

JULY 2021 ISSUE

Council Catch Up

G'DAY AND WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

From the Mayor's desk

We're halfway through 2021, and what a year it has been. COVID is still having a huge impact on the world around us, with Cloncurry and the Outback still happily COVID free. It is not just good luck though, people are doing the right thing. The Cloncurry and District Show was a fine example of this. The committee had to navigate through many rules and regulations to make sure the show went ahead, and even though some sections did not appear this year, the event was a massive success. Congratulations and thank you to the committee and volunteers for your hard work.

Other successful COVID safe events include Burke and Wills Campdraft, Back to the 40's diner & dance and Rockhana. Coming up is the Stockman's Challenge, Quamby Rodeo and Merry Muster to look forward to. All events having to do more work than usual to meet the rules.

After a whirlwind few months, the production of Survivor has wrapped up. I'm pleased to announce the town and crew all survived. It was a great outcome and cannot wait to see the first episode on air on 18 July. We should all be very proud of the fact the first series shot in Australia in a decade was Cloncurry, highlighting again what we can achieve. The production was worth millions of dollars to our businesses and people, as well as the publicity Cloncurry will receive.

The area is very busy with tourists, so please take care on the roads and let's show them why we're Queensland's friendliest town. To do our bit to ensure we stay COVID free, talk to your GP at Ramsay Street General Practice or at Community Health and get booked in to get your COVID vaccination. We want everyone healthy and active to keep powering the region, state and nation.

Cheers,
Greg

Cloncurry
Shire Council

Council Projects

Lawn Cemetery Upgrade

The Lawn Cemetery Upgrade is currently taking place. The project is to provide the public with a more aesthetically pleasing place to visit to pay their respects to family and friends. This will be achieved by:

- Installing 3 gazebos as areas for contemplation
- Installing a memorial wall for ashes and name plaques
- Installing additional seats throughout the cemetery
- Installing a new Welcome and Rules sign
- Installing a new irrigation system
- Remediating the internal roads



Irrigation Upgrades

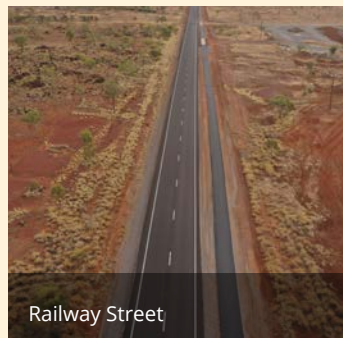
Irrigation upgrades are taking place at Mark Kathleen Park and the Recreation Grounds to switch to bore water. This will increase efficiency and sustainability of water while putting less pressure on Cloncurry potable water supply.

Main Well

Council is improving the bore network along the river by installing four production bores. This will increase capacity of potable water supply and relieve the demand in drier months from Chinaman Creek Dam and Lake Julius.

Clean Yards Access Road Upgrade

Access to the Clean Yards facility was an unsealed granular road with a substandard alignment which created access and drainage issues. Heavy vehicles were known to get bogged during times of wet weather and during dry weather, the dust from the unsealed surface caused safety concerns as it moved in clouds over Hensley Drive. The project to upgrade the access road commenced in mid-April and was completed ahead of schedule on 11 June. Additional works to install cattle walkways above the existing concrete ramp will get underway in July.



Railway Street Upgrade

Railway street is an alternative heavy vehicle bypass route which provides access to both residential and industrial properties. It was identified as requiring rehabilitation treatment and the project got underway in April this year with the objective of not only improving the road surface, but also adding a footpath, installing new driveway crossovers and improving drainage with the installation of a new culvert near the southern end of the road, just before the residential properties. The project was completed under budget and the road opened to the public two weeks ahead of schedule.

CLONCURRY PREMIERE

CLONCURRY SHIRE HALL | JULY 18



STARTS SUNDAY JULY 18

- FREE POPCORN
- CASH BAR
- VOTE
- FREE BBQ
- WATCH ON THE BIG SCREEN
- HIDDEN IDOLS

HAVE YOUR VOTE FOR THE ULTIMATE SURVIVOR. PRIZES AVAILABLE.



