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# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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# IN THIS MONTH

# **David Lenton's Retirement**

After 30 years of service to the Winton Shire Council, David embarks on his well-deserved retirement.



# **Outback Futures Celebrations**

The mental health and wellbeing service celebrated two anniversaries this month in 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 October Council Meeting. As well as the below items being adopted council also adopted the Subordinate Laws (2023) and have now put them out for public comment. Please go onto the website or visit the WSC Admin Office for further information. I encourage everyone to access a copy of the Laws and provide comment if you think needed. We also discussed and received the first quarterly report on the outcomes delivered against the Operation Plan for the year ended 30 June 2024. For a full copy of the Draft October Minutes and Business Paper please visit our website. The next Council meeting will be at the WSC Chambers on the 16th of November.

### 13.2 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY

That Council adopt the WSC-GOV-POL-009 Community Engagement Policy with amendments.

# 13.3 PREFERRED SUPPLIER ARRANGEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF BAITING MEAT SUBSTRATE (WSCT-2324-03)

That Council approve the following applicants to be on Register of Preferred Supplier Arrangement for the Supply of Baiting Meat Substrate: - (names in Minutes on WSC website)

### 13.4 PROJECT MANAGMENT FLOOD DAMAGE 2022/2023

That Council appoint George Bourne & Associates as Project Mangers for the 2022/2023 Flood Damage Project.

### 13.6 RATES INCENTIVE DRAW

That Council award the winner of the "rates payment incentive scheme" \$1000 BUY LOCAL CARD awarded to the winner Evert Superannuation PTY LTD trading as TTE.

### 13.8 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT APPROVED SYSTEMATIC INSPECTION PROGRAM 2023-2024

- 1 Pursuant to Section 113 of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008, approves a systematic inspection program of all properties within the town boundaries of Winton:
- A- to be carried out at some point during the period from 6 November 2023 to 5 June 2024;
- B- for the primary purpose of educating and making the community aware of the requirements for the keeping of animals; and
- C- for achieving improved compliance with the registration and microchipping requirements of the Animal Management (Cats & Dogs) Act 2008.
- 2 Pursuant to Section 134 of the Local Government Act 2009 approves a systematic inspection program of all properties within the town boundaries of Winton:
- A- to be carried out at some point during the period from 6 November 2023 to 5 June 2024; and
- B- for the primary purpose of monitoring the keeping of animals under *Local Law No. 2* (Animal Management) 2011 and Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011, including the keeping of excess or prohibited animals, and monitoring compliance with minimum standards.

### 13.9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE POLICY AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

That Council adopt the attached documents with amendments:

- (a) WSC-GOV-POL-008 Advisory Committee Policy, and
- (b) WSC-GOV-PWI-001 Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.





# <u>Council Meeting</u> <u>Highlights Cont.</u>



### 13.10 PROCUREMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE

"There was some discussion regarding the need to not only adopt the right Policy and Procedure documents, but to ensure that education of staff remains a high priority i.e. to make sure that staff understand the importance of maintaining a buy local attitude when looking to procure goods and services (while remaining true to the Policy and Procedures as laid out). Without a change in culture, the true benefits of shopping local when it makes sense to do so, can never be achieved and maintaining local services and therefore livability for all residents and visitors could be in jeopardy."

- 1 That Council adopt the attached documentation with amendments:
- (a) WSC-FIN-POL-007 Procurement Policy and
- (b) WSC-FIN-PRO-002 Procurement Procedure.



# **Mayor's Monthly Minute**





It's hard to believe another month has passed and we're well on our way to Christmas. October wasn't quite as busy as September, with the Outback Festival closely followed by the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Conference closing out the month, but there was still plenty happening in our small community. The tourists have started to dwindle as the weather heats up over the coming months.

The Shitbox Rally visited town with approximately 500 people in over 200 vehicles of all ages, shapes and sizes. The rally camped down at the showgrounds and were catered for by locals.

