction is then recorded in a public list known as the 'Blockchain'. There are currently three main ways to get Bitcoins: buy Bitcoins using real money; sell things and let people pay bitcoins into your digital wallet or; they can be 'mined' using a computer. Local Balamara Bakery owner, Peter 'Ponson' Johnston, first delved into the world of cryptocurrency just over a year ago when he downloaded the app from Brisbane-based company TravelbyBit and recently completed his first bitcoin transaction when a customer saw that he was able to use bitcoin at the bakery in Winton

"A man from Mareeba came into the bakery and saw the Bitcoin sign and bought two coffee's and a custard tart with Bitcoin. This is the first of its kind in Winton, maybe the Central West, if not this side of the range. It's a step into the future for us I think."

"Bitcoin has been around for ten years and even though it has taken a bit of time for people to come around to it I believe that we will all be on Bitcoin at some stage in the future, that dollars will be gone," says Ponson. "In regional Australia there is



Balamara Bakery owner, Peter 'Ponson' Johnston with his first Bitcoin transaction customer, Stuart Hendry from Mareeba. Photo 3 October 2019

virtually no-one doing it but this is the first of its kind in Winton, maybe the Central West, if not this side of the range. It's a step into the future for us I think," says Ponson.

In an effort to encourage more Bitcoin transactions and conversations Ponson will start a promotion next week starting Monday 21 through to Saturday 26. Customers can ask for a bitcoin coffee and receive \$1 off and go into the draw to win bitcoins. There will be 1 draw for \$50 of bitcoin, 4 draws for \$20. The promotion will last one week and be drawn Monday 28 at 10am.



#### WHAT IS BITCOIN?

Bitcoin was the first widely adopted cryptocurrency created in 2009 by Satoshi Nakamoto. The purpose of bitcoin is to allow one person to directly send money to another in a transaction known as peer-to-peer without trusted third party like a bank or PayPal to process it. In other words, banks and governments cannot control bitcoin and so cannot control its users.

### HOW DO YOU USE BITCOIN TO PAY?

Install a Wallet of Satoshi bitcoin wallet on your phone from the Living Room of Satoshi website - the simplest Lightning Network wallet. Use your bitcoin wallet app on your phone to scan the barcode. Once confirmed you will generate payment to wherever it needs to go.

www.livingroomofsatoshi.com

### Sisters of the North Live vouchers can be spent at the following businesses:

- PINKYS FOR HAIR
   Cobb Lane 46571174
- WINTON WEST HYDRAULICS Elderslie Street 46571655
- J JESSUP AND C M JESSUP
   Po box 220 QLD 4735
   0429161608
- CENTRAL MOTORS WINTON PTY
  LTD

81 ELDERSLIE STREET QLD 4735 0447844487

- ELDERS WINTON PO Box 292 QLD 4735 0407644781
- GILLIES ELECTRICAL FAMILY
   TRUST TRADING AS GILLIES
   ELECTRICAL
   104 Cork street QLD 4735
   0400574005

0409571635 HBB ELECTRICAL

- 37 Elderslie Street QLD 4735 0419193918
- KL CARPENTRY 72 Vindex street QLD 3735 0405043141
- MATILDAS WARDROBE
   72A Elderslie Street QLD 4735
   0427571699
- ORLANDO ORCHARDS WINTON
   15 Oondoroo Street QLD 4735
   0427571605
- OUTBACK PLUMBING SERVICE
   15 QLD 4735 0488571134
- PARKERS STORE
   79 Vindex Street QLD 4735
   0475374947
- QANTILDA QUARTERS
   63 Werna street QLD 4735
   0427571634
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   72 ELDERSLIE STREET QLD 4735
   0488909551
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   0427573916
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- WINTON HARDWARE 77 Elderslie Street QLD 4735 0499166111
- WINTON HOTEL
   43 Werna street QLD 4735
   0428883989
- WINTON NEWSAGENCY & TRAVEL SERVICE
   74 ELDERSLIE STREET QLD 4735 0428326861
- WINTON PHARMACY 73 Elderslie street QLD 4735 0455571364
- Brodie Agencies
   Oondoroo Street Winton 46571970
- Diamantina Engineering
   Lot 6 Woodstock Crescent
   46571632

Any enquiries on how to use your vouchers call: Jodie Gadd, Family Support Coordinator 0427571877

