



Winton

Shire Council

Monthly Newsletter

May 2024- Edition9

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Festival of Outback Opera 2024

The Festival of Outback Opera in Winton, once again offered an unforgettable experience with outdoor concerts, theatre-inspired opera a long-lunch and cultural conversations. The program featured exceptional artists delivering captivating performances including the Dark Sky Serenade at the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum.



Wise and Well Winton

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Winton Shire Council is proud to launch

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The **Wise and Well Winton Strategy** will document our current levels of services, programs and facilities and set a road map to ensure everyone in our community now, and in the future can access.

Please join us

Council extends an invitation to our community, urging active participation in the development of this strategy. The collaborative development of this strategy is essential to ensure its effective response to the specific needs of the Winton community.

Opportunities to participate will include a survey (hard copy and online), interviews and community information sessions.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY 8 MAY
Session 1: 10:00am - 1pm
From 100 to 150 people
Session 2: 1pm - 2:30pm
From 100 to 150 people

To find out more scan the barcode or visit: www.winton.qld.gov.au
Quick Links - Wise and Well Winton



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

Below is a snapshot of Decisional Reports from the May Council Meeting. 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 20 June, 2024.

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

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

13.1 Financial Policies

That the

- WSC-FIN-POL-006 Investment Policy be adopted as presented.
- WSC-FIN-POL-003 Debt Policy be adopted as presented.
- WSC-FIN-POL-010 Revenue Policy be adopted as presented.

13.2 Delegation from Council to the Chief

That the WSC-GOV-REG-002 Register of Delegations Council to the Chief Executive Officer as presented be adopted

13.3 Project management flood damage 2023 Program

That Council Appoint George Bourne & Associates as Project Managers for the 2023 Flood Damage Project.

13.4 Advisory Committee / Assessment panel / Board Membership

That Michael Lloyd is confirmed as a new community member of the Community Facilities Users Advisory Committee.

MAYOR'S MONTHLY MINUTES



Welcome to the May edition of our Council newsletter.

May has been another busy month for Council. Councillors attended the first of two Local Government training inductions days.

These training sessions are valuable learning sessions for all councillors to confidently carry out their duties and applicable roles in the community.

Council recently launched the Wise and Well Winton Health Care Strategy campaign and would like to thank Winton residents and visitors for attending the two community consultation sessions and completing surveys. Lead by Healthcare Strategy consultants, stakeholder engagement also included key healthcare organisations and businesses in our community. The data collected will enable Council to develop a Health and Wellness Strategy that can be implemented and provide direction for the future planning of programs, services and facilities for the region's population.

Councillors and Council staff travelled to Opalton on Sunday 5 May for the annual community meeting.

The meeting was well attended by those in Opal mining, the main topic of discussion being recent land acquisition by the state government and the implications for the future of the opal industry. RAPAD is working with the state government and QBOA to achieve a satisfactory outcome for all stakeholders and the industry's future.

May is Domestic Violence month.

The Neighbour Centre recently organised a domestic and family violence awareness walk on Friday 17 May with a number of active participants enjoying a walk around the outskirts of Winton.

Visitor numbers to the region were slow to start this season. There has been a steady increase, boosted this week by the fourth Festival of Outback Opera. The thrill of various Opera performances were enjoyed throughout the town, at a number of locations including the Royal Theatre, The Dust Arena, Waltzing Matilda Centre, The Lost Poet café, schools and the Dark Sky Serenade concert at the AAOD.

Leeanne Enoch, Minister for the Arts visited the region this week as a special guest of Opera Queensland Company. This also provided an opportunity to discuss a number of topics and regional issues.

In closing, my sincere condolences to the Archer family on the loss of their cherished mother Rosie. She was truly an inspiration to all and her contribution over many decades to our shire will be forever remembered.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

WINTON 60 & BETTER



Neighbourhood Centre



The Neighbourhood Centre liaised with the Community Garden Group to hold a Garden Club morning on Saturday 11 May. This was a lovely morning with community members from all ages gardening. A variety of herbs and vegetables were planted and new garden beds were established. The community garden is open to the public. This is a great opportunity to meet on a Sunday, socialise and contribute to a community project.

Mother's Day lunch

This month, Seniors enjoyed a Mother's Day two course lunch at the Boulder Opal Motel. The Boulder Opal is a popular venue with the group. The meal was flavoursome and finished with a homemade chocolate delicacy from Miro. Thankyou to Boulder Opal for the successful day. The Wise and Well Winton workshop was presented during the month of May offering seniors an opportunity to discuss their views on health and participate in a resident survey. This month we bid farewell to the Yoga instructor who has conducted popular chair yoga sessions for the past 12 months.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Rangeland Sunset tour

Fifteen seniors and friends recently attended the Rangeland Sunset Tour, enjoying a memorable Saturday evening at the Rangelsands Jump up. The tour offered a breathtaking view of the stunning outback sunset and The group enjoyed a tasty selection of nibbles and fine wines in the calm and beautiful setting.