Members of the Economics & Governance Committee visited Winton during October to conduct the "public hearings inquiry into the emblems of Queensland and other legislation amendment bill 2023 and an inquiry into prehistoric dinosaur and paleo tourism in Outback Queensland". This hearing gave myself and other members of the community the chance to highlight how important Paleo Tourism is and can be to the local economy. The hearing was very well attended and I'm confident the committee got a lot of local information that will help them make a favourable report to the Parliament. The other item was the State Fossil emblem which was won by the "Muttaburrasaurus" with approximately 27% of the vote state-wide, which is phenomenal considering there was 12 finalists selected. We would have loved to see "Diamantinasaurus Matildae" selected, but it wasn't to be and a positive is that a skeletal replica of the Muttaburrasaurus is part of the Australian Dinosaur Trail.

There was a great roll up for the send-off held recently at the depot for the retirement of David "Bunt" Lenton. Bunt has been with the Council for almost 30 years and was an integral part of the construction crew. Cricky mentioned that he couldn't recall a failure while Bunt's been a part of the crew which is great recognition for not only Bunt but the WSC Construction Crew. We wish Bunt all the best in his retirement.



# **Mayor's Monthly Minute**





Speaking about parties, Outback Futures celebrated 10 years in the Bush and 5 years of supporting our community with a get together at the Lost Poet. It was fantastic to see so many locals there to thank Outback Futures for all the great work they've done with kids and adults during this time. Many residents have benefitted from their continuing visits throughout the years and hopefully this can continue for many years to come.

Recently myself, the Deputy Mayor and CEO were in Gladstone for the Annual LGAQ Local Government Conference. The conference was attended by over 600 delegates and was a great opportunity to engage with other councils, Government Departments and State Members. Nothing beats face-to-face meetings when needing to raise issues with a Minister or Director General.

I'd also like to update the community on couple of projects that have been around for a while;

- Geothermal Plant We are currently in legal negotiations with the Project Manager and Contractor to try and get an outcome that's best for our community. I understand the frustration in the community and I share this as this has gone on way too long. Council and our legal team is doing everything possible to get an outcome as quick as possible without jeopardising our claim.
- Youth Centre The Youth Centre contract has gone out again for Tender.
   We didn't receive any suitable contractors on the first round and fingers crossed we get a favourable result second time around.

With the current fire danger warnings that we have in the region and the onset of El-Nino I encourage everyone in the shire to be very vigilant with anything that may start a fire. There's a lot of fuel in the region with the grass and drying conditions, the last thing anyone wants to see is a grass or bush fire damaging infrastructure and endangering lives.

We are getting close to the home straight of the current term of council and time to start thinking about nominating for the 2024/28 term of Local Government. If you're thinking about putting your hand up you must complete the "I want to be a Councillor Course" which is online or will be Face 2 Face in Winton on the 13th of November.

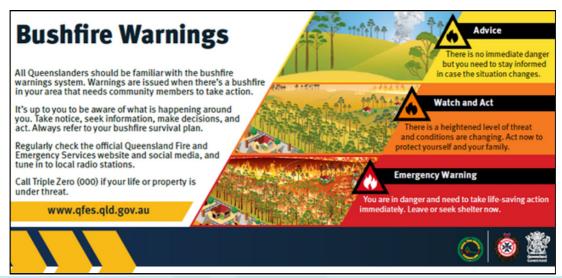
# **Winton Shire Council Jobs**

- Junior Hospitality & Catering Officer
- Human Resources Support Officer
- Shire Hall Caretaker- Office Cleaner
- · Events Coordinator
- Community Care Services
   Administration Officer

- · Children's Services Worker
- Assistant Children's Services Worker
- · Personal Care Attendant
- Early Childhood Teacher
- Hospitality & Catering Officer



# **Rural Lands**



### Windy.com

One way to monitor fires and weather within the country is through Windy.com. This is an app and a website to offers current and Realtime reflections of weather pattern. The user-friendly interface offers easy glances at current weather extremes. Be sure to have a source to monitor fires near you or your loved ones to stay in the loop.



