

Balonne Bulletin

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Scan QR Code for more information on current Water Restrictions:



St George to go to Level 3 Water Restrictions

Level 3 Water Restrictions will come into effect on the 1st November 2023, as Council's remaining river water allocation in the St George scheme is about to drop below 1,000 megalitres. The aim of these Level 3 Water Restrictions is to prolong our remaining allocation of river water for St George.

Please note, NO warning notices will be provided. Level 3 Water Restrictions will be enforced with on-the-spot fines of 3 penalty units (\$464.40) for residential properties and 15 penalty units (\$2322.00) for businesses that breach water restrictions.

Council, as a water user, will also be reducing the watering of

green spaces including parks and gardens in line with other water users.

At this stage, it is anticipated that Level 4 Water Restrictions will come into effect around mid December 2023, which involves a complete sprinkling ban.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole said the commencement of Level 3 Water Restrictions on river water was an important step to prolong our river water supply in St George for as long as possible.

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Do you have a community story, event or notice for the next edition of the *Balonne Bulletin*?

Let us know via Email: media@balonne.qld.gov.au



What's On

ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL FETE

Come along to the St Patrick's Day Fete to enjoy market stalls, face-painting, Disco, show bags, tug-of-war, yabby races, Moo Poo Lotto and Mega-Draw prizes.

When: Saturday, 4 November
4pm to midnight

Where: St Patrick's School - Multi Purpose Centre, Balonne Street, St George

MULTICULTURAL FEAST

Grab your spoons it's time to feast! Enjoy food, music, and stories from in our Shire and around the world. Attend the Multicultural Feast see Facebook for more details.

When: 17-18 November

Where: Pop-up events across the Shire, check our Facebook for more details

NINIDIGULLY PIG RACES

Nindigully Pub's world-famous Pig Races are held annually and attract a larger crowd every year. The day consists of live music, raffles, auctions, food, drink, fireworks, camping and of course pig races.

When: Saturday, 25 November

Where: Nindigully Pub

MY COMMUNITY DIARY

Do you want to keep up to date with upcoming events in the Shire?

Upcoming events are listed on the 'My Community Diary', which you can access by clicking the 'What's On' button on the homepage at www.balonne.qld.gov.au or by scanning the below QR code.



A message from the Mayor

This week I have travelled to Canberra to appear at the public hearings for the Senate Environmental and Communications Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Water Amendment (Restoring our Rivers) Bill 2023 with several proposed changes to the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Although there are many positives to the Amendment including giving more time to achieve outcomes in the Northern Basin Review and Sustainable Diversion Program (SD-LAM) I have grave concerns for the removal of the socio-economic neutrality test and increasing the cap on water buybacks.

Balonne Shire has consistently advocated for no further buy backs and for water to be recovered to meet the Basin targets through other means. The proposed changes could see an additional 450GL recovered across the Basin through water buy backs and that would jeopardize many communities.

We will continue to be fierce advocates for our communities in Balonne as the legislation moved through the parliament.

With the hotter weather now upon us and an El Nino weather pattern recently declared, it appears we could continue to see drier conditions for the time ahead. This is somewhat of a concern given that our current allocation from the St George water supply scheme is fast dwindling and Beardmore Dam is currently dropping to below 9% supply.

Water is a precious resource for our Shire and to have our river water supplies so low in the face of drier weather predictions puts us in the position of needing to do everything we can reduce our river water consumption levels as much as possible to make what we have last as long as we can.

We have been on water restrictions in St George since May of this year, yet our high consumption of river water is still way above



target levels. This has created a situation where we are needing to move into more and more stringent water restrictions sooner than would otherwise be necessary.

There are many simple steps we can all take to reduce our river water usage. For months now Council has been running an awareness campaign through our communication channels about how to be waterwise in our gardens, but it has not had the results we had hoped for.

As we step into Level 3 Water Restrictions, it comes with enforceable levels of consumption and Council will be acting to enforce these limits, with the goal of reducing consumption so that we can make our river water last as long as possible.

As it currently stands, the current high rate of river water consumption creates the prospect of needing to go to Level 4 Water Restrictions before Christmas, which also bring with it a sprinkling ban over the hottest months of summer.

I for one would rather a situation where we can hold off more stringent water restrictions for as long as we can and if we all work together, I have every confidence in us being able to achieve that.

Samantha O'Toole

Disaster Preparation Mailout

Balonne Shire Council is helping residents to prepare for disasters with a suite of information being mailed to every residence.

This mailout includes information that will assist residents to prepare with a Dangerous Weather Emergency Plan booklet for the fridge, along with information on how to identify and understand signs in the Australian Warning System and where to access information during bushfires.

