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## WINTON OPAL FESTIVAL

### & Jewellery Design Awards

Article submitted by Alison Summerville

### Festival News

The 2022 Winton Opal Festival has once again proved a major success for the Opal industry and the Winton district.

The comment for the weekend has been "there was more money than opal".

Production had been stalled with recent wet weather and many miners have only worked for 2 to 3 weeks. Those who were lucky enough to supply opal had good sales and even some of the locals brought out their goods. With international buyers back in attendance there were smiles all around. This year the QBOA Business Centre opened its doors for the week prior to and during the festival. It was a great success organising stalls, memberships, holding cutting demonstrations, cut stone sales and tourism advice. It was a very busy time for the QBOA committee. The street was busy for the two-day event selling jewellery, specimens, carvings, and other goods. All stallholders were very happy with the number of sales.



Stephen & Evelyn Smart offering cutting demonstrations

### Jewellery Awards Night

A stunning display of jewellery, fashion, and art at the Waltzing Matilda Centre, all inspired by Queensland boulder opal. The gala event for the year is always the Jewellery Design awards dinner, and this year was no exception. Over 100 people enjoyed a great dinner supplied by Chloe Stockham at the Tucker box Café. Drinks supplied by the North Gregory Hotel with the assistance of the Strang family. Natasha Taranto & Janice Evert created a wonderful display at the Waltzing Matilda Centre showcasing the 41 entries in the 6 categories. Approx. 140 visitors voted for Peoples Choice during the day – the winner Rita Williams with Enigma. It was a great family atmosphere. Mayor Gavin Baskett spoke of the ongoing support to the industry and the benefits to the Winton shire. James Evert, President of QBOA highlighted the amazing achievements the industry has made over the years, especially the level of entries in this year's event.

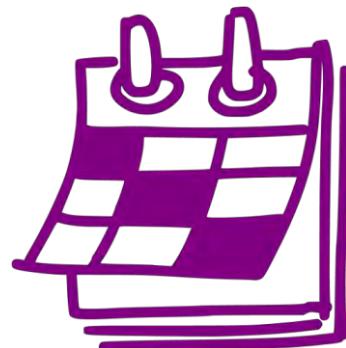
## What's On?

Date	Event	Information
15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Boulia Camel Races	Boulia
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> July	WBTA Monthly Meeting	5.30pm Neighbourhood Centre
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Nostalgia Night	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Foster Carer Information Night	5.00pm Neighbourhood Centre
21 <sup>st</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Snez – Musician Tour	6pm-9pm North Gregory Hotel
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Movie 'Karate Kid'	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Movie 'Easy Rider'	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Nostalgia Night	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Movie 'Another You'	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Corfield Race Day	Corfield
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Movie 'Two Rode Together'	7.30pm The Royal Theatre
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Winton Community Ball	5.30pm-11.30pm Winton Shire Hall

## Help keep us up to date!

Please submit your events, with location and time to  
[wintonheraleditor@gmail.com](mailto:wintonheraleditor@gmail.com)

The WBTA hopes to have your event in our calendar at least two weeks prior to its occurrence to give those living out of town a chance to attend. In the past, many have commented that they did not know an event was on until it was too late - we are hoping to change that!



## Editorial Submissions

The Winton Herald currently does not have a local journalist and as such we rely on community members to submit articles for publication. If you have recently been involved in running an event, please send a short article and a photo or two to the Editor at [wintonheraleditor@gmail.com](mailto:wintonheraleditor@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next available issue. Please note **submission deadline of 8pm Monday** for all articles and photos. Articles may be edited for length or consistency.

## Cont' from page 1

Three of the items were sold on the night including Paul Clarkes entry, the Claim Jumper, Melissa Elliotts Opal Jacket and Jacqui Guys Opal crown.

Sponsors included: - Winton Shire council, True Blue Opals, Australian Opal Hunter, Road King Caravans, Clifton Opals, and Australian Outback Opals.

Totaling - \$11,000 in prize money.

## The 2022 winners are: -

**Cat 1A.** Professional Hand Crafted  
Madeleine McDonald with Wings of Iris

**Cat 1B.** Professional CAD/CAST/CAM  
Rita Williams with Euphoria

**Cat 2A.** Emerging Jeweller Hand Crafted  
Lily Hamann with Home among the Gum trees.

**Cat 3.** Wearable Fashion  
Erene Conomos with Wearable chest piece

**Cat 4.** Object/Art  
Erene Conomos with Unseen Ancients.



Natasha Taranto, organiser of the Jewellery competition and Sally Patel, True Blue Opals, sponsor. Both taking home entries from the competition - Opal Jacket by Melissa Elliott and Opal crown by Jacqui Guy. Both wonderful local supporters.

