

# Winton



Winton Shire Council

# Newsletter

July & August 2025







2025 Queen of Gems Jewellery & Design Awards  
Category 3 Wearable Fashion  
Winner "Opal Dew" Melissa Elliott (Melissa-Gaye Designs)

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### Acknowledgment to Country.

Winton Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land on which the Winton Shire falls on and pays respects to Elders past and present and emerging.

We acknowledge those from the defence force who served in the past to preserve our freedoms and those serving today who continue to protect the country which we all call home.

*Cover photo: Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival*

# Mayor's Message

Winton Shire Council's 2025–2026 Budget was endorsed at the recent Special Council Meeting. You can find a summary in the Budget Snapshot on Page 4. Thanks to our CEO and fellow Councillors for their hard work and input.

Council has also developed Winton Shire Council's strategy for Ageing Well in Winton 2025–2028, in partnership with consultants specialising in wellness and ageing. The strategy focuses on embracing wellness and wisdom as we age. It's available to read or download on Council's website.

I was a very proud Mayor of 'MANNton' when the Maroons took out the State of Origin decider in Sydney! What a moment to see our local legend, Kurt Mann, wearing the #14 jersey and doing us proud. Well done, Kurt and congratulations Queensland!

It's been a fantastic festival season in Winton, with locals and visitors alike enjoying everything our region has to offer. The Winton Show was once again a highlight, and the town was buzzing during the Outback Writers Festival and Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival. I also had the chance to admire the incredible boulder opals and stunning entries in the 2025 Queen of Gems Jewellery & Design Awards at the Opal Festival. The Winton Camel Races was another awesome event and marked the final leg of the Desert Championships Way: Outback Camel Trail.

A big congratulations and thank you to everyone involved – your hard work behind the scenes is what makes these events such a success.

I'm looking forward to the Corfield Races this weekend and the Winton Outback Festival from 23–27 September. Make sure you save the date!

The Winton Library recently received a generous book donation from the University of Queensland, supporting flood-affected shires.

And finally, thank you to our Parks and Facilities team who planted a selection of cycads in Elderslie Street. Josef and Karen Perner from Cycad International generously donated cycads and boabs valued at \$50,000 for the Winton 150 Celebrations!



*Mayor*  
of MANNTon  
**Cathy White**





# Budget Snapshot 2025-2026

The 2025-2026 Budget was adopted at a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 30 July 2025. Visit Council's website for Council Meeting Minutes and the complete Budget Pack [www.winton.qld.gov.au](http://www.winton.qld.gov.au)



## BUDGET SNAPSHOT 2025-2026

### REVENUE & FUNDING

- Total operational grant funding: \$12.2 million or 57% of operating income
- Total operating revenue \$21.36m
- Total operating expenses \$24.24m
- Depreciation expense: \$6.4 million
- No new loans in 2025-2026

*As Mayor of Winton Shire Council, and on behalf of my fellow Councillors, I am pleased to present the 2025-2026 Annual Budget – a budget shaped by our ongoing commitment to financial sustainability, liveability, and the long-term future of our community.*

**↑3%** General Rates & Charges **↓15%** Discount

\$322 Pensioner Concession PA

Total Asset Value \$300.1 million

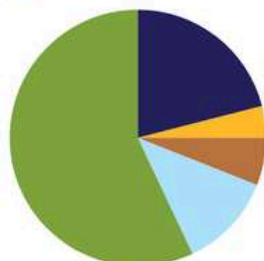
Rural Services \$682,957

Rural Roads & Town Streets \$1,270,000

Water Services \$705,000

### Operating Revenue

- Net Rates & Charges
- Fees & Charges
- Interest Received/Other Income
- Sales Revenue
- Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donat...



### Operating Expenses

- Employee Benefits
- Materials and Services/Finance
- Depreciation



### CAPITAL PROGRAM – BUDGET \$25.83 MILLION

- Winton Industrial Estate Stage 2 (\$2 million, co-funded)
- Water upgrades – \$550,000
- Plant replacement – \$1.36 million
- Diamantina Gardens upgrades – \$160,000
- ICT systems – \$230,000
- Tourism signage – \$60,000



Scan me for further information about the budget





# Recovery Grants

## Western Qld Flooding: Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants

Support is now available to primary producers impacted by the Western Queensland Floods Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grant of up to \$500,000 to rebuild damaged or destroyed exclusion and cluster fencing infrastructure and help contain and protect surviving livestock.

This program is being delivered in partnership with RAPAD throughout the region's eligible Local Government Areas: Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Diamantina, Longreach and Winton.

