

Unsealed to Sealed Transforming Local Roads in Balonne



Over recent years, Council has been transforming local roads in the Balonne Shire with an ambitious road sealing program to improve longevity and accessibility on local roads and create easier connections between our townships.

With some local roads spanning hundreds of kilometres, this achievement has taken multiple budgets, but the results are starting to shine through.

The back route between St George and Dirranbandi along Whyenbah Road, has received a significant upgrade over the past couple of budgets with the around 80km now only having 10km of dirt road remaining.

This 2025/26 financial year, Council has allocated an additional \$675,000 towards the sealing of Whyenbah Road thanks to funding from the State and Federal governments*, which should result in Whyenbah Road being almost completely sealed.

Just a little further west, Jakelwar-Goodooga Road takes considerable heavy agricultural traffic and as a dirt road its access has been hampered during and after wet weather and flooding.

Last financial year \$3,458,000 was invested into sealing Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North thanks to funding from the Queensland Government** and to date only 10.4km of it remains unsealed.

As outlined in the 2025/26 budget papers, Council will be investing \$756,000 into the sealing of Noondoo-Mungindi Road thanks to funding from the Federal Government*** to improve accessibility along this route between Dirranbandi and Mungindi, including for agricultural properties that use this road for access.

The budget papers also outline a total investment of over \$27 million will be invested in local road re-sheeting, resealing, pavement rehabilitation and flood recovery works to improve our road network in the Shire.

* FUNDING FOR WHYENBAH ROAD - \$675,000 funding from the Queensland Government's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme and the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery funding program.

** FUNDING FOR JAKELWAR-GOODOOGA ROAD NORTH - \$1,195,000 funded through the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery program and the Queensland Government's Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme. \$2,076,000 funded through the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

*** FUNDING FOR NOONDOO-MUNGINDI ROAD - \$756,000 funding from the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery funding program.

What's On

WRITE OUT WEST - WOMEN WRITERS WORKSHOP

When: Sat 2 Aug

Where: St George Library

A dynamic writing workshop designed to inspire and empower writers of all levels through creative exploration, skill-building, and community connection.

Bookings essential

AUSTRALIAN YARD DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS & NATIONAL KELPIE FIELD TRIAL 2025

When: Wed 6 - Sun 10 Aug

Where: Dirranbandi Showgrounds

Come and be amazed by Australia's top working dogs and their handlers, competing for the Crown of 'Australian Champion.' Two top class events running over 5 days.

MUNGINDI SHOW

When: Fri 8 - Sun 10 Aug

Where: Mungindi Showgrounds

Get ready for a weekend of fun, excitement, and country charm at the Mungindi Show – where the community comes alive with thrilling events, local talent, and unforgettable memories!

PAINT AND SIP ART CLASSES

When: Sat 9 - Sun 10 Aug

Where: Anglican Hall, St George

Unwind with a paintbrush in hand and choose from four beautiful artworks to paint. Every skill level welcome! Bookings essential.

YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTS - DOUBLE FEATURE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

When: Sat 23 Aug

Where: Amphitheatre, St George

Join us for a Family Movie Night – bring your loved ones, cozy up under the stars, and enjoy a great film together. Movie titles are:

- 1 - Magic Beach (G) rating
- 2 - Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse (PG) rating

With our second budget for this term of Council adopted, I'd like to reflect a little on some of the mounting challenges and financial pressures that face our Council, and indeed many other local governments across our state and nation.

As a Council, we are heavily reliant on grant funding to make ends meet, with our income from rates only covering around \$13-14 million of a budgeted total expenditure of over \$52 million.

Over recent years, we have witnessed drops in State and Federal Government funding and grants with a total reduction of \$11.54 million from last financial year to this year's budget.

Together with Councils in the South West Regional Organisation of Councils and other bodies, a lot of my time is spent lobbying State and Federal Governments on matters that increase grant funding to local government.

When we set this drop in funding against the backdrop of the ever-increasing costs of services and materials that we deliver for residents, it makes our job of service delivery more and more challenging.

We are not alone in this conundrum, with many Councils in a far more challenging situation than us.

