

Monthly Newsletter July 2024- Edition11

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Winton Shire Council

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese visits Winton

Hon Anthony Albanese MP visited Winton on Thursday 18 July, exploring the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum and the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Mr Albanese Winton's rich heritage and the praised community's dedication, highlighting town's significant contributions to Australian heritage, culture, and tourism.



Winton Opal Festival 2024

The Winton Opal Festival, held on Friday 12 July and Saturday 13 July, attracted opal miners and gem traders from across the country. Elderslie Street was transformed into a lively market with colorful stalls, offering tourists and locals a unique opal shopping experience.

The Outback Regional Gallery hosted the QBOA Opal Exhibition alongside the 2024 Queen of Gems Jewellery and Design Awards, drawing a large crowd to celebrate opal mining's significance in the region.



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



Council has finalised the 2024/2025 annual budget which will be adopted at a special meeting on Friday, 26 July. Recently I travelled with the Deputy Mayor and CEO to Canberra for the Outback Way Forum 2024. A diverse range of stakeholders involved in the Outback Highway were in attendance for discussion panels and workshops regarding the socioeconomic benefits that upgrading this highway will provide for business, industry and communities across the centre of the nation. We also attended the (ALGA) Australian Local Government Association conference where 161 motions were debated over 3 days. This was a wonderful opportunity to network with fellow councillors Australia wide and discuss common issues at a local government level, while also hearing from politicians from both political parties in government. Congratulations to the Outback Writers Festival organisers for a wonderful week of writing workshops, book

launches, keynote speakers, panel discussions and dinners. Author, W. Benjamin Lindner launched his latest book "Winton's Waltzing Matilda Centre". I thoroughly enjoyed listening to Benjamin speak as he provided some interesting details, particularly regarding Christina McPherson and the role she played in converting Banjo Patterson's words into a song, and the many coincidences which commonly occurred on the 18th June.....you will just have to read the book!....

The Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival once again provided us with feast of films.

This year, two plaques were placed in the "Walk of Fame" footpath outside the Royal Theatre. These recognise actress, Sigrid Thornton who delighted us with her presence and past Koa Elder and Vision Splendid board member, the late Mr Michael Mace who was instrumental in the festival's ongoing success. Council would also like to thank the Vision Splendid board for their recent contribution of new seating in the Sarah Riley Theatre at the Waltzing Matilda Centre

Elderslie Street was transformed into a sea of Opal trading stalls during the QBOA Opal Festival on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 July. It was great to see representatives from the Department of Resources and DESI (Department of Environment and Science) travel to Winton to attend this festival.

Thanks to the Mayor Sally O'Neil from the Barcoo Shire who assisted me in introducing the representatives to opal buyers (most of whom were International), the local opal miners and local businesses. The representatives also enjoyed an opal cutting demonstration and a guided tour of Opalton. All parties benefited from their time in Winton and RAPAD will continue to work on solutions that will suit all stakeholders in this vital industry.

Last week, The Prime Minister Anthony Albanese flew in for a surprise visit to the AAOD and the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Mr Albanese thoroughly enjoyed his guided tour of the centre (thanks to Bruce and Helen Collins). Even though it was a brief visit, we welcome politicians to our unique town and shire as this is always an opportunity to share our region's vision.

I wish the Corfield Race Club all the very best for their Saturday 3 August race meeting and celebrating 125 years of racing. It's wonderful to see all the visitors to our town which is important for our economy and the town's profile, both regionally and internationally.

Below is a snapshot of Decisional Reports from the May Council Meeting on Thursday 18 July 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 15 August 2024.

BPRESENT: Cr Cathy White (Mayor), Cr Tina Elliott (Deputy Mayor), Cr Frank Standfast, Cr Jacob Mutton, Cr Adrian Lenton, Cr Julie Dorries.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dirk Dowling (Chief Executive Officer), Shannon Van Bael (Executive Manager Community Services), Roger Naidoo (Director of Works), Kirby Reents (Minutes Secretary)

13.1 WINTON150 YEAR CELEBRATIONS - COMMEMORATIVE BOOK AND SONG WRITING COMPETITION - BY JOHN ELLIOTT

THAT Council does not support the collaboration with John Elliott to facilitate a song writing competition for the total cost of \$60,000, which includes an initial fee of \$10,000 for a twomonth period to locate and verify the \$100,000 prize money (If the prize money cannot be secured, the competition will not move forward), in this form, and that council seek a full ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Winton Shire Council 18 July 2024 9 submission from John Elliott regarding the specifics and detail in the proposal.