Visit the RAPAD website for more information:

<https://rapad.com.au/projects/exclusion-fencing-recovery-program/>



## Stronger Homes Grant

**Up to \$10,000 to improve your home's flood resilience**



### Check your eligibility now

#### Eligible strategies

- ✓ Raising a washing machine and/or dryer (mounting the washing machine or dryer on a wall or flood-resilient stand)
- ✓ Raising electrical switchboards or meter boxes
- ✓ Raising data and electrical points
- ✓ Raising hot water systems
- ✓ Raising air conditioner condenser units
- ✓ Raising pumps directly connected to the home
- ✓ Separating electrical circuits between levels
- ✓ Replacing floor coverings with flood-resilient materials, including:
  - Removing floor coverings and replacing with polished and painted solid timber floorboards
  - Removing floor coverings and replacing with polished and sealed concrete
  - Removing floor coverings and replacing with tiling sealed with a water-resistant adhesive and epoxy grout
- ✓ Removing plasterboard wall lining and replacing with flood resilient wall linings, like fibre cement with allowance to clean the wall cavity after future flooding
- ✓ Painting stud work to prevent future mould



The Stronger Homes Grant is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Website: [qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant](http://qld.gov.au/strongerhomesgrant) | Email: [strongerhomesgrant@housing.qld.gov.au](mailto:strongerhomesgrant@housing.qld.gov.au)  
Phone: (07) 3007 4485 (option 4) | Technical guidance: [qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes](http://qra.qld.gov.au/resilient-homes)





# Youth Health & Wellbeing Survey

Are you a young person living in Winton? We want to know what matters to you. This short survey is your chance to share your thoughts and ideas to help us better support your **health and wellbeing**. Scan the QR code or click the link to have your say.

## Youth Health and Wellbeing Survey





Winton Shire Council received a custom-made table from our sister city, the City of Moreton Bay in celebration of our 150th anniversary. This beautiful piece will take pride of place in the Waltzing Matilda Centre where it can be enjoyed by our community and visitors alike.



Left: Victoria Baldock, Delvene Delaney and David Wenham at the official launch of the Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival

Right: Mayor Cathy White and Jeff Close at the official launch of the Outback Writers Festival's Contribution to Winton 150 'Tales from Winton's Past'



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# Community Services

## Winton Neighbourhood Centre

### **Mental Health Morning Tea – A Heartfelt Community Gathering**

On Saturday, 21 June, The Neighbourhood Centre hosted a warm and uplifting Mental Health Morning Tea, bringing the community together to support mental wellbeing and encourage open conversations. Guests were welcomed into a relaxed and friendly space, where they had the chance to connect with others, enjoy a cuppa, and explore a range of mental health resources. Informative brochures and support materials were available for attendees to take home or engage with on the day.

The morning's highlight was a three-round trivia game, filled with quirky and entertaining questions that sparked laughter and lively conversation. The fun and friendly competition made trivia the talk of the day and brought plenty of smiles to the room.

A delicious morning tea was served, adding to the cheerful atmosphere and making the event not only informative but also a genuine pleasure to attend.

The event beautifully reflected the essence of mental health awareness – fostering connection, sharing joy, and reminding us all that sometimes the best support is a shared laugh and a chat among friends.

### **NAIDOC Celebration a Heartwarming Success in Winton**

Winton's NAIDOC Celebration was a delightful midday event filled with culture, community, and connection. Attendees enjoyed a welcoming spread of homemade jams, bush spices, mini dampers, and biscuits throughout the day.

A delicious lunch of roast meats and vegetables was served, followed by a stunning cake featuring this year's NAIDOC theme – a sweet highlight of the event. The celebration concluded with a lively and entertaining round of trivia, bringing plenty of laughter and friendly competition.

It was a truly memorable occasion, with strong community turnout and a shared sense of pride in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.





# Community Services Cont.

## Winton Neighbourhood Centre

### **Mystery and Laughter at the Winton Shire Hall**

The Meat Tray Murder Mystery performance was held on Thursday at the Winton Shire Hall, offering a unique blend of mystery and comedy. While attendance was modest, those who joined the event thoroughly enjoyed the experience, describing it as "unusual but very funny."

Guests were treated to a delicious meal featuring creamy chicken, savoury meatballs, and fresh bread rolls – a perfect pairing for an evening of entertainment and intrigue.

### **FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM**

#### **Pancake Breakfasts at Local Schools**

Towards the end of term, we delivered a hearty pancake breakfast at both St Patrick's Catholic School and Winton State School. This initiative continues our commitment to strengthening relationships with local school communities, supporting student wellbeing, and promoting positive school attendance. It's a simple but powerful way to start the day and connect with students in a welcoming and encouraging environment.

#### **Athletics Carnival Breakfast**

On 13 June, we hosted a hot breakfast at the Youth Centre for students participating in the local interschool athletics carnival. By fuelling the students with a nutritious start to the day, we aimed to support both their physical performance and overall wellbeing. Events like this also build a sense of community pride and inclusion, while promoting the value of healthy habits.

#### **St Patrick's Learning Breakfast**

Our attendance at the St Patrick's Catholic School Learning Breakfast provided another valuable opportunity to connect with students, families, and staff in a supportive and consistent way. It's part of our ongoing goal to be a positive presence in the lives of local young people – showing care, building trust, and reinforcing that their wellbeing matters.

