

WINTON HERALD



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23 September 2022

Editor Email: wintonheraleditor@gmail.com

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Annual Business Awards 2022

You are invited to

A Night of Stars

6pm - Saturday 15th October 2022
Winton Shire Hall

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The evening will also include the signing of the Small Business Friendly Charter between Winton Shire Council, WBTA & Commissioner for Small Business QLD

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For a full colour version please head to: www.winton.qld.gov.au/community/winton-herald

What's On?

Date	Event	Information
23 rd – 25 th Sept	Outback Festival	Anniversary Event
Sat 24 th Sept	QBOA Festival	
Tues 4 th Oct	Seniors Movie “What Women Want”	10.00am Royal Theatre
Fri 7 th Oct	Winton Seniors Lunch	12.00pm North Gregory Hotel
Tues 11 th Oct	60's & Better Meeting	9.30am Club Rooms
Thurs 13 th Oct	Morning Tea Trivia	10.am Library
Thurs 13 th Oct	WDHS & Museum Inc Meeting	5.30pm
Fri 14 th Oct	Seniors Lunch	12.00pm Winton State School
Sat 15 th Oct	WBTA Business Dinner Awards	

Help keep us up to date!

Please submit your events, with location and time to
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 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.

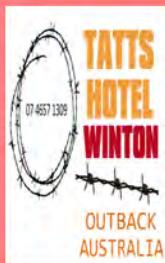


COMMUNITY NOTICE

A Wet Area will be set up between the hours of 5pm to 11pm

Friday 23rd September for the 50th Outback Festival Anniversary Mardi Gras Street Party in Elderslie Street

Outback Festival, Hotelliers & Winton Shire Council are working together to support a safe and fun space for families to enjoy free entertainment in the main festival precinct



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Finding Maggie

Words from Maggie's owner Deb, Photos from Finding Maggie in Winton FB Page

My Name is Deb and my husband Geoff are travelling from Sydney in our caravan with our beautiful girl Maggie, was to be a trip of a lifetime.

We cannot go home without her

Our worst nightmare began on the 1st September when Maggie our 5 year old Boxer ran off into the scrub in outback Queensland, in I believe a search for my husband and I.

On the 1st July My husband Geoff and I headed off in our recently purchased caravan on a long-awaited trip to far North Queensland, across the Savannah Way and then to travel home via Western Queensland. We knew traveling would be at times difficult with Maggie, limiting the places we could venture but we could not possibly leave her at home. Maggie travelled extremely well in the car, adopted to her new bed on the diner with her beloved Teddy, that is until about 4am each morning when she would jump up between us on our bed.

It did however take a couple of weeks for her to adjust to a new back yard every other day, often wary of strangers and reactive to other dogs. But she did, she was living her best life and so were we. She never left our sight, and she did not require to be on a lead all of the time. We left her a few times with pet sitters and once in a kennel while we visited some key attractions.

We arrived in Winton and stayed in a caravan park a couple of kilometres out of town. We organised a tour to the dinosaur exhibit and left Maggie in the care of a pet sitter. We had become complacent with Maggie as she had been so good staying by our side and obedient with her recall that we only left her with a collar and lead and not in her harness. While the sitter took her on a walk she slipped through her collar and bolted into the dense scrub, down to a creek which had recently flooded from the previous heavy rain. The phone call came shortly after informing us she had ran off, we quickly returned to the caravan park and walked down to the creek area certain that when we called her, she would promptly return.

The caravan park managers, Geoff and I all spent the rest of the day trudging through knee deep mud, through burs and prickles and avoiding the odd snake. At one stage I was stuck in the mud and could not get my legs out and needed assistance. It was so exhaustive and scary, if this is what we were going through how was Maggie coping in the mud that was more like quicksand. We tried the surrounding roads to see if she had moved further on but got our car bogged, the roads were virtually inaccessible.

