

CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2022

Council Catch Up

G'day from the Mayor's desk

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Year 12 graduates. Good luck with all your future endeavours.

We recently celebrated the centenary of the first QANTAS passenger flight. Celebrations began in Charleville and concluded in Cloncurry, retracing the journey of the first passenger and airmail flight. Cloncurry State School students, Jack, Declan and Sally, met the incoming re-enactment flight to receive the mailbag that was full of letters from Charleville students.

As part of the 100-year celebrations, the families of the three founding fathers of QANTAS, Fysh, McMaster and McGinness, unveiled a monument on the bank of the Cloncurry River. The monument marks the place where McGinness and McMaster had their first chance meeting; a meeting that led to the beginning of QANTAS.

Celebrations continued with an afternoon tea at John Flynn Place and a gala dinner at the Shire Hall. The event was a huge success and I thank the McMaster, Fysh and McGinness families for celebrating in Cloncurry. Our community takes great pride in being an important part of the founding success of QANTAS.

Despite the recent celebrations, I continue to call out QANTAS for their poor service delivery to Cloncurry residents. The continued issues are unacceptable, and I will keep talking to the QANTAS executives about it.

Cloncurry hosted the annual NQ Sportstar Awards in November. The event was well attended by people across North Queensland. Congratulations to all our local nominees for your dedication and hard work.

The Council and Local Business Network's Christmas Shop Local campaign has kicked off. There is \$15k in prize money to be won, another great reason to shop locally!

Santa made an early visit to the Shire this year, stopping in Dajarra recently. Council gifted the local kids swimming gear, which has come in handy over the past month at their swimming lessons in Cloncurry.

There is plenty more Christmas cheer to come! Get in the festive spirit and be part of this year's Christmas Light Competition, PCYC Christmas lights bike tour, Christmas Markets and the Cloncurry Community Christmas Party.

Best wishes to all for a happy Christmas. Travel safely, for those heading off on holiday. I am looking forward to a solid Wet Season and a cracking 2023!

Cheers,

Mayor Greg Campbell

Cloncurry
Shire Council



CHINAMAN CREEK DAM RECREATION AREA UPGRADE

The Chinaman Creek Dam Recreation Area is almost unrecognisable. The project has been tracking well and despite the recent rain, it is still on track to be re-opened to the community on 30 December 2022. Council appreciates the community's patience during this project.



CLONCURRY AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

Councillors awarded the tender to complete a Master Plan for the Cloncurry Airport at its October 2022 Council meeting. The aim of the master planning process is to build a clear picture of the airport's future, shaping short-, medium-, and long-term investment into this key regional asset. This will include planning for improved flood resilience, runway and apron design to accommodate larger planes and more flights, allowing opportunities for defence and defence industries, infrastructure to improve freight and logistics operations, airside fuel supply, lighting, drainage and so on. The plan is expected to be delivered by the end of July 2023.

PERKINS STREET HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Perkins Street Housing Development project is well underway. The civil component of the subdivision is nearing completion, with power recently installed and street lighting now operational. Council is finalising the housing Design and Construction tender process.

CURRY KIDS NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Cloncurry Shire Council has been working towards upgrading the Curry Kids Early Learning Centre to better service the growing demand for childcare places in Cloncurry and address a growing waitlist. Council is excited to announce that it has been awarded \$4,393,200 in grant funding from the State Government towards a new childcare facility.

The project is proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Resource Community Infrastructure Fund Round 2, in association with Cloncurry Shire Council. The Resources Community Infrastructure Fund is a voluntary partnership between the Queensland Government and the resources industry.

The grant funding, combined with a contribution from Council, will enable a new state-of-the-art childcare facility that will incorporate best practice design to future-proof the Shire's early childhood education offering.

Council has a concept design and new site location planned for the project. A detailed design of the project has already commenced.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Staying in town for the school holidays? Check out Cloncurry's school holiday activity schedule for lots of fun, entertainment and more. December's activities can now be found on Council's Facebook page and website. Check Council's Facebook page for event specific details.



Scan the QR Code for holiday fun!