#### **Playgroup at the Youth Centre**

Our Playgroup sessions continue to provide a cosy and welcoming space for parents and young children – especially appreciated during the cooler months. Held at the Youth Centre, the large open area offers plenty of room to play, with popular activities including animal figurines, trucks, magnetic blocks, and imaginative play in yard-themed setups. The addition of highchairs has made the space even more comfortable and inclusive for families.

### **YOUTH SPORT & REC**

#### **After School Care Program**

Our After School Care Program has grown steadily, now welcoming an average of eight children each afternoon. The program begins with a calm, 30-minute free-play period to help children unwind after school, followed by a mix of structured and child-led activities.

The sessions feature engaging S.T.E.M. challenges, such as paper plane competitions, spaghetti-marshmallow tower building, egg drop experiments, and a tasty twist on opal mining – using chocolate

# Community Services Cont.

## Winton Neighbourhood Centre

biscuits, of course! Outdoor play at the skatepark or football field rounds out the day with fresh air and fun.

A key focus of the program is building personal responsibility. Children are encouraged to tidy up their spaces, fostering independence and respect in a supportive setting.

### Bring the Boys – Youth Night

On Thursday, 12 June, the Youth Centre hosted a successful "Bring the Boys" night, combining food, games, and meaningful discussions. Guided conversations focused on managing anger through interactive activities and real-life scenarios. With a shared dinner and relaxed atmosphere, the event created a safe and supportive space for young people to reflect, connect, and grow.





# Community Services Cont.

## Winton 60 and Better

June was a busy and exciting month for the Winton 60 & Better Program, with plenty of activities keeping everyone active, creative, and connected.

Croquet continues to be a hit, with regular sessions drawing a great crowd. Participants are steadily building their skills and confidence while enjoying a fun and social atmosphere on the green.

A highlight of the month was our 60 & Better display at the Winton Show. The display was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talent, creativity, and community spirit that shines through our program. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

We also enjoyed a fabulous group outing to the Art Gallery, where we took in the latest exhibition and had a delicious lunch at the Tuckerbox Café. Great food, beautiful art, and great company made it a day to remember.

To celebrate NAIDOC Week, we held a beading activity inspired by First Nations culture. These hands-on sessions were not only creative and relaxing but also offered a meaningful way to reflect on and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Finally, we were pleased to receive an invitation to the morning tea for the opening of the 2025 Outback Writers Festival. It was a lovely event, and we thoroughly enjoyed being part of such a special celebration of outback storytelling.

Thank you to all our participants and supporters for making June such a successful and enjoyable month. We look forward to more great activities in the weeks ahead!





# Waltzing Matilda Centre



## Outback Regional Gallery

The Queensland Boulder Opal Association's annual *Queen of Gems Jewellery and Design Awards* Exhibition opened 2-12<sup>th</sup> July to coincide with Winton's Annual Opal Festival. An audience of 100 attended the Awards evening hosted by the Waltzing Matilda Centre and Outback Regional Gallery to celebrate Winton's signature gem – Boulder Opal, and eager to have judges reveal this year's winners for all categories.



Exhibition *Outback A Sense of Place: From the Collection* exhibition opened on 23 July and will close 6 August. The exhibition highlights Major Award-Winning artworks from the John Villiers Outback Art Prize from years 2019-2025 and acquired works from the prize which attracts entries depicting the theme Outback A Sense of Place locally and nationally each year. Also on display is the Children's Art Project from years 2024 and 2025 also sponsored by The John Villiers Trust. The timing of the exhibition precedes the 2026 John Villiers Outback Art Prize Call for Entries and 2026 Children's Art Project opening 8<sup>th</sup> August.

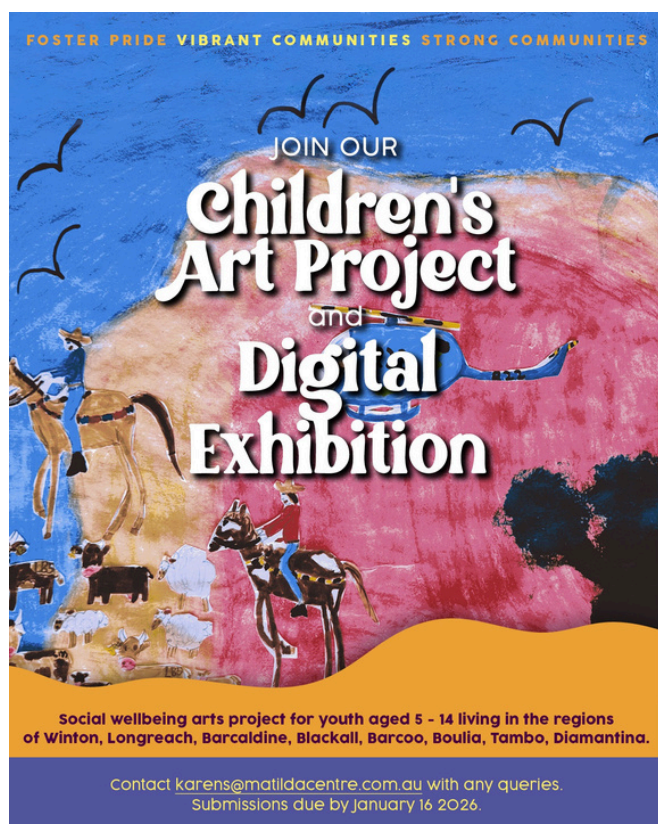


THE *John Villiers*  
OUTBACK ART PRIZE

ENTRIES CLOSE 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 [matildacentre.com.au](http://matildacentre.com.au)



