

Monthly Newsletter

August 2024- Edition12

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Corfield race meeting 2024

The Corfield Amateur Race Club celebrated a significant milestone on Saturday 2 August with its 125th anniversary race meeting. More than people attended the much anticipated event, which featured six races that captivated the crowd.









Acknowledgement to Country

Winton Shire Council acknowledges the Koa People, and their neighbours the Maiawali, Yirandali, Iningai, Pitta Pitta and Wanamara, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, operate and live, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging

MAYOR'S MONTHLY MINUTES



Since being elected as Mayor in March, I have collaborated closely with the newly elected Council to identify key projects that are important for the future development and security of participated in several shire. Councillors workshops with senior staff members to deliver what we believe is a progressive and responsible budget. I extend my gratitude to Councillors, staff and CEO for their contribution and time spent in delivering the 2024/2025 budget. The Winton shire was amongst 20 local government areas who received new land valuations in March 2024. The average increase for the Winton Shire was 116%. After much careful consideration and being very mindful of the cost-of-living pressures and rising costs to deliver services, Council has decided on a rate increase of 4% for both township and rural categories which is just above the current CPI of 3.6%. The 15% discount will apply for the discount period, and pensioners who hold a Queensland pensioner concession card, for land owned and permanently occupied by the pensioner, will

continue to receive a \$312 rebate on rates and charges. As mentioned, there are ongoing projects from the 2023/2024 budget that we are committed to completing for the benefit of our community. These include the new Showgrounds/Bar/Kitchen, Youth Centre/Recovery Centre and a loading and unloading walkway for a triple road train at the double-decker ramp to improve safety at the Saleyards. The extension of the industrial estate is underway and will secure future growth in our commercial business. Our shire has a road network of 2,500 kilometres and Council's maintenance program aims to keep our road network at an acceptable standard for transporting commodities, our residents and our ever-increasing tourist population ensuring continued work for our road crews is essential. With the funding now secured, work will commence on the first stage of the 37kms remaining to seal the Jundah Road through to Lark Quarry, through ROSI (Roads of Strategic Importance) funding. This funding is over 3 years with a split 80% / 20% contribution between the Federal Government and Winton Shire Council. The sealing of this section will increase road safety and will link for both primary industries and tourists to Lark Quarry. The importance of being a liveable place is significant for communities in the Outback, not just for keeping our current residents, also for drawing in new families and investors to our fantastic local government area. The Council has set aside funds in this budget to explore the idea of creating a recreational lake within our town. In the next few months, the Council plans to organise meetings with the community to discuss this project. Additionally, the Council is committed to enhancing the walking paths throughout our town to ensure the safety and ease of access for all. The rural sector of our shire is the number one economic driver, and besides having safe roads to transport livestock, controlling pests and weeds are also imperative, and Council have again committed \$280,000 to the Wild Dog Working Group. Council recognises the efforts our local committees, clubs and organisations do in facilitating events throughout the year for our community and has allocated \$300,000 once more for this purpose. In 2025 Winton will celebrate 150 years of settlement. Council has engaged an Events Coordinator to work with Council and residents to ensure that we mark this milestone in our Shire's history. Council will encourage all events held throughout the 2025 calendar year to continue with the 150-year branding that Council has approved. Our Council is committed to delivering the best outcomes for our shire that are responsible and long term financially sustainable. Council in the past has participated in a Business Improvement Plan with Qld Treasury and Council will continue to explore potential strategies for supporting a cost-effective accountable business model. Cr Cathy White Mayor Winton Shire Council.

Below is a snapshot of Decisional Reports from the August Council Meeting on Thursday 15 August 2024. For a full copy of the May Minutes and Business Paper please visit our website. The next Council meeting will be at the WSC Chambers on Thursday 19

September 2024.

PRESENT: Cr Cathy White (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Cr Jacob Mutton and

Cr Adrian Lenton.

ONLINE TEAMS: Cr Julie Dorries.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Ricki Bruhn (Interim Chief Executive Officer), Miss Shannon Van Bael (Executive Manager Community Services), Mr Roger Naidoo (Director of Works) and Miss Kirby Reents (Minute Secretary).

13.1 Winton 150-Year Celebrations - Commemorative Book - by John Elliot

• THAT the amended report be received.

13.2 Advisory Committee / Assessment Panel / Board Membership

 THAT Ms Naomi Miles, Head of Development at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs be confirmed as a representative for the Tourism and Beautification Advisory Committee and the RADF Assessment Panel.