Photos and a full list of highly commended and commended participants will be available on the QBOA Facebook site soon.

Entries in this year's competition came from Japan and Switzerland. Thank you to Claudio Rothenmund who travelled from Switzerland with her husband Reudi for this event. After a quick trip to Opalton they will definitely be back next year. George Vinall once again did a great job selling raffle tickets.

200ltrs fuel donated by Winton Road House – Rebecca Summerville

**WHAT'S ON**

**THE Royal THEATRE WINTON**

**WED 20th JUL**  
**NOSTALGIA NIGHT**  
RATED PG / 7pm for 7.30pm start

**FRI 22th JUL**  
**THE KARATE KID**  
RATED PG / 7pm for 7.30pm start

**SUN 24th July**  
**EASY RIDER**  
RATED MA 15+ / 7pm for 7.30pm start

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'Cobb and Co coach - Winton to Boulia mail coach run - carried 16 passengers inside\* on 4 seats - travelled 210 miles in 4 days - the baskets on the roof are parcel post baskets - coach being towed behind had travelled 500 miles and still had another 250 miles to go.'

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## SPECIAL WINTON HISTORY

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Views from the road, near and into Winton in the remote outback of Western Queensland in 1964.

On the very flat landscape a drover on his horse and a huge flock of sheep.

The signs on the outskirts of Winton.

The town is famous for Waltzing Matilda and the place where the airline Qantas started.

These were my early days of photography using a 35 mm Pentina Reflex Camera.



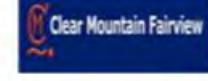
Stephen Fleay 1964

These pictures were taken on Plus X black and white film. I developed the negatives and produced the prints. That was over 55 years ago. Now in 2021 adding colour gives me great satisfaction.

SATURDAY 30TH JULY 2022

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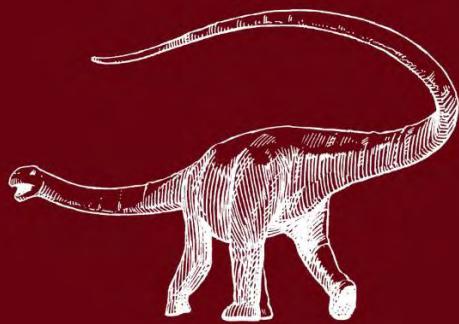


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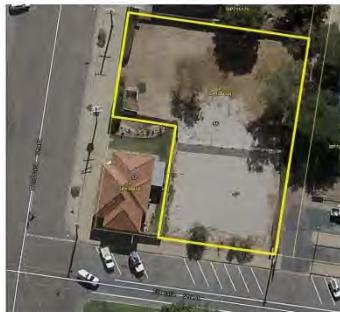
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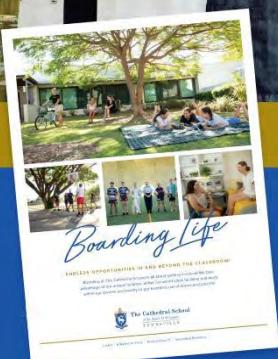
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- Children's Services Worker (Casual)- applications open until filled

Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the role-specific information package and familiarise themselves with the position requirements before submitting their application. For further information about any of the positions please contact Christine Parker on 07 (4657 2666) or email [jobs@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobs@winton.qld.gov.au)

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#### **WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL**

**TENDER: WSCT-2223-1**

**CORK MAIL ROAD**

CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE FLOODWAYS Tenders closing 2:00pm Friday 29 July 2022 at [www.vendorpanel.com.au](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au) are invited for the Construction of Concrete Floodways on the Cork Mail Road.

Tender documents will be available to download from [www.vendorpanel.com.au](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au) on Friday 08 July 2022.

Enquiries regarding the tender should be directed to:

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#### **WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL**

**QUOTE: WSCQ-2223-1**

**'ALL SERVICES' SUPPLY AND INSTALL BITUMINOUS PRODUCTS ON THE HUGHENDEN – WINTON ROAD**

Quotations closing 2:00pm Monday 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at [www.vendorpanel.com.au](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au) are invited for the 'All Services' Supply and Install Bituminous Products on the Hughenden – Winton Road.