OUT HERE  
FOR GOOD



Exhibition, *Joe Furlonger: Horizons* will open Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Drawn from the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art (QAGOMA) Collection the exhibition celebrates the work of respected Queensland artist Joe Furlonger and traces the artist's career through a range of media from painting to ceramics, sculpture and drawing. The QAGOMA touring exhibition will close 5<sup>TH</sup> October.



# Council Employment

## Current Job Vacancies:

- Grader Operator/Labourer
- Community Care Manager
- Media, Marketing & Communications Officer
- Administration Officer Welfare Services
- Economic Development Officer
- WHS Officer
- Hospitality and Catering Officer
- Workshop Mechanic
- Assistant Children's Services Worker
- Carpenter/Tradesperson
- Children's Services Group Leader
- Plumber
- Early Childhood Teacher



For further information regarding position descriptions and applications, please visit the [Winton Shire Council](http://www.winton.qld.gov.au) website.

# Waltzing Matilda Centre

## Visitor Information Centre



### WINTON VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Waltzing Matilda Centre, 50 Elderslie Street, Winton

Ph: (07) 4657 1466

Operating Hours: Mon - Sun 9am - 5pm

Public Holidays 9am - 3pm



Visit us at the Waltzing Matilda Centre – open daily!  
Call 07 4657 1466 for all enquiries.

Check local road conditions:  
[www.winton.qld.gov.au/news/road-conditions](http://www.winton.qld.gov.au/news/road-conditions)

Opening Hours  
(April–September):  
9am – 5pm, 7 days a week  
Public Holidays: 9am – 3pm



# Works Department

## Works and Utilities

Our Works Department have been busy working on the following projects:

- Cemetery extension – Fencing works are complete, irrigation will be installed followed by the lawn.
- Dog Park – Replacement turf has been installed and the Park has re-opened for business.
- Works have commenced at Gordon Kennedy Park in readiness for planting of the cycads.
- Landfill operations – The installation of new designated drop off bays at the landfill is working well. Thank you to the community for embracing the change. Having designated drop off points improves safety to the general waste pit and allows for the separation of waste streams.
- Showgrounds Bar and Kitchen construction is on track for completion and is now at lock up stage.



- Neighbourhood Centre Carpark – Two carports have been installed
- Footpaths – Works are complete at Diamantina Gardens which has seen a footpath installed and new and improved landing areas in front of each Unit. The landing areas combined with the new paths will significantly improve accessibility for residents and visitors to Diamantina Gardens Units. Work also included modifying the access alongside the Medical Centre to install a new kerb ramp for improved access from Diamantina Gardens Units to the Medical centre.



- Roadworks - Construction work on the next stage of sealing Winton Jundah Road is progressing. Currently staff in conjunction with local contractors are working on Stage 2, Section 2.



# Rural Lands

## **PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM LOCUSTS**

Recent wet weather has created perfect conditions for locust outbreaks across parts of the state. Biosecurity Queensland is calling on graziers and landholders to step up now and take proactive measures to manage the risk of swarms.

Locusts can cause major damage to your pastures and crops, hitting local industries and communities hard. Under the Biosecurity Act 2014, you have a general biosecurity obligation to take reasonable steps to minimise the risk of locust populations building up on your land.

Early action is key! Search for nymph activity, act quickly, and spray early to protect your land and prevent swarms from forming. Locust management is a shared responsibility, and timely action can make a difference.

While locusts are native to Australia and can't be eradicated, effective management through coordinated efforts is well within our reach.

If you spot locust swarms or nymph activity, contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or report online. For more information, scan the QR code on the poster or visit [www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/insects/field-crop/locusts](http://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/biosecurity/plants/insects/field-crop/locusts)



## **WILD DOG BOUNTY PROGRAM NOW OPEN**

Winton Shire Council's **Wild Dog Bounty Program has now reopened** for the 2025–2026 financial year. This program supports landholders, property managers, and accredited harvesters in the ongoing management of wild dog populations. Bounties will be processed while funds remain available under the current budget allocation.

Earlier this year, widespread flooding across the region led to the **cancellation of the scheduled aerial baiting campaign**, placing added pressure on ground control efforts. The reopening of the bounty program aims to help offset this disruption and support local landholders in continuing essential pest management activities.

**Properties currently experiencing high wild dog numbers or stock losses** are encouraged to contact their Division Leaders to discuss baiting options. Orders for ground baits can be arranged to assist with targeted control efforts in affected areas.

We thank the community for their patience and ongoing involvement in protecting our livestock and native wildlife from wild dog impacts.

For more information, to lodge a claim, or to request baits, please contact the Rural Lands Team.