For more information go to:
www.emergency.balonne.qld.gov.au



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“It was not that long ago that Beardmore Dam was brimming with water, but now it is set to continue dropping below 9% capacity,” Mayor O’Toole said.

“Unfortunately, the current high rate of river water consumption is not helping the situation, as it is bringing on more stringent water restrictions sooner than would otherwise be necessary.

“At this rate, we will soon be staring down the barrel of Level 4 and a complete sprinkler ban far sooner than we need to.

“The more we all work together to limit our outdoor water use, the longer we can delay the need for more stringent restriction levels.

“Water is a precious resource for our Shire and the more we can all do to practise waterwise tips with our outdoor water use, the longer that water resource will last us.

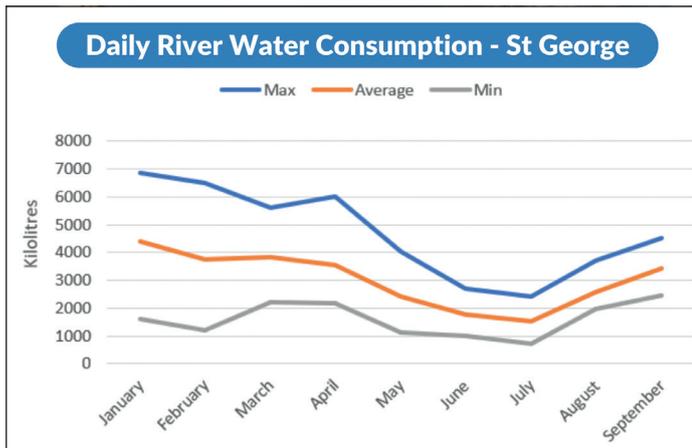
Scan QR code for more information on Waterwise tips for your garden:



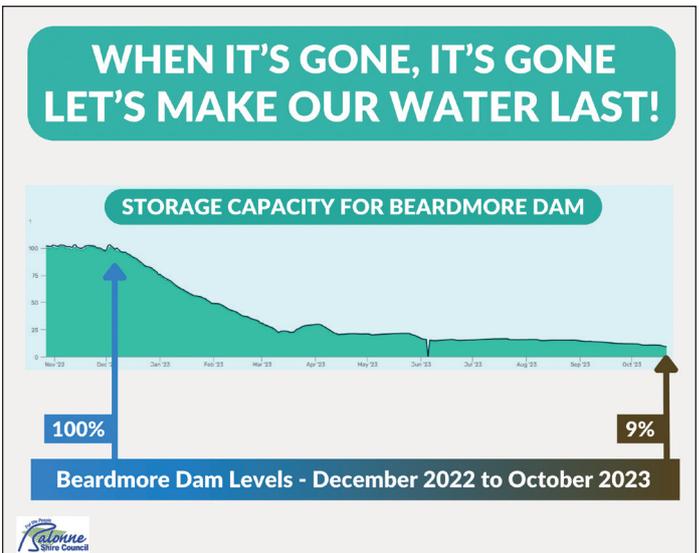
“Over recent months, we have been undertaking an online public awareness campaign to raise awareness around the need for all of us to conserve river water use wherever possible.

“We are urging people in St George to do what they can to be waterwise with outdoor water use, so that we can preserve our precious river water for as long as possible.”

St George’s Town (bore) Water supply, which is used for indoor household use will not be impacted by these restrictions.



LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS ST GEORGE RIVER WATER	
Residential properties	Water any time, any day with a target limit of 2,000 litres (2 kilolitres) per day and an enforceable limit of 60,000 litres (60 kilolitres) per month per connection.
All Schools & Caravan Parks	9am–10:30am Monday to Thursday.
Other Businesses	Odd Property Numbers: 4pm–6pm on Tues, Thurs & Sat. Even Property Numbers: 4pm–6pm on Wed, Fri & Sun.
Council Parks & Facilities	In accordance with parks & gardens program
Hand-held Hoses – All Consumers	Any time
Other & variations to the above	Subject to individual Council approval.
Open-ended, unattended hoses must NOT be used at any location at any time!	



New boat ramp on Barwon River in Mungindi

Construction has commenced on the new 20-metre, \$300,000 boat ramp on the Barwon River as part of the fourth and final stage of the Mungindi River Park upgrades.

In another great example of government collaboration, the new boat ramp is being project managed by the Balonne Shire Council on the Queensland side of the Barwon River but is being funded by a grant from the New South Wales government with support from the Moree Plains Shire Council and the Mungindi Fishing Club.

