

CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2021



# Council Catch Up

## G'day from the Mayor's desk

It has been another busy year and as Christmas draws near, the community is starting to get into the festive spirit. The Christmas lights are up, Santa has visited town, Christmas carols are playing, and plenty of present buying is being done.

Since the last newsletter, a lot has happened around town.

The community was delighted to have Steven Oliver visit to perform his Bigger & Blacker Cabaret. Though he no longer lives in town, Steven still proudly calls Cloncurry his home.

Another Cloncurry local who has been kicking career goals is Maryann Wipaki, who has been awarded 2021 Dyno Nobel Exceptional Woman in Australian Resources Award - congratulations!

Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland hosted a Regions Rising event in Cloncurry. It was a great opportunity for small businesses and the community to learn and connect. The guest speakers for the event were Johnathan Thurston and Natalie Cook. I was able to organise a quick visit to the schools while they were in town, where the sporting heroes inspired students to chase their career aspirations.

Given the ongoing impacts COVID-19 is having on our lives, it is important to take the time this Christmas to connect with one another. My Christmas wishes for our community are peace, goodwill and a great wet season for all.

For those who are travelling these holidays, please travel safely. For those who are staying in town, keep an eye out for Santa on Christmas morning, he will be riding with our fantastic police, firefighting, and ambulance services.

On behalf of Cloncurry Councillors and the Council, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers,  
Mayor Greg Campbell

*Cloncurry*  
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# Council Projects

## Dajarra Airstrip Access Road

Works have commenced to upgrade the access road to the Dajarra Airstrip. Crews are currently finalising the widening and shaping formation works in preparation for the sealing crew's arrival on 8 December. The project is forecast to be completed by 10 December (subject to any wet weather) and provide the residents of Dajarra with sealed access to their airstrip.



## Equestrian Centre Irrigation Upgrade

Upgrades to the Equestrian Centre's irrigation are nearly finished. A new holding tank has been installed and trees have been planted, with the irrigation system expected to be completed before end of December.

## Chinaman Creek Dam Master Plan

The initial concept plans have been released for public consultation. The response to date has been very positive with practical and productive suggestions received. Feedback is currently being collated and will be provided to Council's designers to review and incorporate into a revised design.



*Initial Concept Design – subject to revision  
pending feedback*

## Cloncurry Lawn Cemetery

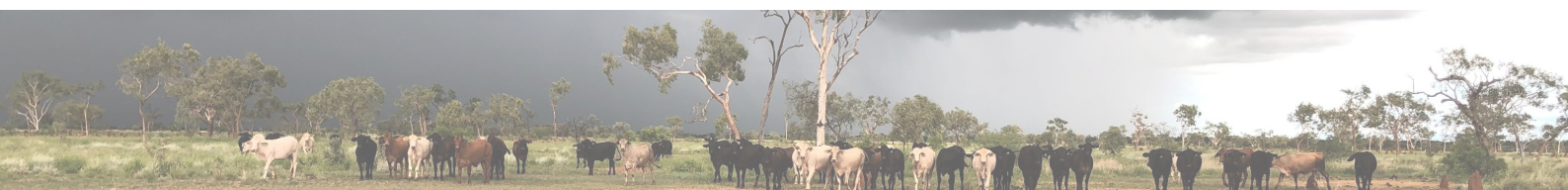
Council would like to thank everyone for their continued patience while works are ongoing. The new gazebos, entrance archway and new gates will all be completed prior to Christmas. Additional works are planned to be undertaken in January to provide the finishing touches, including the refurbishment of internal kerbing and roads as well as an upgraded irrigation system.



## Looking Ahead to Council's 2022 Projects

Council will deliver an extensive Capital Works program in 2022, with funding assistance from various State and Federal grants. We look forward to being able to provide updates as the following projects progress:

- Curry Kids Early Learning Centre Expansion
- Path to Chinaman Creek Dam
- Chinaman Creek Dam Recreational Area Development
- Sir Hudson Fysh Drive Upgrades (Alice Street to Carl Katter Bridge)
- Scarr Street Development
- Perkins Street Subdivision & Housing Project
- Saleyards – Bull Pens Upgrade
- Hensley Drive Digital Signage
- Eddie Lee Field – Facilities Improvements
- Railway Street (Stage 2)
- Audio and Visual Upgrades to Council Facilities
- Coppermine Creek Bridge Replacement





# Council Events

## Seniors Christmas Luncheon

Cloncurry seniors were treated to a free Christmas inspired lunch and Christmas themed trivia on Wednesday 1 December. It was a great time for seniors to come together to socialise, connect and celebrate 2021. To be added to our senior's list, please contact Council.



