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## Neighbouring councils put aside football rivalry in major tourism push

Longreach Regional Council and Winton Shire Council are partnering in a major destination marketing campaign aimed at promoting the two regions to city audiences.

The cross-media campaign will feature television commercials aired in metro markets including Brisbane and Sydney, as well as major regional coastal centres. It will be supported by targeted social media and a new destination website, [experiencelongreachandwinton.com.au](http://experiencelongreachandwinton.com.au).

The two councils signed a Memorandum of Understanding last year to cooperate on Tourism, leading to the development of the Longreach and Winton Sub-Region Tourism Activation Plan 2019 – 2024. The initiative aims to capitalise on over \$50M worth of State and Federal funding invested in new Tourism product between the two communities in recent years. There is also a focus on promoting the two regions as a year-round destination.

Longreach Mayor Tony Rayner said the two communities share a common interest in Tourism.

“Between the two of us we have the biggest attractions in Outback Queensland, but we also have the most product, including a lot of mature wholesale product that’s already built around visiting Longreach and Winton together.”

Winton Mayor Gavin Baskett, who is an experienced rugby league referee, said despite a fierce football rivalry there are more things that unite the towns than the things that divide them.

“The Tourism industry in our two regions is more developed than in other places, so it makes sense for us to work together. But we’ve also got this shared history with strong links to Australia’s bush heritage. You can see that in our big attractions like the Waltzing Matilda Centre and the Australia Stockman’s Hall of Fame.”

Both towns also feature in the history of Qantas, with the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach launching major upgrades recently. Mayor Rayner said both communities are proud of their connections to the Qantas story.

“Yeah, they never let us forget that Winton was the where the company was formed before relocating to Longreach” he said with a wry smile. “But that’s just the point – you have this incredibly remote part of the world that those founders decided could be linked by an air service.”

“We may still be remote, but we’re not isolated, and it’s never been easier to get here – which is what this new campaign is all about.”

Mayor Baskett agrees.

“We want everyone to experience what we have out here - our dark skies, our ancient landscapes, our way of life, and our rich history.”  
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He said the region’s historic significance has taken on a new dimension with the establishment of the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum.

“We’ve always been famous for our history but now, thanks to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs, we can trace it back 145 million years!”

The mayors said they hoped the partnership would benefit the rest of Outback Queensland too.

“Ultimately, we all want the same thing for our region” said Mayor Rayner. “I think by working together, we’ll actually make a difference to the whole of Outback Queensland – beyond just our two towns.”

The cross-media campaign will go to air this week and run through July and August.



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- From **15 June to 12 July 2020** the Museum will be open **Monday to Saturday**. The Ultimate Dinosaur tour will be available twice a day and capped at 20 people per tour. **Online bookings are essential** and only EFTPOS transactions will be available in-store. Tours depart 9am and 1pm.
- From **13 July to 31 July 2020** the Museum will continue to be open **Monday to Saturday** but both online and in-store bookings will be available. Tours depart 9am, 10am, 12pm and 1pm.
- From **1 August 2020** the Museum will **open daily** as normal trading hours resume.

### DINOSAUR STAMPEDE NATIONAL MONUMENT

- From **1 July to 12 July 2020** Dinosaur Stampede will be open **Monday to Saturday** to online bookings. Tours depart: 9.30am, 11am & 2pm and run for 45 minutes.
- From **13 July to 31 July 2020** Dinosaur Stampede will continue to be open **Monday to Saturday** but both online and in-store bookings will be available. A maximum of 100 people will be permitted on site at any one time. Tours depart: 9.30am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm & 3pm and run for 45 minutes.
- From **1 August 2020** Dinosaur Stampede will **open daily** as normal trading hours resume.

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## Winton Mayor Gavin Baskett joins Drought and flood Agency Advisory Board



Coordinator-General of the National Drought and North Queensland Flood Response and Recovery Agency, the Hon Shane L Stone AC QC, has welcomed Winton Mayor, Councillor Gavin Baskett, to the Agency's Advisory Board.

Meeting this week in Canberra, the Board continues to advise on ways the Agency can best support regional and rural Australians through challenges like drought, COVID-19 and ongoing recovery from the 2019 North Queensland floods.

"Our boots-on-the-ground approach continues to keep us in touch with farmers and producers and their communities across the nation," Mr Stone said. "Having community leaders like Gavin on my Advisory Board is another important way I can hear what matters in the regions."