The new boat ramp is expected to be a yet another drawcard for local tourism



opportunities by giving recreational boaters and fishers greater access to the Barwon River as well as increasing recreational fishing and camping opportunities for residents and visitors.

This new boat ramp is also set to prevent further degradation of the riverbank.

Weather permitting, the new boat ramp is expected to be completed by around December 2023.

Workforce Development continues in Balonne

Council has received a one-year extension for the position of a Workforce Development Officer, which is grant funded from the Queensland Government through its Growing Workforce Participation Fund.



Workforce Development Officer Angelina Niven

In 2022, the grant funded Workforce Development position was created to boost workforce participation, job opportunities and to address any workforce shortages across the Shire.

The role was taken on by Angelina Niven and it has been a great success for our Shire, to better align a local skilled workforce to the needs of the local

business community.

Mayor Samantha O’Toole welcomed news of an extension to the role that has delivered some outstanding results for our Shire.

“I would particularly like to thank Angelina for the great work she has done in this role to create and connect workforce opportunities for employers and job seekers,” Mayor O’Toole said.

If employers or job seekers need help with workforce needs in the Shire, they can contact Angelina on 4620 8839 or 0499 816 151 or by emailing angelina.niven@balonne.qld.gov.au.

WORKSHOPS HELD:

- Barista Course
- First Aid Course
- Food Handling Course
- Attracting & Retaining Staff
- Digital Media
- 2023 Careers & Jobs expo
- Monthly Job vacancy listings
- Ag immersion programs
- Health immersion programs

UPCOMING – SNEAK PEEK:

- Youth Employment Service Website
- White Card Training
- Life skills Course
- Pre-Employment Program
- 2024 Careers & Jobs Expo
- Driver Training Course
- PLUS MORE!

Upgraded McGeever Recreational Grounds a drawcard for Thallon

Upgrades to Thallon’s McGeever Recreational Grounds are now complete and the more user-friendly facilities are proving to be a drawcard for residents and visitors.

The \$220,000 upgrades include a more functional layout, new picnic shelters, an additional twelve powered campsites, a communal camp kitchen and a footpath connecting amenities and the kitchen.

Newly installed landscaping with turf and tree planting is now supported with an irrigation system to beautify and maintain the area into the future.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O’Toole said these upgrades give tourists a great opportunity to enjoy all the beauty that Thallon has to offer.

“News of this upgraded facility is sure to grow in popularity and draw more tourists to our Shire, along with the economic benefits that brings with it,” Mayor O’Toole said.

These works were proudly funded by the Australian Government and Queensland’s Fishing Infrastructure Grants Program.



BALONNE WORKFORCE SURVEY

FOR EMPLOYERS

Balonne Shire Council is undertaking a Workforce Development Survey for employers.

The aim of this survey is to gauge the needs of local businesses, so that we can support Balonne’s employers and assist them to achieve the most from their business.

To undertake this survey, you can scan this QR code.



For more information, please contact Angelina on 0499 81 61 51 or email angelina.niven@balonne.qld.gov.au



FREE GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP:

Win funds + Influence panels

This interactive workshop will lead participants through a logical and light-hearted process for assessing eligibility, reality-checking likelihood of receiving funding and turning a project idea into a solid plan that funders will LOVE.



PRESENTER: SAMANTHA MORRIS

Community Hall, Thallon
Monday 20th November
5pm - 8pm

Cultural Centre, St George
Tuesday 21st November
5pm - 8pm

TO RESERVE A SPOT, PLEASE RSVP BY 10 Nov 2023 to:

Name: John Goodall Ph: 0408 830 336 Email: john.goodall@balonne.qld.gov.au





This project is proudly supported by Balonne Shire Council as part of the jointly funded Federal & State Govt (DRFA) Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

2023 Upcoming Courses

There are plenty of courses coming up this spring and summer. From marketing related training days to boat and jetski license courses and even firearm safety classes.

Get in touch with Patricia or Angelina to find out more about securing your spot.

GTT-Gateway to Training | Patricia: 4625 3238

WDO | Angelina: 0499 81 61 51

NOVEMBER

Thursday 2nd 12:30pm-2:30pm
WDO Bollon
WORKFORCE PLANNING

Thursday 2nd 5:30pm-9:00pm
WDO / EDO St George
**WORKFORCE PLANNING /
TELSTRA CYBER SECURITY**

Thursday 16th 8:00am-3:00pm
GTT St George
PILOT / ESCORT LICENSE

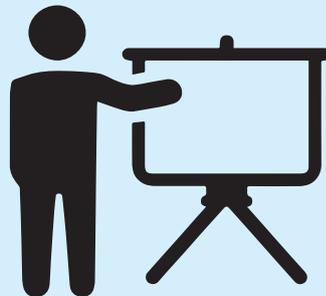
Friday 17th 7:50am-2:30pm
GTT St George
FIRST AID

