



# Winton

## Shire Council

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### MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024- EDITION 6

## IN THIS MONTH

### Winton wins Snap Send Solve Awards

Winton Shire Council has claimed victory in the Community Engagement Award, both Australia-wide and for Queensland in 2023

**Snap  
Send  
Solve**

### New Tourism Signs

Winton Shire Council has collaborated with Roadtek to install new signage at rest stops



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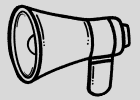
Winton Shire Council

### 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



# Council Meeting Highlights



## January 2024

Below is a snapshot of Decisional Reports from the January Council Meeting. A highlight of this meeting was the sale of the block of land on the Longreach Rd for the construction of accommodation and the contract being awarded for the construction of the Youth Centre. As well as the below Decisional Reports Council was presented the second quarterly report on the outcomes delivered against the Operation Plan for the year ended 30 June 2024.

This was the last meeting before Council went into caretaker mode prior to the Local Government elections. For a full copy of the January Minutes and Business Paper please visit our website. The next Council meeting will be at the WSC Chambers on the 14th of March.

### **13.1 WSC\_HSQF\_POL\_014 Social Housing Tenancy Management Policy**

- THAT the existing Council Housing Policy and the Independent Aged Accommodation Policy be discontinued, and that Council adopt the WSC\_HSQF\_POL\_014 Social Housing Tenancy Management Policy.

### **13.2 60 & Better Service Agreement**

- THAT the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to provide written notification to the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships accepting the offer.

### **13.3 Community Care Updated Policies**

- THAT Council adopt the following policies:
  - A. WSC-CCS-POL-025 Antimicrobial Stewardship Policy;
  - B. WSC-CCS-POL-16 Restrictive Practice Policy; and
  - C. WSC-CCS-POL-011 End of Life Care Policy.

### **13.4 Rescind Previous Resolution – Preferred Supplier Arrangement for the Supply of Baiting Meat Substrate**

- THAT Council rescinds the previous decision to establish a Register of Preferred Supplier Arrangement (PSA), for the Supply of Baiting Meat Substrate.
- THAT Council notifies the Respondents accordingly.
- THAT Council initiates a Request for Quotation for the Supply of Baiting Meat Substrate as required.

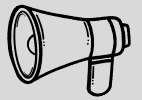
### **13.5 Local Laws**

- That public feedback on the advertised draft local laws be considered, and changes be incorporated in the final local laws.





# **Council Meeting Highlights**



**January 2024**

- THAT the Public Interest Review Report on the anti-competitive provisions contained in proposed Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2024 and proposed Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2024 be received.
- THAT the Public Interest Report's recommendation that the anti-competitive provisions contained in the proposed subordinate local laws are in the public interest and should be retained.
- THAT Council resolves to make the following local and subordinate local laws as advertised:
  - A. Repealing Local Law No. 1 (Miscellaneous) 2024
  - B. Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Administration) 2024
  - C. Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2024
  - D. Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2024
- THAT additional provisions in relation to dangerous dogs be incorporated into proposed Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2024 and that it be noted that no community consultation is considered necessary for these provisions as they are minor in nature.
- THAT Council resolves to make Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2024, which has been amended, since it was publicly advertised, to include the following additional provisions in relation to dangerous dogs and amendments to the designated town area: the following local and subordinate local laws as advertised:
  - A. In column 1 of schedule 5, insertion of a new row relating to a declared dangerous dog, declared menacing dog or restricted dog (as defined within the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008))
  - B. In column 2 of schedule 5, inserting new minimum standards for the keeping of such dogs, to ensure that enclosures for these dogs cannot be accessed by visitors without the assistance of an adult occupier and are constructed of adequate materials.
  - C. Substituting the map of the designated town area in Schedule 11.

## **Confidential Section**

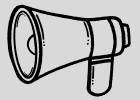
### **18.1 Evaluation of Tender for Sale of Council Owned Land.**

This report seeks Council approval for the sale of Council owned land, being Lot1 on SP 335297 Landsborough Highway. Public Tender process has been completed with only one Response received, that being from IRBS Trust.





# Council Meeting Highlights



## January 2024

- THAT Council authorises the CEO to enter into a Contract of Sale for the sale of Lot 1 on SP335297 to IRBS Trust.

### **18.2 Youth Centre Construction WSCT-2324-05**

As part of Council's Asset Management, Enhancement and Community response, it was identified that there was a need for a new Youth Centre that will also be used as an Evacuation Centre in times of a disaster. Furthermore, this facility is designed to cater to the needs of the younger population in the Community, providing a dedicated space for various activities, programs, and services aimed at fostering their development and well-being. The centre is envisioned as a hub for social, educational, and recreational activities, offering a range of resources and opportunities to engage and support the youth community.