How to manage invasive species

To deal with invasive species effectively, it's important for both residents and the Council work together. Residents should get to know the Council's plan for handling invasive species and this will help them identify and report any invasive species on their property. Doing this helps stop outbreaks and keeps the local environment healthy. Working together is crucial for a healthy community environment.

When you see invasive plants, the first step is to tell the Council. The Council will take care of removing them and use different methods to make sure they don't come back. This can include using chemicals, burying the plants deep underground, or burning them to stop them from growing again. Using these techniques helps manage invasive species effectively.

# **Stock Routes Vegetation Coverage**

The stock routes in the shire are currently heavily covered with vegetation. As we approach the summer season, the Council anticipates an increase in drover traffic as properties dry up and pastures diminish. To ensure the facilities meet maintenance requirements, ongoing maintenance of water facilities is a priority for the Council.

### **Aerial Baiting Review**

The biannual aerial baiting week occurred 9-13th of October. Winton Shire Council would like to commend the Rural Services teams for their long days and hard efforts throughout the week to maintain our Council's commitment to our general biosecurity obligations to minimise the impacts of feral pigs, foxes, and wild dogs across the shire.



### **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's 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.

# **Rural Lands**



# **WORKS DEPARTMENT**

# **David Lenton's Retirement**

David Lenton has dedicated 30 years of service to the Council, and as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement, the Council extends its heartfelt gratitude for his invaluable contributions. In recognition of his long-standing commitment, he has been presented with a miniature Grader, complete with a plaque as a token of appreciation for his unwavering dedication to the community. Best wishes for a wonderful retirement, David, and please take good care.





# **SES Shed Upgrades**

The addition of insulated paneling not only enhances the building's energy efficiency but also provides a more comfortable and productive environment for the SES team. These upgrades reflect a commitment to equipping emergency services with top-notch facilities to better serve the community.

# **WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Public Amenities**

The toilet amenities at the Hughenden Rest Area has been completed. The facilities offer truck drivers and freight transporters a convenient location to use facilities and stretch their legs along their journey. The toilet block is just waiting for Ergon to connect it to power an then it will be open for public use.

# **Snake Activity Warning**

Beware of heightened snake activity in our area. Follow these crucial steps to stay safe:

- Stay Alert: Watch your surroundings, avoid tall grass, and use a torch at night.
- Wear Closed-Toe Shoes: Protect your feet.
- Maintain Distance: Do not approach snakes; back away calmly.
- Control Pets: Keep them leashed to avoid provoking snakes and monitor them in while off leash.
- Remove habitat: Be sure to mow your lawns and remove hiding places in your yard.

# **Cricket pitch**

This month there has been progress made with the cricket pitch at the rec grounds. Council has begun planning for the practice nets to be made and will have these completed in the coming months.

# Winton Landfill Changes



Exciting news for the Winton Land fill! We've relocated to a new site, with the old one now closed. Plus, entry and waste disposal are completely free for both household and industrial waste. To ensure a cleaner and more efficient experience, kindly dispose of your waste in the designated sections. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

The Depot staff put a great effort into Winton's Outback Festival this year particularly with the Council Float winning the 'most humorous float' award. A big thank you to all business owners, volunteers, and staff who made the week such a good event.



# Surplus Items Auction Coming Soon!

Keep an eye on the Council's Facebook page for updates on our upcoming auction of surplus items presented by Elders. Date to be announced. Join us for great finds and community support!

# Recreation Grounds Irrigation

The parks and gardens crew have been hard at work upgrading the irrigation at the rec grounds. Irrigation in front of the gym has had an upgrade which will improve the quality of the lawn at the facility.