Saturday 18 & Sunday 19th All weekend
WDO / EDO St George
SPORTS & LIFE SKILLS CLINIC

Thursday 21st 8:00am-4:00pm
WDO St George
WHITE CARD TRAINING

December

Sunday 3rd 8:30am-2:30pm
GTT St George
FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE



BALONNE
Multicultural Feast

17TH & 18TH NOV | POP-UP EVENTS
ACROSS THE SHIRE

CHECK OUR FACEBOOK FOR MORE DETAILS
GRAB YOUR SPOONS, IT'S TIME TO FEAST!
FOOD FROM OUR SHIRE & AROUND THE WORLD.

Queensland Government
Balonne Shire Council

This initiative is a collaboration between Balonne Shire Council, Queensland Government and participating businesses.

AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON AUSTRALIA DAY 2024.

Nominations are now OPEN for the 2024 Australia Day Awards

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 1ST DECEMBER 2023 AT 5PM

Please visit the website at www.balonne.qld.gov.au or contact cdo@balonne.qld.gov.au or 4620 8888

Balonne Shire Council

Winner reels in catch of the day

It's oh-fish-al! Bev Harvey will be soaring to new heights with REX Airlines after winning the longest scavenger hunt in Outback Queensland.

Hundreds of travellers were lured to the Shire this year to take part in the *I Got Hooked Scavenger Hunt* that took them on clue-hunting escapades through the region's seven river towns.

Of the more than 300 participants who took part in the fun hunt, 75% were from outside the Balonne Shire with more than 65% of those travellers changing their travel plans to come to the Shire and/or stay longer so that they could complete the challenge.

Balonne Shire Council Mayor Samantha O'Toole expressed her excitement about the success of the campaign and its positive impact on local communities.

"This campaign has been a win-win for both locals and travellers," Mayor O'Toole said.

"Travellers and locals alike got to immerse themselves in our region's natural wonders and uncover our hidden tourism gems while having a fantastic time

with family and friends.

"On the other hand, our Shire and our region benefited greatly from the economic boost that new intrastate and interstate tourism brought to our area.

"I want to thank the St George Region Tourism team for their excellent work on this campaign. Their creativity and dedi-

cation have made it a huge success.

"We would also like to thank our sponsors for this campaign, which was made possible by the Queensland It's Time to Shine Marketing Award sponsored by Tourism and Events Queensland in partnership with the Local Government Association of Queensland."



Roadworks UPDATE



LOCAL ROADS - GRADER MAINTENANCE CREWS

- St George – Littleton Road – delivering flood damage works
- Dirranbandi – Diamond Tank Rd – Road Maintenance grade
- Bollon – Binda Rd – Road Maintenance grade

CONSTRUCTION CREW -

- TIDS Project Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd

RMPC CREWS

- Patching Moonie Highway
- Shoulder Grading Balonne Highway
- TMR Highway Network Road Patching

COMPLETED WORKS THROUGH SEPTEMBER:

1. Hollymount Road
2. Davirton Road
3. Ballangarry Rd
4. Ingaby Rd
5. Narkoola Rd
6. Cemetery Rd
7. Link Road

WORKS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Teelba Rd
 - » Expected completion: mid November
 - » Construction is ongoing.
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.
- Littleton Rd
 - » Expected completion: early November
 - » Construction is ongoing.
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.

- Corack Rd
 - » Expected completion: early November
 - » Construction is ongoing.
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.
- Chelmer Rd
 - » Expected completion: Early October – Section 1&2, returning late October for the final section now in the centre at Warrie Road (planned to commence afterwards)
 - » Construction is ongoing.
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.
- Gunnindaddy Rd
 - » Expected completion: mid November
 - » Construction is ongoing.
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.
- Byra Rd
 - » Expected completion: early November – a short project and then moving on to Loughnan Downs Road (2 days) and Tamingey Road (2 days)
 - » Construction is ongoing.
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.
- Beltana Rd
 - » Expected completion: mid November – Have commenced at the far end, working back to Chelmer Rd.
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.
- Woolerina Rd
 - » Expected completion: mid January
 - » Expected traffic delays < 5 minutes.