13.2 ALCOHOL AND DRUG FOUNDATION FUNDING

THAT Council approve an application for the Alcohol and Drug Foundation Grant.

13.3 CONVERSION OF LAND LEASEHOLD TO FREEHOLD - ROAD REALIGNMENT

THAT DOR be advised Council has no objection to the conversion of GHPL No. 23/16068 to Freehold Title, subject to the following:

- (i) Corfield Richmond Road be widened to accommodate section "B", as indicated by the blue line on Image 1 in DoR letter dated 10 May 2024;
- (ii) New road be opened to accommodate section "A" of Corfield Richmond Road, as indicated on Image 1 in DoR letter dated 10 May 2024;
- (iii) New road be opened to accommodate Bernborough Downs access road, as indicated by orange line on Image 2 in DoR letter dated 10 May 2024; and
- (iv) All statutory requirements for the widening of Corfield Richmond Road and the opening of new roads, including land surveys, survey plan preparation and registration and re

13.4 DA - MCU - "TOURIST ATTRACTION" AND "SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION" (WSC 24-01)

That Council approve the development application for material change of use for "Tourist Attraction" and "Short-term Accommodation", subject to reasonable and relevant planning Conditions, as set out in Attachment A, which reflect and accord generally with the application as made

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

13.5 ANIMAL REGISTRATION

THAT the Council allow the CEO to extend a 'grace period' for registrations while the new dates are implemented.

13.6 ALCOHOL AND DRUG FOUNDATION FUNDING

THAT the Council allow the CEO to extend a 'grace period' for registrations while the new dates are implemented.3.THAT Council: (a) adopt the WSC-GOV-POL-005 Investigation Policy as presented; and (b) adopt the WSC-GOV-PWI-011 Conduct Breach Investigation Committee Terms of Reference as presented.

13.7 CODE OF CONDUCT

THAT Council adopt the WSC-HR-POL19 Code of Conduct Policy with amendment.

13.8 PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING POLICY

THAT Council Adopt the new WSC-HR-POL-018 Psychosocial Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy.

13.9 COMMUNITY GRANT REQUEST

THAT Council does accept the request from Diamantina Rodeo and Campdraft Association Inc. for the waiver of hire fees for the amount of \$120.00 of the Showgrounds for the upcoming Mental Health Awareness weekend.

13.10 2023-24 OPERATIONAL PLAN - Q4 REPORT

That Council Note the fourth quarterly report on outcomes delivered against the Operational Plan for the year ended 30 Jun 2024.

13.11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE / ASSESSMENT PANEL / BOARD MEMBERSHIP

That Melvin Elliott be confirmed as a representative for rural local businesses and agents (Winton Rural Services) of the Rural Lands and Agriculture Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Neighbourhood Centre

Forklift Licence

The Forklift Licencing training provided at the Neighbourhood Centre saw a positive response from community members, who actively took part and benefited from the chance to acquire valuable qualifications. The training was supported by RAPAD.





Picnic Table

A table and chairs set has been placed at the rear of the Neighbourhood Centre for use during breaks and other training activities when the main venue is booked.

Garden Club

The Garden Club was held at the Community Garden this month. The garden is producing a great variety of delicious vegetables and herbs.

A number of fruit trees have also been planted.

Family support

NAIDOC was organised in Winton by Winton Shire Council and Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Limited, on Monday 8 July. The event commenced mid-morning with RESQ Longreach and "Lives Lived Well" setting up stalls to share resources and valuable information. The lunch featured a roast with three different meats, accompanied by a variety of vegetables and sauces., This was well-received by the attendees. A cake cutting ceremony took place and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were present. Betty's Bingo was a popular activity, with plenty of prizes to be won, making it a delightful day for all who attended.





COMMUNITY SERVICES

Youth sport & recreation

Combined Schools Athletics Carnival

The Youth, Sport & Recreation Officer, and the Family Support officer participated in the Combined Schools Athletics Carnival on Tuesday June 18. A hot breakfast was

provided for students and families before the day's activities began. Once breakfast was finished, the fun started for the day.





Move it NQ Program

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





Winton cricket nets

The Winton Shire Council has started the installation of new cricket nets located at the recreational grounds. The construction is currently in progress and nearing its final stages. This initiative strives to rejuvenate cricket activities within the Winton community, heralding a vibrant new era for the sport in the region.