As the day faded, I was feeling defeated, I was thinking that she was stuck in the mud exhausted and that she was or would die in that creek. I managed to post a desperate plea for help on the travelling Australia with dogs FB site and about 9.30 pm received a call that she had been sighted in the industrial area in town. As we were unfamiliar with the area the lovely lady that called, drove to the front of the caravan park to lead us to the area where she had seen Maggie in a truck yard. She was nowhere to be seen, we called and called her without luck. Throughout the night we slowly drove around the town, calling continuously and searching everywhere.

After a sleepless night we were up at sunrise to begin the search again. At about 7am we heard a truck driver on the UHF radio alerting everyone to watch out for a skittish Boxer running alongside the highway about 1.5km out of town. We swiftly made our way out of town and was so excited to sight Maggie about 15m from the road. We quickly stopped and my husband loudly called her. We were totally astonished to see her bolt across a railway line, a creek and through two barb wire fences and race away. We were not able to follow her, we were still sinking in the mud, we had no idea why she ran from us, we were devastated. Again, our search was limited due to the inaccessible muddy roads. My memory is blurred as to what we did for the remainder of that day, but I do remember feeling helpless. I checked all the lovely comments on FB and noted I had received a private message from Annette suggesting I read the articles on her page. The articles resonated with exactly what had happened with Maggie and that she had gone into Survival Mode and so began our search with the assistance of Annette, Jo-Anne from Millie's Search & Trap, (who give their time, expertise and valuable information totally free) and NiNi, who runs the lost pets pages in Moreton Bay Shire, who also co admin on Maggies page, making sure information was getting out to everyone.

That evening we again drove around town until we were stopped by the police, I believe we probably looked suspicious and they were unable to read our number plate covered in mud. However, this meeting gained us the assistance of another great ally.



The morning of the 3rd with the advice of my newfound rescue group I was busy creating posters, getting them printed and placing them in all the businesses and in prime tourist locations. Everybody in town was extremely supportive. In the library I met a couple, he was a dingo hunter and he, his wife and their dogs went out scouting the area. He found fresh pawprints in the mud about 6km out of town along a dirt road. This gave us hope and some where to start. As Instructed by Annette we placed, food and some of our dirty clothes in the area, water was not a concern as it was everywhere. We slowly drove the 6km back to town dragging Maggie's blanket behind the car and leaving items of our clothing all along the fence line, hoping to lure her back. We again returned to the creek that night and spent many hours sitting quietly talking in the dark hoping she would appear.

Prior to sunrise of the 4th, we were eager to get out early to the creek to see if the food was taken, it was, but we had no idea if it was taken by Maggie as the mud was drying up and no fresh paw prints could be identified. Later that morning we noted some more sites of interest closer to town. 1 was a big creek under a railway line and some gravel piles where there appeared to be movement. The nights were unusually cold, I was wear wearing 2 woollen layers, a puffer jacket and my ugg boots, I worried how cold Maggie must have been.

Feeling down that afternoon I was uplifted when the local police officer called and suggested she set up a trail camera down by the creek near town. We also placed our dirty clothing in the area along with Maggie's blanket and her teddy. My son David, and his partner Louise who live with us had decided to make the 2000km journey with their dog Duchess, an Airedale Terrier and they were to arrive in the early hours the next morning. No mean feat to travel that far in just the 1 day. We made friends with a couple in the caravan Park who actually stayed on to assist with our search, they provided me with the number of a local helicopter service. I called, and he was happy to keep a look out while he was in the air.

Early morning of the 5th David, Louise and Duchess arrived, and we went to check if any footage was available from the trail camera, there was no footage, prints or food taken. After a long group chat with the rescue group who had been reviewing the area thanks to google Earth provided more areas for us to investigate. Along the dirt road to the creek 6km out of town was a farmhouse, an abandoned council shed, the airport and multiple dams along the

way. We also continued to visit the previous locations just in case. Over the coming days we continued to visit these areas twice a day to leave food and dirty clothing. As the ground had now dried out it was not possible to see pawprints, the group suggested I place a layer of flour on the ground around the food drops. I think I probably purchased Winton's flour supply that week. The flour proved that the creek near town was now being visited by cat that was consuming the food.