UPCOMING GRADING WORKS

1. Wongola Rd (early November)

2. Thungaby Rd (mid November)
3. Wagoo Rd (mid November)
4. Whynebah Rd (Northern Section) (early November)
5. Warrie Road (late October)
6. Dingadee Road (late October)
7. Loughnan Downs Rd (mid October)
8. Tamingey Rd (mid October)
9. Mulga Downs Road (mid October)

UPCOMING SEAL WORKS

1. McDonnel Ave (mid November)
2. Albert St (mid November)
3. Ballangarry Rd (mid November)
4. Salmon Rd (mid November)
5. Fernlee Rd (mid November)



Loughnan Downs



Talwood - Mungindi



Gunnindaddy Road

RADF Grant applications NOW OPEN

Do you have an idea for an art, cultural or history project?

A Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grant could assist in bringing your ideas to life!

Round 2 applications open to 12 November 2023

For more information contact Council's Communities Team on 4620 8888/ or email cdo@balonne.qld.gov.au

The Regional Arts Development is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Balonne Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

Council's Authorised Inspection Program is about to commence
(1 November 2023 to 31 January 2024)

Every allotment will be inspected to check on the following:

- Registration of Dogs
- Permits for the keeping of Other Animals
- Permits for the keeping of Stock Dogs
- Overgrown allotments

For more information, contact Council 07 4620 8888



Health students given a taste of the benefits of Balonne living

A cohort of first-year university health students visited our Shire to experience a first-hand taste of the hospitality, facilities and benefits of life in our region as part of Health Workforce Queensland's Grow Rural program, with the support of Balonne Shire Council.

The students in this program are from a variety of disciplines, including medicine, dentistry, midwifery, nursing, nutrition/dietetics, occupational therapy, paramedicine, pharmacy, podiatry and speech pathology.

While here, the students were welcomed with tours of the St George Medical Centre, Goondir Health Services and the St George Community and Wellbeing Centre, which is in its final stages of construction.

The students were also treated to visits

of the homes of local families, such as our very own Councillor Alex Benn and his wife Dr Karen Benn who own the St George Medical Centre to get a taste of the lifestyle benefits our region offers.

During their tours of the facilities there were discussions with the students around job pathways into rural job placements as new graduates.

As one of the students commented: "All the speakers emphasised the importance of doing the things that interest you professionally and within your community, to achieve the balance required to grow a fulfilling life."

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole hoped this visit helped raise awareness to the benefits of practising their given medical professions in a rural setting.



"I am very much looking forward to the potential of maybe seeing these students back in our area in the future and practising in their chosen medical field to support our region," Mayor O'Toole said.

ENVIRO-COLUMN Harrisia Cactus

Harrisia cactus is a perennial. The spiny fleshy stems are jointed and form tangled mats about half a metre high. Many branches often lie flat and take root where they touch the ground.

Harrisia cactus produces large quantities of seed that is highly viable and easily spread by birds and other animals.

As well as reproducing from seed, harrisia cactus has long trailing branches that bend and take root wherever they touch the ground. Any broken-off portions of the plant will take root and grow.

It can form dense infestations that will reduce pastures to a level unsuitable for stock and will choke out other pasture species when left unchecked.

The spines are a problem for stock management, interfering with mustering and stock movement.

For more information on how to manage and control the Harrisia cactus, please scan the below QR code for a factsheet.



HELP US TO REDUCE BUSHFIRE RISK FROM YOUR CAMPFIRE

POSITION responsibly
MONITOR constantly
EXTINGUISH completely

Do you know how to keep up to date with current Bushfire Warnings?

**Balonne Shire
Emergency Dashboard**
www.emergency.dashboard.qld.gov.au

**QFES Current Bushfire
Warnings and Incidents**
www.qfes.qld.gov.au/Current-Incidents

FUN AND FITNESS IN BALONNE

SQUASH

The St George Squash Club has a competition running Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings with around 70 people at all levels of experience in the Squash Courts in Grey St, St George.

For more information, contact John on 0428 735 944



BOXING

For those looking to up their fitness levels, In the Box Boxing Club is open for boxing training on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at the boxing shed in Rowden Park (Roe St side).

For more information, contact 0411 857 691



BOXING CLUB

GROUP TRAINING SESSIONS

If you're really looking to get in great shape for summer, you can head along to an Optimal Training, group training session in the Amphitheatre on St George's Terrace, St George on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6pm.

For more information, contact Deanne on 0407 720 327.



INSPIRED FITNESS WITH TJ

Inspired fitness runs group training sessions at 5:30pm on Mondays (Step class), Tuesdays (Pilates) and Wednesdays (Tone class). They also have another Pilates class at 10am Tuesday mornings. Classes are at 119 Victoria St, St George (behind Bodkins Accounting).

For more information phone Tori 0447 080 872



PARKRUN

For those who love a social run to get in shape, there is a free Parkrun held each Saturday morning at 7am along the St George foreshore leaving from the boat ramp on the western end or St George's Terrace.

