

MARCH ISSUE 2022

Council Catch Up

G'day from the Mayor's desk

Welcome to 2022 everyone!

The community is continuing to adapt to the ever-changing COVID-19 situation. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank all the dedicated health professionals in Cloncurry and Dajarra that continue to support our community. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Local businesses are continuing to manage the impacts of COVID-19 and helping Cloncurry get back to 'life as normal'.

This is the time of year when many new people move to town. We look forward to welcoming you to our community and hope your time here is enjoyable and prosperous.

This year's event calendar is looking as good as ever! Make sure you check out the community event calendars, so you don't miss out on anything. The coming month is packed with cricket competitions, award evenings, picnics and more!

The Australia Day Citizenship and Awards Ceremony was a great opportunity to gather as a community and celebrate the achievements of our Australia Day Award winners. A special congratulations to Chris Waters and Kasey Hudson, our 2022 Citizen and Junior Citizen of the Year.

2022 is going to be another big year! Keep an eye out for a number of exciting Council projects; get involved in all the community events; and continue to support our local businesses.

Cheers,

Mayor Greg Campbell

Cloncurry
Shire Council

Council Projects

DAJARRA AIRSTRIP

Dajarra township now has a sealed access road to their Airstrip. Council has upgraded 1km of the previously gravel road to a bitumen sealed surface which runs through to the edge of the Dajarra Airstrip. Works were completed in the week leading up to Christmas 2021 and will provide residents all weather access to the Airstrip.



CLONCURRY LAWN CEMETERY

The new memorial wall, 3 gazebos, entrance archway and new gates have been installed. Council would like to again thank everyone for their continued patience as the final works are being completed. Works have now commenced to rehabilitate and seal the internal roads as well as refurbish and paint the internal kerbing. These works, along with the irrigation upgrades are expected to be completed over the next few weeks.



MARY KATHLEEN PARK – RELOCATION OF HISTORIC STEAM BOILERS

Council is assisting the Cloncurry Historical Society with the relocation of 2 steam boilers from the Great Australian Mine Site to Mary Kathleen Park. The preservation and relocation of these steam boilers will add to the exhibit of historic machinery on display. The concrete foundations (on which these boilers will be located) have now been completed.



CHINAMAN CREEK DAM RECREATION AREA UPGRADE

Council would like to thank the community for their contributions during the consultation process for the development of the Chinaman Creek Dam recreation area. All feedback and suggestions received were forwarded through to Council's designers for review and a revised concept design has now been received.

2022 COUNCIL PROJECTS

2022 is shaping up to be another busy year for Council. Council continues to deliver an extensive Capital Works program, thanks to the funding assistance received through various Federal and State Governments. Updates on the following projects will be provided as they progress:

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

Council Events

AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZENSHIP AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Cloncurry celebrated Australia Day with the annual Citizenship and Awards Ceremony. Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate our newest Australian citizens and Australia Day award winners. A very big thank you to the Cloncurry Lions Club for putting together a delicious breakfast.

Continuing with the Australia Day celebrations, Mr Kaboodle and The Story Teller put on a captivating show in the afternoon. Squeals of laughter could be heard throughout the Community Precinct.

Unfortunately, the rain meant the Community Cricket Competition had to be postponed. Cricket teams will have a chance to show off their batting skills and bowling techniques at the Curry Day Expo on 26 February 2022.

Australia Day Award Winners

- Citizen of the Year - Chris Waters
- Young Citizen of the Year - Kasey Hudson
- Achievement Award - Kate Taylor
- Achievement Award - Sophie Stewart
- Art and Culture Award - Jill Smith
- Community Event of the Year - Arthur Beetson Foundation QLD Outback Junior Rugby League Carnival
- Southern Gulf NRM Sarus Crane Award - St Joseph's Catholic School Year 4 class of 2021
- Community Volunteer of the Year - Brooke & Alan Abdy
- Dave Watt Memorial Junior Sport Award - Ruby Lee King
- Mayor's Community Spirit Award - Dajarra State School
- Senior Sports Award - Samantha Bond



SHEAFFE STREET ROUNDABOUT DESIGN COMPETITION

Cloncurry Shire Council is seeking design ideas for a monument to commemorate the old Cloncurry Water Supply on Sheaffe Street.

