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“WINTON’S NEWS FOR WINTON”

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A community coping amid Covid-19

For a red hot minute it seemed the self and social-isolation restrictions due to the Corona Virus were going to put a stop to everything, but the Winton Community has forged ahead encouraging a return to good old-fashioned fun and learning but also accepting a newfound appreciation for technology and social media.

The Winton Garden Club inspired everyone recently to get out in the garden and help make Winton a bright and cheerful place to be - even if from your own backyard (or front). The Sunflower Growing Competition was initiated on the Winton Garden Club Facebook page and received an overwhelming response from the community. Sunflowers had to be planted by the 10th of April, according to the rules uploaded by the Club, and 101 participants got in and got their hands dirty to support it. Photos are being uploaded daily to the Facebook page showing the progress of the sunflowers. The competition categories include: first to flower, biggest centre (not including petals), longest petals and best display.

With so many seeds already beginning to sprout Winton can expect to see a flood of yellow blooms by mid-June. Participants have been given a poster to hang on their fence to show they are partaking in the competition. A conference app called ‘Zoom’ has been a terrific way for the community to engage face to virtual face with one another through some great initiatives being promoted through Winton Shire Programs including: Online Nursery Tours, 60 & Better Bingo (scheduled for 21st April, 2020, contact Bronwyn 46571753), Cooking sessions and a host of activities for Winton’s Youth at home.

The Youth vacation program that had been originally planned out by new Youth, Sport & Recreation Officer, Tahnee Oakhill, was cancelled in light of the Covid-19 restrictions just one week shy of the school holidays kicking off. After a quick and major reconsideration of the program, Mrs Oakhill managed to compile a fabulous activity and craft pack for the children that had registered for the program. Each pack included a daily schedule of activities and a craft bag supplied with everything they might need to complete them. The



Roma Searle enjoys a ‘Easter Thumbprint Cookie’ from her baking efforts in the Youth Vacation Program

inclusion of the Zoom app made for great Live cooking sessions, craft tutorials, library story time with Mrs Searle and Bingo for the kids to get involved with from home and a chance to reconnect with one another. A special trip was also made to each home where a delicious chocolate bunny and easter eggs were delivered to the door step followed by a honking of the car horn to let kids know they had mail that needed collecting quick! The second week program also involved a live talent contest, write your own book and art competitions judged by Mayor Baskett, Councillor Tina Elliott, Linda Jeffries (Library) and Karen Stephens from the Outback Regional Gallery. Families shared some wonderful photographs of their efforts.

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WINTON GARDENING CLUB

Sunflower Growing Competition Week 1

Winton Neighbourhood Centre Garden Club

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Sunflower Growing Competition

Rules

Seeds must be planted within the next 7 days (03.04.20-10.04.20)
Photos must be uploaded to the Garden Club Facebook page at least weekly and include the date the photo was taken

Categories

First to flower
Biggest centre not including petals
Longest Petals
Best display e.g. garden bed or pot



Posters are still available for collection!



Julie & Boo Mann's sprouting boots



Taddy Howard



Manda Grant & Jim Cluff



Katrina Paine



Susan Elliott



Planted 09.4.20
Sprouted 14.4.20

Jacey Stanley

Winton's Youth keeping their little hands and minds busy EASTER VACATION PROGRAM



Lainie & Roma with their Ham & Cheese Pinwheels



Roma Searle with her finished bunny masks, baskets and carrot foot keepsakes



Jack, Heidi & George McLeish joining in the Bingo fun from Cooina Station



Emerson Mann put together these 3D Cherry Blossom Trees



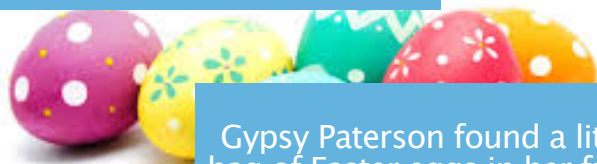
Lilly-Rose & Cienna with their beautiful Easter egg Wreaths



Hadley Oakhill and Bella Searle decorate a library bag



Matilda, Bella & Mitch Searle's dyed eggs



Gypsy Paterson found a little bag of Easter eggs in her front garden





Easter Hunt Happiness: Brydie Holm (Above), Bella, Matilda & Mitch Searle (Left), Pippa & Tillie Mutton (Below).



**The Easter Bunny
didn't miss a beat,
hop or hunt.**



Mayor's Message

I'd like to congratulate Cathy White, Sandy Gillies & Ann Seymour on being elected as our new councillors to represent our community. They will be joining Shane Mann & Tina Elliott as your new team that will guide our shire for the next 4 years. It's great to see a good mix of rural / town councillors and a wide range of knowledge as this will create different views & opinions , during decisional discussions , which helps achieve the best result for Winton. There's probably not a tougher time to be in council with COVID 19 crippling , not only the local , but the world's economy . I'm confident that the new team of councillors is up to the task and keen to hit the ground with some great ideas on how to maintain & grow Winton's prosperity. Thank you to our out going councillors Judy, Joel & Travis , for your service to the community over the last 4 years and also assistance to myself as mayor following the 2017 by-election.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has put a halt to the upcoming tourist season and events calendar but council staff are already working on a recovery program for when restrictions are eased. Many events have been cancelled but some , such as The Film Festival , have been postponed until later in the year and will be reviewed in coming months to see if they



L-R Ann Seymour, Shane Mann, Cathy White, Sandy Gillies, Mayor Gavin Baskett, Deputy Mayor Tina Elliott.
Image John Elliott

can proceed , dependent on Federal and State Govt advice.