# Rural Lands

## **FLOOD-DAMAGED FENCING – TOWN COMMON**

The tender period for the flood fencing repairs on the Winton Town Common has now closed, with Council currently finalising the assessment of submitted applications.

The flooding event earlier this year caused significant damage to the Winton Town Common boundary fencing, with around **20km** of the **54km** perimeter affected. This included key sections adjoining Bladensburg National Park, resulting in livestock straying beyond the common boundary.

Council thanks all common users and neighbours for their patience and cooperation during this recovery process.

## **UPCOMING WINTON TOWN COMMON MUSTER**

The town common is due to be mustered once again. Likely this will occur in either August or September. The confirmed date will depend on livestock condition, feed availability and community events which may be in conflict with the muster.

The Bladensburg ranger has not reported any further sightings of livestock on the common and at this time council will not be getting a permit to check the national park.

Follow the Winton Shire Council page for further updates on the common muster.

## **Back tank upgrades:**

The fencing at the rear of the Common water tanks has now been completed, securing the facility for the long term. This preventative measure will protect the tank fittings from livestock damage and prevent erosion around the tank base. It's a long-overdue project, and it's great to see it finally finished.

## **INVASIVE WEED MANAGEMENT & BIOSECURITY OBLIGATIONS POST-FLOODING**

The recent flooding event has created favourable conditions for the spread of invasive weeds across the Winton Shire Council and surrounding areas. These weeds threaten pasture quality, livestock health, and native biodiversity.

All landholders have a **general biosecurity obligation** to actively manage and prevent the spread of biosecurity matter, including invasive weeds, on their properties. Early detection and control are essential to protecting our shared environment and agricultural productivity.

If you notice invasive weeds or require assistance, please contact the Rural Lands Team.

## **STAY UP TO DATE IN 2025!**

The Rural Lands Teams have a busy year ahead, packed with projects. Stay up-to-date with all the latest announcements, updates, and important notices by following the **Winton Shire Council Facebook page**. It's the best way to ensure you never miss out on vital information about upcoming programs, maintenance schedules, and more.

For more information, please contact the Rural Lands Team

 [ruralservices@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:ruralservices@winton.qld.gov.au) or  07 4657 2661



# Council's Event Calendar

Please visit Council's event calendar on the Experience Winton website for information about Festivals and Community Events. If you manage Community Events, please submit them on Council's event calendar to keep locals and visitors in the loop about what's happening in our region.

[www.experiencewinton.com.au/event/new](http://www.experiencewinton.com.au/event/new)

If you need to update an event already on the event calendar, please email [waltzing@matildacentre.com.au](mailto:waltzing@matildacentre.com.au)



## Upcoming Events

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**August 2025**

A summary of all the events happening in August 2025

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### Corfield Races 'The Real Corfield Cup'

A great day of racing held once a year at the Corfield race track on the first weekend of August.

🕒 12:00pm 📅 2nd August 2025



### Silversmithing Workshop 2025

Ready to get creative? Join The Mobile Jewellery Tutor for a hands-on 2-day silversmithing workshop and learn the art of jewellery making.

🕒 9:00am 📅 2nd August 2025



### Just a Farmer – Special Free Community Screening – Winton

A special screening of JUST A FARMER followed by a Q&A with Writer/Actor Leila McDougall and a facilitated panel discussion with local mental health experts, with a light supper to follow.

🕒 7:00pm 📅 3rd August 2025





# Winton 60 & Better August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					01 Exercises 8:30am Darts/games 9:30am	02
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17	18 Croquet 8:30am Games 9:00am	19 Morning Melodies 10:00am	20 Exercises 8:30am Craft 9:30am	21 Chair Yoga 8:30am Morning tea at local eatery TBA 9:30am	22 Exercises 8:30am Darts/games 9:30am Lunch – Neighbourhood Centre	23 Trip to Bladensburg with Red Dirt Tours 9am – 1pm morning tea provided. Pick up at 60 & Better.
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Contact: Helen 46572680 Email: [helenf@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:helenf@winton.qld.gov.au)



## IT WORKSHOPS

one on one IT sessions  
and group workshops  
available

Every Wednesday & Thursday  
(excluding school holidays)

10am to 12pm

At the Winton Library

- Introduction to MyGov
- Staying safe online
- How to avoid scams
- Creating strong passwords
- Using social media apps
- Laptop and smartphones
- Online banking and shopping

And more...

Book now to secure a spot.

Call - 46572666 (ask for Library)

Email - [library@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@winton.qld.gov.au)



## DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

at the Winton Library

**DEVELOP YOUR  
ONLINE SKILLS  
IN A SECURE &  
SUPPORTIVE  
ENVIRONMENT**



Workshops start at 10am

11th JUNE — HOW TO AVOID SCAMS

16th JULY — INTRODUCTION TO MYGOV

20th AUGUST — INTRODUCTION TO IPADS & IPONES

17th SEPTEMBER — ONLINE BANKING & SHOPPING

**COMING SOON**

**AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Canva Workshops  
STAY TUNED!!**

Book now to secure a spot.