### Flood Damage Works Progress

- Sealing works have been in progress along the Richmond Road with the road being primed on the 16th and sealing occurring shortly after that.
- Flood damage along Lerida and Stamford is at 70% complete.
- Webb access and Cooinda Access works have been completed and the crew is moving to begin the Leesen and Tibit roads.
- Flood damage work along the Opalton road is at 20% complete.
- Richmond road RMPC graded to 20%

# **Diamantina Gardens Electrical Upgrades**

The completed electrical upgrades at Diamantina Gardens property have significantly improved the reliability and safety of the electrical systems, ensuring a more comfortable and secure living environment for all residents. These enhancements not only alleviate stress but also contribute to a more sustainable and energy-efficient community. Residents can now enjoy the benefits of modernized electrical infrastructure, promoting peace of mind and a higher quality of life.

# **Fencing**

The council has recently finished two fencing projects in the town, enhancing local facilities. The first project involved installing a new front fence for Little Swaggies, greatly improving privacy for outdoor activities, and fulfilling a longstanding need. Additionally, the showgrounds area has been enclosed with a fence to enhance privacy and elevate the overall quality of the visitor experience.

# **WORKS DEPARTMENT**

### **Kerbside Collection**

Are you dealing with bulky items that you can't easily transport to the Land fill? Good news! We're planning a kerbside collection project in Winton for November. Stay tuned for collection date announcements on our noticeboards and Facebook page.

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Little Swaggies Childcare

The inaugural kindergarten orientation day took place at Winton State School this month, providing the children with a glimpse into the upcoming academic year of 2024. Saint Patrick's School also hosted their inaugural Preparatory orientation, during which the children thoroughly enjoyed a delightful morning of acquainting themselves with their respective classrooms and the newly constructed playground.



















# **Family Support**

During this month's playgroup sessions, we have been taking advantage of the pleasant weather before it becomes too hot to spend time outdoors.

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Our park activities have included engaging in sandpit play, utilising playdough, constructing with blocks and Lego, bowling, and drawing or writing with chalk.

We have had a great deal of enjoyment with playdough, painting, Lego, and farmyard play at the Neighbourhood Centre. Our painting endeavors have involved using various objects, such as cut toilet paper rolls, to create fireworks, monster trucks, dinosaurs, boats, and army trucks. The younger children have had ample tummy time while engaging with Lego and building blocks. Additionally, we have commenced Halloween-themed crafts, involving cutting and gluing crepe paper onto pumpkins. We extend our sincere gratitude to Mell Mullineaux for preparing Carmel Slice and Cupcakes for playgroup; your contribution is greatly appreciated. Looking ahead, we are excited to embark on Christmas-themed crafts next month.





# **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### Bring the Boys & Gather the Girls

On the 9th of October, we had the privilege of being invited to Winton State School to attend a Mental Health talk delivered by Curtis Rayment. Curtis is dedicated to educate boys and young men in regional and remote areas of Queensland around consent and reshaping their understanding of masculinity. During the session, Curtis introduced a program titled "it's a man's issue," which encourages young men to actively engage in discussions surrounding consent and sexual assault. The students actively participated in the session and provided great positive feedback.





On 12th October, Outback Futures graciously extended an invitation for us to attend an event at Winton State School, titled "Gather the Girls" and "Bring the Boys". The purpose of the girls session was to address stress management, self-regulation, and grounding techniques, in order to equip them for the upcoming final term of the academic year and the subsequent assessments. The girls were provided with valuable breathing and grounding techniques to utilise at home.



The boys engaged in a discussion led by Dan (QAS) and Matt (Outback Futures), focusing on the repercussions of underage drinking and drug use. This was followed by a highly serious game of basketball, during which the boys actively participated and openly conversed. To conclude the event, the students were treated to a meal of their choice, and they eagerly anticipate the program's return next year.



# **Sport & Recreation News**

Communities that participate in sport and recreation develop strong social bonds, are safer places and the people who live in them are generally healthier and happier than places where physical activity isn't a priority.