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

Save the Date

Seniors

Cent sale

August 18 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Wise and Well Winton

Ageing and Wellness Health Care Strategy



Thank you to all the residents and visitors for 'having your say' and completing surveys.

These opinions and insights will enable the team to provide a comprehensive strategy and action plan for Council with the necessary evidence to support various funding opportunities, actions and responsibilities for the development of Winton's future ageing and wellness programs, services and facilities.

Community information sessions

Winton Shire Council recently hosted Kate Isles from Infinitum Partners, a regional specialist on town planning and social services, and Marcus Riley, Director of the Global Ageing Network to engage with the community, Council and healthcare providers regarding the development of the Wise and Well Winton health care strategy.

Kate and Marcus met with Council, healthcare providers and community groups to discuss health and ageing needs of the residents of Winton and the region.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family Support Program

In our playgroup this month, we celebrated Mother's Day by engaging in a delightful activity. We painted tiny hands and transformed them into adorable ladybugs, symbolizing our affection for the "Lady we love and bug". Ladies from Allied Health in Longreach travelled over for a special visit to our playgroup. The team consisted of an Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist and Dietician who shared valuable insights about their respective fields and addressed any enquiries parents had. In June, we are expecting special guests from Outback Futures who will engage in an activity with the children and provide parents with valuable information.



Domestic and Family Violence Awareness Campaign

The month of May was Domestic and Family Violence Awareness month. As part of this campaign, members of the community walked around the outskirts of Winton on Saturday 18 May, and finished with a coffee at The Cube.

Winton Shire Council Jobs



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facilitates Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children's Services Worker |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth, Sport, and Recreation Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Teacher |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks and Facilities Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant Children's Services Worker |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor Experience Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Care Attendant |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development Officer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hospitality and Catering Officer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children's Services Group Leader | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Junior Hospitality and Catering Officer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assistant Children's Services Worker | |

Economic Development

Tourism Capability Subsidy – Round 2



Are you ready to take your tourism business to the next level?

The QLD Government Tourism Business Capability Subsidy (Round 2) offers financial support of up to \$2,000 for trade / business training and accreditation. Opportunities are available in sustainability, ecotourism, tour guiding, cultural understanding, accessible tourism and caravan/holiday parks.

For more information regarding eligibility, application through the SmartyGrants portal, approval and the subsidy process please visit:

Tourism Business Capability Subsidy—Round 2 | Business Queensland

For any questions on the subsidy, contact tourism@dtis.qld.gov.au.



Tourism and Visitor Information Centre

Free Opalton Tour



Enjoy a quiet, peaceful weekend camping at the old Opalton dig and soak in the frontier atmosphere of the community.

While there take part in the free 2-3 hour morning tour from 7.30am which includes a historical guided discovery of the field, information on opal mining, trying your luck fossicking for opal and the opportunity to experience life as an opal miner. Contact the park attendants, Alan on 07 4657 3873 or Glen on 07 4657 3812 or on UHF17 for tour bookings and information.

Outback Regional Gallery

Celebrating Our Art Competition Winner!



Sarah Singleton

Takes home both the 2024 John Villiers Outback Art Prize with her painting 'Silverton Ruins', and the \$500 People's Choice Award, generously sponsored by Ros Kavanagh of Elders Insurance Central Queensland!

Current exhibition – Yaarran (Eucalyptus)



*Rhondda
Scott*

24May - 30 June 2024

Current exhibition

Yarran combines mediums of textile and painting to explore the profound connection and significance of the eucalyptus tree, delving into the symbolic power embedded in nature's majestic presence.

YARRAN

WORKS DEPARTMENT



AUTOMATION OF THE WATER TOWER

The recent automation of the water tower in Winton will enhance the quality of life for residents, improve infrastructure reliability, and contribute to sustainable water management practices in the community.

NEW KERB AND CHANNELS VINDEX STREET

The introduction of new kerb and channels brings multiple advantages to our community. These upgrades enhance drainage, reducing flooding risks during heavy rains and improves road safety by preventing standing water accumulating.



RENEWAL OF THE CONCRETE FLOORING AT HOLLOW LOG PARK

The concrete paths at Hollow Log Park received a fresh makeover. This means safer strolls for all of us when we are out and about in the park. Plus, it gives the park a fresh bright new look.



