

# Keeping You Posted

## JULY/AUG 2018



# McKinlay

SHIRE  
COUNCIL

### Mayoral Message



Welcome to "Keeping You Posted" looking back at everything that has happened for July and August. The year is certainly steaming ahead with a busy program for both Council and the Community.

With the new budget and operational plan in place we visited with Councillors and staff the communities of McKinlay, Kynuna and Nelia as well as holding a presentation in Julia Creek. I would like to thank everyone who attended these presentations and hope that they are valuable as they certainly are for us for feedback. For those who were unable to attend please visit our Council website to view the documents.

In relation to health the Julia Creek Hospital is progressing and we have been advised that Hutchinson's Builders have been awarded the tender and the build will occur on site with completion by May 2019. This is a wonderful addition to our community and build on site will also provide a great economic boost to our community during construction.

Tourism numbers have remained strong over the past couple of months and the bush dinners have seen numbers up to 180 people which is wonderful and the effort the groups are going to for this is great. The Artesian Spa Baths that have been put in at the Julia Creek Caravan Park had a significant impact on visitation to the park and revenue. Council is considering a funding application for some more as well as assessing the usage and charging for this popular experience.

Recently during the tourist season the Julia Creek CWA has also opened the newly renovated building for which funding was successfully obtained and been offering tea, coffee and scones. This has also been very popular experience with visitors to the Shire and the Julia Creek CWA are to be commended on the work here which is stated to be raising money for the drought and other plans locally.

From a Councillor perspective we have travelled some miles recently. I have travelled to Karumba and Normanton with CEO John Kelly for our quarterly Regional Organisation of Councils and Regional Road Group meetings, Palm Island for Policy Executive and Eromanga/Quilpie for our regional Outback Queensland Tourism Board Meeting. Cr Fegan attended the North Queensland Alliance of Councils conference in Ingham and Cr Walker attended the North West Futures Forum in Mt Isa hosted by State Development with Minister Cameron Dick.

In the middle of all of this some of our annual community events were held being McKinlay Races and Sedan Dip both of which I managed to attend. Again both events were successful and a credit to the committees who spend many hours organising and running.

September from my memory used to be a quiet month but here we are with events on nearly every weekend into October from race meets, to Town Vs Country Football, Swim Club Ball, Julia Creek Challenge and Cutting, Sedan Dip Pony Club and Julia Creek Novice Campdraft. I wish all the committees the best with these events and hope to see some of you there.



# Julia Creek Football Carnival

The Julia Creek Football Carnival hosted by Julia Creek Combined Sporting Association (CSA) attracted a crowd of around 300 people. A great day for the McKinlay Shire community to share with visitors from neighbouring towns; Richmond & Hughenden. Council's Sport & Recreation officer, Kalan Lococo who assisted in co-ordinating the event said, "It was a great to see so many enthusiastic football teams from across the region come together to enjoy a great afternoon of Rugby League". Kalan looks forward to supporting the co-ordination of future Football Carnivals in Julia Creek.

Junior Teams from Julia Creek & Richmond combined to play against Hughenden in under 6s/8s/10s/12s. There was a womens come and try day which saw Julia Creek play two matches against Hughenden, Julia Creek going down narrowly in the first game and winning the second game. The women enjoyed the experience, which will hopefully be a springboard for further future involvement of women in football.

The seniors matches consisted of games between Hughenden, Richmond and Julia Creek. Hughenden won both games, defeating Richmond and Julia Creek. Julia Creek lost to Hughenden and then defeated Richmond. Richmond lost both their matches.

This successful event was another great CSA initiative, that encouraged great community spirit and opportunity for the Julia Creek State School P&C to raise funds through the canteen.



## Julia Creek Medical Centre OPENING HOURS

For enquiries, or to book an appointment hours of operation will be:

Monday to Friday 8:30am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5:00pm

Saturday 8:30am to 12 noon

Clinic hours for Dr's appointments (hours remain unchanged):

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday 9:00am - 12 noon

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 2:00pm - 4:45pm

Fees: Bulk billing will be available

For all further queries in relation to the new medical clinic, please contact Rural Health Management Services on

(07) 49921040, or clinic during opening hours on (07) 47467159 .

For all further queries, please contact the MPHS on (07) 47464000.





# McKinlay Shire Events

# 2018

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 | 1971, The Musical Cabaret Show
- 9-14 | MISOTA Mini School in Julia Creek
- 15-16 | Julia Creek Campdraft School & One Day Draft
- 22-23 | Sedan Dip Pony Club
- 23 | The Ghost of John King Play
- 28 | Town VS Country Netball & Football
- 29 | Julia Creek Turf Club Races & Mad Hatters Ball

## OCTOBER

- 5-7 | McKinlay Shire Annual Challenge
- 26 from 4pm | Julia Creek State School Fete

## NOVEMBER

- 17 | Julia Creek Turf Club Beach Races
- 24-25 | 'Celebrating our Volunteers' TRAIC event

## DECEMBER

- 1 | Branches Performing Arts 'Good Vibes Gala Show'
- 7 | McKinlay Shire Christmas Tree

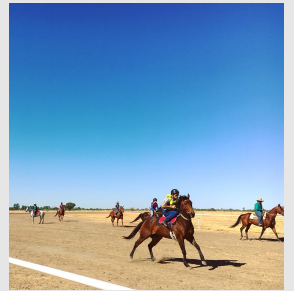


# Sedan Dip Celebrates 70 years

Sedan Dip Sports and Recreation Club celebrated 70 years on 17th-19th August 2018. Both Campdraft & Rodeo nominations saw an increase on the previous year. Stock was generously donated by Australian Agricultural Company and Paraway Pastoral Company. A full race program was complimented by pleasant weather conditions, enjoyed by an enthusiastic crowd of locals and visitors. On Friday and Saturday evening the band 52 Pick Up bought the night to life.

Improvements to permanent infrastructure onsite funded by the club included general maintenance, along with the installation of a new ablutions block located on the Northern side of the grounds. These additional facilities provided great benefit to campers over the weekend.

Sedan Dip would like to extend special thanks to all sponsors, judges, committee members and patrons of the event. Council would like to extend congratulations to the organisers and hard working committee on achieving another successful event that has been going 70 years strong.



## Paddock to Plate Luncheon

30 travellers indulged in a sensational three course meal on 16th August 2018 on the Civic Centre rear deck for a Paddock to Plate lunch. On the menu was our hero local cuisine – red claw and pasture-fed beef and lamb. Our most sincere thanks are extended to Duncan and Judy Fysh who shared insight into their daily lives being producers of all three of these products. Many of the attendees had been to the Bush Dinner on the Monday prior and were heading to Sedan Dip following the lunch hence they left our Shire having forged an excellent connection with our community.



## Queensland Government MIPPS<sub>2</sub> Funding

Council were advised in August that we were successful in securing funding through the State Governments 'Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program' (MIPP2). The Government will provide funding up to \$312,920 to develop a business plan and detailed design for proposed infrastructure development of a Children's Services Hub in Julia Creek.

The business plan will investigate and document the potential viability and feasibility of the Hub, and in turn will assist Council in future budgeting, support future grant applications and will have the potential to assist in attracting private investment. The detailed design will present a facility which will have the capacity to meet all the service needs identified in the business plan.

It is envisaged that the Hub will offer the following services: Long Day Care, Kindergarten, After School Care, Vacation Care, Playgroups and maternal and child health services.

The MIPP2 program aims to support Local Governments to identify, plan for an build the infrastructure needed to support economic growth and liveability of our local communities into the future.