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### Tony Harney Plumbing

CALL FOR ALL YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS -BIG OR SMALL WE COVER ALL ASPECTS OF YOUR PLUMBING NEEDS INCLUDING: + Septic tank and treatment plant services, installations and repairs + Water drainage and installation and repairs + New work maintenance - domestic, commercial and rural To discuss your plumbing options contact: Ned Harney (Winton) 0428 788 145 Tony Harney 0429 669 499 E tonyharneyplumbing@bigpond.com



#### THANK YOU

Winton CWA would like to thank the amazing generosity of Winton's Small Business community and families for donating to the CWA's hugely successful Quiz night.

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Caterpillar Bulldozer D7H Hay tracks with 3 Rippers Excellent Condition Price \$130,000 ONO Only 1300 hours recondition

> Samsung Excavator 210 LLC Excellent condition Price \$45,000 ONO

All papers and details of Bulldozer and Excavator available on request. Location of Bulldozer & Excavator: Graham - Winton West Hydraulics (Yard) 49 Elderslie St Winton Q Welcome for inspection



Contact: Milo P 0416 300 164 E <u>milopal.s@bigpond.com</u>

> Graham P 0427 551 665

Sandra P 0434 432 940 E sandraken@adam.com.au

### **WINTON CONTAINER EXCHANGE**

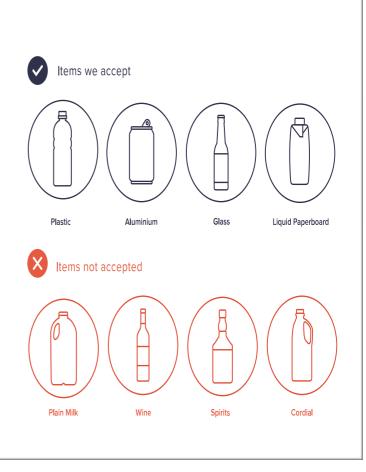
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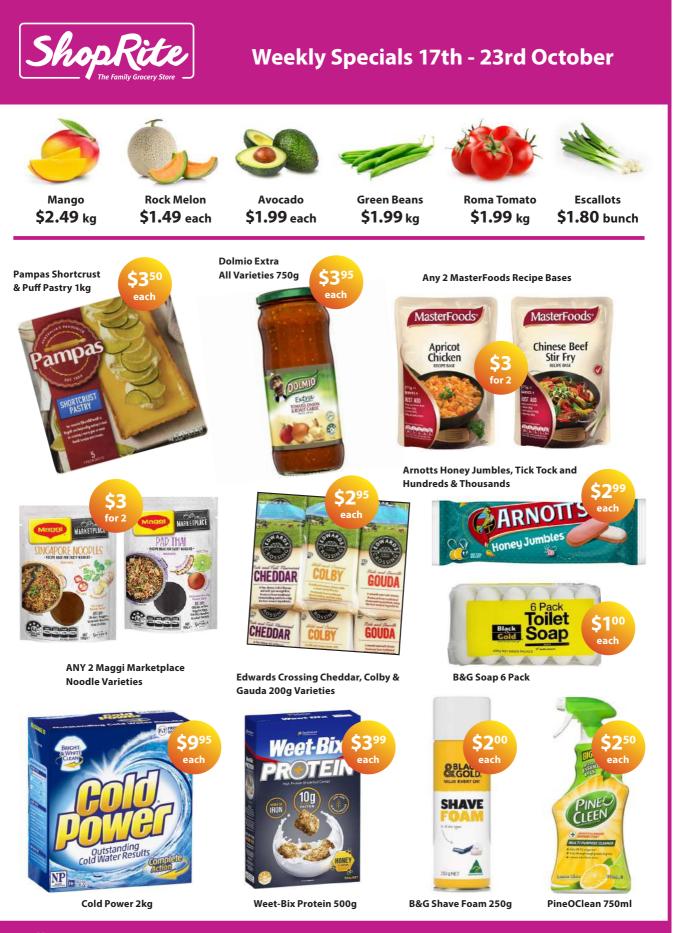
**Cans & Plastic Drink Containers TODAY!** 

DON'T THROW EM OUT, Winton Container

Exchange & will give you money for them.