Vacation Care Program

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

During the first week of school holidays, the Youth, Sport & Recreation Officer and Family Support Officer ran vacation care. This included a vast variety of activities for the children such as two days with the Crack Up Sisters and at the 60 & Better Bingo group. The Community Connections Opportunities Promotional Education Day run by Charleville and Western Areas Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Group (CWAATSICH) was held at the Winton Bowls Club. This included Boomerang throwing lessons, native paintings and the children were lucky enough to receive fishing shirts, beanies, and hats. Vacation Care Attendance for the June/Holidays was outstanding with an average of 15 children per day.





COMMUNITY SERVICES

WINTON 60 & BETTER

Aged Care Information Day

The day featured insights from various service providers such as Dr. Racheal from Winton Medical Practive, Jo Winkleman from ADA Australia, podiatrists, dieticians, exercise physiologists, and



continence advisors from NWRH. Jane Dennis gave an explanation of the benefits of remedial massage and Emmett therapy. Advice was also provided by Graham from Aidacare. Mrs Greenwood provided a detailed presentation of the exercise program at 60 & Better and Helen Fogarty discussed the services offered by the Neighbourhood Centre. Tom Pascoe introduced himself as the new visiting Optometrist to Winton and the Outback Futures Group distributed information and materials on accessing mental health services in the region.



COUNCIL EMPLOYMENT

Winton Shire Council Jobs



- ☑ Generic Cleaner
- ☑ Visitor Experience Officer
- Shire Hall Caretaker / Office Cleaner

- Personal Care Attendant
- Junior Hospitality and Catering
 Officer





Economic Development

Struggling to find employees? You're not alone

This is one of the biggest challenges facing Queensland employers. Workforce Evolve, is a free e-learning program that can help build knowledge about the benefits of employing from diverse and inclusive groups and give you actionable tools to attract, recruit and retain staff.

Workforce Evolve is an online program that includes 6 self-paced learning modules, a comprehensive library of free resources and a one-hour personalised business coaching session.

For more information, visit: https://businesschamberqld.com.au/services/workforceevolve/

WE'RE HIRING

Is Your Website Safe?

Queensland has the highest rate of cybercrime incidents, with 85% of small businesses targeted.

Business Chamber Queensland and .au Domain Administration will conduct an informative webinar session to learn simple strategies to protect your website from Domain Name System abuse like phishing and malware and discover how auDA can help if your domain name is compromised.

Webinar details: Tuesday, 6 August, 2024, from 9.30am-10.15am

To register for this FREE webinar - visit: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FRc YDVwwSTKK0L0yrpvXdg?

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Make your business stand out from the CROWD

Are you looking to make your business stand out?

Here are some ideas on how to provide customers with a unique and memorable experience and help your standout from your competition:

·Unique Packaging
·Birthday Gift or Discount Voucher
·Subscription boxes
·Free gift with purchase
·Mystery bags
·Free trials or returns
·Social media giveaway
·Support a charity

For more information and ideas visit business.gov.au:

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On Thursday 18 July, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese visited Winton, exploring the iconic Waltzing Matilda Centre. Accompanied by the Mayor and the Winton Historical Society, Mr Albanese delved into our national, patriotic, and precious history. He enjoyed the collections and memories of Banjo Paterson and left a warm message in the visitor book. The Prime Minister had a short but wonderful time, celebrating our rich heritage and community spirit.





International Tourism expenditure in Queensland

I's official, Queensland's tourism industry has soared to new heights, surpassing pre-pandemic records according to the latest data from Tourism Research Australia.

In the year ending March 2024, Queensland welcomed 27 million visitors, injecting \$34.1 billion into the state's economy. Queensland's tourism industry remains strong, with increased Overnight Visitor Expenditure (OVE) and visitor numbers, OVE having a 100.9 per cent recovery compared to 2019.

The international market continued to grow strong with New Zealand, China, the United Kingdom, Japan and the United States of America being the five source markets for overnight visitor expenditure.





Tourism Business Digital Adaption Program

If you are a tourism operator – the Tourism Business Digital Adaptation Program provides tourism industry businesses with a rebate of up to \$2,500 and free digital capabilities, by offering a suite of benefits and investment opportunities in online booking platforms, technology to enhance customer engagement, book products online and improve the online visitor experience.

The Queensland Government in partnership with QTIC is funding this program for Queensland tourism businesses to upgrade processes, digital platforms, and tools to increase productivity and support delivery of seamless visitor experiences.

For more information on access, support, resources and approved digital providers and a free trial of selected products contact:

QTIC on 07 3236 1445, email <u>digital@qtic.com.au</u>, or visit: https://www.qtic.com.au/industry-development/tourism-business-digital-adaption-program/

Doors of Discovery

Don't forget Australia's Dinosaur Trail – which includes the three towns of Hughenden, Richmond and Winton. See paleontology in action on our doorstep at the Australian Age of Dinosaur Museum before heading northwest to the Flinders Discovery Centre in Hughenden to view more than 3000 fossil specimens.



