

JUNE ISSUE 2022

Council Catch Up

G'day from the Mayor's desk

Wow, we're pretty much halfway through the year! Though it is still around, COVID-19 has been overshadowed by a number of other global and domestic matters.

Following the Federal Election, there is a new Prime Minister of Australia. I will be writing to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Treasurer Jim Chalmers to reinforce the importance of the Cloncurry Shire to the State and National economies, and the need to realise the region's potential. On behalf of the Cloncurry Shire, I would like to extend thanks to former Prime Minister Scott Morrison for his interest and support of Cloncurry Shire, especially after the 2019 floods.

The Council hosted the Cloncurry Road and Rail Forum in May which brought together a number of important stakeholders with a keen interest in efficient supply chains. The forum was very valuable in ensuring the investment in our Shire is maintained.

Senator Susan McDonald addressed the forum on the Office of Northern Australia's "Regions of Growth", with the Mount Isa to Townsville corridor identified as one of the three priority regions. I urge everyone to register to be part of the planning of the Future Development of Northern Australia (scan the QR code for more information). The Hon. Bruce Saunders, the Queensland Government's Assistant Minister for Train Manufacturing and Regional Roads, recapped the millions of dollars being invested in our roads at the moment. His presence at our event will help highlight Cloncurry's and the region's requirements to the State Government.



It has been great to see widespread rain across the region recently!

We're coming into a BIG event season, with races, the show, Stockman's Challenge, Quamby Rodeo, the Merry Muster and more – what a great list of events! It is great to see events going ahead without restrictive COVID-19 rules.

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate the Bambrick's family on the successful reopening of the Kalkadoon Hotel in Kajabbi. It offers a great opportunity for a day out exploring this truly awesome Shire.

Cheers,

Mayor Greg Campbell

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Council Projects

CHINAMAN CREEK DAM – RECREATION AREA UPGRADE

Council have continued to progress the Chinaman Creek Dam Recreation Area Upgrade project with the final design to be completed in June 2022. In recent weeks, Council has purchased several key items that will form part of the upgraded recreation area, including new children's play area equipment, servery, new toilet amenities, BBQ's, picnic tables and benches. Project delivery has commenced with the acquisition of these long-lead items and project completion is scheduled for December 2022.



Above: Proposed playground design
Left: Final Concept Design

CLONCURRY LAWN CEMETERY

The new memorial wall, 3 gazebos, entrance archway and new gates have been installed. Works to rehabilitate and seal the internal roads as well as refurbish and paint the internal kerbing are now completed. Council would like to again thank everyone for their continued patience as the final works are completed in June 2022.



New entrance to the Lawn Cemetery & rehabilitated internal roads.



Roadway under construction



New shared pathway

SIR HUDSON FYSH DRIVE UPGRADES

The upgrade works are progressing well and include the preparation of the improved road alignment, drainage, new car-parking at the front of the Lawn Cemetery and the new 2.5m wide shared pathway. Council would like to thank the community for their continued patience as the construction works progress along Hudson Fysh Drive through June and early July 2022.

PATH TO CHINAMAN CREEK DAM

Council would like to thank everyone for their patience as the Stage 1 construction works progress along Daintree Street. Once completed, the works will provide for a new 2.5m wide, 750m long off-road shared path from Sheaffe Street to Isley Street.

Stage 2 of the works are currently scheduled to commence and to be completed in the second half of 2022 and will provide for a further 3.25km of off-road shared path all the way to Chinaman Creek Dam Recreation Area with an additional 1km "loop" around the Lookout hill

Council Events

CLONCURRY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PICNIC

The 2022 International Women's Day Picnic was a fabulous afternoon in Cloncurry, filled with bright colours, tasty platters and inspiring speeches. Amy Sheppard and Maryann Wipaki were guest speakers at the event. Amy, a member of the band Sheppard, joined us from Brisbane. During a Q&A, Amy shared her journey to being a body positivity role model. Maryann is a Cloncurry local who has been kicking career goals! Her experiences as a woman in mining were inspiring.



BURKE & WILLS MEET & GREET CRICKET DAY

Another fabulous bush cricket competition was held at Burke and Wills Roadhouse on Saturday, 26 March. Dust was being kicked up, sweat was flying and wickets were falling! As the cricket final began, the rain started to fall - a welcome relief from the heat! The storm did not deter anyone, the crowd danced late into the night to Pacific Groove.



THE CLONCURRY PRIZE POETRY COMPETITION

The winner of The Cloncurry Prize 2022 was announced at the Cloncurry Prize Awards Evening. On Friday, 18 March 2022, Brenda-Joy Pritchard shared her poem and was presented with the \$10,000 winning cheque.

Congratulations to:

- Winner: Brenda-Joy Pritchard, Where Hero's Abide
- Runner-Up: David Judge, Spirit of the Outback
- Highly Commended:
 - Kaylah Faulkner, Spirit of the Veins
 - Chandra Clements, Outback Warrior
 - Emma Southwood, Returning Disciple



CLONCURRY EASTER FAIR

The Easter Bunny visited Cloncurry a little earlier this year, stopping in to admire all the wonderful creations for the Easter Bonnet Parade. The creative headwear wowed the judges!





Dog Registration

Is your dog registered? There are many benefits to having your pet registered with Council and it is a requirement that all dogs over 12 weeks old are registered, according to *Local Law 2 Animal Management and Subordinate Local Law 2 Animal Management 2014*.

Registration fees assist in providing key services and facilities that keep you and your pet safe when out and about in the community. These include:

- Lost and found service
- Facilities such as the pound
- Proof of ownership identification system
- Enables Council's Ranger to investigate and resolve dog attacks, barking dogs, wandering animal collection and reunification

For more information about local animal management and Council's Dog Registration Form, please visit Council's website - www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/environment/ranger.



**Scan the QR Code to
Register your pet!**

Building Work Approvals

Did you know that most building work requires approval before building works begin? This is a requirement of State Government legislation. Unlawful building work has a number of consequences, such as issues with insurance, workers compensation claims, public liability and property sales.

Cloncurry Shire Council has become aware of instances where building work within the Shire has not been approved. All property owners are invited to contact Council to check whether building work on their property has been approved. Council's Planning and Environment team can provide information to assist with your past, present and future building application requirements.

The Planning and Environment team look forward to working with the community to ensure all structures within the Shire are compliant.

For further information, please visit Council's website or contact the Planning and Environment team on 07 4742 4100 or council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au.