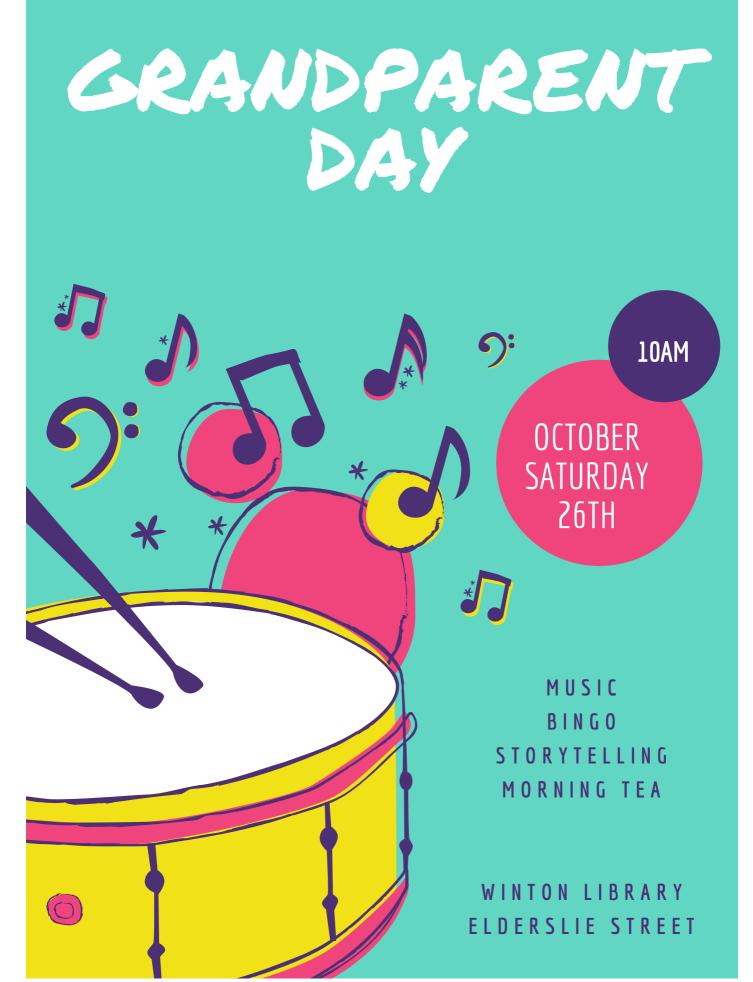


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Call (07) 4657 1244 Opening Hours : Mon-Fri 6am - 7pm / Sat-Sun 7am-7pm Corner of Manuka & Dagworth St (look for the big red flags)

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### WINTON SES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

### Volunteering in an operational role may include:

- General rescue in response to flood, storm or tropical cyclone
- Rescue from road crashes
- Operating flood rescue boats
- Search and rescue in urban and other environments
- Managing and directing traffic during emergencies
- Using specialised rope rescue equipment

#### Contact:

#### Doug Williams - 07 4657 1536





Safer Communities - Together



Expression of Interest Form Winton Shire Council – Weed Management Program

#### CLOSING DATE: 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2019

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Winton Shire Council (WSC) is now calling for expressions of interest from rural Landholders willing to participate in the Weed Management Program.

The WSC is allocating \$150,000.00 of the recently awarded Grant (Combating Pests & Weeds) towards the management of weeds across the Winton Shire Area.

The Program will involve the following actions:

- The completion and submission of this Expression of Interest form by Landholders to the WSC,
- WSC shall oversee the purchasing through local suppliers, of the following: Starane Advanced/ Uptake Spraying Oil/ Tebuthiuron Granulated Pellets and a Spray Unit,
- Landholders will be notified of the quantity of herbicide they are eligible for by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019,
- WSC shall oversee the distribution of herbicides and the hiring of the spray unit to landholders,
- Landholders will have until the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to complete all spraying activities.