To ensure a continued strong focus on the ongoing recovery of North and North-West Queensland following the 2019 flood event, the Board's membership includes representation from a Mayor from one of the worst affected shires.

Cr Baskett succeeds Cloncurry Mayor, Greg Campbell, who has been a Board

member from the Agency's foundation and has been a strong advocate for communities across the Gulf country and beyond.

"Our plan has always been to rotate the membership of local government leaders from the region, so we continue to get a diversity of advice and expertise," Mr Stone said.

"Greg's contribution has been outstanding and he will continue to be a go-to source of information as out staff and I visit the region to listen to the communities about what's working - and what still needs doing - during their years of recovery."

Cr Baskett's experience in Winton will also be crucial to all aspects of the Agency's work.

"Winton has been belted by drought, then the flood and now drought's back again. They also have the additional pestilence of large grasshopper numbers that ravage feed and regrowth.

Add to that the local impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and Gavin Baskett will play a major role in keeping us updated with conditions and how we can best support regional

communities through the range of challenges they face," Mr Stone said. The National Drought and Flood Agency is built on a strategy of being on the ground with its communities. Mr Stone has covered many thousands of kilometres with staff and Board members, listening to producers, small business owners and other community members, to understand their needs and how their ongoing recovery is best supported.

In the month of June 2020, the Agency's Regional Recovery Officers travelled almost 14,000 kilometres throughout rural and regional Australia, fulfilling the Agency's commitment to maintain a strong regional presence. More information on the Agency's Advisory Board is available at <https://www.droughtandflood.gov.au/about/our-advisory-board>



**Australian Government**  
National Drought and North Queensland  
Flood Response and Recovery Agency



# Winton's sunflower competition a 'Rae' of sunshine amidst Covid-19

It was a seed that grew more than just sunflowers after it was planted. The initiative to brighten Winton up during the self-isolation of Covid-19 restrictions stemmed from Susan Elliott and the gang at the Winton Neighbourhood Centre.

The community was encouraged to plant sunflower seeds by the first week in April to enter in the competition. Participants hung signs on their fences to indicate that they were invested in the comp which finished up on the 30 June.

The competition was received well by the community with 109 participants getting in and getting their hands dirty. Some participants played a little dirtier than others with one Melissa Doyle caught yellow-handed trying to steal a sunflower from a dear friend to pass off as her own. There was plenty of banter about more stealing, poisoning and cutting down contestant flowers but all in all there was only one major incident and it was dealt with swiftly and no blood and bone was messed with in the end. Reports did surface however that Winton's very own Mayor tried to pass off a field of sunflowers as his own backyard.

Young Rae Batey took cleaned up winning two from five categories for the sunflowers with the longest petals and biggest centre. When asked what her secret was Rae offered this bit of gardening advice: "Fortune 500."

Rae has also been growing lots of vegetables this year and received some gardening supplies for her prizes. The Garden Club was overwhelmed by the support of this initiative and glad to see that it somehow managed to bring the community together and doing productive things during isolation.



**Winner of Category 1: 'First to Flower'**  
**Trish Sloan**

**Winner of Category 2: 'Biggest Centre'**  
**Rae Batey**

**Winner of Category 3: 'Largest Petals'**  
**Rae Batey**

**Winner of Category 4: 'Best Display'**  
**Amanda Sciascia**

**Winner of Category 5: 'People's Choice'**  
**Stephanie Grant**

## Channel 9's TODAY SHOW

will be presenting their weather segments from Winton's main street next Wednesday morning! Everyone is invited to come down to the broadcast location in front of the Winton Library and the Balamara Bakery from 6.30am.

Presenter TIM DAVIES is looking forward to saying hello to the people of Winton from 6.30am on Wednesday.

You might even get on the telly!

Brings your signs, stand in the background and say hi to your friends all over Australia!





## A message from the Police

Winton Police have recently been required to take action on a number of matters that could have easily been avoided if contact details were up to date. Matters involving weapons licensing and blue cards in particular are sent to local police with very little ability to exercise discretion and fines or court attendances can apply. If you have any licences or authority that are issued from heavily regulated departments such as these, please remember to update your contact details and respond to any requests within the required timeframes.