Here is a set of different Sports and other recreational activities for you to choose from:







Netball	Junior Kids	Mondays after School 3pm- 3:30pm	Winton State School Shed	
	Senior Kids	Mondays after School 3:30pm- 4:30pm		
	Adults 6pm-7pm			
Tennis	All Ages	4:30pm Start	The clinic is functional to the availability of the instructor/ coach	
Oztag	Kids	Wednesdays after school 5pm- 6pm	Recreation Grounds	
	Adults	Wednesdays 6pm- 7pm	Recreation Grounds	
Swimming	All	Monday- Friday 6am- 9am & 2pm- 6pm Weekends 10am- 5pm	n & 2pm- 6pm Swimming Pool ekends	





# Youth Rural Blast Cricket Workshop

A free cricket workshop will be run by Michael Llyod for all kids from ages 5 to 14 in the months of October and November. Register your kids for this free workshop by contacting Michael Lloyd for further details at mlcwesternqld@gmail.com or 0409 624 119.

# **RADF Funding**

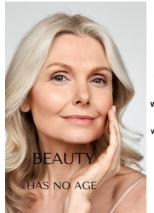
The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Round 1 is now open until 26th November 2023.

The program funds one-off, short term projects that offer professional arts, culture and heritage opportunities. Our local Council bids for an annual allocation of funding for the region from arts Queensland which is managed by Council and a committee of Community volunteers.

For more information please contact the RADF Liaison Officer on 4657 2680

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

# Winton 60 & Better



# Mature Skincare Workshop

Wednesday 6th December 2023 11:00-12:00

Winton 60 & Better Meeting Rooms

For More information contact Bronwyn 0438937790 bronwyns@winton.qld.gov.au





# Winton 60 & Better Highlights

Winton 60 & Better highlight for September was the pioneers Morning tea held during the Outback festival at the Winton Club. The morning offered the opportunity for the many current and returning Wintonites to catch up and reminisce about old times. The morning went very well many visitors popped in and enjoyed the opportunity to have a look around the historical Winton Club.







The Queensland Ballet Tour featured a Ballet Class for Seniors that seamlessly integrated ballet movements with the use of chair support. Notably, the decoupage craft workshop held at Winton 60 & Better yielded remarkable creations.

60 & Better was joined by the vacation care participates for a day of craft and games.





# **Past Events**

# Queensland Mental Health Week

Queensland Mental Health Week (QMHW) ran from October 7-15 this year and is an annual occasion. The objective of this week is to enhance community consciousness and engagement in mental health and overall well-being.

The Colour Run

The colour run is a great way to encourage awareness of positive mental health and wellbeing in our community. Over 50 of our community members participated in the colour run, sack races, tug of war and three-legged race. There were lots of positive feedback and we can't wait to do it all again next year!





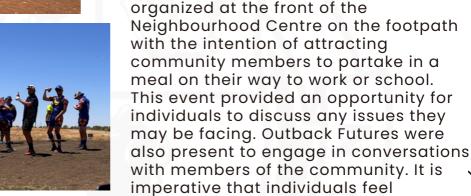


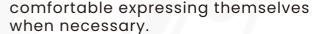




R U Ok Breakfast

An R U OK breakfast barbecue was







Golf Mercantile Day

The Golf Mercantile Day for mental health was conducted on Saturday morning, with approximately 44 participants engaging in a morning filled with amusement and lightheartedness. Each hole presented a distinct approach to playing golf, thereby enhancing the overall enjoyable atmosphere. Outback Futures, an organization dedicated to mental health, attended the event and delivered a brief address on the subject. They also actively participated in the golfing activities, despite their lack of prior experience in the sport, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Subsequently, a barbecue lunch was organized to satiate the appetites of the participants, who were both famished and perspiring due to the exertions of the game.







# **Past Events**

# Shitbox Rally

Approximately 500 individuals from various regions of Australia participated in the largest cancer fundraiser, known as the Shitbox Rally. The journey commenced from Port Douglas and concluded in Adelaide, with intermittent stops for rest and regrouping. The participants were tasked with utilizing vehicles valued at 1.5k AUD or less, with the aim of raising funds for a noble cause. The participants were required to achieve a specific fundraising target, which they nearly accomplished despite the rally being in its initial stages.