- THAT Council engages Kent Construction to build the Youth Centre as per Kent Constructions original Tendered amount of \$2,286,900.00 (excl. GST)
- Council completes the Excavations, Earthworks and Concrete Works and deducts these amounts from the Tendered Rates
- Council takes out a Loan or uses Reserves to fund the shortfall

## Winton Shire Council Jobs

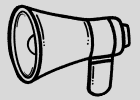


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| • Information Technology Administrator | • Children's Services Worker              |
| • Finance Support Officer              | • Assistant Children's Services Worker    |
| • Rural Services Manager               | • Personal Care Attendant                 |
| • Community Care Services Officer      | • Early Childhood Teacher                 |
| • Economic Development Officer         | • Hospitality and Catering Officer        |
| • Children's Services Group Leader     | • Junior Hospitality and Catering Officer |





# Council Meeting Highlights



## February 2024

Below is a snapshot of Decisional Reports from the February Council Meeting. there was plenty of correspondence for this meeting but a standout was a letter from the Minister for Environment regarding the purchase of properties for National Parks and the impact on our economy, including Opal mining. Council's resolution was: "To continue to lobby both sides of state politics to highlight the impacts these decisions will have on the local economy, industries and community."

This was the second last meeting before the Local Government elections. For a full copy of the February Minutes and Business Paper please visit our website. The next Council meeting will be at the WSC Chambers on the 14th of March.

### **13.1 Local Disaster Management Group – Appoint New Chair Election Period**

During the local government election period following confirmation of election results, but before the first meeting of the new Council, at which the appointments of chair and deputy chair of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) will be made, the role of chair and deputy chair of the LDMG will be vacant for a short period of time. This is not appropriate if an emergency arises during this period. The LDMG has therefore nominated Mr Gavin Baskett to be the chair of the LDMG during this period. Council is being asked to ratify this nomination to ensure the role is filled during the short period, before the new Mayor and Councillors are installed and the new LDMG appointments can be made.

- That Council ratifies the nomination of Mr Gavin Baskett, and appoints him as the chair of the Winton LDMG, during the period following confirmation of the results of the 2024 local government elections and the formal appointment of the new chair and deputy chair at the new Council's first meeting.

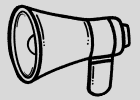
### **13.2 Academic Bursary Policy and Application Form**

The tertiary entry requirements for Queensland tertiary institutions have changed from Overall Position to Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). This means that documents that referred to Overall Position (OP) now need to be updated.

- That the proposed amendment to the wording of WSC-ADM-POL-013 Academic Bursary Policy and WSC-ADM-FRM-013 Academic Bursary Application be adopted.



# **Council Meeting Highlights**



## **February 2024**

### **13.3 Advisory Committee Policy and Terms of Reference**

- That the WSC-GOV-PWI-001 Advisory Committee Terms of Reference be updated to include the word “resident” as recommended in dot point 5 of the Tourism and Beautification Advisory Committee purpose.
- That the WSC-GOV-POL-008 Advisory Committee Policy is not updated

### **13.4 Community Grants Requests**

Council is committed to supporting not-for-profit community organisations that support the needs and liveability of the Winton community. This report is a reflection of the expenses during the 2023-2024 financial year thus far, and to present further Community Grant Requests which have been received

- THAT Council does accept the request from the Diamantina Rodeo and Campdraft Association for cash and in-kind assistance in the amount of \$8040.21 for the 2024 Winton Campdraft
- THAT Council does accept the request from the Winton Pastoral and Agricultural Show Society for the in-kind costs of erecting and dismantling of the large marquee and hire of chairs and tables for the amount of \$3725.61.
- THAT Council does accept the request from GWAU – KOA Aboriginal Corporation for in-kind assistance in the amount of \$1028.52.

### **13.5 Community Care Unspent Funds**

In 2021, the Australian Government implemented changes to the way providers of Home Care Packages were paid. Providers began receiving funding based on the actual services delivered to care recipients in the previous month rather than being responsible for the whole package funds. Prior to this any unspent amount would accrue in a home care account created and maintained by the service provider, being Winton Shire Council. Council currently holds accumulated funds of client package unspent funds.

- THAT Council:
  - A. Does nothing and when each of the 5 clients cease their home care package, Council would then be billed from Services Australia for the unspent funds.

