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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023- EDITION 5

IN THIS MONTH

Festive Events in Winton!

From playgroup to Winton's 60 &
Better lunch to the Christmas
Street Party, the festive spirit has
been felt in every corner of Winton











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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



<u>Council Meeting</u> <u>Highlights</u>



Below is a snapshot of Decisional Reports from the December Council Meeting. This was our last meeting for 2023 and second last meeting before Council goes into caretaker mode prior to the 2024 Local Government election. Of the reports that were presented to Council, the ongoing dispute with the Project Manager and Contractor, regarding the Geothermal, has been the most contentious and frustrating project we've had to deal with. Hopefully the next round of discussions will provide an outcome that we all agree on and get some finality for this long-drawn-out project. For a full copy of the Draft December Minutes and Business Paper please visit our website, noting that the minutes have up to 10 working days to be made available to the public. The next Council meeting will be at the WSC Chambers on the 18th of January.

13.1 Willie Mar

THAT Council:

- (a) Endorse the draft Conservation Management Plan 'in-principle'; and
- (b) Work in partnership with the Winton District Historical Society (and other stakeholders) to:
 - (i) Explore ideas and concepts identified in the draft CMP that can support this historical site; and
 - (ii) Implement projects, and conservation activities that are feasible, affordable and practical to implement on behalf of the community.

13.2 Development Application - Kennedy Developmental Road Lot 88 SP246198 (Stage 2 Industrial Estate)

It is recommended the development application be approved subject to reasonable and relevant planning conditions, as set out in Attachment A, which reflect and accord generally with the application as made.

13.3 Equity Reserve Report December 2023

That Council Tidy up existing Reserve allocations reporting (removing reserve allocations that have been expended or are no longer relevant) and continue to maintain and report on Council's future capital funding needs funded from Council's own source funding (e.g. not grants) - to be identified as Reserves.

13.4 Walking Local Government Grant (upgrade and extension of walking track)

That if successful with the 'Walking Local Government Grant' Council will provide 50:50 Matched Funding in the 2024/25 Budget.

13.3 Community Grants - 16 November 2023 - Was retrieved from of the table.

That Council note the request from the Winton Creative Arts Group Inc. and donate \$5000 towards the Sculpture Competition.





Council Meeting Highlights Cont.



18.1 Geothermal (confidential report)

That Council authorise the CEO to expend up to an additional \$20,000 (+ GST) in legal fees, to ensure that the Response to the Defense Pleadings is completed, and further attempts to negotiate a satisfactory Settlement can be made.

14.1 Minutes of the RADF assessment panel meeting held on 4 December 2023 (recommendation to approve Winton creative arts application to host a welding workshop)

That the minutes of the RADF assessment panel meeting held on 4 December 2023 be received and the recommendation therein be adopted.



Mayor's Monthly Minute





It's hard to believe we've reached this time of year again, 2023 is almost done and dusted and time to start thinking about 2024.

It has been another busy festive season with the Lighting of the Christmas, the Christmas Street Party and the Thank You BBQ for the WORK Camp Men. All these events were well attended and enjoyed by the community. I

would like to thank and congratulate WSC staff for the great work in preparing Elderslie Street for the Christmas period and all the work that goes into hosting these events.

On behalf of the Winton Shire Councillors I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year, with safe travels during this time of year.

Gavin Baskett Mayor WSC



Winton Shire Council Jobs



- Administration Officer (Creditors)
- Grader operator/ Labourer
- Community Services Trainee
 Early Childhood Teacher Administrator
- Casual Cleaner
- Children's Services Worker
- Assistant Children's Services Worker
- Personal Care Attendant
- Hospitality and Catering Officer
- Junior Hospitality and Catering Officer

Rural Lands



BIOSECURITY TIDBITS

Have you seen galvanised burr?

A common misconception is that galvanised burr is an invasive species. These little spikey bushes are in fact a native grass and council is unable to take any action against their growth. If you have galvanised burr in your yard, it is best to pull them out before they become established. New sprots tend to grow at the end of winter if you are quick, you will be able to stay on top of their spread by removing them at this stage.