13.3 MOU - Winton Community Garden

• THAT Council approves the attached document "Memorandum of Understanding between Winton Community Garden and Winton Shire Council" with amendments.

13.4 Complaints Management Policy

• THAT the report 13.4 Complaints Management Policy be laid on the table to enable further clarification to be sought from the Governance Coordinator.

13.5 Community Grant Request

- THAT Council accept the request from the Queensland Boulder Opal Association Inc for the monetary amount of \$10,000 subject to the receipt of all invoices which verify the full expenditure of the allocation requested.
- THAT Council accept the request from The North Gregory Turf Club for the in-kind amount of \$381.

13.6 Saleyards Fees and Charge

- THAT Council in accordance with Section 97 and Section 262 (3)(c) of the Local Government Act 2009, adopt the changes to the 2024 / 2025 Fees and Charges Schedule in relation to the Saleyards as detailed in this report.
- THAT the difference between the rates that were adopted by Council on 26 July 2024 and those recommended in 2. above, be credited to customers of the Saleyards.
- THAT future changes in Fees and Charges in relation to the Winton Saleyards be communicated to Winton Saleyards customers as soon as practicable after their adoption.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Neighbourhood Centre

Glenda Rival Interior Workshop

"What's Old Is New" again. Artistic adventures now focus on recycling and upcycling – whether it be revamping a pair of denim jeans or scrap metal discarded in the backyard into new functional items.

An enthusiastic group of local creatives were inspired at workshops on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 August at the Winton Creative Arts House.

On Saturday, participants upcycled denim jeans to create a unique and sturdy floor mats.

On Sunday, the artist led workshop highlighted the steps of eco dyeing – using dyes extracted from plants and leaves found in the garden and creating a silk scarf or table runner and indigo painting of linen teatowels.





Comedy Show

The attendees of the comedy show held on Friday, 16 August, experienced an unforgettable evening. Comedians Des Dowling and Ellen Briggs showcased their sharp humor and brought much laughter to the audience, ensuring that everyone left with a smile, which was precisely the goal.

Family support

Book Week: Bluey and Bingo

The initiation of Book Week was celebrated with a lively morning at the park, where children dressed up in their costumes representing their favorite literary characters to engage in delightful activities and enjoy a morning tea. The day commenced with the captivating tale of "Going on a Bear Hunt," and was enjoyed by all the children as they participated in the narrative, embarking on an exhilarating quest for a bear.



The next morning was particularly thrilling, marked by the much-anticipated return of Bluey. After a live performance, all children and their families were invited to share warm embraces with Bluey and Bingo, creating cherished memories through photographs.







COMMUNITY SERVICES

Bring the Boys

Another fantastic night was had by the boys and their support crew. The night began with a feast of tacos giving energy to head into a team building challenge called 'The tower building contest', using marshmallows, spaghetti, rubber bands and sticky tape.







The night finished with a conversation around the topic of resilience where all boys were involved, sharing, and contributing to the conversation.

Gather the Girls:



An eventful night was had by the girls and their support crew. Starting the night off with Tacos for dinner then heading into a game of Family Feud which focused on team building, collaborative problem-solving and fostering engagement. The night ended with a conversation around self-esteem and self-kindness, all girls were very engaged and contributed to the conversation and writing a letter of kindness to themselves for the next "Gather the Girls" event in October.

Youth, Sport & Recreation

Blackhawks Visit

The Townsville Mendi Blackhawks attended the Winton State School and delivered a Sporting Lesson to the students. This included a warmup session with Lee Paterson - Head Strength and Conditioning Coach and then went on to complete a variety of drills with James Tamou - Ex NRL Player and current Blackhawks Player and Tim Nugent -Development Officer. A hot breakfast was supplied by the Winton Shire Council on Friday morning in the lead up to the St Patrick's Catholic School and Winton State School junior students completing their session with the Blackhawks. Whilst in town the Blackhawks attended the Winton Junior Rugby League training and the Winton NQ Move Senior Oz Tag. The Winton State School and St Patrick's Catholic School where lucky enough to receive a variety of merchandise donated by the Blackhawks.





COMMUNITY SERVICES

Move IT NQ Program

During the month of July multiple sporting events were delivered to the community for both senior and junior age groups. This included Netball, Oztag, Yoga, and Hockey.



Pancake Breakfast

The Youth, Sport & Recreation Officer and Family Support Officer supplied the Winton State School students with a free Pancake Breakfast on Wednesday 17, July and then to the St Patricks Catholic School on Thursday 18 July. These breakfasts not only provide a nutritious start to the day for many students, but they also create a positive, inclusive environment that encourages social interaction and school engagement.



