

McKinlay Shire Council

Mayoral Message



"They say as you get older the years go quicker" and this year certainly has flown. There has been a lot achieved this year both within Council and within the community as a whole. The Council workforce has been preparing for the shut down period, as there has been a lot to complete in the last couple of weeks of December before we all indulged in Christmas pudding. The community Christmas Tree events across the Shire were a great success and I would like to thank everyone involved in ensuring these events continue at this time of the year.

Works on Shire roads will stop as of the 15th of December until we come back in the New Year. The administration staff of Council will work until the 22nd of December returning on the 3rd January. During this time for any issues please see our Facebook page, website or notice in this newsletter for information on who to contact.

So many projects have been completed this year and certainly with Works for Queensland Project (W4Q) deadline of 30th November I am so pleased with what has been achieved by completing all of our projects. New play equipment at Peter Dawes Park, a new Park at Kynuna, new playground at McIntyre Park and a new, soon to be opened, Water Park at the Julia Creek Swimming pool. The new building at the Julia Creek Events Precinct on Burke Street, which is the home of the Dirt and Dust, is now completed and Council will be looking for further funding to complete internal works. Council worked extremely closely with the Dirt and Dust committee to provided the desired building design for the event that they required, whilst ensuring that other community groups can also utilise the space once complete. Recently we held a night at the new Artesian Spas at the Julia Creek Caravan Park which was a wonderful night for those that attended. Council has decided to open the spas to local Community through Christmas and until February to go and enjoy. Bookings are essential and can be made by contracting the Julia Creek Caravan Park

We also have new tennis courts at Julia Creek and McKinlay and whilst construction has not been without issues these are in hand and we are confident the end product will be very good.

Recently McKinlay Shire was recognised for its significant tourism success at the Outback Tourism Awards held in Cloncurry. We took home 3 awards including Local Government, Destination Marketing and Visitor Information Centre. We are so proud of the combined effort of Councillors, staff, business and community that ensure we punch above our weight in this area providing a great visitor experience for the benefit of all. I was also humbled to be elected as Chair of the Outback Queensland Tourism Board, a role that I will be very happy to fulfil over the coming year, as we have so much to offer as region of which we are all a part of.

The end of the year is certainly becoming busier with events and social occasions to attend in the Shire. We would like to extend congratulations to the Julia Creek Lions Ladies who held their annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon in November and to Amy Tinning of Branches Performing Arts for Matilda the Dance Production, which was fantastic.

If you are travelling away for Christmas we would like to wish you safe travels and if you are staying in the Shire we certainly hope it will be enjoyable and raining. Make sure you are prepared if we do get flooding rains and take care on any Shire roads during this time adhering to any road closures. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2018.



McKinlay Shire Christmas Tree

The McKinlay Christmas Tree Event held on Friday the 1st December at McIntyre Park, Julia Creek was a great success with a large number of people attending. There were 12 stall holders with a wide range of home and hand made items, delicious range of food, icy cold refreshments for that rather warm night, jumping castle, and slide for the kids and Santa with loads of gifts for the children. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made this great night possible: Jo-Anne Butler – Tourism & Events Officer from McKinlay Shire Council, Works Depot staff, Parks & Gardens staff, Julia Creek School P & C, Julia Creek News, Corrina's Catering, the Stall Holders, Julia Creek Police, Ambulance and Fire Brigade for safely delivering Santa. A very special 'thank you' goes out to Uniting Care Community and NQRFSS for assistance with funding this great community event. Most of all, thank you to the community for coming along to make this an enjoyable night to remember.



Tourism Awards

Outback Queensland Tourism Awards

Local Government Award for Tourism: McKinlay Shire Council

Visitor Information and Services: Julia Creek Visitor and Information Centre

Destination Marketing: McKinlay Shire Council



QICA Awards



The annual Queensland Information Centre Association (QICA) conference was held from 3rd to 6th October in Redcliffe. McKinlay Shire's new Tourism and Events Officer, Jo-anne Butler, represented the Julia Creek Visitor Information Centre (VIC), otherwise known as At the Creek. Jo-anne said that the conference was a valuable opportunity to network and connect with other VICs throughout Queensland to share knowledge, collaborate on projects and identify industry trends and best practice.