Weed Declaration

It is important for landholders and fodder transporters to ensure they know what is in the fodder they receive and transport. Ensuring you receive a <u>Biosecurity Matter Hygiene Declaration</u> form when receiving and transporting fodder will ensure all parties are aware of what they have. This is one-way landholders and transporters can meet their General Biosecurity Obligations (GBO).

This declaration can provide a person with a way of demonstrating they have met their general biosecurity obligation according to section 23 of the Biosecurity Act 2014 (QLD), if they are supplying or contain any thing that is or could be contaminated with biosecurity matter.

Drivers Caution

Please take

caution while

driving on roads passing through the commons and stay updated with drover notices posted on the Winton Shire Council Facebook page. Keep an eye out for potential wildlife and livestock on roads across the shire, including cattle from the common area that might stray onto the main road. For the safety of all, we strongly advise both tourists and locals to practice caution, taking

necessary measures to prevent

any possible collisions.

Queensland's climate

provides the perfect

breeding ground for

Stock Routes Vegetation Coverage

Towards the end of November, the shire received some patchy summer rain. This has provided a wonderful boost of growth for the grasses where it rained. Due to the patchy nature of the rain however, the stock routes still have not completely bounced back from the early November weather. Feed is low currently.



Stock Route and Common



Maintenance

With the weather heating up and the grass dropping on our stock routes and commons the rural service team have been working hard to maintain water at all the water facilities. This involves an increase in the number of water runs to ensure water levels are in good condition and clearing out some turkeys nests that have already gone dry.

Stock Route Reserves Permits

Landholders facing the impacts of fire, flood, or drought are entitled to seek a grazing permit for stock route reserves. According to the Stock route Management Act of 2002, these reserves are designated for use by landholders affected by fire, flood, or drought. The sole requirement is the submission of a drought declaration form by the applicant to substantiate their eligibility.

JEV

The good news is, there are simple things you can do to reduce the risk:

- · Remove anything outside filled with water
- · Fill potholes that collect water
- Clean out gutters, downpipes, and drains
- Ensure effluent drainage is free flowing
- Make sure all tanks and wells are sealed or screened with 1mm mesh



If you have pigs or horses, <u>know</u> <u>the signs of JEV and learn how</u> <u>to protect your animals.</u>

mosquitoes that can carry harmful diseases like Japanese encephalitis. This disease can affect horses, pigs and even people.

Rural Lands

How to make claims for the wild dog bounties

OUR 6-STEP GUIDE FOR DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS

Go to Settings > Privacy & Security > Location Services.



Make sure Location Services is on.

Scroll down to find the app.

Tap the app and select an option:

Never: Prevents access to Location Services information.

Ask Next Time or This allows you to choose Allow While When I Share: Using App, Allow Once or Don't Allow.

RECOMMENDED

While Using the Allows access to Location Services only App: when the app or one of its features is visible on screen. If an app is set to While Using the App, you might see your status bar turn blue with a message stating that an app is actively using your

Always: Allows access to your location even when the app is in the background.

Complete the 'Special Wild Dog Scalp Bounty Claim Form' available on the Winton Shire Council website, by clicking the link above, or requesting a copy by emailing Dacheg@winton.qld.gov.au, printed copies are also available at the

Once we have the location turned on.

Winton Shire Council Depot office.

All that is left is to put all your photos, and the complete Special Wild Dog Scalp Bounty Form into an email to dacheg@winton.qld,gov.au for us to process the payment. All done!

WORKS DEPARTMENT



Flood Repair Works

Repair works on flood damaged road for the 2022 event are 80% complete. Works are commencing desilting floodways. An additional team will commence in January focusing in the Middleton area. Additional gravel has been placed along Winton - Jundah Road in readiness for flood damage repairs. Council is waiting to be formally advised of funding to enable sealing of the unsealed sections of the Jundah Road. An

additional section Winton to Richmond Road will be resheeted at the request of Transport and Main Roads.

Cats in Town

Cats (feral and domestic) have played a significant role in Australia's mammal extinctions and threaten 123 native species. A recent analysis of pet cats shows that each roaming cat kills an average of 186 native animals annually, totaling 4,440 to 8,100 per square kilometer. To protect wildlife, responsible pet owners keep 1.1 million cats indoors, but 2.7 million, or 71%, still roam freely. The message is clear: keeping cats indoors is crucial for preserving Australia's biodiversity.