60 & Better

Winton 60 & Better continues to provide a variety of regular activities, even during the colder months. Chair yoga sessions on Thursday mornings from 8:30 to 9:00 have gained significant popularity within the community. This half-hour class focuses on stretching, breathing, and enhancing overall wellbeing, and all are invited to join Izzy in the Winton 60 & Better meeting rooms on Thursday mornings.

A notable event in July was the morning pancakes and bingo session held in collaboration with the year 9/10 students from Winton State School. We extend our gratitude to the students and staff for contributing to a delightful morning.

Please stay tuned for this year's Seniors Month program, which features a Thompson River Cruise, mosaic crafting, bingo, and a two-course meal to celebrate 30 years of Winton 60 & Better. We hope to see you there.



COUNCIL EMPLOYMENT

Winton Shire Council Jobs



- Plant Operator / Labourer
- Personal Care Attendant

- **Early Childhood Teacher**
- Shire Hall Caretaker / Office Cleaner
- ✓ Maintenance Supervisor
- Facilities Officer



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Economic Development

Qld Innovation Precincts and Places Fund:

The Regional Precincts and Places Infrastructure & Technology Program is now open, offering regional innovation hubs the opportunity to secure grants of up to \$3 million to enhance their infrastructure and technology. Supporting capital works for buildings, digital infrastructure, plant and equipment to increase collaboration.

Funding is available for projects able to commence within six months of receiving approval and be completed by no later than 36 months from the contract start date.

Applications that include matched-funding contribution from the applicant and precinct partners will be highly regarded.

For more information and applications through SmartyGrants, please visit:

Queensland Innovation Precincts and Places Fund: Stream 3 — Regional Precincts and Places Infrastructure & Technology Program | Advance Queensland

Writing a grant application

Grant funding is highly competitive, but a grant can provide a highly effective financial boost to the future growth and development of your business.

Applying for a Queensland Government Business Grant – is a 5-part series that will walk you through the setting up of an online grants account, understand eligibility criteria and essential grant writing requirements.

Please visit the link below to listen to the video:

<u>Writing a grant application | Business</u>

Queensland

New on business.gov.au:

You don't need to be an adult to run a business in Australia.

If you're a young person with a great idea, you can go ahead and start your own business.

Here are a few extra things to consider if you are under 18 years of age.

Start a business when you're under 18 | business.gov.au

The Planting of 150 Trees

As part of the Winton 150 Year celebrations, Council will plant 75 Red Poinciana trees along each side of McMaster Drive between the highway and the Winton Airport terminal.



WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE





Tourism and Visitor Information Centre

Walking into the Future 2024 Network Plan

Winton Shire Council has been provided funding from the Dept of Transport and Main Roads for the Walking Network Plan 2024, project (WNP).

Winton Shire Council has commissioned the CPR Group to assist with the stakeholder engagement and preparation of the Walking Network Plan, the first step in creating better places to walk in Winton.

This will be available for feedback on Council's website soon.

The final WNP will include a number of project stages and inform Council's future priority works program. This will identify timings and locations for the construction of new and upgraded footpaths, pedestrian crossings, lighting, seating and shade trees and implementation of non-infrastructure initiatives.



3G Shutdown: date extended

The date for shutting down Australia's 3G network has been extended, to give customers and businesses more time to prepare. Both Telstra and Optus will switch off 3G network on 28 October, 2024.

The 3G network switch off will effect: EFTPOS terminals, security systems and cameras; scanners; tablets; smartwatches, assets tracking tools; surveying instruments, water and environmental monitoring equipment and wireless operating systems.

Agritourism Workshop

An Agritourism Masterclass in Longreach, presented by agriculture and tourism experts, Sparrowly Group and hosted by OQTA, provided a hands-on learning workshop for graziers, farmers and existing agritourism operators in the region.

Agritourism is a rapidly growing industry with potential to build business capability and resilience, create local employment opportunities and encourage new market segments.

Visitors to the outback are interested in authentic, farmbased tourism experiences and Agritourism offers the potential to grow the Outback visitor economy in ways that not many knew were possible.

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Hero pillars:

- Drive experiences / road trips
- Outback events
- Australian culture
- Natural wonders / into the wild
- Adventure

Tourism in Outback Queensland

- Contributed: \$826.6 million to the region (YE 2023)*.
- Average visitor spend of \$860 per visitor and \$202 per night (YE 2023)*.