There is a total amount of \$3250 worth of prizes to be won. The competition has launched two programs, an open competition and a student competition. The overall winner of the competition will have their design incorporated into the monument that will be installed at the historic site.

Entries close 25 March 2022, and the winners will be announced on 28 April 2022.

For more information or to enter, visit Council's website - www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/roundaboutcompetition

DESIGN COMPETITION

SHEAFFE STREET ROUNDABOUT MONUMENT – Competition Closes 25 March
CONNECTION TO OUR HISTORY

TOTAL PRIZES
\$3,250

UPCOMING EVENTS

5 MARCH 2022 | INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PICNIC

Cloncurry will be celebrating International Women's Day early, on Saturday 5 March 2022 with a picnic! It is a great opportunity for ladies in the region to get together. Tickets are on sale now - www.trybooking.com/865871.

6 MARCH 2022 | CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Step up to clean up this Clean Up Australia Day! Join us on Sunday 6 March 2022 to tidy our town. This year's clean up site will be at Chinaman Creek Dam, from 8:00am to 10:00am. Help us clean up the dam and enjoy a Cloncurry Lions Club sausage sizzle afterward. To register visit - www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au.

18 MARCH 2022 | CLONCURRY PRIZE POETRY COMPETITION AWARDS EVENING

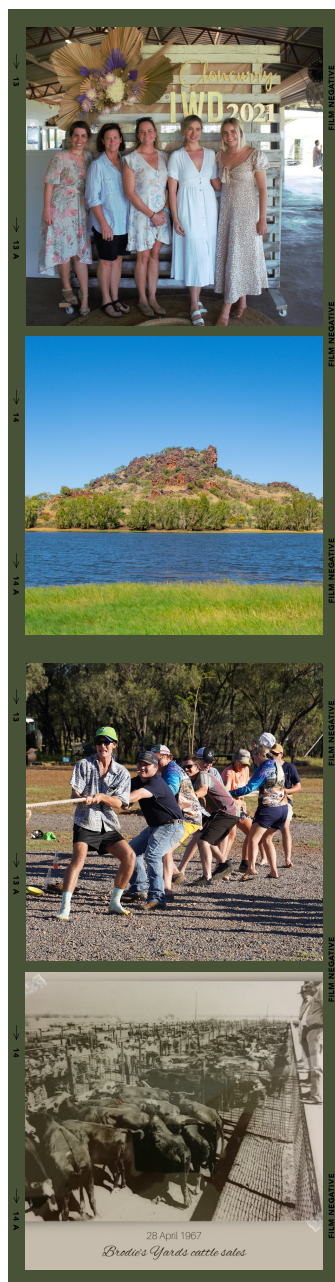
There has been over 200 poems entered in the Cloncurry Prize Poetry Competition and the winner will be announced on Friday 18 March 2022. You are invited to be part of celebrating outback literature and sharing in the excitement of crowning the 2022 Cloncurry Prize 'Spirit of the Outback' Poetry Competition winner.

26 MARCH 2022 | BURKE AND WILLS MEET AND GREET CRICKET DAY

Are you new to the region and wanting to meet people? This is the event for you, the Burke and Wills Meet and Greet Cricket Day. Cricket teams come from far and wide to be part of the day, filled with cricket, novelty games, bar and BBQ to be enjoyed by all. Keep an eye out on Cloncurry Shire Council Facebook page for more information.

CLONCURRY AND SURROUNDS CATTLE EXHIBITION

The Cloncurry and Surrounds Cattle Exhibition opens on Monday, 21 February 2022. The exhibition is images that have been shared with Council to help tell the story of Cloncurry's cattle industry. The exhibition will close in July 2022.



Scan the QR code for more information and Top Tips on Coping with COVID.