## Cloncurry Community Christmas Party

The Community Christmas Party had live Christmas carols; a nativity scene by St Joseph's Catholic School; a visit and gifts from Santa; a free BBQ dinner cooked by the Cloncurry Lions Club; and free soft drink and water handed out by the QCWA.



## Christmas Markets

The Christmas Markets were an opportunity for local stall holders and businesses to showcase their products, and for Cloncurry residents to shop locally for their Christmas presents.

## Christmas Light Competition

Council organised the Cloncurry Christmas Light competition to encourage residents and businesses to adorn their premises with Christmas lights and decorations. There were over 20 entries which can be found on our website: <https://www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/christmaslights>

**Best Decorated House:** 23 Griffith Street

**Best Decorated Business:** Department of Transport and Main Roads (Wellness Committee)

**Best Decorated Rural Mail Box:** Nobbies Station

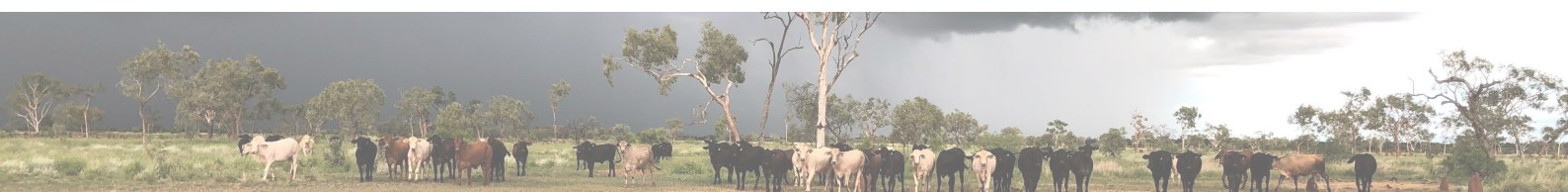


## Australia Day Awards

Australia Day Award nominations are now open. The categories for 2022 are Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Volunteer Award, Senior Sports Award, Dave Watt Memorial Junior Sports Award, Arts and Culture Award, Achievement Award, Community Event of the Year, Community Organisation Award, Southern Gulf NRM Sarus Crane Award.



*Scan the QR Code to nominate someone!*







## Poetry Competition



Council is excited to announce The Cloncurry Prize is back in 2022. The Cloncurry Prize is one of Australia's richest poetry competitions with a cash prize of \$10,000. The competition aims to showcase the essence of outback Australia. For more information including key dates and how to enter, visit our website: [www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/cloncurry-prize](http://www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/cloncurry-prize)

## 'Tis the Season for Property Maintenance

As part of your preparations for the festive season, take the time to tidy your yard. Keeping your yard tidy reduces the risk of pests and snakes on your property, and also minimises debris that can fly around during a storm. Ideas to help tidy your yard:

- Mow the lawn regularly and dispose of lawn clippings
- Trim bushes and trees, keep them away from your house and public paths
- Throw rubbish in your wheelie bin and take large items to the tip



# DOING CHRISTMAS WELL

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**TOP TIPS**

Christmas is a season of celebration, but it can also be a busy time that causes some of us stress or anxiety. Here are some tips to care for your wellbeing this Christmas:

- 1 Connect with the people and places you love.
- 2 Pace yourself and try not to get too busy.
- 3 Take time out for yourself.
- 4 Exercise is good for your body and can help you connect with others.
- 5 Be thankful for what you have.

Watch our Outback Futures team share their top tips for Doing Christmas Well.



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## Council Christmas Closure Information

The Council Administration Office will be closed from 5:00pm Friday 17 December 2021, reopening at 8:30am Tuesday 4 January 2022. Council will maintain essential services during this period. For emergencies please call 07 4742 4100 and follow the prompts.

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