Drive on further west to Richmond to the Kronosaurus Korner and research facility where you will see Australia's largest fossilised fish. Return home to Winton and compare dinosaur footprints at the Lark Quarry Conservation Park.

For more information, please visit the <u>Australian Age Of Dinosaur website.</u>





Outback Regional Gallery

The National Photographic Portrait Prize 2023



The National Photographic Portrait Prize 2023 on tour from the National Portrait Gallery opened at the Outback Regional Gallery on Saturday 20 July. The exhibition showcases a diverse cross section of the very best in contemporary portraiture by both professional and aspiring Australian photographers made possible with the support of the National Collecting Institutions Touring and Outreach Program, an Australian Government program aiming to improve access to the national collections for all Australians. The Outback Regional Gallery is the most remote location of three destinations in Queensland that the

exhibition will travel to on its national tour. Special guests visiting on Saturday evening included Sarah Johnson Senior Curator Qantas Founders Museum, Brett Aldington CEO Museums and Galleries NSW and Lynette Newman who is the daughter of the subject in the winning 'In Living Memory' NPPP2021 photograph 'Drought Story' by Joel B. Pratley.

2024 Queen of Gems Jewellery and Design Awards

The Queensland Boulder Opal Association's annual prize awards opened at the Outback Regional Gallery on Saturday 13th July with over 40 entries from local and international artists on display. In conjunction with the Opal Festival Winton, an audience of 120 people celebrated the occasion at the Waltzing Matilda Centre.







WORKS DEPARTMENT



Winton Shire Council has recently acquired a new Caterpillar Pneumatic Tyre Roller.

The Roller was put to work immediately on flood damage works. This Roller is equipped with a number of enhanced features to ensure even compaction and performs exceptionally well on a range of materials.

Youth centre construction progress - update



Construction on the Youth Centre has resumed, with the under-slab plumbing now finished. Next week, preparations will begin for the pouring of the floor slab, which is anticipated to be finished by mid-August.

Flood damage repairs

The great weather we are experiencing is allowing the Council to stay on schedule and up to date with all flood damage grading works.

PAST EVENTS

WINTON OPAL FESTIVAL 2024

12 JULY - 13 JULY 2024



The Winton Opal Festival, held on Friday 12 July, and Saturday 13 July attracted numerous opal miners from Winton and across the country. The event featured street stalls on the main street and the QBOA Opal Exhibition at the Outback Regional Gallery, highlighting the significance of opal mining in the region.

12 - 13 JULY

TRADING ON THE MAIN STREET

In the Main street, opal miners and gem traders from all over the country gathered to set up their booths,

transforming Elderslie street into lively market. Both of the sides street and the were lined with colorful and interesting gem stalls and the road was closed off to allow tourists and locals to leisurely browse and enjoy the unique opal shopping

experience.







COMPETITION



The 2024 Queens of Gems Jewellery and Design Awards exhibition and competition was held at the Outback Regional Gallery, drawing a large crowd to celebrate and enjoy opal creativity at its best. Awards were presented across various categories for artists, jewelers, and designers.





Visit The Opal Miner Store in Elderslie Street to the view creative window display featuring entries in Wearable Fashion.

PAST EVENTS

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND MASTERS

29 JUNE - 30 JUNE 2024



The third remote stop of the 2024 Outback Queensland Masters golf series tee'd off at the Winton Golf Club with the Mayor's Hole-in-One Challenge at the Winton Way Out West sign on Saturday July 29, and Sunday July 30, 2024.











UPCOMING EVENTS

2 - 3 August Corfield Races

From Friday 2 August to Saturday 3 August 2024, the Corfield Race Club will mark its 125th anniversary of horse racing. The event will include six races, Fashions on the Field, wheelie bin races, live music, hot meals, a licensed bar, and free camping, offering a true country race meet experience.



10 - 11 August Diamantina Open



The 2024 Diamantina Open will tee off on Saturday 10 August at 10:30 am at Winton Golf Club. Nominations close on Wednesday August 7, but late nominations will be accepted. The nomination fee is \$120 per player and \$50 for juniors.

UPCOMING EVENTS















OPEN AT 9:00AM DRAW START 10:00AM LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH, 9AM WINTON 60 & BETTER MEETING ROOMS







Contact: bronwyns@winton.qld.gov.au

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





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Winton 60 & Better August 2024

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