Source: "Tourism Research Australi

WALTZING MATILDA CENTRE



Outback Regional Gallery

'Call for Entries' for the Outback Regional Gallery



The Outback Regional Gallery is calling for entries for the 2025 John Villiers Outback Art Prize, details can be located via https://matildacentre.interactivink.com.au/

\$16,000 Prize Pool

Adult Category and Emerging Youth Category (15-26 years)

Theme: Outback A Sense of Place

Save the date for the Awards and Opening night Saturday 15th March 2025

The John Villiers Outback Art Prize is generously sponsored by The John Villiers Trust, Winton Shire Council and Ros Kavanagh Elders Insurance Central Queensland.



WORKS DEPARTMENT



Utilities upgrade and Dog Park Clean-up bags

The Water and Sewerage team are pleased to announce that all sewer pumps have had scheduled upgrades. The works to the water pump station are still underway.

The Parks and Facilities team has installed pet clean-up bags at the dog park. This makes for a cleaner park where all patrons can ensure their doggie's business is removed.



Grandstand Seating

The timber seating in the grandstand and smaller stands at the recreational grounds and camp draft area have been replaced with steel rails to make for a more comfortable seat with less splinters! The Council would like to thank the Work Camp crew through Correctional Services for doing this work.



Youth Centre

The concrete slab has been poured and is currently curing. The team is installing the columns, and the beams are scheduled to be installed in early September, this is when we will see the Youth Centre construction take shape.

Balustrades in Elderslie Street

Additional balustrades have arrived to replace the various café style barriers in the main street. Arrangements are being made for their installation.

WORKS DEPARTMENT

Rural lands

Leaky Bore Program Update

The leaky bore program continues to progress, with two facilities recently inspected to assess water requirements for the bore drillers. It is expected that both bore holes will be drilled and completed before Christmas, which will be a great step forward in enhancing water resources for the community



Feed Assessment on Town Common

The grasses on Town Common are showing signs of stress, with a notable drop in growth. A formal feed supplement assessment is currently underway, and it is likely that lick blocks will soon be placed in the area. These blocks will help livestock digest the feed that has begun to die off due to the changing weather conditions.

Dog Bounty Program

The Dog Bounty Program has been open since I July, 2024. All claims which are made must have GPS locations of each scalp collected and the landowner's signature of approval or the claim will be denied.

For all queries, please contact ruralservices@winton.qld.gov.au or phone 4657 2656

Increased maintenance due to rising temperatures

As the weather heats up, we are seeing increased demands on water resources. Regular water runs have become essential to ensure adequate hydration for livestock. Additionally, maintenance of watering systems is receiving greater attention to keep them functioning efficiently in these hotter conditions.

Welcome Kendall Batey to the Rural Services Team

We are excited to introduce Kendall Batey as the new member of the Rural Services team. With extensive experience working on properties throughout the region, Kendall has completed her orientation of the stockroutes. Landholders on the stockroutes can expect to see Kendall maintaining facilities. Be sure to give her a warm welcome!



Busy season for Rural Services

The busy season has officially started for the Rural Services department. With the need for increased water runs and preparations for the bi-annual common muster, the team is working at full capacity. In addition, wild dog management efforts are also increasing. While dates for the muster and wild dog management events are yet to be confirmed, we are making significant progress in organising these key events. Keep an eye on the Winton Shire Council Facebook page for the latest updates and details as they become available.

PAST EVENTS

COFIELD RACES 2024

2 AUGUST - 3 AUGUST 2024



On the first weekend of August, the Corfield Amateur Races Club celebrated its 125th anniversary with locals and visitors from across the country enjoying a day of horse racing, Fashions of the Field, good food, company, kids' entertainment and music.

2 - 3 AUGUST

The Corfield Amateur Race Club celebrated a significant milestone on Saturday with its 125th anniversary meeting. Sponsored by Winton Shire Council, more than 400 people attended the much anticipated event, which featured six races that captivated the crowd.

As the day transitioned into night, the excitement continued with attendees dancing and celebrating well into the evening. The event was not only a display of spirited competition but also a chance for everyone, including our Council staff, to bond and create lasting memories. It was a perfect blend of tradition, community, country fun, leaving all looking forward to next









PAST EVENTS

DIAMANTINA GOLF CUP

10 AUGUST - 11 AUGUST 2024

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The Diamantina Golf Cup was held at the Winton Golf Club on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August. Robert Ellis won the Open category in the men's division, while Di Skinner emerged as the champion in the women's division. Congratulations to all the winners, and a big thank you to everyone who participated in this fantastic golf event!