BEAT THE HEAT FESTIVAL STREET PARTY

It was fantastic to see the community come together for the annual Beat the Heat Festival Street Party. Attendees were treated to free carnival amusements and live performances from Bluey & Bingo, The Hill Billy Goats and Kingswood. Festival favourite, the Mine Cart Rally, saw teams battle it out for the championship with team *EVAcuate* from Eva Copper Mine taking out the win. The Curry Cook Off champions for 2022 was *Chop It Like It's Hot* and *The Spicy Mummas* were awarded the People's Choice.



SENIORS MONTH MORNING TEA AND STUART MCINTOSH MEMORIAL SENIORS GARDEN COMPETITION

The Seniors Month Morning Tea was a great opportunity for senior Cloncurry residents to come together, enjoy a cup of tea and catch up with one another. Winners of the Stuart McIntosh Memorial Seniors Gardening Competition 2022 were announced at the morning tea. Congratulations to all entrants on such lovely gardens. Special mention to this year's winners:

- Grand Champions | Colin and Loretta Smith
- Owned Category | 1st Place - Yvonne Lennon, 2nd Place - Bill and Cheryl Campbell, 3rd Place - Helen Monzie
- Rented Category | 1st Place - Poppy Pilcher

QANTAS: 100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE FIRST PASSENGER AND AIRMAIL FLIGHT

On 3 November 2022, Cloncurry celebrated 100 years since the first QANTAS passenger and airmail service landed in Cloncurry. The day's celebrations included the arrival of the re-enactment flight, monument unveiling and the Chairman and Patriots Gala Dinner.



NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTSTAR AWARDS

Cloncurry Shire Council successfully hosted the North Queensland Sportstar Awards, supported by the North Queensland Sports Foundation. The awards are an opportunity to recognise the incredible achievements of regional North Queensland athletes. It was an evening filled with great food and entertainment. Attendees enjoyed listening to guest speakers from the NRL and NRLW; Coen Hess, Romy Teitzel and Talulah Tillet. Congratulations to Ben Stanger who was awarded runner up for the Masters category. A special mention to all Cloncurry finalists:

- Chris Waters – Service to NQ Sport
- Ben Stanger – Masters Sportstar of the Year
- Justin Sealy – Senior Sportstar of the Year
- Grace Abdy – Junior Sportstar of the Year
- Cloncurry Eagles U9 – Team of the Year



Images sourced from NQ Sports Foundation

DAJARRA COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Councillors and Council staff hosted a BBQ dinner and Christmas party for the Dajarra community. It was a great opportunity to catch up with the community and celebrate the year. The children were very excited to participate in some festive activities and were thrilled to receive a visit from Santa Claus.



CLONCURRY
**CHRISTMAS
MARKETS**



CLONCURRY SHIRE HALL
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER - 5PM TO 8PM
SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER - 9AM TO 1PM
Stall registrations at
www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/christmasmarkets
For more information please contact Council's
Community Activities Officer, Celene Franklin,
on 07 4742 4100 or council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au

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CLONCURRY COMMUNITY

**Christmas
PARTY**



6 PM FRIDAY



2 DECEMBER

Join us for an evening of Christmas fun at
Florence Clark Park. There will be live Christmas
carols, a visit from Santa and a free BBQ dinner.

For more information
www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/communitychristmasparty

CLONCURRY 2022

**Christmas
Light
Competition**

Categories

- ★ Best Decorated Home
- ★ Best Decorated Business
- ★ Best Rural Decorated Mailbox

\$1,000 worth of buy local gift cards to be won!

Entries close: Friday, 2 December

Judging: Monday, 5 and Friday, 9 December

Winners announced: Monday, 12 December



2022 Cloncurry LBN Christmas Shop Local Campaign

**Shop Local & Enter
the Draw**



**\$15,000 OF SHOP LOCAL
GIFTCARDS TO WIN**

Spend \$50 in any participating local
businesses from 7 November 2022 to go
into the draw to win one of 80 vouchers

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

**AUSTRALIA
DAY**

26 JANUARY 2023



Citizenship & Award Ceremony

Family Pool Party

Community Cricket Competition



NOMINATIONS FOR THE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN!



Do you know someone who has gone above and beyond in our community over the past year?
The Cloncurry Shire Council Australia Day Awards celebrate individuals and community groups
that have made significant contributions to our community throughout the year. For more
information or to nominate someone, visit our website: www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/australiaday.