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**TALK, READ, SING AND  
PLAY EVERY TUESDAY**

Winton Library

Tuesday at 10am

Commencing 15 July 2025

Excluding school holidays

Winton Library: 76 Elderslie Street

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The  
first five years  
last a lifetime



## Community Playgroup



Every Thursday  
from 9am-12pm.

Morning Tea provided!

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Held at the Winton Youth  
Centre.

For more information please contact

Jacalyn Elliott on

[jacalyn@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:jacalyn@winton.qld.gov.au) or on

4657 2680.







**Corfield RACES**  
The real Corfield Cup

AUGUST 2025

Friday  
**1**

**Meet & Greet**

Saturday  
**2**

**Corfield RACES**  
The real Corfield Cup

Sunday  
**3**

**Recovery Breakfast** + **SUNDAY SOCIAL**  
at The Corfield Park

**Corfield RACES**  
The real Corfield Cup

**Fashions on the Field**

Race patrons are reminded that they should arrive between 12pm and 1pm if they wish to be considered in Fashions on the Field on race day.

Nominations for Ladies Categories open at 1:15pm and close at 3pm sharp.

Judging for Mens and Childrens categories from the crowd will begin at 1:30pm, with winners announced at 2:30pm.

Ladies judging on the Fashions Stage will begin at 3:10pm, with winners announced shortly after.

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**SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST 2025**



## Schedule of Events

- 12:00pm GATES Open
- 12:50pm National Jockeys Celebration Day Service
- 1:00pm **Race 1** - McQueen Earthmoving Maiden Plate 1000m  
Trophy donated by Birchmore Pastoral, Corfield
- 1:15pm *Nominations open for Fashions on the Field*
- 1:35pm *1 Minute of Silence in Memory of Patron Lloyd Godfrey*
- 1:40pm **Race 2** - Tropic Petroleum BM 50 1000m  
Trophy donated by Patron: Tom Brodie and Family, Knapdale
- 2:20pm **Race 3** - Corella Cattle Company BM 65 1000m  
Trophy donated by President: Jack & Courtney Brodie, Camara
- 2:30pm *Fashions on the Field - Children's & Men's Winners Announced*
- 3:00pm **Race 4** - Brodie Agencies Corfield Cup OPEN 1400m  
Trophy donated by Jeff & Ann Corfield and Family, Townsville  
*Fashions on the Field Nominations close*
- 3:10pm *Fashions on the Field - Ladies Judging & Winners Announced*
- 3:50pm **Race 5** - Northern Rural Group BM50 Handicap 1400m  
Trophy donated by Carrington Family, Rondel Droughtmaster Stud
- 4:25pm **Race 6** - Coffison & Sons Bulk Fuel Class B Handicap 800m  
Trophy donated by Whitehead Family, Corfield
- 4:45pm Top X Longreach / Western Livestock Nutrition  
**Kids Dash for Cash**
- 5:00pm Corfield Contracting/ M & S Elliott Contracting  
**Wheelie Bin Race**
- 5:30pm Sesbania Hay **Monster Auction**  
Winners of Rondel **Nearest the Pin Golf Comp**  
**100's Board Drawn**
- 7:00pm **Evening Entertainment** thanks to Woodham Petroleum Services
- 11:30pm Close of Evening

**SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST 2025**







## Winton Shire Council Garden Competition 2025

Let your garden shine in the heart of the Outback!

Winton Shire Council is excited to announce the return of the biennial Garden Competition being conducted 15 – 18 September in the lead-up to the 2025 Outback Festival Winton.

### Competition Categories:

- 🏡 Best Residential Garden
- 🏢 Best Commercial Garden
- 🌳 Best Street Section
- 🏡 Best Rural Property

📧 Rural residents who wish to enter the competition must email photos of their garden to: Helen Fogarty – [helenf@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:helenf@winton.qld.gov.au)  
Entries close: Thursday 18 September 2025

📌 No formal entry is required for Best Residential, Commercial, or Street Section categories. Judges will be touring and selecting winners during the week of 15 – 18 September 2025.

🎉 Winners will be announced at the Welcome Ceremony of the 2025 Outback Festival 📅 Tuesday, 23 September 2025.

For more information, contact:  
Helen Fogarty – Winton Shire Council  
☎ (07) 4657 2680  
✉ [helenf@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:helenf@winton.qld.gov.au)



## WINTON CALENDAR PHOTO COMPETITION 2026 The Hidden Gems of Winton



THINK YOU'VE GOT AN EYE FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE BUSH?  
LOVE CAPTURING THE CHARM AND CHARACTER OF OUR OUTBACK TOWN?  
THEN IT'S TIME TO GRAB YOUR CAMERA AND GET SNAPPING!

### PRIZES:

- 1ST PRIZE: \$300
- 2ND PRIZE: \$200
- 3RD PRIZE: \$100

The top photos will feature in the official 2026 Winton Calendar, with credit to the talented locals behind the lens.