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RURAL LANDS



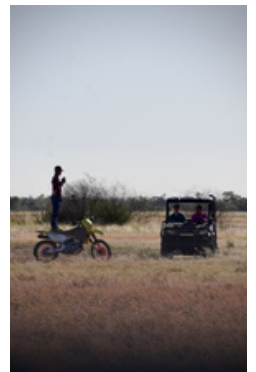
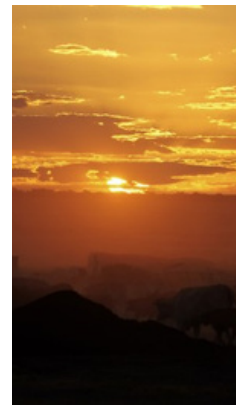
The bore drilling machine

The Leaky Bore Program

Council has been working with the Department of Resources at the Etna water facility to have a new bore drilled as a part of the Leaky Bore Program. The overall process took two weeks with water running to the turkey nest at present. The facility will have further works completed in the future to bring the facility up to standard.

Common Muster

The Common muster was a great success, with all the calves branded and returned to the common over the two-day event. A huge thank you to all the common users who attended and helped make this muster an enjoyable and drama-free weekend.



Dog Bounty Program

The Dog Bounty Program has closed for this financial year. The Winton Wild Dog Management Working Group will reconvene next financial year, after Winton Shire Council hand down their budget and make a decision regarding reinstating the dog bounty. Thank you to everyone who has participated and helped make this program a success.

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

Stockroute and common maintenance

The grasses on the common and stock routes are looking good this year. To date we haven't had any drovers apply to move through the stock routes. However, it is likely that they will pick up in the coming months.

IT DEPARTMENT



Council reached a milestone in the Council's Water Automation project as the go live date quickly approaches. Last week, the network infrastructure to support this project was installed at the water tower and heat exchanger. This new system allows for remote monitoring of water resources and infrastructure, providing real-time alerts to staffs before issues arise. This approach ensures efficient management and reduces the risk of unexpected disruptions.

Automating water operations is expected to save the community a substantial amount of money and reduce the workload on our staff. By automating routine tasks, staff can focus on more strategic initiatives. The improved efficiency will lead to better resource allocation and overall community welfare.



Cyber security was paramount when scoping and designing the IT component of the new system. By retaining ownership of the system within Winton, the community is not dependent on third-party providers, ensuring long-term benefits and security without the risk of service disruption. This project demonstrates our commitment to improving community welfare through technological advancements.

PAST EVENTS

THE FESTIVAL OF OUTBACK OPERA

14 - 20 MAY 2024



DARK SKY SERENADE

The 2024 Festival of Outback Opera in Winton and Longreach concluded on Monday May 20, marking another successful celebration of Opera in the heart of Queensland's outback.

Performances by renowned artists brought together classical opera and contemporary music in spectacular outdoor settings, showcasing the unique blend of high culture and the rustic charm of the outback.

"Harmonious Outback: Unforgettable Opera Events Across Winton's Diverse Venues"



The Festival of Outback Opera opened with a festive celebration at the Royal Theatre on Tuesday May 14, supported by dedicated local volunteers. Opera Queensland captivated audiences with "Do we need another Hero" at Dustarena, the Crackup Sisters' backyard stage, blending the magic of opera with the charm of Winton's outback setting. The event showcased the incredible talent of Opera Queensland and was a highlight for the community.

On the evening of May 16, the Australian Age of Dinosaurs hosted the Dark Sky Serenade, drawing on a full house



Food and song featured at the Opera Long Lunch, held at the Waltzing Matilda Centre. Guests were treated to a specially designed Chef's menu featuring local produce from the region. A selection of gin from Western Queensland Spirit Distillery near Roma, at The Sundowner under the Way Out West sign concluded the Opera event.

PAST EVENTS

ANZAC DAY

Winton's ANZAC Day 2024 included a Dawn Service at the Cenotaph on April 25, from 6 to 7 AM. This significant event brought the community together to honor the sacrifices of Australian and New Zealand soldiers and reflect on the historical importance of the Gallipoli campaign.



UPCOMING EVENTS

8 June

2024 WINTON SHOW SATURDAY 8TH JUNE



Winton P & A Show

Get ready for the 2024 Winton P & A Show, a vibrant celebration of rural life and community spirit in Winton on Saturday 8 June. This annual event brings together locals and visitors to immerse themselves in the best of agriculture, arts and crafts, entertainment and amusement rides.

18 - 21 June



Outback Writers Festival

The Winton Writers Festival at WMC celebrates literature and storytelling, bringing together renowned authors, emerging voices, and avid readers. Through engaging panels and workshops, it fosters a love for words and storytelling, inspiring attendees to explore the power of literature while providing unique opportunities to meet the writers.

21 - 29 June

Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival

The 2024 Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival celebrates outback stories through film, with movies, workshops and outdoor screenings. This is a vibrant exploration of the region's culture and landscape, a must for cinema enthusiasts. Book tickets online.