# RURAL LANDS

## Water Facilities



With recent rainfall, the water facilities for the turkey nests have been replenished, albeit unevenly due to patchy rain. Hopefully, further precipitation will ensure all turkey nests are adequately filled, setting them up for a successful year ahead.

## Post Wet Biosecurity

With the abundant rainfall this year, there's a heightened risk of invasive pests being displaced. The Council urges the community to remain vigilant and report any unfamiliar weed sites. If you spot any potential biosecurity threats, please reach out to [ruralservices@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:ruralservices@winton.qld.gov.au). Your watchfulness makes a difference for all.

## BI BITES

BIOSECURITY TIDBITS

### Biosecurity Communication

Biosecurity threats are extremely important to the land and our communities. Council aims to grow the education of the public on what biosecurity is and how it impacts our community through this segment. Each month the segment will explore a range of topics from general biosecurity definitions and the Council's biosecurity plan, through to individual invasive species information.

## Stock Route and Common Maintenance

The grasses on the common and stock routes have regained their lush green color thanks to plentiful showers in the new year. The recent rainfall has flushed out the common, flowing through the channels, necessitating careful monitoring of the fences as water levels recede. Here's hoping for sustained rainfall throughout the year.



# WORKS DEPARTMENT

## Maintenance



The rural road maintenance teams have been impacted by the rain events during January. However, the teams are now back on the ground and working through the backlog. The teams are working on flood damage roads. We have five teams on the ground, four teams comprise significant shire staff numbers supplemented with contract staff, the fifth team is entirely a contractor staffed team. The contractor team has been unfortunately washed out due to the rain and high river levels.

## Mosquitoes



The wet weather has arrived, and unfortunately, so have the mosquitoes. Take action by ensuring there's no stagnant rainwater pooling in your yard, as this serves as ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Regularly tip out and refill outdoor pet water bowls to deter mosquitoes from infesting your backyard.

Work has commenced in the Parks and Gardens area in readiness for the tourist season and Way Out West Fest.

## Winton Wins Awards!

Winton Shire Council has claimed victory in the Community Engagement Award, both Australia-wide and for Queensland in 2023. The award is presented to the Council that has the highest percentage of Snappers relative to their population with the highest speed to solve rating. "To be acknowledged as the best is the country is certainly a significant award for the Winton Shire Council. The

process of designing and implementing the new Works Request System was embraced by all of the staff involved, but several key members deserve recognition. Their input and dedication to make sure the system was relatively simple to use and that it captured all relevant information needs to be applauded. The additional challenge of fully informing the community through messaging that was targeted and effective, was also an achievement. Well done Chloe, Bailey and Rebekah!"

Chief Executive Officer, Winton Shire Council



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## New Local Laws



"With Council's reviewed Local Laws now in place, training existing staff in Animal Control duties is a real priority. In the meantime, Council will continue to receive professional advice and services relating to Animal Control functions via its Resource Sharing arrangement with Longreach Regional Council. Thanks Brad, Dean and Barry for stepping up to take on this important work for the Community."

Chief Executive Officer, Winton Shire Council

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Youth Support News

### Gather the Girls

This year, a special dinner gathering for the young ladies in the community is being planned by Outback Futures and Winton Shire Council working together. Led by the Youth, Sport, and Recreation Office, in partnership with school personnel and the committed team at Outback Futures, this initiative seeks to encourage conversation, establish innovative initiatives, and empower young girls in their daily lives. Participants can anticipate a customized dining affair, along with interactive events aimed at collecting feedback for upcoming programs in 2024.

### Youth Retreat Workshop

The Longreach Regional Council organised a Youth Retreat Workshop, where young women actively engaged in activities aimed at developing leadership skills and fostering creativity to benefit the local youth community. The participants were encouraged to advocate for their peers and work together to find customized solutions for the town's youth. The workshop was led by experts from the Youth Leadership Academy Australia.

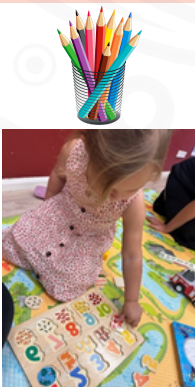


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## Family Support News

### Playgroup

Playgroup has resumed and there are exciting additions to the program, including fresh playthings, books, and brain teasers. The children are overjoyed with these new additions and have been delighting in activities such as coloring in their brand-new coloring books, experimenting with shape sorters, and solving puzzles. In the upcoming month, our focus will be on enhancing both gross and fine motor skills.