There has also been an increase in the number of traffic crashes on isolated roads over the last couple of weeks, which have resulted in significant injuries to those involved. These have all been single vehicle and have various causes including cattle strikes and driver error/inexperience. This August is Rural Road Safety Month and with increased traffic on the roads following the lifting of travel restrictions, there is a push for additional hours to be spent by local police on our road network. This is a reminder to please drive to the conditions, obey the speed limit and other road rules, and don't drink/drug drive.

Thank you.



### ADMINISTRATION OFFICER AO2

**BOULIA PRIMARY HEALTH CENTRE AND WELL-BEING CENTRE**

Closing date: 3 August

Reference: CWO6349010

We are looking for someone to provide administrative assistance and support to the Director of Nursing of the Boulia Primary Health Centre and Well-Being Centre.

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Beth Laffin

Business Manager, Winton Hospital and Multipurpose Health Service

(07) 4657 2700

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REFERENCE: CW44-2020

We are looking for someone to clean all areas of the Hospital and associated facilities to infection control standards, assist in the preparation and serving of meals, assist in laundering and undertake waste disposal and management practices as required.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2020**

For all enquiries please contact:

Lisa Lenton

Rural Cook Supervisor

Winton Hospital & Multipurpose Health Service

(07) 4657 2700



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### MICRO GRANTS PROGRAM- WINTON BUY LOCAL GIFT CARDS

The Winton Cards for Community Micro Grants Program provides small micro-grants valued from \$300 to \$3,000 in "Buy Local" Gift Cards for community projects that contribute to Council's strategic objectives and provide benefit and value to the community. Applications are open to incorporated not for profit community groups based in the Winton Shire. Community groups may submit multiple applications or auspice applications on behalf of individuals or businesses. Projects providing personal or commercial gain are not eligible. All Projects will be assessed on community benefit.

Application forms are now available on the Winton Shire Council website.

Completed applications can be forwarded to [info@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@winton.qld.gov.au) and will be assessed on receipt until all funds have been exhausted. There is no closing date for submissions. Granted funds will need to be spent before the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2020. For any questions regarding the Winton Cards for Community Micro Grants Program, please contact the Winton Neighbourhood Centre on 4657 2666.

### NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

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 in July 2020.

The July Ordinary Meeting of Council will now be held in the Council Board Room 75 Vindex Street, Winton on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020, commencing at 8am.



### CONCEPTUAL DESIGN MEETING FOR WINTON SHOWGROUNDS

Winton Shire Council invites members of the community to a Public Consultation to be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm in the Winton Shire Council Supper Room, where the conceptual designs for the Winton Showgrounds will be presented for public feedback. A digital copy of the concept can be downloaded from our website. Digital copies will be on display at the Winton Shire Council Office, the Winton Library and the Winton Neighbourhood Centre.

The conceptual designs will be open to the Winton public for feedback from 10th July to 7th August."

### WINTON SHIRE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

The Winton Shire Community Directory lists community groups, services, and businesses. If you would like your organisation listed in the directory please provide your organisation's contact details, opening hours, and up to 15 dot points explaining your product or service (optional). The Winton Shire Community Directory will be updated annually. Updates and new listing can be emailed to [info@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@winton.qld.gov.au).



# WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL | COMMUNITY NOTICES



## WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL

### STATE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY AND COUNCIL REMISSION ON RATES PAYABLE TO PENSIONERS

Pensioners wishing to apply for the Government Subsidy and/or Council Remission on rates are advised that they should contact the Council Office by Friday, 31 July 2020, so that subsidies can be shown on their rate notices for the 2020/2021 financial year.

The application forms are available at the Council Office. Applicants will be required to present their pensioner/entitlement card as evidence and to also declare the particulars of the property for which they are claiming the subsidy.

If you have already received the pensioner subsidy on your last rate notice you will not be required to reapply for these subsidies.

Ricki Bruhn  
PO Box 288  
Chief Executive Officer  
WINTON QLD 4735

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Winton Shire Council (WSC) is seeking expressions of interest from Community Groups to host the bar (they would also need to apply for a liquor licence), for the Leaving Jackson Stage Show (The Johnny Cash and June Carter Show).

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Winton Shire Council (WSC) is seeking expressions of interest from Community Groups to supply a two-course meal for the Leaving Jackson Stage Show (The Johnny Cash and June Carter Show).

This event will be held at the Winton Shire Hall Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 6.00 pm.

If you need any further information could you please let me know on [helenf@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:helenf@winton.qld.gov.au), or you can phone 4657 2666. Expressions of interest need to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020.