Having enough clothes to leave at points of interest was becoming an issue as we had been travelling light. At one stage we had trekked out to a dam through thick, muddy scrub and we found an area of flattened grass so again we left food but the only clothes that we had available was what we were wearing. It must have been such a sight to see a city couple in their 60's tramping through the paddock, climbing through barb wire fences, swatting hundreds of flies some being swallowed or getting up our noses whilst semi naked. We chose to review these food drops with our drone rather than going through that ordeal each day. Unfortunately, the drone was not that helpful searching for Maggie. The grass was long, and she could easily hide. Since Maggie had been missing, we had little sleep and no appetite. I had no desire to cook, my family encouraged us to visit the local hotels each night for dinner. We certainly didn't feel like socialising, but I believe that being out and about in the community proved to be beneficial. We met so many locals and it gave a face to the posters that we had plastered everywhere. Everybody had told us their stories of where they had been searching and offering us hope and assistance where required. They also taught me to drink like a local and just flick the flies from my wine glass.

It was suggested that we look further around the airport, the airport was 1 small shed, 3 small hangers and a caretaker's cottage with a dam at the back. We got permission from the caretakers to place food and dirty clothing at their dam, we contacted the airport manager to enquire about the security camera which he informed us we not functioning. We tried to check the fencing surrounding the airport and runway, which appeared impenetrable. We continued to monitor morning and evenings the sites of interest. We had not had any sightings or signs of any paw prints. We decided to purchase our own trail camera and have it delivered from Longreach as our local police were often unavailable due to work commitments. The more cameras the better as we desperately needed a sighting.

On the morning of 8th after checking all the areas again we headed back to town for much needed coffee, again we were greeted by many locals offering messages of hope. I would say to them that I may need to find a job because I was not leaving Winton without Maggie. A lady told us her husband, the helicopter pilot and herself noted paw prints in their hangar and the prints did not belong to their dog. At last, a possible lead. Our camera arrived from Longreach, we headed to the airport and organised access to the hangars and tarmac, the airport is usually unmanned with only 1 flight scheduled per week. We set up the camera, left food and dirty clothing and Duchess wandered around the hangars and the tarmac before we headed into town for dinner at the hotel. The airport manager also offered for us to come and stay at the airport with our van and they would supply us with power and water while we waited for Maggie to come to us.

It was only about an hour later when we received a call that a mustering helicopter had landed, noted our equipment etc in the hangar and then saw Maggie. He whistled and she raced back out into the scrub. He phoned his wife who I had met in the days previous, and she called us. As we madly drove to the airport. I again excitedly called Annette, I didn't want to stuff this up again. She again reiterated us not to call, whistle or chase her if we saw Maggie, but now we had hope and knew in our heart that in time we could lure Maggie back to us.

When we arrived at the airport she was nowhere to be seen, while chatting to the pilot and about to check the camera footage Maggie was seen in the distance moving slowly through the grass towards us. As instructed by Annette I walked out to the edge of tarmac and sat down and softly spoke to Maggie. She curiously came closer until that moment she recognised me and raced tail wagging into my arms. At this stage I was still nervous that she could still turn and race away again, not until the lead was safely around her neck did I finally succumb to tears of joy.

Maggie was so underweight and extremely scared of everything that moved but otherwise she was in good condition, no cuts or scratches. Proving how resilient dogs really are. She was so happy to see Duchess as well.

What can I say apart from a massive thank you firstly to Annette and Jo-Anne (Millie's Search & Trap) and NiNi, (Lost Pets Page Moreton Bay Shire) the amazing community of Winton who really cared and assisted us and also to David Louise and Duchess. The camp managers who never stopped searching with us, felt our pain and rejoiced with us at the pub before we said our final farewells for our slow trip back to Sydney.