Cats and Australian wildlife by the numbers

There are 3.8 million pet cats in Australia, of which:

1.1 million (29%)

2.7 million (71%)

are kept inside 24 hours a day

...are allowed outside to roam and hunt



- Roaming pet cats kill 390 million animals collectively per year in Australia
- An individual roaming pet cat kills 186 reptiles, birds and mammals per year, most of them (59%) native species
- A study found 39% of cats brought in at night snuck out for nocturnal roaming and hunting
- Pet cats bring home only 15% of what they hunt.



- . The average feral cat kills 748 reptiles, birds
- In the bush there is one feral cat per 3 to 4km².
- versus 40 to 70 pet cats per km² around towns
- Pet cats kill 30-50 times more animals per km² around towns than feral cats do in the bush.



Graphic by Wes Mountain/The Conversation

Painting and Construction

- · Council had inspections and touch-up painting projects for the little swaggies, Shire Office, and Lark Quarry within December.
- Diamantina Gardens Unit 15 renovation close to completion
- Louvres at showgrounds pavilion replaced
- Renew last of the 'old' air conditioners at the Childcare completed







- Supper room kitchen substantially complete stainless-steel benchtops installed
- Significant work required to air conditioner chillers at the WMC due to power fluctuations
- Maintenance planned and renewed tender for all maintenance of all HVAC almost ready for

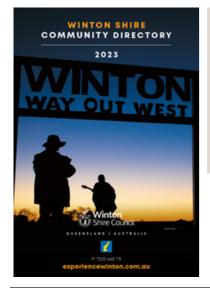
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Winton Neighbourhood Centre News



Community Directory

The Neighbourhood Centre has received the Community Directory. If you wish to obtain a copy, please visit the Neighbourhood Centre to collect one. This tool serves as an excellent resource for locating contact details and businesses you are searching for.



Vacation Care Program

The last 2 weeks have been outstanding fun at Vacation Care. We had a couple of fun pool days, engaging in volleyball in the middle pool and fun on the water park. Miss Teagan brought in her Thermomix, and we made our own pizza bases for pizza and movie day!







We've spent a couple of days at the library where it's nice and cool and we have had Amanda from the Crack Up Sisters spend a morning with us playing games, teaching us several flips and tricks and teaching us how to crack a whip!





Family Support News

Playgroup

We recently held our end-of-year Christmas celebration this week, complete with a special appearance from Santa Clause. The children were delighted as they received presents from him and we captured the joyous occasion with a photoshoot.







Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and eagerly await the opportunity to repeat this enjoyable experience next year!

Winton 60 & Better





COMMUNITY SERVICES

Winton 60 & Better



Winton 60 & Better OPENING HOURS



Winton 60 & Better will be open

Monday -Wednesday 8:00-12:30 excluding public holidays

December 20th 2023 to 31 January 2024

Normal Opening hours resume February 2024





Advance Care Planning

Learn your options for advance care planning and how to document your preferences for future healthcare.

Hosted by Irene Scott

Central West Palliative Care Coordinator

When: 10.30 am Friday 23rd Feb 2024

Where: Winton 60's and Better

Call 4652 5500 or email

cw-phct@health.qld.gov.au for more information.











COMMUNITY SERVICES

Academic Busaries

LIONS CLUB BURSARY

The Winton Shire Council cordially invites the citizens to put forward the name of a deserving student for the esteemed Lions Club Bursary. The Council takes the responsibility of selecting the winners for this bursary.

To access the nomination form and review the conditions, interested individuals can visit the official website of the Winton Shire Council under the section titled "Academic Bursary Application."

It is mandatory to submit the nominations to Shannon Van Bael at shannonvb@winton.qld.gov.au no later than Friday, 19th January 2024.

The Lions Club Bursary is up to the amount of \$1,000 and applies to the first year of full-time study for an eligible student. This award is presented annually.

Eligibility- To be eligible, a student must have completed the last 2 years of schooling at Winton State School or have attended a school outside Winton and have custodial parents with their principal place of residence within the Winton Shire.