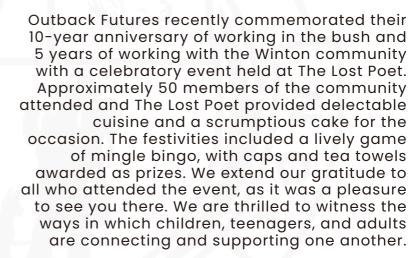


The provision of sustenance and beverages for such a large number of individuals was a daunting task. Therefore, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Winton Bowling Club, who provided a delectable evening meal that was highly appreciated. Additionally, the ICPA served a tantalizing breakfast, and the Saint Patricks School P & F managed the bar. These committees went above and beyond to raise funds for their respective clubs and dedicated their time to ensure that the participants were adequately catered for.

Photo credit: Shitbox Rally

# **Outback Futures Anniversaries**









We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Winton community for a wonderful week of connection, The Lost Poet for their exceptional food and venue, Winton Shire Council for their unwavering support, and the Aurizon Community Giving Fund for their generous contribution towards our anniversary celebrations. We would also like to acknowledge the Western Queensland Primary Health Network for their funding of counselling services provided at this community clinic.

# **Past Events**

### 2023 Winton Halloween Walk

A full moon was appropriate for the 2023 Winton Halloween Walk, which commenced at the Neighbourhood Centre at 6pm October 28. A sausage sizzle was provided to nourish the children before they indulged in the assortment of lollies, cakes, and biscuits available throughout the walk. Eleven houses and businesses volunteered to participate in this event, which was commendable, as it ensured that children had a thrilling and memorable experience. We extend our gratitude to all those who were involved, as their participation and engagement exemplify the strong sense of community within this neighbourhood.

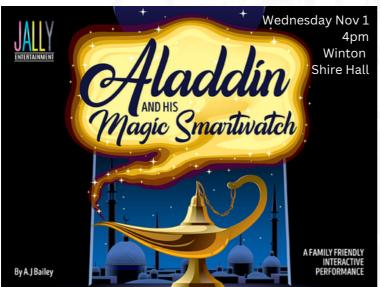








# **Upcoming Events**

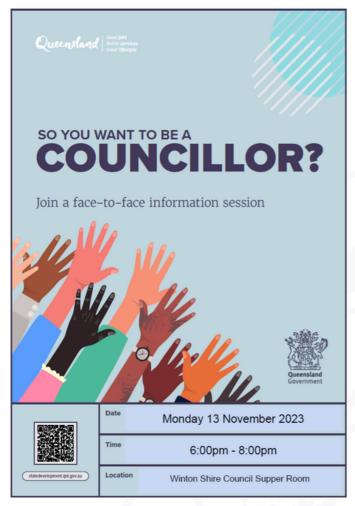








# **Upcoming Events**









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<b>02</b> Chair Yoga 8:30am	<b>09</b> Chair Yoga 8:30am	16 Chair Yoga 8:30am Councillors MT 10:00	<b>23</b> Chair Yoga 8:30am	30 Chair Yoga 8:30am Christmas Baking 9:30-12:00
<b>01</b> Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am	<b>08</b> Exercises 8:30am BYO craft 9:30am	15 Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am WSS Speech Night	<b>22</b> Exercises 8:30am <mark>3D origami</mark> 9:30am	Exercises 8:30am BYO Craft 9:30am Christmas Baking 9:30-12:00
	<b>07</b> Public Holiday Melbourne Cup	14 Cosi Movie 10:00am	21 Community Morning Tea 10:00am	28 Bingo 09:00am
	<b>06</b> Games 9:00am	<b>13</b> Games 9:00am	<b>20</b> Games 9:00am	<b>27</b> Games 9:00am
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