#### Landholder Details:

Registered Property Owner:	
Property Address:	
Contact Details:	Phone:
	Email:
Property Name:	
Acres/Hectares:	
Lot & Plan No:	
Area to be sprayed:	acres or
	Prickly Acacia 🗌 Parkinsonia 🗌 Parthenium 🗌
Type of weeds you intend to spray:	Noogoora Burr 🗆 Belly Ache Bush 🗆 Mesquite 🗆
spray.	Other weeds:
Spray Unit Hire:	Yes 🗆 No 🗆

Contact Details for questions related to this Expression of Interest Form:

Rural Lands Officer: Geoff Cox 0427 571 458 Biosecurity Offic

Biosecurity Officer: Lynda Alcorn 0457 148 593

### Please return this Expression of Interest form to the WSC no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, either by post or email:

Or

Post: P.O. Box 288, Winton, QLD, 4735

Email: Lyndaa@winton.qld.gov.au

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NOTICE TO CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

In accordance with the provisions of Section 277 (4) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, notice is hereby given of a change to the scheduled Ordinary Meeting of Council for the following:

- 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 moved to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 moved to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

These meeting of Council will be held in the Council Board Room, 75 Vindex Street, Winton.

#### **PROHIBITION OF ROOSTERS IN TOWN AREA**

In accordance with Winton Shire Council Subordinate Local Law No.2 (Animal management) 2011, Schedule 1, roosters are prohibited in the town area.

An authorised person may seize a rooster if the responsible person for the animal has not complied with a compliance notice that has been issued in relation to compliance with this local law and a fine issued.

For the purposes of seizing an animal, an authorised person may take any action, including the use of force, which is reasonable in the circumstances to capture or control the animal.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICE - FUNDRAISING**

Does your community group have any upcoming raffles?

Council's Fire Services Contractor Buddy's Fire from Rockhampton have donated a 1kg ABE Fire Extinguisher and First Aid Kit (Home and Recreation) x one set. Buddy's Fire have asked for it to be given to community groups to assist with their fundraising efforts. Conditions on receiving this item, is that you will need to acknowledge that it has been donated by Buddy's Fire.

If your group is interested in this item to raffle, please contact Council's Workplace Health and Safety Officer, Chris Wickham on (07) 46572666 or email <u>chrisw@winton.qld.gov.au</u>.

#### **RESIDENTIAL BIN COLLECTIONS**

Reminder for residential households bin collections are listed below:

- East to West are collected on Monday's
- North to South are collected on Wednesday's

Bins are to be put out on the kerb facing towards the road before 7am.

For households one garbage charge is for one bin collection only, excluding residents who have requested an additional bin collection to be charged on their rates.

For any further enquires please contact Council on (07) 4657 2666.

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#### **SNAKE AWARENESS**

Winton Shire Council would like to advise the community that there has been several snake sightings in the past few weeks, given the recent change to warmer weather.

We recommend you take the below precautions to prevent injuries from occurring:

#### Backyards

Make your backyard unsuitable for snakes by having garden beds away from the house. Keep the lawn well maintained and low in height.

#### Homes

Stop snakes entering your home by screening doors and windows, and blocking all potential entry points.

If a snake finds its way into your home, close your internal doors, open your external doors and give the snake a chance to leave.

Never interfere with snakes. They will defend themselves. A high proportion of snakebites have resulted from people trying to handle, interfere with or kill snakes.

#### Piles and compost

Always ensure that timber piles are neatly stacked preventing shelter for rodents and snakes. Tidy up your yard during the colder months when snakes are less active.

Place food scraps in closed compost bins to make sure that rodents aren't attracted to your home.

#### **Nurseries and aviaries**

Keep your nursery and greenhouse tidy. The warm environment can attract snakes.

Rats and birds attract snakes. Make your bird aviaries rat and snake-proof. Store bird seed in rodent-proof containers.

