

McKinlay Shire Council



Mayoral Message

Welcome to April Edition of *Keeping You Posted*. The Julia Creek Dirt and Dust Festival, the first and biggest event of the year, has been and gone for our Shire. I would like to congratulate the hard working committee lead by President Steve Malone along with the management team lead by Event Manager Tammy Roberts on a successful weekend as well as the Julia Creek Turf Club on the wonderful race meet. It is always challenging for our small community to not only invite but host around 2500 people for this event, but I am sure everyone would agree how well it is done.

ANZAC Day Services were well attended across the shire both in Julia Creek and McKinlay. I thank all the groups and volunteers that gave their time to organise and conduct the services, as well as those in our community who attended. I would also like to acknowledge Police Officer In Charge Des Hansson from McKinlay and Sgt Mark Mulligan from Julia Creek for their contribution to ANZAC Day Services across the Shire.



Council overall continues to remain busy with *Works 4 Queensland* projects planning, as well as completing the second half of the financial operational and capital works. Some of you may have seen over the weekend of the Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival the new fully lit solar safe walk/cycle way which has been completed from McIntyre Park to the Railway line on Goldring Street. This project has been very well received and will be of benefit to many of our events using McIntyre Park, to keep people safe as well as providing an additional exercise route for locals.

Energy and telecommunications continue to be on our agenda for the community. Council continues to work with a focus on both of these areas. Cr Royes and I recently met with a Telstra representative in Cairns whilst attending the Local Government Finance Summit to progress our collaborative investigation into future delivery of services to our Shire. We will continue to facilitate this process both within our major centre Julia Creek and across the Shire. I will also be attending a two day meeting in Sydney with Telstra and NBN in June to further question and understand what we can achieve for our community in the future to ensure we can all do business and educate our children effectively.



In the energy space, the goal posts are always moving especially in terms of renewable energy. Council has been involved in a solar project from commercial company for over four years now. With no results i.e start of construction etc. Council has recently withdrawn from the project to ensure no financial loss. Council's direction is to try to ensure that any renewable development actually has a positive financial impact on our residents cost of power. There are numerous solar farms springing up across the country, even in the North West, however beyond some small maintenance contracts we are yet to see one that has a real benefit to the community. Following on from the Solar Business Project that Council implemented over the last couple of years, we are in initial discussions with Ergon Energy and in collaboration with MITEZ and State Government to complete an investigation into power delivery to outlying properties to see if

reliability and cost can be improved. This is currently in preliminary stages and further information about the extensive community consultation will be released in the coming month.

The weather is finally cooling down which means campdraft and racing season is upon us. I would like to wish the Julia Creek Campdraft every success for their event coming up on the 19/20/21 of May. Mother's Day, along with the grade 5/6 School Camp is fast approaching. The P & C will host a High Tea Fundraising event on Sunday the 14th of May, in celebration of Mothers Day and also to raise funds for the bi-annual grade 5/6 School Camp.



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Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival

It is believed that on 7th and 8th of April, 2'200 people visited Julia Creek for the annual Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival. With the Junior Triathlon kicking off the weekends events on Friday afternoon, followed by novelty events held that evening at Dirt n Dust Central. As well as the wide variety of events held on Saturday being, the Senior Traithlon, Artesian Express Race Meeting involving not only some of best country racing in Queensland, but many also attended 'Country Tastes Luncheon' hosted by Mayor Belinda Murphy. If all of those events held through out the day weren't, enough the PBR Rodeo held on Saturday night was a wonderful way to bring everyone together and finish off a brilliant weekend. Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival numbers are reportedly lower than previous years, possibly due to the impact that Tropical Cyclone Debbie had on many families and businesses situated closer to the coast, who usually attend the festival. Once again the event was still well supported and remains well recognised as a valuable way to raise revenue for local business. The success of the event is a true testament to McKinlay Shire Community who work tirelessly every year with the Dirt n Dust Committee and Event Management Team.



Works 4 Queensland

- McKinlay Tennis Court Stage 2 Upgrade, will incorporate new tennis courts and one multi-court to allow for cricket, tennis, volleyball, and modified basketball.
- Kevin Bannah Amenities Refurbishment project will involve the refurbishment of an existing structure to allow for the incorporation of two teams change rooms.
- CSA Club Maintenance project will be inclusive of a floor upgrade, the installation of a new air conditioning system, and some existing walls to be removed. With additional modification of the room there will be more space for the open plan.
- Children's Water Play Park refurbishment and enhancement of the children's play area at the Julia Creek Swimming Pool.
- Gravel Pavement Byrimine Road project is inclusive of gravelling 5 kilometres of road which is currently black soil and in times of wet weather, rain makes it impassable. The road links northern properties to Cloncurry which is an alternative service centre when the Cloncurry River has risen, access to and from Julia Creek. Gravel pavement is set to start in mid July.
- Caravan Park Sewer Upgrade will consist of the sewer line extension to eliminate pump stations at the Caravan Park. It will also prepare the park for future development to increase capacity.
- Kynuna Park, there is currently no public space for the community or travelling public to rest and utilise. Council intend to utilise the funds to create a play park and shelter with seating, giving residents and travellers a shared community space.
- Julia Creek Events Precinct Stage 2 Upgrade Council and Government funds are being utilised to improve the events venue by creating a hill for which a permanent bar, amenities block, and a gate office will be constructed. Additionally, permanent fencing will be installed for the precinct.