### School Visits

As part of the Family Support Program, there has been visits to the schools alongside the Youth, Sport, and Rec Officer. This presents a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces and meet new students. In the following month, the Community Services Staff will be organizing events called 'Gather the girls' and 'Bring the boys', which will enable us to further engage with the students and foster relationships.



# COMMUNITY SERVICES

## Winton 60 & Better

*Winton 60 & Better*

**NOSTALGIC FILM MORNING**

Sarah Riley Theatre  
Waltzing Matilda Centre  
Tuesday 12th March 2024  
9:10-10:00am  
Morning Tea 10:00am

1 hour of amateur silent film showcasing 1970 footage from Winton Rodeo, Winton Outback Festival, Winton vs Barcardine football

RSVP Bronwyn 0438937790



**2024**

Winton 60 & Better  
all residence over 55 welcome

**MONDAY** Games 9:00am  
Office hours 8:00-12:30

**TUESDAY** First Tuesday Meeting 10:00am  
Second Tuesday Movie 9:30am  
Third Community Morning Tea 10am  
Fourth Tuesday Bingo 10am  
Office hours 8:00-12:30

**WEDNESDAY** Exercise 8:30am  
Craft 9:30am  
Office hours 8:00am - 12:30

**THURSDAY** Chair Yoga 8:30am  
Office hours 8:00am to 12:30

**FRIDAY** Exercises 8:30am  
Office hours 8:00am to 12:00



**SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 2024**

**Tuesday 19 March**

Winton 60 & Better Meeting Rooms

9:30am Games Trivia  
10:00am Piano Irish Sing-along  
10:30am Morning Tea

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



### Winton 60 & Better Lunch

## Fish Chips Salad

WINTON ROADHOUSE  
THURSDAY 28TH, MARCH 2024, 12:00PM



Dine in only, \$10

RSVP Monday March 25th 12:00pm  
Bronwyn 0438937790  
bronwyns@winton.qld.gov.au



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- Neglect
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# Upcoming Events



**Queensland Government**  
Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women

## International Women's Day

'Count Her In: Invest in Women. Accelerate Progress.'

**wear your Barbie Best**

**Location:** NGH Beer Garden  
**Date:** 9th of MARCH, 2024  
**Time:** 6 PM onwards

**Dinner Provided:** Nibbles platter, Main Course and Sweets platter

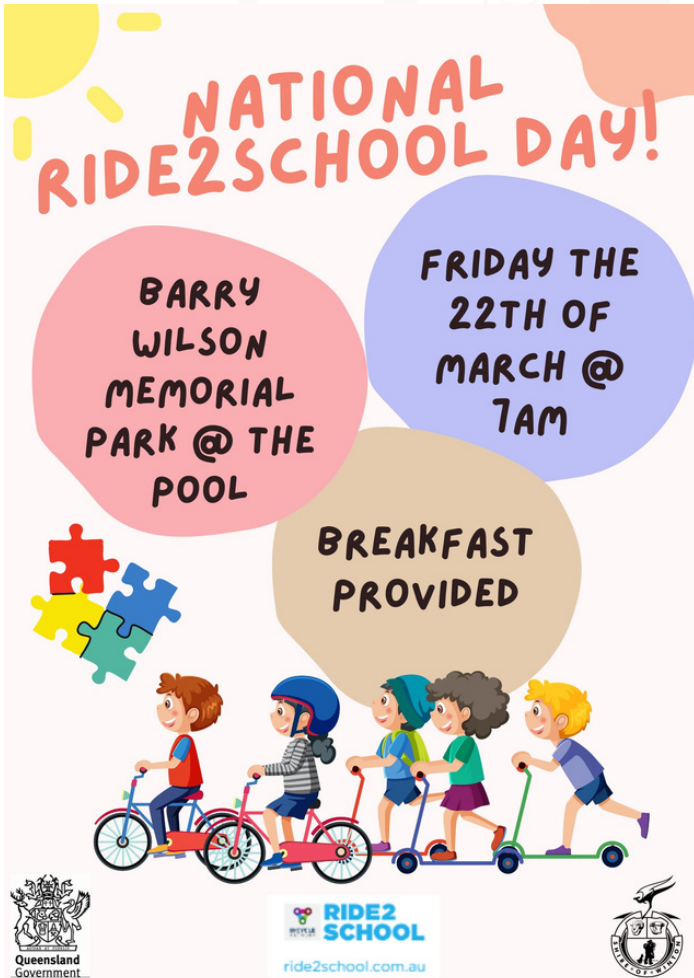
**Ticket Price:** \$50 (CASH ONLY)  
**Purchase by 1st MARCH, 2024**  
Tickets available to purchase from Neighbourhood Centre  
12 + over to be accompanied by Adult