### Important Info:

- Entries must be landscape orientation (no portrait shots).
- Open to photographers with a Winton address only.
- Entries close 30 September 2025 – no late submissions!

So whether it's a dusty sunset, a quirky fence post, a quiet corner of the bush, or a moment of magic in your backyard – show us the Winton you see.

Get your entries in and show off the hidden heart of our region – we can't wait to see what you capture!

All entries are to be sent to  
[helenf@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:helenf@winton.qld.gov.au)



## Silversmithing Workshop 2025

- SPONSORED BY RADF AND WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL
- RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government and local councils to support arts and cultural initiatives.



workshops offer a wide array of benefits, encompassing both creative and therapeutic advantages. They provide opportunities to learn new skills, express creativity, and potentially even explore business ventures. The focused and precise nature of silversmithing can also promote mindfulness and reduce stress, contributing to improved mental well-being.

Registration fee: \$180  
\*Beginners Class (silver textured ring, dropped earrings and square pendant)  
\*Bezel setting gem stone to silver pendant

**BOOK NOW**

The Mobile Jewellery Tutor (fb pages)  
☎ 0403956133  
August 2 & 3, 2025  
📍 75 Elderslie St, Winton QLD 4735  
Winton Neighbourhood Centre

VAM PADDOCK PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

## JUST A FARMER

### FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Special Screenings followed by a facilitated panel Q&A featuring writer, producer & lead actress LEILA MCDOUGALL**



**WINTON**  
Sunday 3 August  
7.15pm  
The Royal Theatre  
<https://winton-jaf.eventbrite.com.au>

**BARCOLDINE**  
Monday 4 August  
6.15pm  
Radio Theatre  
<https://barcoldine-jaf.eventbrite.com.au>

ALL TICKET BOOKINGS CLOSE Tuesday 28 July. Light supper included.

DIRECTED BY SIMON LYNDON  
PRODUCED BY SEAN & LEILA MCDOUGALL





## CONNECT WITH OUTBACK FUTURES

AND YOUR COMMUNITY, OVER DINNER AT THE NORTH GREGORY  
& meet new team members

**WED 6TH AUGUST**

**6:00PM - 7:30PM**

**THE NORTH GREGORY  
DAPHNE MAYO DINING ROOM**

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

RSVP is essential so we can reserve  
you a place at the table.

Please email:  
wendy.phillpotts@outbackfutures.org.au

We look forward to seeing you!



### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Join Wendy, Caitria, and Grace and other community members, as we share a meal, introduce Mary and Pauline to the region.

We are also excited to be  
announcing our new Parent Peer.

Order and pay for your meal at the  
counter and join our table in the Daphne-Mayo Dining Room.

Allied and mental health services  
for kids, teens and adults, including:

- Psychology & Counselling
- Speech Pathology
- Occupational Therapy

Community wellbeing

- Facilitating community led initiatives



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## Bring the Boys

**AN EVENT**

**FOR YOUNG MEN**

**YR 7- AGE 19**

**THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2025**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

**NEW YOUTH CENTRE**

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT THANKS TO  
SUPPORT FROM WINTON SHIRE COUNCIL**

### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

BTB is about young men coming together to enjoy good food, have some fun, support one another, and to discuss ideas around being a young man in today's world, with a focus on good mental health.

This event we will share a meal and Chas and Crispian from the Outback Futures team will facilitate the fun and games and discussion.

Support Team - Mr Ruzicka, Juddy, Dan Coulson, Jai Jack, Chas Ballin and Crispian Yeomanns from Outback Futures.

**FOR CATERING PURPOSES RSVP BY TEXT:**  
OUTBACK FUTURES 0421 837 415

**ENQUIRIES:**  
WENDY.PHILLPOTTS@OUTBACKFUTURES.ORG.AU



Bring the Boys is a Community Initiative supported by Outback Futures, Winton Shire Council and Winton State School.



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## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK Travelling launch

### WINTON

Sunday 10 August 9-11am



Celebrate all things STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) at the iconic Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton. Meet our inspiring travelling scientists and learn about the amazing science happening in Queensland.

Suitable for families, curious locals and science enthusiasts. Free light refreshments. Proudly supported by Winton Shire Council.

**register now**  
<https://NationalScienceWeekWinton.eventbrite.com.au>



**\$FREE**

## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK Travelling launch

### AUSTRALIAN AGE OF DINOSAURS

Saturday 9 August 5-7pm

Celebrate all things STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs. Meet our inspiring travelling scientists and learn about the amazing science happening in Queensland.

Suitable for families, curious locals and science enthusiasts. Ticket includes sausage sizzle. Scan the QR code below to purchase.



**purchase now**



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We're bringing the  
Magic Forest to Winton!

STORYTIME  
WITH  
HUMPHREY!

Winton Shire Hall

Mon 18th August

Book 1: 9:30-11:00

Book 2: 11:30-1:00

Activity & Adventure!