For more information visit www.parkrun.com.au/stgeorge



STRETCH & MOVE

Free community Stretch & Move classes that are dedicated to mobility, stretching and gentle movement are running during October and November at the Dirranbandi Civic Centre on Mondays 4-5pm and Wednesdays 9:15am-10:15am thanks to Care Balonne Assoc. Inc.

For more information, contact Care Balonne on 4625 5450.



TOUCH FOOTBALL

If you are keen for the fitness and social interaction of Touch Football, there are games held Monday afternoons at 5:00pm at the Dirranbandi State School oval.

For more information contact Dale on 0428 258 631

BASKETBALL AFTER DARK

The St George Police are hosting a Basketball After Dark program every Wednesday 6pm-7:30pm at the new Basketball Court in Rowden Park, St George that allows young people an opportunity to engage in physical activity whilst achieving social and emotional learning competencies.



ST GEORGE TENNIS CLUB

Anyone keen on having a hit of tennis can head on down to the courts in Rowden Park, St George on Thursday evenings at 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start.

For more information, contact stgeorgetennisclub@hotmail.com



ST GEORGE SWIMMING CLUB

If you'd like to try your hand at more competitive swimming, the St George Swimming Club meets Wednesday evenings at 6pm at the St George Aquatic Centre.

For more information you can email stgswim@hotmail.com



ST GEORGE TRIATHLON CLUB

For those looking for a really fit sporting endeavour, the St George Triathlon Club has regular training sessions leaving from the boat ramp on the corner of St George's Terrace and Church St with Run training 5:30am

Wednesday mornings and Ride training 5:30am Friday mornings. Junior training is on Tuesdays at 5pm and they hold a Mini-Tri every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

For more information, check out their Facebook page.



If you have a **FITNESS PROGRAM** or **CLUB** in the Shire that you would like posted here, please send the details to: media@balonne.qld.gov.au



Council smooths path for growth in Balonne Shire

Encouraging and facilitating development is an important part of creating and managing growth and Council has put in place a suite of measures to attract and support development in the Shire, including a money back guarantee of application costs if ever a development application is not approved.

Our new Planning Service Charter is aimed at giving certainty to developers about our development application process and it clearly outlines our firm commitment to engaging with applicants, abiding by timelines and our capabilities

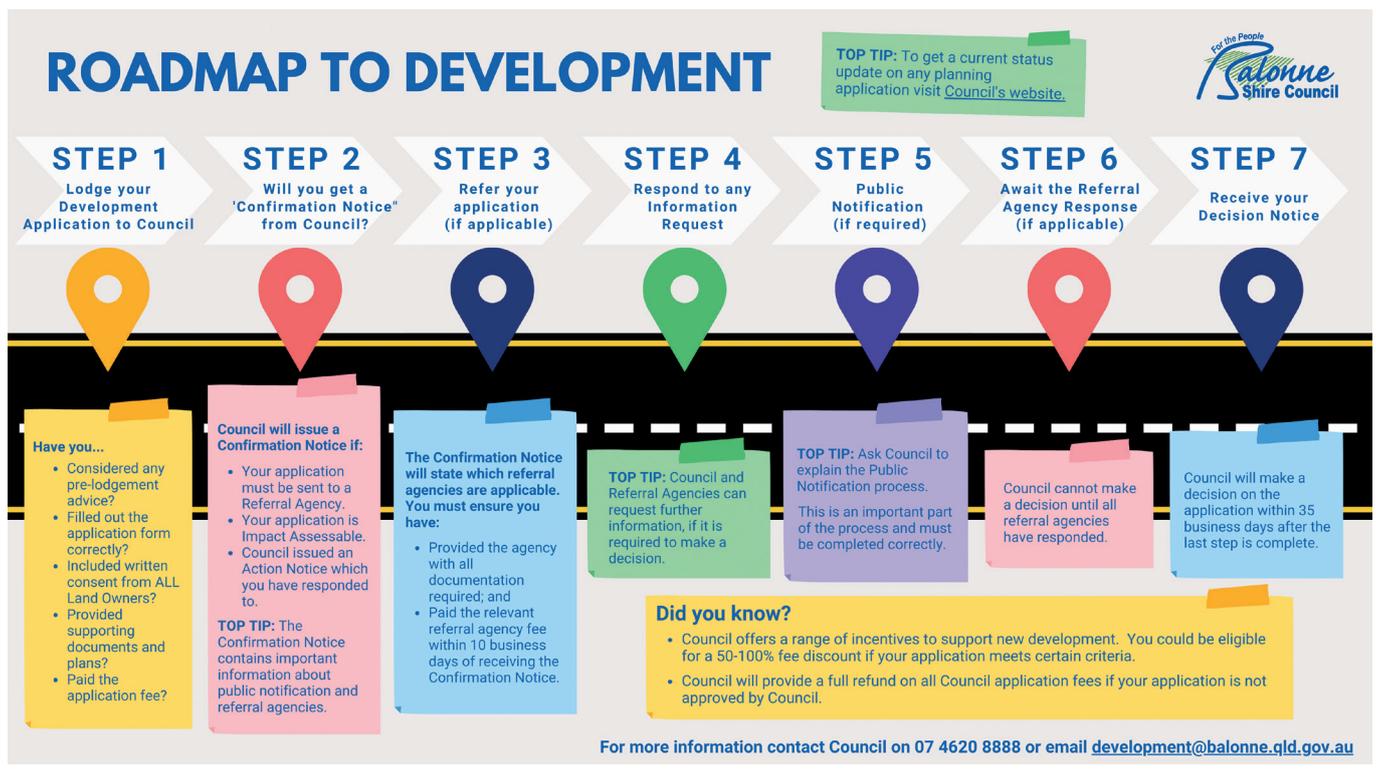
to manage applications with consistency.