For more information contact Shai or Deepali on [shaih@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:shaih@winton.qld.gov.au) or [deepalin@winton.qld.gov.au](mailto:deepalin@winton.qld.gov.au)



## COME WALK WITH US JOIN US ON OUR WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT WALK

*Saturday, March 9th at 7am. Meeting at the Waltzing Matilda Centre, walking on the walking track and finishing back where you started, breakfast available for purchase.*



## NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY!

**BARRY WILSON MEMORIAL PARK @ THE POOL**

**FRIDAY THE 22TH OF MARCH @ 7AM**

**BREAKFAST PROVIDED**

**Queensland Government**

**RIDE2SCHOOL**  
[ride2school.com.au](http://ride2school.com.au)



## THE John Villiers OUTBACK ART PRIZE

23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH – 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024 [matildacentre.com.au](http://matildacentre.com.au)



OUT HERE  
FOR GOOD

Awards night and official opening Saturday 23 March 5:30pm – 7:45pm, all welcome at the Waltzing Matilda Centre, Outback Regional Art Gallery! Official Opening by Dr Ian Galloway AM, Chair of The John Villiers Trust. Raffles, Cash Bar, Light Refreshments

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# Past Events

## Australia Day 2024

The community came together for an exciting triathlon that catered to participants of all ages. With the categories of kids, mid-year, open individuals and open teams everyone showed the spirit of unity and athleticism. The winners were acknowledged and awarded for their achievements with a medal ceremony held at the Winton Shire Hall.



The Australia Day festivities at the Winton Shire Hall began with an enjoyable breakfast, attended by numerous members of the community. The day continued with the Australia Day Awards, where Ambassador Bill Nancarrow delivered an inspiring speech and presented special memorabilia to deserving children.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024 WINTON AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS!

**Community Event of the Year:** Winton Show  
**Spirit of Winton Award:** Alan (Wesso) Wessling  
**Citizen of the Year:** Mandy Smith  
(Left to Right)

The Winton Shire Council and community would like to extend our appreciation to Bill Nancarrow (Australia Day Ambassador) for his visit.



Then the Great Australia Bites event began, marking the fourth year that Winton has received funding from the Premiers Office to host a free celebration for the community.

Throughout the day, approximately 100 to 120 individuals attended and had a wonderful time with a wide variety of food and entertainment options suitable for the whole family. Local businesses set up stalls offering tempting treats like lamingtons, deconstructed pavlovas, sliders, rolls, meat pies, butter chicken, scones, and peach blossoms. The Winton Date stall showcased locally grown dates with four unique flavours. Refreshments such as bottled water, juice, soft drinks, tea, and coffee were also available.



The talented young musician, Orlando Caston, who had recently released his second single, delivered an outstanding performance. The Lamington eating competition and the Celebrity Heads game were both highly successful, engaging participants of all ages in a joyful atmosphere.





# Past Events

## 2024 Meet & Greet



The meet and greet event was a resounding success! Over 90 community members participated and had the chance to meet both existing and new members of our community. Various community groups were discovered during the event. Everyone had a fantastic evening and enjoyed dancing to the music of Mother's 2nd Choice. Welcome to Winton packs were distributed, containing information about different organizations to help new community members acquaint themselves with these groups.



## New Tourism Signs

New signs at Crawford's Creek rest area and the rest area just south of Kynuna!


Council has been working in collaboration with Roadtek to erect new signage that highlights the Shire's attractions and provides information for the travelling public. The more we encourage travellers to stop and stay in out town the better it is for the local economy. Winton Shire Council would like to thank Roadtek for allocating us these spaces and look forward to working together more in the future.





# Winton 60 & Better March 2024

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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03	04 Games 9:00am	05 Meeting 10:00am	06 Exercises 8:30am BYO craft 9:30am	07 Chair Yoga 8:30am	08 Exercises 8:30am	09	
10	11 Games 9:00am	12 Sarah Riley Nostalgic film 9:00am Morning Tea 10:00am	13 Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am	14 Chair Yoga 8:30am	15 Exercises 8:30am	16	
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24	25 Games 9:00am	26 Bingo 09:00am RSVP for Lunch	27 Exercises 8:30am Punch Needle or BYO Craft 9:30am	28 Chair Yoga 8:30am Lunch Fish and Chips 12:00	29 Good Friday PH	30	

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