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Check out Humphrey's socials and YouTube Channel @OfficialHumphreyBBear







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TO WINTON**

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## OUTBACK Festival

WINTON - QLD

### 23 - 27 SEPTEMBER 2025

FAMOUS QUILTON AUSTRALIAN DUNNY DERBY + OUTBACK IRON MAN, WOMAN & JUNIOR  
OUTBACK CENTURY CYCLE CHALLENGE + TRUE BLUE AUSSIE SPORTS  
WESTERN RIVER ROAD RUN + CRUSTACEAN RACING + BUSH POETS BREAKFASTS  
DAILY OUTBACK KIDS EVENTS AND KIDS ZONE + 150 YEAR CELEBRATION CHARITY BALL  
CAMPING TENT CITY & GLAMPING

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

ELTON JOHN EXPERIENCE  
THE ULTIMATE CREEDENCE  
& JOHN FOGERTY REVIVAL  
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TANIA KERNAGHAN & JASON OWEN  
AMBER LAWRENCE  
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DAVID HUDSON CULTURAL WORKSHOPS  
150TH HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS & GRAND PARADE  
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**LET'S GET CRACKING**  
ONLY 7 WEEKS TO GO!



#### CALLING ENTRANTS FOR THE GRAND PARADE SPECTACULAR

**THEME - Pioneers, Horses & Legends of the Outback**

Historic Presentation of Floats, Coaches, Wagons, Vintage Vehicles in celebration of Winton's 150 Years

**Saturday 27th September 2025**

\$2000 in Prize Monies + Banners in 10 Categories

Nominations close Friday 17th September at Outback Festival Headquarters

*Have you started your creation?*

#### SPORTING EVENTS BOOK ONLINE NOW AT OUTBACKFESTIVAL.COM.AU

EVENT	NOMINATIONS CLOSE
SPAR - Outback Iron Man Event	25th August
Linfox - Outback Iron Woman Event	25th August
Telstra - Outback Iron Junior Event	25th August
Wicky Taylor Memorial Dunny Dash	15th September
Maximus - Western River Road Run	25th August
Brodie Agencies - Century Cycle Challenge	25th August
Roy Shaw Memorial Truck Pull - Team x 6	15th September
Curley Transport - Whip Cracking Championships	19th September

Note: some nominations close 4 weeks before the event, allowing time to order sponsored apparel.

#### WINTON'S 150 YEAR CELEBRATION CENTENARY GALA CHARITY BALL

**Saturday 27th September**  
Winton Shire Hall

Nominated Charity - Angel Flight Australia

Celebrity Chef - Matt Golinski - 3 Course Meal & Complimentary Drink on Arrival

Special Guests in attendance - MC Julie McDonald OAM - Olympian, Health & Performance Coach & one of Australia's most celebrated Olympic Swimmers

Music supplied by 1RAR Military Swing Band - Charity Auction with over (21) Pieces of Memorabilia with funds supporting Angel Flight Australia

Book online now at [outbackfestival.com.au](http://outbackfestival.com.au)

Table of 10 (\$1400), or \$150pp.

Tickets closing 15th September

#### QUILTON AUSTRALIAN DUNNY DERBY FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

Nominations closing 5th September

Nominations, specifications and derby course can be downloaded at [outbackfestival.com.au](http://outbackfestival.com.au)

There is no limit to the number of teams, and each team will have the option of choreographing a one-minute performance to their selected music piece for a chance to be the crowd favourite and take home the R. Swiper Trophy

Already, there are several new competitors and our LOCAL TEAMS NEED TO REGISTER NOW as we know you are always "Hot to Trot"


**DON'T FORGET**  
It's time to think about your roof top yard swaggies.  
**Cash prizes to be won**  
More information coming soon!

For more information Contact the Festival Office - Mobile 0429 806 140  
Email: [info@outbackfestival.com.au](mailto:info@outbackfestival.com.au) or visit [www.outbackfestival.com.au](http://www.outbackfestival.com.au)

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*Expression of interest*

## 'PIONEERS, HEROES & LEGENDS OF THE OUTBACK' Living Pageant

Do you want to be part of an exciting Community Event celebrating the 150 Year Anniversary of Winton?


'Pioneers, Heroes & Legends of the Outback' is a new Pageant that is being created for the 2025 Outback Festival. It will be performed outdoors on Winton's main CBD - Exciting!

We are calling out for anyone of any age, ability and gender to be part of the team

We are looking for performers, actors of any skill, behind the scenes people, budding stage managers and set and prop teams

We need commitment over a one and a half month time frame starting from early August until the Pageant date - Thursday 25th September

To start with we will have table readings and discussions and then build to full rehearsals on the weekends and dress and tech rehearsals on selected days



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**Expressions of Interest close Friday 19th August 2025**

For further information call 0429 806 140 or email: [info@outbackfestival.com.au](mailto:info@outbackfestival.com.au)

**ENTER NOW FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

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**1ST PRIZE**  
MG3 Hatchback (auto)  
Valued at \$19,100





**2ND PRIZE**  
\$5000 Cash

**PICKERINGS**  
Auto Group

**3RD PRIZE**  
70th Anniversary Weber Kettle Charcoal Grill  
Valued at \$900