Eligible students must pursue a course that requires a minimum of two years fulltime study as defined by the relevant academic institution and for which there is an Overall Position (OP) requirement. The recipient will be paid two equal payments, the first on presentation of the bursary and the second on receipt of evidence of successful completion of first semester studies and a declaration that the studies will continue that year.

NADJAYAMBA MEMORIAL BURSARY

The Winton Shire Council is calling upon citizens to nominate Year 10 students for the Nadjayamba Memorial Bursary for the year 2023. The Council will select the winners of the bursary based on their 2023 Year 10 or equivalent results.

The nomination form and terms and conditions can be found on the Winton Shire Council website under the Nadjayamba Bursary Nomination Form.

All nominations must be submitted to Shannon Van Bael at shannonvb@winton.qld.gov.au no later than Friday, January 19, 2024.

The Nadjayamba Bursary is presented to a student who is continuing onto grades 11 and 12 to assist with financial costs in some way. The total award is a one-off payment of \$500.

Eligibility - To be eligible, a student must be enrolled at Winton State School or a school outside Winton and have custodial parents with their principal place of residence within the Winton shire. Bursary winners are selected by Council based on Year 10 or equivalent results.



Upcoming Events

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Categories:

Citizen of the Year - Young Citizen of the Year Community Event of the Year - Spirit Award

Citizen of the Year Award:

The Citizen of the Year Award is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Winton Local Government area. This prestigious award is presented once a year on Australia Day. Young Citizen of the Year Award:

Young Citizen of the Year Award is presented to a young person who has made a noteworthy contribution to the Winton Local Government

Community Event of the Year Award:

The Community Event of the Year Award recognizes exceptional achievements by individuals, groups, or organizations that have fostered community spirit or organized events that have had positive outcomes for the Winton Shire.

Spirit Award:

Lastly, the Spirit Award acknowledges individuals whose contributions cannot be quantified on paper. This award aims to recognize those who embody the true spirit of the town. It honours individuals who selflessly assist others and have a positive influence on their lives.



NOMINATIONS CLOSE JANUARY 5TH 2024

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Great Australian Bites 2024

You're invited to participate

Australia Day is a special occasion where we come together to honor and appreciate everything that makes Australia great. This includes our beautiful land, our sense of fairness, our way of life, our democracy, and the freedoms we cherish. However, above all, it is a day to recognize and celebrate the incredible people who make up our nation. Australia Day is a time for reflection on what it truly means to be Australian, as well as a chance to commemorate our history and embrace the modern Australia we have become.

One of the key aspects of Australia Day is acknowledging and celebrating the contributions made by every Australian to our ever-evolving nation. Alongside our First Nation's people, Australia is home to individuals from all corners of the globe, and on this day, we come together to celebrate the diversity that enriches our society.

To mark this special occasion, the Great Australian Bites festival takes place, showcasing the finest produce from Queensland and featuring local musical talent. This festival is a wonderful way to celebrate Australia Day, combining delicious food and captivating music in a true celebration of

Purpose of a Great Australian Bites partnership -

To encourage Queenslanders to come together and celebrate, showcase, and promote regional produce and local culinary and musical talent in honor of Australia Day,

- Celebrate local Australian food and music with family and friends at Great Australian Bites.
- Have a Go Show
- Enjoy live entertainment by local musicians
- Bite-sized tasting plates
- For all members of the community
- · Free entry

Please contact Helen Fogarty, by Friday 12th of January 2024, or sooner if you would like to hold a food stall for Great Australian Bites 2024. Please advise your food or beverage of choice you'll provide. It will be held on Friday 26th January 2024, 9.30am until 12pm. For further information, please phone 4657 2666 or email helenf@winton.qld.gov.au.







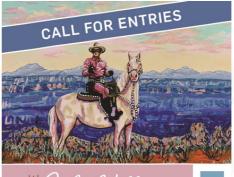


Open (Team - Limited entries): (17 and Above) - 400m swim/ 10km cycle /

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED IN TEAM CATEGORY

26th of JANUARY 2024 For further enquiries Contact: (07) 46572680 helenf@winton.qld.gov.au

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OUT HERE FOR GOOD!