**Our last day of our 3 month roadtrip.
Life is somewhat back to normal for Mags. Nothing
like a good beach run**



WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL | COMMUNITY NOTICES

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Winton Shire Council currently have employment opportunities available 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
Chief Executive Officer	Corporate and Regulatory	Full Time Contract- call for further details	Monday 26 th September 2022
Group Manager- Operations	Works and Utilities	Full Time Contract- 3 year term	Applications open until filled
Hospitality and Events Officer	Community and Economic Development	Full Time, Part Time and Casual roles	Applications open until filled
Personal Care Attendant	Community Care Services	Casual	Applications open until filled
Visitor Experience Officer	Community and Economic Development	Casual	Applications open until filled
Children's Services Worker	Child Care	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 2866) or email jobs@winton.qld.gov.au

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

All property owners in the Winton Shire are advised that Rate Notices for the current half year were issued on Friday 9th September 2022.

There is only one discount period which closes on Monday 10th October 2022. Under no circumstances will the discount be applied on payments received after 5pm that day.

Notices have been issued to the last advised address on Council records. Please understand it is the responsibility of the owner to advise of any change of address in writing.

Any person not in receipt of their Rate Notice/s should contact the Council immediately on 07 4657 2866.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Street Closure

Please note that both lanes of Elderslie Street will be closed between Werna and Ondoooreo Street from 7.00am Friday 23/09/2022 until 7.00am on the Sunday 25/09/2022.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to call the Winton Shire Council Depot on 07 4657 2866.



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50% DISCOUNT OFF DOG REGISTRATIONS

2022-2023

50% discount applies if dog registration fees are paid before the due date
which is Monday 10th October 2022.

Notice is hereby given to all dog owners in the Winton town area that dog registrations are due again. In accordance with Local Law No.2 all dogs over 3 months of age located in Winton town area must be registered.

Registration Fees:

Entire dog	\$110.00
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Prizes

- Best costume
- Nearest to the pin
- Longest drive
- NAGA
- Winning team
- Other prizes

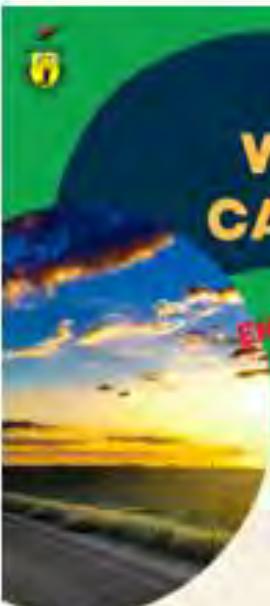
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If you're thinking about learning new skills, upskilling or diversifying and expanding your business, this program offers a range of opportunities. Building your skills can set you up for volunteering, part time work or new streams of income such as working in licensed premises, coffee shops and food outlets. If you're looking to learn or brush up on your Microsoft Word and Excel skills, this is a great opportunity.

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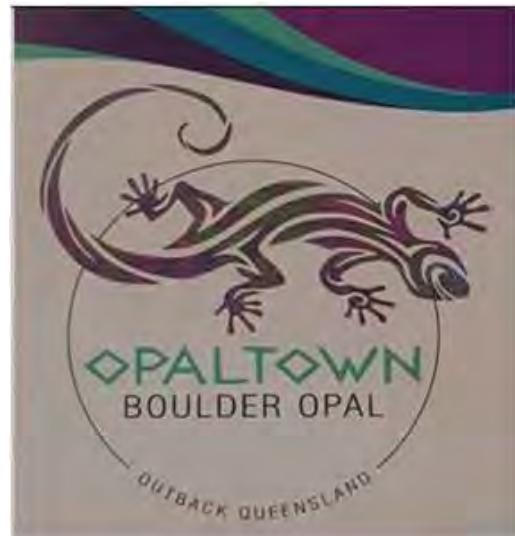
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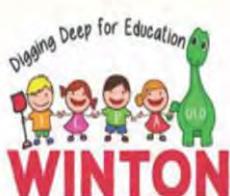
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