In order to clearly communicate the development pathway to applicants, Council has broken down the Planning Scheme into areas of interest and instigated a DA tracker on the website so applicants can see what stages their development application is at, or people can see any similar past applications for the year to date.

Council has also prepared a user-friendly step-by-step graphic illustration to highlight the expected steps through a development application.

Recently, we undertook a Shire-wide community consultation for proposed amendments and improvements to the Balonne Shire Planning Scheme 2019. When approved by the Queensland Minister for Planning, the Scheme will better support development while managing any impacts.

For more information, people can visit <https://www.balonne.qld.gov.au/development/planning> or scan this QR code.



Mungindi water security project gets the Green Light

The Queensland Government has now granted approval to commence drilling a bore to secure an ongoing water supply for the residents of the cross-border town of Mungindi.

This follows on from an agreement between the Balonne Shire Council and the New South Wales Government on a collaborative funding arrangement to improve water quality, supply and pressure on both sides of the border.

Funding for the project totals \$1,475,852, which includes a contribution of \$418,713 from Balonne Shire Council and \$1,057,139 of grant funding from the New South Wales Government.

Currently the township of Mungindi draws its water supply from the Moree Plains Shire Reservoir in New South Wales, which can pose an issue during times of flood events.

Establishing an artesian bore on Mungindi's Queensland side supports our commitment to develop sustainable, secure and healthy water resources for our communities.

Council has now nominated a site for the bore and will commence drilling in the coming weeks with the drilling expected to be complete mid November 2023



Out and About in Balonne

Pink Ribbon Luncheon - Dirranbandi

Four sisters Courtney Dwyer, Kimberly Wilson, Holly and Sophie Cooke have come together to host a Breast Cancer Luncheon. Their goal, to raise awareness and funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation in honour of their Mother Alysoun Cooke, a Breast Cancer Survivor. In last year's event the girls raised a total of \$17,500 for the foundation. On 14 October 2023, 190 ladies attended the Luncheon - where Jenny Weatherall shared her Breast Cancer Journey; whilst Kasey Lockwood and Deanna were guest speakers for the day. It's safe to say that the luncheon has been another great success.



Sisters Courtney Dwyer, Kimberly Wilson, Holly Cooke and Sophie Cooke



St George Fishing Competition



You'll Be Hooked Campaign Draw



Balonne Shire Job opportunities

October/November
2023

Domestic Assistants & Personal Care Workers

St George, Alton, Bollon, Boolba, Dirranbandi, Hebel, Mungindi & Nindigully

SKILLS HUBS

CASUAL & FULL TIME AVAILABLE

Are you kind? Then you're our kind of person!
No experience required and training available.

To find out more go to:
www.skills-hubs.com.au

or register at
<https://lp.skills-hubs.com.au/mr-candidates>



Relief Early Childhood Teacher
Part-time or Full-time
St George

LADY GOWRIE BALONNE COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

Must have ACECQA approved Bachelor of Early Childhood Education or similar qualifications

Many employee benefits
Renumeration per Lady Gowrie Enterprise Agreement

Forward resume to: hr@ladygowrie.com.au / 07 3252 2667



Farm Hand Full-Time Mungindi

BALARANG LANDS

Previous farmhand experience essential and/or the willingness to learn broadacre spraying skills. Current drivers' licence and operation of machinery and equipment skills essential.