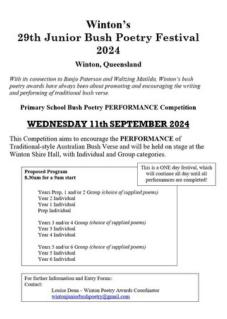
2024 DIAMANTINA OPEN WINNERS

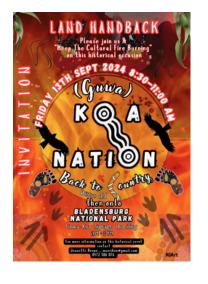


UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Bush Poetry Festival 11 September

The competition aims to encourage the performance of traditional style Australian Bush Verse with individual and group categories. For more details visit the Winton Junior Bush Poetry Facebook page.





Land Handback 13 September

The community of Winton is invited to the Guwa Koa Nation event at Bladensburg National Park on Friday 13 September, from 7:30 AM to 11 AM. Join us for the unveiling of the Guwa Koa Signage from 2 PM to 3 PM. Don't miss this special occasion to celebrate cultural heritage. For more information, contact Jeanette Brown at 0412 366 078 or jeanette.brown.landback@gmail.com.

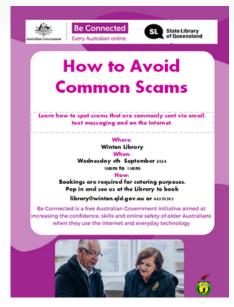
North Gregory Turf Club Race Meeting **21 September**

This Race Meeting in 2024 will take place on Saturday 21 September, at the Winton Showgrounds. Enjoy food, fashion, a bar, and much more!

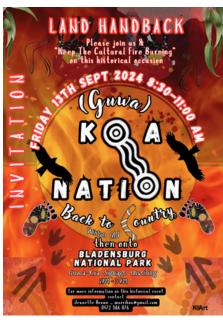


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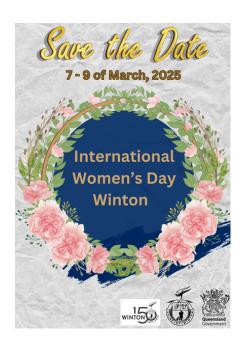
















UPCOMING EVENTS

Winton Seniors Month October 2024

Saturday 5th

7:00am Depart Winton from 60 & Better Longreach Thompson River Cruise 9:00-11:00 RSVP September 19, 2024

Friday 18th

Lunch Roast Pork and Vegetable + Desert

North Gregory Hotel 11:30 am RSVP October 4, 2024

Sunday 27th 9:30-11:00 am Grandparent Day Bingo

North Gregory Hotel

Tuesday 29th 8:30-12:30pm

Mosaic Mirror project DIY workshop Winton 60 & Better

Transport available bookings at the Neighbourhood Centre 07465872680

*** Please indicate dietray requirements at time of RSVP***

Contact: Bronwyn 0438937790 bronwyns@winton.qld.gov.au







Winton 150 Year Celebration Weekend Program Friday 11- Sunday 13 April, 2025



11 April

150 Year opening ceremony+ plaque unveil Morning Tea at the Winton Club

Reunite at the Recreation Grounds
Dinner and Sunset Concert
Dark Sky Drone Show

12 April

Vintage Dress-up Day
Vintage markets
"Trades and Crafts from the Past" display / Antique Roadshow
Grand Parade along Elderslie Street

Winton 150-Year Gala Ball in the Shire Hall Pics and Pizza at the Royal Theatre

13 April

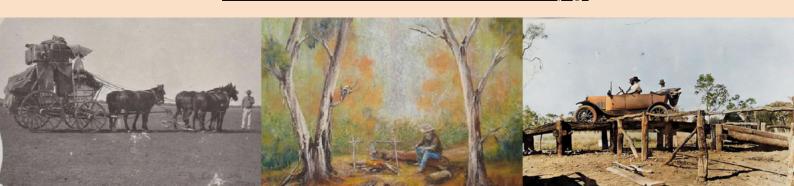
Combined Church Service at Winton Cemetery
Old School Sports Day at the Recreation Grounds
Football and Novelty Tennis
Sunset Concert
Family night with Food Trucks, Fireworks and Music

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Tours of the region with Red Dirt Tours

Historical Displays
Pop-up and Roving Entertainment throughout the town

*More details will follow on Winton Shire Council FB page





Winton 60 & Better September 2024

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