The conference also incorporated an awards night on Thursday 5th October. Jo-anne said it was a very enjoyable evening celebrating the success of others in the industry. At the Creek did not go home empty handed; we picked up the Tourism Excellence Award and were runners up in the Marketing Award which is an outstanding result for our tourism team. Congratulations!

Community notice board



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ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

Our 2016/17 Annual Report is an important component of Councils performance management process. This is an essential document that will inform the community how McKinlay Shire has performed over the 2016/17 financial year. It captures the achievements, hopes, aspirations, priorities and goals of our community.

To view the entire report, visit our website:
www.mckinlay.qld.gov.au

Closed

COUNCIL CLOSURE

Outside Workforce
16th Dec 2017 - 12th Jan 2018

Administration (Corporate/Community/Directors/CEO)
22nd Dec 2017 - 3rd Jan 2018

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SHIRE COUNCIL

Merry Christmas

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During the scheduled Council closure from 5:00pm Friday 22nd Dec 2017 until 8:30am Wednesday 3rd Jan 2018, Mrs Tenneil Cody will be acting CEO in the absence of Mr Peter Fitchat. In the instance that Acting CEO Mrs Tenneil Cody is unavailable, please contact Director of Engineering, Environmental & Regulatory Services Mr Andrew Boardman.



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McKinlay Shire HIGHLIGHT!

Campdraft School, Secret Garden Ball, Novice, Junior & Mini Campdraft

OCTOBER 14th - 15th 2017



NOVICE DRAFT 2017



MINI WORKOUT 2017



JUNIOR WORKOUT 2017

A wonderful time was had by all who were in Julia Creek on the weekend of the 14th and 15th of October 2017. There was a charity Campdraft School lead by local Campdraft icon Marcus Curr and Julia Creek Amateur Swimming Club "Secret Garden Ball" on Saturday, as well as the official Campdraft taking place on Sunday. Local venues, McIntyre Park and Julia Creek Civic Centre came to life with the action, as some 300 people were attracted to Julia Creek for the weekends' events.

Community spirit was the true hero of the weekend, with funds raised by the Marcus Curr Campdraft School, coordinated by the Julia Creek Campdraft Committee, being donated to the Julia Creek Early Learning Centre and Isolated Children's Parent's Association. Both of these non-for profit organisations received a donation of \$1,150.00 each. A generous contribution spawned by Wensely Station owners Marcus & Shelley Curr who bestowed their time coaching around forty (40) adult participants through the Campdraft School, as well as providing their livestock which were generously transported by K W Murphy Holdings and Pratt Cattle Transport. Tom Webster and Riley Curr also coached fifteen (15) eager children through a horsemanship and Campdraft clinic. Further support was shown by sponsors Luke Petrie, Paul Maloney, Booth Rural, McKinlay Shire Council, Julia Creek Hardware and Robbie's Tyre's. These individuals and local business are recognised for their contribution to this great community event. The Julia Creek Lions Club also held a stall selling food and drinks throughout the Campdraft, which was another great cash injection to their on going fundraising efforts.

The star of the show on the weekend was the "Secret Garden Ball" hosted by the Julia Creek Amateur Swim Club, held at the Julia Creek Civic Centre on the evening of Saturday 14th October 2017. Visitors and locals gathered in their finest attire to raise funds for the club and enjoy a night of incredible food by Corrina Sollitt, wonderful entertainment by Colby Wilson, beautiful blooms by Belinda Murphy's 'Flinders & Mitchell', great prizes donated by an array of local business and an abundance of refreshments from the Bar. Main organisers of the event; Swimming Club President Sheree Pratt, Secretary Anna Hick and Treasurer Kate Frazer, along with their helpers are to be congratulated for their incredible efforts towards the organisation of their highly successful fundraising event. Approximately \$20,000 was raised and a memorable night was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mayor Belinda Murphy said, "The success of this weekend, surrounding a number of fundraising initiatives is a testament to our great community who continues to show a high level of support and enthusiasm all year round." McKinlay Shire Council was proud to support all community groups and committees involved over this wonderful weekend.