Quotation documents will be available to download from [www.vendorpanel.com.au](http://www.vendorpanel.com.au) on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Enquiries regarding the tender should be directed to:

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## WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL | COMMUNITY NOTICES



"Balancing a budget while maintaining essential services and developing a capital works program is getting tougher each year. Council is committed to making Winton a prosperous community that will continue thriving into the future."

Mayor Gavin Baskett

### Winton Shire Council

#### Budget Overview

2022-2023



**Total Budget  
\$51.4**

\$26.2m  
operating  
Expenditure

\$25.2m  
Capital  
Expenditure

#### Road Constructions Projects

1. Upgrade Approximately 7km of Kennedy Development Road
2. Seal Approximately 6Km on the Winton – Richmond Road
3. The first section of a 3-year program to complete Sealing of the road to Lark Quarry

#### CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS



#### CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET

Engineering Projects	\$ 16,685,174
Water & Sewerage	\$ 650,700
Development Projects	\$ 2,894,910
Community & Cultural Projects	\$ 2,757,441
Administration & Finance Projects	\$ 538,423
Plant Purchases	\$ 1,210,000
Building Works	\$ 450,996

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## WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL | COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Winton Shire Council | Mayor's Message

### 2022/23 Budget Speech



On behalf of Council and the community, I'm pleased to present the Winton Shire Council Budget for 2022/23.

Last year was very busy for Council with a large capital works program and this will continue into 2022/23. A total of \$7m in Capital Works Projects & Operating Expenses will be carried forward to the new financial year. This is due to the size of the Capital Works Budget, the difficulty in sourcing contractors, the lingering effects of COVID and the shortage of applicants to fill many of the vacant roles within Council. These are not just issues for Winton but are being experienced nationwide. I am hopeful the wheel will turn in the new financial year, and we can fill some very important positions on Council.

One of the key strategic documents to be considered as part of the Budget adoption is the Corporate Plan for 2022/27. This a very important document that will guide elected members and council's decision making for the next 5 years. The 22/27 Corporate Plan has been developed with consultation and feedback from community, staff and elected members.

**The Budget for 2022/23 will total \$51.4m (comprising \$26.2m in operating expenditure and \$25.2 in capital expenditure). When the depreciation expense of \$5.3m is deducted, this still leaves a budget of \$46.1m**

One of the challenges we face is maintaining services with a small rates base. We have kept the increase to Rates & Service Charges to 2.5%, which is well below the current national inflation rate of 5.1% for the March 2022 quarter. Council continues to offer a 15% discount on Rates and Service Charges if they are paid within the discount period. The rates incentive draw has been maintained along with rates concessions for first home buyers and investment in residential dwellings and commercial / business renovation or construction.

Before preparing a Capital Works Program, it's essential that core operational expenses and services are sufficiently funded. Once again Council will be delivering a large range of services that assist families, youth, rural residents and the elderly. Many of these services are essential to our community's wellbeing and development;

- Community & Individual Support
- Family Support Program
- Community Options
- Youth Development
- Community Care Services
- Child Care Services
- Community Care Packages
- NDIS Program
- 60 & Better Program
- Sport & Recreation
- Library
- Winton Aerodrome
- Showgrounds
- Swimming Pool
- Recreation Ground

The Capital Works portion of the budget is almost \$25.2m with an emphasis on the renewal and replacement of ageing infrastructure. The projects selected will keep our community thriving for the next financial year and

provide a wide range of opportunities for our local contractors and businesses, while keeping Council's workforce busy. The Capital Works program consists of: -

<b>Engineering Projects</b>	<b>\$ 16,685,174</b>
<b>Water &amp; Sewerage</b>	<b>\$ 650,700</b>
<b>Development Projects</b>	<b>\$ 2,894,910</b>
<b>Community &amp; Cultural Projects</b>	<b>\$ 2,757,441</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Finance Projects</b>	<b>\$ 538,423</b>
<b>Plant Purchases</b>	<b>\$ 1,210,000</b>
<b>Building Works</b>	<b>\$ 450,996</b>



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Last week's solution:

*Solution Sudoku 33*

4	5	3	9	6	7	1	2	8
6	8	2	1	4	5	3	9	7
7	1	9	8	2	3	4	5	6
8	6	7	2	5	4	9	3	1
1	9	4	3	7	8	5	6	2
3	2	5	6	9	1	7	8	4
9	7	8	4	3	2	6	1	5
2	4	6	5	1	9	8	7	3
5	3	1	7	8	6	2	4	9



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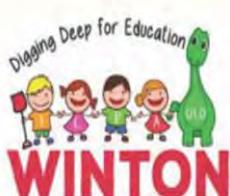
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