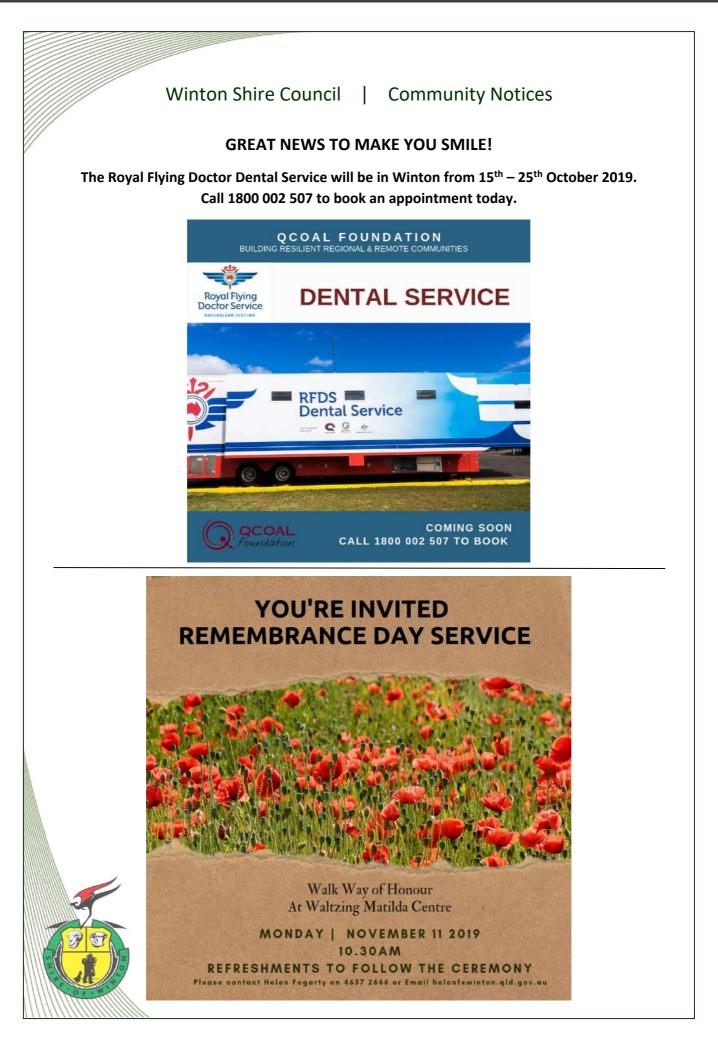
#### Gardening and yard work

When gardening, wear gloves, long pants and covered shoes.

Always lift objects so that they face away from you. This reduces the likelihood of putting yourself in a dangerous situation if a snake is sheltering underneath.

#### The outdoors

- always stay on formed paths or tracks so that you can see and avoid snakes,
- carry a first aid kit that contains pressure bandages with you,
- always wear protective clothing such as covered shoes and trousers, and
  - carry a torch at night so that you can see where you are going.



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OUTBACK REGIONAL ART GALLERY

**EXHIBITION GUIDE 2019** 



Public Program and What's on Guide

### From Sydney to Outback: Ken Done visits Winton

The Outback Regional Gallery was honoured to have distinguished Artist Ken Done, AM and his family visit Winton recently to officially open the touring exhibition *Paintings You Probably Haven't Seen*. Amongst the exhibition were two paintings *Flying West I & Flying West II* which Ken donated to our gallery through the Australian Government's Cultural Gifts Program last year. This was Ken's first visit to Winton and Outback Queensland. As well as opening the exhibition Ken and his family enjoyed visiting Winton's unique tourism attractions including the Australian Age of Dinosaurs. The exhibition is on display until Friday 8th November with special thanks to the Ken Done Gallery, Sydney before recommencing touring in QLD, NSW and VIC.







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#### **REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT (RADF) ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Winton Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from community members to sit on the above Advisory Committee. Through Arts Queensland, Council receives funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund to deliver arts and cultural activities pursuant to the RADF Program in its local government area. Some of the key responsibilities for the Committee include: -

- Fostering collaboration;
- Monitoring funding under the RADF program;
- Consider applications for funding assistance and appropriateness of applications for funding under the program;
- Recommend to Winton Shire Council applications for funding under the RADF program.

It is anticipated only two meetings will be conducted each year and are held in the Winton Shire Council Board Room. Should you have an interest in arts and cultural activities in Winton and would like to participate on this Committee, please send your Expression of Interest to Miss Shannon Van Bael at the Shire Office or via email to <a href="mailto:shannonvb@winton.qld.gov.au">shannonvb@winton.qld.gov.au</a> before the closing date <a href="mailto:shannonvb@winton.qld.gov.au">Friday 1 November 2019 at 4.30pm</a>.

#### **RED RIDGE – "TRAILBLAZING THE WEST" PROJECT**

Earlier this year, the Winton Shire Council was approached by Red Ridge (Interior Queensland) Ltd to participate in their "Trailblazing the West" project. This project is an initiative of multiple Western Queensland regions that will collaborate to create a trail of large-scale murals on water tanks and towers. The trail will also link into a North Queensland Savannah Way Art Trail as well, adding even more value to the project from a tourism perspective.