*50 free tickets are available for locals using the code: localfree50



29 - 30 June

Outback Queensland Masters



Australia's most remote golf series, tees off in Winton on Saturday 29 June & Sunday 30 June. As amateur golfers compete for supremacy against the breathtaking outback backdrop, Winton becomes the epicentre of sporting grandeur. This leg of the tournament promises thrilling rounds and unforgettable moments set against Queensland's majestic vistas.

22 June

Winton Motor Association DragRace

Drag racing will be alive and revving on Saturday June 22, when the Winton Motorsport Ass. hosts the bi-annual 1/8 Mile Drag Race. Elderslie Street will warm up at night with a Show 'n' Shine in conjunction with the Vision Splendid Outback Film Festival on Friday evening from 5-6.30pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Vision Splendid

OUTBACK FILM FESTIVAL
WINTON, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

21 – 29 June 2024
VisionSplendidFilmFest.com

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

QR code

Logos: City of Winton, Winton Shire, Griffith University, Griffith Film School, Queensland Government, IT'S LIVE! Queensland

SCREENING SCHEDULE 21ST - 29TH JUNE 2024	
FRIDAY 21ST JUNE	LOCAL OPENING NIGHT • FAST TALKING• 6:45PM • ROYAL THEATRE GODLESS: THE EASTFIELD EXORCISM (2023) • 8:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE
SATURDAY 22ND JUNE	GROWING HAPPINESS• 11:00AM - 12:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC SHAYDA • 1:00PM - 2:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC MY FREAKY FAMILY • 3:00PM - 5:00PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC OPENING NIGHT PARTY• 6:30PM • COBB LANE OPENING NIGHT• SLANT • 6:45PM • ROYAL THEATRE OPENING NIGHT• KID SNOW • 8:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE
SUNDAY 23RD JUNE	RETURN TO SNOWY RIVER 11:00AM - 12:30PM SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC TIME ADDICTS 1:00PM - 2:30PM SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC TENDER MERCIES 3:00PM - 5:00PM SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC THE GETTING OF WISDOM 6:45PM ROYAL THEATRE IN VITRO 8:30PM ROYAL THEATRE
MONDAY 24TH JUNE	HE AIN'T HEAVY • 11:00AM - 12:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC FORCE OF NATURE: THE DRY 2 • 1:00PM - 2:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC BREAKER MORANT • 3:00PM - 5:00PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC THE NUT FARM • 6:45PM • ROYAL THEATRE LATE NIGHT WITH THE DEVIL• 8:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE
TUESDAY 25TH JUNE	BLACK SITE • 11:00AM - 12:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC MY DARLING IN STIRLING• 1:00PM - 2:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC YOU'LL NEVER FIND ME • 3:00PM - 5:00PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC JUST A FARMER • 6:45PM • ROYAL THEATRE BEFORE DAWN • 8:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE
WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE	HEART OF THE MAN • 11:00AM - 12:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC ISLA'S WAY • 1:00PM - 2:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC CHRISTMESS • 3:00PM - 5:00PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC SILENT NIGHT - STONE• 6:45PM • ROYAL THEATRE WINHANGANHA• 8:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE
THURSDAY 27TH JUNE	ICE MAIDEN • 11:00AM - 12:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC THE ROOSTER • 1:00PM - 2:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC PACO • 3:00PM - 5:00PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC THE WAY, MY WAY• 6:45PM • ROYAL THEATRE BRING HIM TO ME• 8:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE	FIGHT TO LIVE • 11:00AM - 12:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC THE TALE OF RUBY ROSE • 1:00PM - 2:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC THE CARS THAT ATE PARIS • 3:00PM - 5:00PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA• 6:45PM • ROYAL THEATRE BIRDEATER • 8:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE
SATURDAY 29TH JUNE	THE WIDOWER • 11:00AM - 12:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC SCARYGIRL • 1:00PM - 2:30PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC THE WIDOWER • 3:00PM - 5:00PM • SARAH RILEY THEATRE, WMC CLOSING NIGHT• SHORT FILM COMPETITION• 6:30PM • ROYAL THEATRE





Winton 60 & Better June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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02	03 Games 9:00am	04 Meeting 10:00am	05 Exercises 8:30am BYO craft 9:30am	06 Try Croquet 8:30am	07 Exercises 8:30am	08
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16	17 Games 9:0am	18 Community Morning Tea 10:00am	19 Exercises 8:30am Diamond Art or BYO Craft 9:30am	20 Try Croquet 8:30 Diamond Art continued 9:00am	21 Exercises 8:30am	22
23	24 Games 9:00am	25 Bingo 10:00am	26 Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am	27 Try Croquet 8:30am	28 Exercises 8:30am Hospital Morning Tea 10:00am	29