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Position	Department	Term of Employment	Closing Date
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Family Support Officer	Communities & Economic Development	Full-Time Fixed Term	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Administration Officer (Creditors Clerk)	Corporate and Regulatory	Full-Time	30 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

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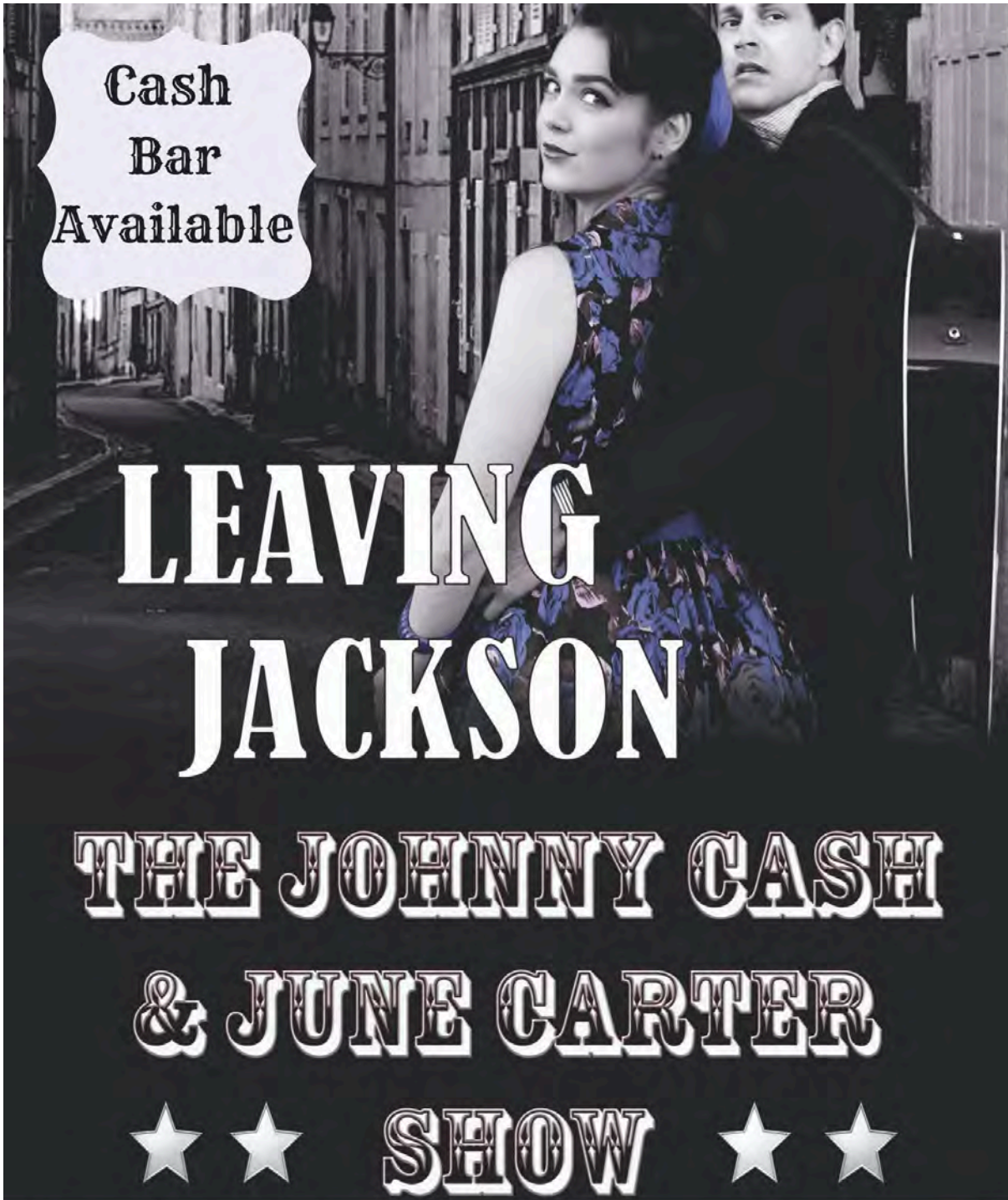
- A cover letter;
- Current resume; and
- Names and contact details of two referees who can comment on recent work performance.

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](mailto:jobs@winton.qld.gov.au).

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Chief Executive Officer

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