Red Ridge is seeking confirmation from the Winton Shire Council if it wishes to be a participant in this project to enable planning works to be commenced. It is considered a great opportunity to commence this project during the 'Year of the Outback'. Some of the artists that have expressed an interest in this project were involved in the Thallon silo works and are interested in working / mentoring local artists within the area who might be interest.

Before Council provides a response to Red Ridge on our involvement (or not) in this project, we seek feedback from our local community on whether you feel our iconic Water Tower should be put forward as a mural site for this project. Based on project costings put forward by Red Ridge, the cost for each Council is \$7,000.

Council would be pleased to receive your views on whether the Water Tower should: -



- Be left in its current condition (painted white);
- Be painted with a mural (historically linked to Winton) as part of the Trailblazing the West" program;
- Be utilized for another specific purpose (please indicate)

Your feedback can be directed to Miss Shannon Van Bael at the Shire Office or via email to <u>shannonvb@winton.qld.gov.au</u> before the closing date <u>Friday 1 November 2019 at 4.30pm</u>.

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#### NAMING OF COUNCIL BORE SITES

The Winton Shire Council currently operates with four (4) Artesian Bores strategically placed around the township. Specific details for each of the bore sites is provided below: -

Bore No.	Reference	Constructed	Named Water Lic.	
1	RN407	1894	Robert Allen	403982
2	RN14269	1960	EC Phillott	403982
3	RN51918	1984	EB Bryce	403982
4	RN118365	2005	?	403981

Bore No. 2 was named after EC Phillott and Bore No. 3 after EB Bryce. At the September 2019 Council Meeting, Council resolved to name Bore No. 1 after Robert Allen (who named the Town of Winton). Council is also seeking to assign a name to Bore No. 4 which is located adjacent to the Geothermal Plant. To assist Council in this very difficult selection process, we invite suggestions from community members on who you feel the bore should be named after.

Your feedback can be directed to Miss Shannon Van Bael at the Shire Office or via email to <u>shannonvb@winton.qld.gov.au</u> before the closing date <u>Friday 1 November 2019 at 4.30pm</u>.

#### **ELDERSLIE STREET PROJECT UPDATE**

With the Outback Festival behind us, it is great to see the turf stood up very well to the heavy foot traffic after only being down for four weeks. It will now get some extra care and attention and will look in top shape in no time. There are still some trees and additional plants to be installed as they become available from the suppliers.

We still have further structural works to complete the project and this week should see the arrival of a truck load of shelter structures, furniture and planter boxes. These items are for the centre median which will necessitate some temporary road closures as the installations occur. The shelters for each side of the street for the al fresco areas on the footpaths will follow in about four weeks.

In addition, sealing of the concrete joints on the footpaths will occur over the following weeks. This will involve barricading off small sections of footpath, grinding out the joints and then applying the sealant before moving to the next section. This will only have a minimal impact in the street.

Once all installations have been completed, the opal print and dinosaur prints in the road surface will take place which will complete the picture.



For any enquiries regarding this project, please contact Phil Krisanski – Director of Works on 46572666.

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#### WINTON WAY OUT WEST FEST

The Winton 'Way Out West Fest' was established in conjunction with the re-opening of the Waltzing Matilda Centre in April 2018 and attracted many thousands of visitors over four days of great entertainment. This was at a time when the community and local businesses were doing it tough, dealing with drought and population decline. Given the community acceptance of this inaugural event, the Council delivered a second event in 2019 which once again, provided a considerable cash injection for our local businesses and provided a great spectacle for locals and visitors alike.

Despite reducing costs for the second event, a shortfall in tickets sales compared to the previous year, resulted in a negative financial result for this event. At the September 2019 Council Meeting, a petition was received, signed by many locals requesting Council make this an annual event and arrange for a third "Way Out West Fest" to be held in 2020. Council is most appreciative of the community support it has received for this event, however for this event to be held in the future, a review and restructure of the event is required to mitigate against future financial risks for Council.

For this to occur and given April / May appears the best event date, there will be no "Way Out West Fest" in 2020. However, Council has resolved: -

- THAT Council agrees to hold a third Winton Way Out West Fest in 2021 with the event date and method of delivery to be determined and subject to the availability and securing of headline performer/s.