The Waltzing Matilda Centre is proud to partner with The John Villiers Trust, an organisation committed to transforming the lives and wellbeing of young people living in remote communities of Oueensland. The annual John Villiers Outback Art Prize,

hosted by the Outback Regional Gallery supports young creatives with an Emerging Youth Category and ongoing opportunity for youth seeking visual arts careers. Launching in March 2024 is the Childrens Art Project and Digital Exhibition, a collection of artworks from across the RAPAD region of what children aged between 5-14 years love about living in the bush! Follow the link below to see all the incredible achievements made possible through the support of The John Villiers Trust - The John Villiers Trust Annual Report 2023.

Past Events

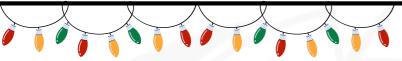
Lighting of the Christmas Tree



The evening commenced with the Deputy
Mayor delivering a brief speech falls
by the charm by the choir being prepared to perform. However, the rain unexpectedly started pouring down, but it did not dampen the spirits of the event. The choir proceeded with their performance, although they encountered some technical difficulties resulting in subpar sound quality. Due to the rain, Santa's appearance was momentarily postponed, but as the weather cleared up, he resumed taking photos and brought joy to the children by distributing ice blocks. A barbecue meal was provided to the community members, and just at the right moment, the lights on the tree illuminated, creating a perfect ambiance for the night.







Winton Senior's Christmas Lunch

The Community Services Team graciously provided a delightful lunch to the esteemed 60 and Better clientele. They meticulously prepared a scrumptious meal consisting of succulent roast pork, ham, and chicken, accompanied by an array of delectable side dishes. appreciation.







appreciation.











<u>Christmas Street Party</u>

There were also great performances, our local children who are enrolled in Branches
Performing Arts danced with their instructors watching on proud of their achievements and the Winton Children's Choir sang Christmas
Carols which the community joined in on. There were also great performances, our local children who are enrolled at Branches Performing Arts danced with their instructors watching on proud of their achievements and the Winton Children's

Choir sang Christmas Carols which the community joined in on. Selected stores in the main street stayed open for late night shopping and encouraged the community to shop local this Christmas.







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Image credit 'Country House' 2021, Delma Russell.

COMING UP AT THE OUTBACK REGIONAL GALLERY IN 2024:

OUTBACK NOW

5 January - 17 March

Outback Now is an interpretation of place fusing local talent and the Outback Regional Gallery collection. Five Winton creatives depict outback through their own choice of medium.

Exhibited alongside and inspired by select artworks from the Outback Regional Gallery collection, this opportunity brings a fresh perspective with compelling stories from local identity through the visual arts medium and contemporary craft.

Winton 60 & Better January 2024

Saturday	06	13	20	27	
Friday	05 Closed	12 Closed	19 Closed	26 Closed Australia Day Public Holiday	02 Closed
Thursday	04 Closed	11 Closed	18 Closed	25 Closed	01 Closed
Wednesday	03	10 BYO Craft 9:30am	17 BYO Craft 9:30am	24 BYO Craft 9:30am	31 BYO Craft 9:30am
Tuesday	02 Morning Tea 9:00am	09 Annie Hall Movie 10:00am	16 Community Morning Tea 10:00am	23 Bingo 10:00am	30 Morning Tea 9:00am
Monday	01 Games 9:00am	08 Games 9:00am	15 Games 9:00am	22 Games 9:00am	Games 9:00am
Sunday		07	14	21	28

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

Winton 60 & Better February 2024

Saturday	03	10	17	24	
Friday	02	09 Exercises 8:30am	16 Exercises 8:30am	23 Exercises 8:30am Advanced Aged Care Planning 10:30am	
Thursday	01	80	15	22	29
Wednesday		07 Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am	14 Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am	21 Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am	28 Exercises 8:30am Felting Workshop Kits \$10 or BYO Craft 9:30am
Tuesday		06 Meeting 10:00am	13 Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 9:00am- 11:00am	20 Community Morning Tea	27 Bingo 10:00am
Monday		05 Games 9:00am	12 Games 9:00am	19 Games 9:00am	26 Games 9:00am
Sunday		04	11	18	25

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