Community Notice Board



BUSH DINNERS

Julia Creek Caravan Park
Monday nights from 6:00pm
Just \$15 for a 2 course meal
BYO Chairs & Drinks

To attend please book your spot!

Contact Katrina Harling on
tourism@mckinlay.qld.gov.au or 47467690

Trash Test Dummies

The hilarious Trash Test Dummies are going to be in Julia Creek on 10th May 2017. Trash Test Dummies is an unmissable circus comedy show littered with jaw-dropping acrobatics, side-splitting slapstick comedy routines and throwaway gags.



Julia Creek Swimming Pool - Winter Hours

Monday to Friday 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday & Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

AQUA AEROBICS

Tuesday & Thursday 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Julia Creek Campdraft 2017

19th, 20th and
21st May

Mothers Day High Tea

Julia Creek State School P & C Fundraiser

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 14th May 2017

All proceeds raised go towards year 5/6 School Camp



Who's Who

AT COUNCIL

Welcome!

- Lauchlan Sollitt, Project Officer

Welcome Back!

- Luke Wyld, Medical Centre Administrator

Congratulations...

- Felicity Cameron, Administration Officer
- Natasha Ellis, Payroll & Human Resources Officer



Tourist hot spots receive roads funding boost to improve drive market

Message from Main Roads and Road Safety Minister Mark Bailey.

Minister Mark Bailey said,

“The successful destinations had won funding through round one of the Palaszczuk Government’s Transport and Tourism Connections (TTC) program.

McKinlay Shire was successful in our application with 12 other Shires in Queensland for funding under this program. The priority project will be the RV Site Access Road from Flinders Highway to Shaw Street at Julia Creek and the upgrade of the Combo Waterhole access road. Discussion with Winton Shire is ongoing to get support from their Shire with the Combo Waterhole project.”



SOUTHS LOGAN MAGPIES



TWEED HEADS SEAGULLS

Julia Creek

Sun 23rd July 2017,

Thanks to negotiations started by Dave McNab & Adam Hartley with the QRL, Julia Creek is set to be among one of seven regional towns to host a QRL Intrust Super Cup football match in 2017.

McKinlay Shire Council, wish to thank the QRL for selecting our town. Planning for this greatly anticipated event is well underway between Dave Maiden, QRL Completions Manager & Calem Fegan, CSA President. The Intrust Super Cup will be held on Sunday 23rd July, following McKinlay Races on Saturday 22nd July. It's going to be an action packed weekend in McKinlay Shire!

Watch this space...

Community Health Update

Just a reminder that the McKinlay Shire MPHS provides Dispensary services for inpatients, emergency presentations and outpatients. The MPHS stocks a number of medications, but not a wide variety.



Opening Hours for the Dispensary:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday 9:00am - 1:00pm

If you are unable to attend within these hours, please ring the hospital on 47464000 and organise a time to come in, or be prepared to wait until someone can attend to you. We have limited staff, and the care of our inpatients and our residents is our priority.

Please note:

You will need a prescription from a Queensland Health facility, or from the Locum GP in Julia Creek, to be able to access medication from the Dispensary.

If you have a script from a private medical practitioner, or if you are travelling from interstate and need to get your prescriptions filled, you will need to go to the pharmacy in Cloncurry. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to see the GP in Julia Creek and get a new prescription written.

Thank you.

Nicole Morris: Community Nurse - McKinlay Shire Phone: 0447 773 151





Sport & Recreation

The Easter School Holiday Program was well attended, with all participants enjoying Easter Egg hunting & games, Easter Craft, Mad Science, swimming & afternoon picnicking and karate & AFL workshops in Cloncurry.

Our McKinlay Shire children were also among the many keen competitors in the Dakin Marwill Junior Triathlon, held at the Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival on Friday 7th April 2017. Congratulations to all who competed and were involved in both the team and individual Junior Triathlon event.

After School Care activities for Term 2 have commenced. Activities include athletics on Tuesday, netball on Wednesday and fun fitness games on Thursday. For more information regarding involvement in the after school care program offered through Sporting Schools, please contact McKinlay Shire Council Sport and Recreation Officer, Renae Hick.

Darren Ginn's Gym Memberships are available at any time of the year. Become a member of our Gym and gain 24 hour access by contacting Renae Hick or coming into McKinlay Shire Council Reception, Monday to Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.

Sport and Recreation Officer, Renae Hick

(07) 47467166



Julia Creek State School Cross Country

Kilteery Station 100th Anniversary

McKinlay Shire Council wish to recognise the 100th Anniversary of Kilteery Station. Celebrations held on Sunday 30th April 2017, marked the great historical achievement for the property proudly owned by the

Lord Family.

Lions Ladies ANZAC Day Morning Tea

The Lions Ladies of Julia Creek are pleased to announce that with the support of those who attended ANZAC Day morning tea in Julia Creek they were able to raise \$277.70. The funds raised have been donated to Legacy by Julia Creek Lions Ladies Association.