Council can appreciate this decision will create some disappointment for sections of our community, however we are faced with many competing priorities including aged care facilities, public infrastructure and the increasing cost of providing council services. Council remains supportive of the Winton Way Out West Fest, however the cost of holding this event cannot be at the detriment of the wider community.



#### Winton Shire Council | Community Notices

#### WINTON "BUY LOCAL" GIFT CARDS

Following the February 2019 Monsoon Flood disaster, the Winton Shire Council was provided with Commonwealth Category D – Exceptional Circumstances funding to the value of \$1m. From this funding, the North-West Queensland Flood Disaster Carcass Disposal Strategic Master Plan was developed, and Council administered payments of \$5,000 per property to assist with carcass disposals. A total of \$685,000 was paid to eligible landowners within the Winton Shire. This left a balance of \$315,000 to be used on priorities deemed most urgent to Council associated with the event.

After much consideration, Council decided to use the balance of the funding on purchasing and distributing preloaded Winton 'Buy Local' gift cards (1,000 cards @ \$300 plus costs) for community members within the shire. Following this flood event, Council considered our **local businesses** were greatly disadvantaged, even though they suffered minimal flood damage, the town was isolated and the flow of visitors stopped. Compensation was not available to offset this financial hardship so the Winton 'Buy Local' gift card was considered the best option to support our community and local businesses.

The "Buy Local" Gift Cards will be available Monday 21 October – Friday 25 October 2019 between the hours of 9am – 6pm from the Winton Shire Council Foyer (the first door from Werna Street), please only use this door. (If you need any further information please don't hesitate to call 4657 2666 ask for Helen Fogarty or email <u>helenf@winton.qld.gov.au</u>).

The guidelines for the distribution of the Winton 'Buy Local' Cash Card are as follows: -

a. Each Winton 'Buy Local' Gift Card will be pre-loaded with \$300 and shall be valid for a period of 12 months from 15 October 2019;

b. The cards will only be valid within the Winton Shire Council area;

c. To be eligible to receive a Winton 'Buy Local' Gift Card, the resident's name must be listed on the current Electoral Roll for the Winton Shire Council or be a resident with proof of residing in Winton;

d. Cards will be distributed from the Winton Shire Council Foyer only;

e. Before a card is issued to a resident, the resident will need to provide a form of identification (eg drivers licence, Medicare card, pension card etc) satisfactory to staff and must sign for the card;

f. Only 1 card will be issued per person, and lost cards will not be replaced;

g. Cards will be issued to an individual in person only;

h. To be eligible to receive a card, the resident must be over 18 years of age.

If you're not available to pick the "Buy Local Gift Cards from Monday 21 to Friday 25 October, they will still be available for when you're able to. If you have any concerns please email helenf@winton.qld.gov.au.





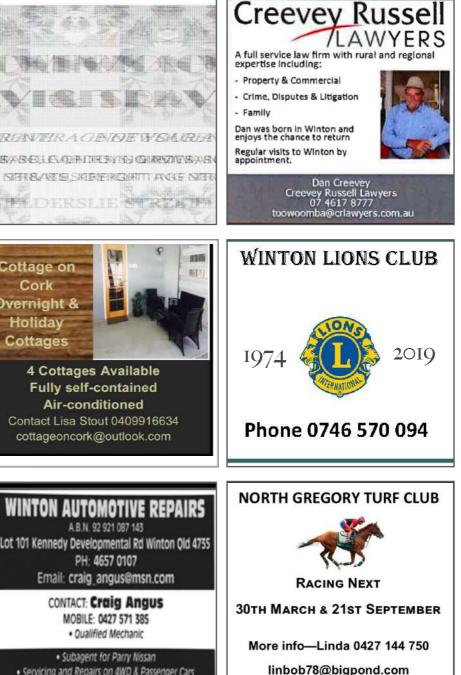
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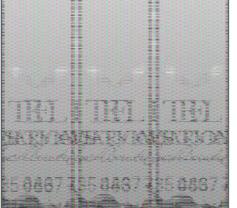
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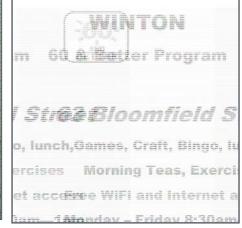
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