Accommodation provided.

Further enquires to Jason: 0428 657 304 or email admin@balaranglands.com

See Balarang Lands Facebook page for more information.



Town Ganger
Permanent Full Time
Dirranbandi & Hebel

BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL

(9-day fortnight) | \$58,890 pa plus \$2,600pa Ganger Allowance

Responsible for assisting with project operations & carrying out town maintenance & construction.

For more information please visit:
Balonne Shire Council website employment page



Apprentice Butcher Dirranbandi

THREE RIVERS MEATS

Full-time | Above award rates
Accommodation included

Email resume to: office@abarue.com.au



Skilled Boner (skilled in breaking sides) Dirranbandi

THREE RIVERS MEATS

Full-time | Above award rates
Accommodation included

Email resume to: office@abarue.com.au



Cleaners Dirranbandi (HQ) Service other towns

RED DIRT FAIRIES CLEANING SERVICE

Previous experience a bonus, but not essential | Flexible hours

Send cover letter and resume to:
Olivia: fairiesdirran@outlook.com / or message on the Red Dirt Fairies Cleaning Service Facebook Page



Kitchen Hand Casual St George

THE AUSTRALIAN HOTEL

\$30.10/hr + penalties | 9am to 3pm Mon to Fri.

Ability to lift and move cartons of stock regularly.

Call: 4625 5000 or email: admin@australianhotelstgeorge.com.au



THE AUSTRALIAN

Multiple Casual & Part-time Roles Dirranbandi

DIRRANBANDI MOTOR INN

Office work | Book-keeper | Room Attendant | Kitchen hand

Approx. 20-25 hours per week.
Accom available for long term employee.

Call Joel for a confidential discussion:
07 4620 7000 or email dirranbandimotorinn@bigpond.com



Commercial Cleaner St George

ACORSHE

\$28-\$30 per hour
Monday-Friday

Specialist cleaners for corporate client.

Call Taran for a confidential discussion: 0401 858 355



specialist cleaning solutions

Facility Manager St George

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Coordinator of 35+ social enterprise & wellbeing activities.

For more information contact HR:
07 4679 5966 or email hr@goondir.org.au

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Ag diesel fitter apprenticeship St George

ST GEORGE MACHINERY CENTRE

Award Wages
Great opportunity for a School based apprenticeship

Email: cameron@sgmc.com.au for an interview.



Housekeeper St George

MERINO MOTOR INN

Weekend Junior casual | Pay based on age
Contact Janine: 4625 3333 or email: bookings@merinomotorinn.com.au



Kitchenhand / Wait staff St George

MERINO MOTOR INN

Junior casual required 2-3 evenings per week
Pay based on age
Contact Janine: 4625 3333 or email: bookings@merinomotorinn.com.au



Local Laws Officer Permanent Full Time St George

BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL

\$67,450 pa | Optional 19 day month.
Weekend & after hours work may be required at times.

Responsible for the enforcement, monitoring & education of Local Laws & other legislation as directed.

For more information please visit:
Balonne Shire Council website employment page



Electrician or Refrigeration Mechanic St George & Surrounds

BEESONS ELECTRICAL & REFRIGERATION

Qld Electrical Licence, Artick Licence, Construction Industry White Card, CPR/LVR, Manual Drivers Licence, Full unrestricted Australian work rights, Ability to work unsupervised.

Accommodation Package included, Above Award Wages, 38hr week with overtime available, Work vehicle, iPad & Christmas Bonus.

For more information phone: 4625 5500 or email beesons@beesonselectrical.com.au



Cleaner St George

BINIRIS (AUST) PTY LTD

Award rates of pay | Needed for 1hr per evening
Monday-Fridays for Henry St Business

For more information, contact:
simone.tippett@biniris.com or 07 3252 3100



Steel Salesperson / Store person Full-Time incl. ½ Sat St George

CROSS ENGINEERING

Pay depending on experience

Forklift Licence essential.
Computer & welding experience favoured.

Please forward all resumes to:
andrew@crossengineering.com.au or call 07 4625 5012



Office Administrator Full-Time St George

ST GEORGE ENGINEERING & HYDRAULICS



\$25-\$35 per hour depending on experience.

For further information:
Call 07 4625 1555 or email resume to don@stgeng.com.au

Heavy Diesel Mechanic Full Time St George

McIntyre Agriculture

\$80,000-\$85,000 pa depending on experience.

For more information or to submit a resume
Email mary@mcintyreag.com



If you have a position you would like placed in this section, please contact Balonne Shire Council's Workforce Development Officer:

Angelina Niven on 0499 816 151.

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