SAVE THE DATE

10-12 SEPTEMBER 2021



13-18
July 2021
Cloncurry
Equestrian Centre

\$120,000 in prizemoney!

COVID
rules apply



Bar & live
entertainment



Ron Wall Memorial
Derby Challenge (new)



Gymkhana on
Sunday



LIVE RODEO ACTION
Saturday night

STATE OF ORIGIN
on big screen

FREE Tickets for Saturday
through EventBrite

www.currychallenge.com.au



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RODEO

Saturday 17 July

FEATURE EVENT

MMG Dugald River

Open Bronc Ride

\$1000 prize money
EF: \$100 + add back

Wild Poley Ride

\$1000 prize money
EF: \$90 + add back

Daniels Pastoral Bullock Ride

\$500 prize money
EF: \$75 + add back

7:30pm

PARTY!
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TRENT BELL
9pm - LATE



Entries: Zoe 0400 126 673

Entires open July 5-9

Tickets are FREE through EventBrite
LIVE entertainment TRENT BELL 9pm - LATE



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NRA Affiliated - NCA Covid 19 plan in place for this Rodeo. All Rodeo Competitors & spectators must pre-purchase tickets SATURDAY ONLY if wishing to attend. The event is FREE - www.eventbrite.com.au. Limited tickets available. Please notify the secretary if you are an RSA member with proof of your membership card and number. All competitors must be paid and signed off on their NCA waiver form before they enter the event. Competitors who fail to do so will be automatically scratched. All riders must be 18 years and over to enter in any of the events listed on this program. Stock numbers are limited to be entered to ensure your spot. Payment must be made in full when you enter. ZOE 0400 126 673 to enter. Nominations and payment to be made in full when you nominate.

Come and work with us!

Council currently has a number of employment opportunities available!

- Early Childhood Group Leader
- Learning & Development Officer
- Water Treatment Plant Operator
- Manager PMO (6 Month Contract)
- Manager Planning & Environment (12 Month Maternity Relief)
- Manager Operations

Go to - <http://careers.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/>



Are you interested in researching your family history? With a membership to Bob McDonald Library, that information can be right at your fingertips. [ancestryLibrary](#) is one of the many FREE eResources that can be accessed using your Rural Libraries Queensland membership.

You can also access FREE eBooks, FREE eAudioBooks, FREE eMagazines, FREE eLearning, FREE eMusic – five (5) downloads per week (yours to keep) and Unlimited Streaming, FREE access to National Geographic Magazine, and FREE access to numerous eResources for kids.

Drop in to sign up for a library membership. Alternatively, you can sign up online at <https://qld.auroracloud.com.au/montage/Join.aspx>. Ph: 4742 1588 and Email: bob.mcdonald.library@cloncurry.qld.gov.au

Dog registrations

Friendly reminder that dog registrations are now due. Register by 30 September for a 50% discount. Go to - cloncurry.qld.gov.au/environment/ranger Please note that baiting for wild dog control will soon occur outside a 5km radius from town. Please be mindful of pets when venturing outside these parameters.

Junior Poetry Winner!

Congratulations to the winner and placegetters of the junior award for the 'Cloncurry Prize' Spirit of the Outback poetry competition. Ava Hawkins was the deserving winner with her poem 'Outback Australia'.



Outback Australia

by Ava Hawkins

The drought had begun,
Being signalled by the hot red sun.
Beating down on the dry land,
Everyone trying to lend a helping hand.

This is the way of the Australian Outback,
The life of those who live off the beaten track.
It can be hard to live here when times are dry,
But be patient as one day drops will fall from the blue sky.

When the clouds start brewing,
Everyone knows what the weather is doing.
But the answer everyone is chasing,
Is when will the drought be breaking?

It comes and goes year to year,
And everyone discusses it over the occasional beer.
There's nothing quite like a summer storm,
To see the earth being re-born.

The weather rules the Australian outback,
It determines the grass being green or black.
Some days you can look across the horizon,
And forget the times when everything is bleak and dyin'.

Only the toughest people live out here,
That is certainly clear.
It does not matter if it is wet or dry,
Our hearts belong where the earth meets the sky