It's great to see most people in town following the rules about social distancing and only leaving your residence for essentials. Maintaining this as the norm for the upcoming months will be difficult as we are a very social community , but if we can come out the other end of this with no positive cases it'll be worth all the effort.

Gavin Baskett.



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Cards will be distributed from the Winton Shire Council Main Office. Please bring proof of residing in Winton.

If you do not wish to obtain a Buy Local Card for yourself, you can give it to a Local Community group in need.

The Buy Local Card is available from the Council Administration Office.

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;
- 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 Main Office;
- e) Before a card is issued, the resident will need to provide a form of identification (e.g. 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;

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

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 pre-loaded 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.

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.

Ricki Bruhn

Chief Executive Officer

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The Queensland Care Army: how your organisation can get involved



What is the Care Army?

The Care Army is made up of everyday Queenslanders who want to help older people living in the community who may not have a wide circle of friends, family or neighbours who are able to support them.

The Queensland Government is enlisting people and organisations to help support seniors during the COVID-19 crisis.

The primary focus of the Care Army is social connection and essential services such as the delivery of groceries and medicines for Queensland's seniors.

There may be other tasks volunteers can do, but in the first instance these are the priority.

How can organisations get involved?

Queensland's community organisations are encouraged to think about how they could use volunteers to assist with meeting the needs of older people in their communities.

This could be achieved through phone calls or video chats to check on the wellbeing of seniors and help reduce the impacts of social isolation.

It could also involve the non-contact delivery of food, medication and essential items to older people in their local community.

The Queensland Government is currently in the process of finalising a process to link older Queenslanders who need a helping hand with the services they need.

Community organisations and Care Army volunteers will be a key part of this process.

If you need volunteers or want to find out more about how Care Army volunteers can work in your community with your teams, please contact Volunteering Queensland (VQ) directly at www.volunteeringqld.org.au

How does it work?

VQ will work with you to assess your volunteering needs. You will be sent information about suitable volunteers you may wish to engage to support your organisation.

All organisations which take volunteers on board will need to undertake the necessary checks and complete the necessary paperwork – depending upon the role of the volunteers and tasks they will perform.

In order to maintain social distancing requirements, volunteers should perform non-contact tasks.

How will volunteers be engaged?

People who are interested in volunteering can sign up to the Care Army by calling the

Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349 or visiting www.covid19.qld.gov.au/carearmy.

They will then be matched with tasks through local groups in partnership with non-government organisations.

How can seniors get support?

Seniors and anyone else in quarantine or self-isolation who don't have other means of support can call the Community Recovery Hotline on Phone: 1800 173 349 to get assistance with:

- delivery of essential food and medication
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Division	Baiting Dates	Representative	Contact Details
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Far Western Baiting Station - Franklin	30 th April 2020	John Banning Shane Axford	07 4657 3996 07 4657 3934

Any help at baiting stations would be appreciated. Feel free to come along and lend a hand.
Any enquiries please contact Mr Ben Ogg (President) on 0447 122 217.

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YARD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUSPENDED DUE TO COVID-19

Following the recall of the Winton Outreach Camp (WORC) as a result of the COVID19 epidemic, Winton Shire Council has suspended the Yard Assistance Program (Mowing).

Seniors who are currently receiving the Yard Assistance Service (Mowing) are encouraged to contact the Winton Neighbourhood Centre to discuss alternative support options. Depending on your needs, Home Maintenance services may be able to be accessed through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme or a Home Care Package. An assessment process determines what program is more suitable for you. Home Maintenance may include minor general repairs and care of your house or yard (restrictions apply).

Community groups, community facilities, or other members of the community currently receiving yard assistance from Winton Outreach Camp are encouraged to make alternative arrangements.

For more information, contact the Winton Neighbourhood Centre 4657 2680.

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Winton Shire Council currently has available several employment opportunities for highly motivated, positive people with a passion for their community. The successful applicants will have the opportunity to join a conscientious and progressive team that are making a difference in their community.

Position	Department	Term of Employment	Closing Date
Bio-Security Officer	Works and Utilities	Full-Time	24 th April 2020
Works Admin	Works and Utilities	Full-Time	8 th May 2020

Applicants are required to obtain a copy of the Information Package and familiarise themselves with the position requirements including key selection criteria prior to submitting their application.

Applications must be received by the undersigned no later than 5.00pm on the closing date and must include:

- A cover letter;
- Current resume; and
- Names and contact details of two referees who can comment on recent work performance.

For further information about any of the positions can be directed to Leisa Fraser on (07) 4657 2666 or email to jobs@winton.qld.gov.au.

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Expressions of Interest are invited from suitably qualified CONTRACTORS to provide home maintenance and repairs to eligible clients under the Commonwealth Home Support Program, Home Care Packages and National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Quotes are to be lodged in the tender box located in the foyer at the offices of Winton Shire Council, 75 Vindex Street, Winton QLD 4735, by no later than 2:00pm Friday 1st May or, alternatively, emailed to tenders@winton.qld.gov.au

The Quotation package is available by contacting: -

- Andrew Williamson, Buildings & Facilities Officer – 0418 590 437

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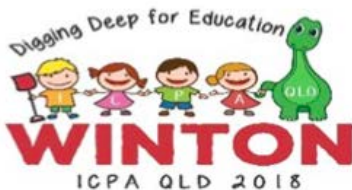
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