We've seen many Councils across Queensland opt to cover this shortfall with either rates increases, some in excess of 25%, or to venture down the path of cuts to services.

As a Council, we chose not to venture down the path of excess rates increases or cuts to the services we provide.

Instead, and to the credit of the management team in Council, they stepped up and delivered a broad range of efficiencies and cost saving measures that allowed us to contain rates increases to an average of 4%.

As effective as this approach has been for the 2025/26 budget, the headwinds are against us going forward.

Also, as you would all be aware, the Electoral Commission of Queensland is currently holding a by-election for the vacant seat in Council and the candidates have been announced.

I would like to congratulate all of the candidates who have put their hand up to serve on Council.

It is a great group of candidates and I would like to wish each and every one of you all the best and look forward to working with whoever the residents of Balonne choose to appoint.

Finally, I would like to advise everyone of the upcoming Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly that is occurring in St George this year on 19-20 August.

This will involve over 200 delegates from Western Queensland Councils visiting our Shire, which is a great economic boost to businesses in the region and I will certainly be urging them to venture out into our Shire.

It's also a great opportunity to show off how great our area is to visit, live and do business, so if you see the delegates out and about, please be sure to offer them a warm Balonne welcome.

A message from the Mayor



Mayor Samantha O'Toole

Balonne Shire Council By-Election

Did you know a by-election is being held in Balonne Shire Council?

If you're on the electoral roll in Balonne Shire – you'll need to vote!

This is a full postal by-election, so all Balonne Shire residents on the electoral roll will receive their voting materials by mail.

When you receive your voting materials, you can vote straight away.

Remember to always read the instructions on your ballot paper and declaration envelope before you begin.

One councillor will be elected. You must mark at least one preference on your ballot paper for your vote to count.

One of the most important things to remember to do after you seal your ballot paper inside the declaration envelope is to sign it before a witness and make sure your witness signs it too.

Your ballot paper comes with a reply-paid envelope so you just need to slide the sealed and signed declaration envelope into the reply-paid envelope and drop it in a post box.

Residents of Balonne Shire need to vote by 6pm on election day, Saturday 9 August 2025. All postal votes must be received by the ECQ by 5pm on Tuesday 19 August 2025 to ensure they are counted.

Visit the ECQ's website (www.ecq.qld.gov.au) to learn more about the by-election including who is running and to stay up-to-date with the results after the polls close.



WOMEN WRITERS QUEENSLAND

**WRITE OUT WEST 2025
ONE-DAY WRITING WORKSHOP
SAT 2ND AUG**

- St George Library
- \$25 bookings essential
- lunch included, BYO writing equipment

Book Now!



The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government initiative through an Arts Queensland and Balonne Shire Council partnership in support of local arts and culture.



SILVERSMITHING WORKSHOP

with Rodney Hammond from The Mobile Jewellery Tutor



Sat 20 - Sun 21 Sept
9am - 5pm both days
\$120 Per Person
Cultural Centre St George

Learn the art of crafting your own stunning silver jewellery
For bookings & enquires phone Rodney Hammond 0403 956 133

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WHAT'S ON

See what's happening in the Balonne Shire!



A collection is coming to Queensland

Register by 12 September 2025

Visit agsafe.org.au | Call 1800 008 182



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Budget Feature

Council Adopts Measured Budget to Keep Rates Low

At a Special Budget meeting, Council officially adopted its 2025/26 Budget, which strikes the balance of keeping rates increases as low as possible without needing service cuts in the face of rising costs.

The 2025/26 Budget outlines a total revenue of \$53,621,500 and a total operating expenditure of \$52,531,000 with a net operating deficit of \$2,328,000, which is in part due to reductions in State and Federal grant funding and an increase in depreciation costs.

During 2025/26, Council will deliver \$16,055,500 in Capital Projects, \$2,928,000 in Operational Projects and \$14,156,000 is set to be invested on the local road network as part of this year's capital and operational budget.

In terms of flood recovery works on our road network, \$13,024,000 will be delivered to restore road networks back to pre-flood conditions, and given recent flood events, Council expects an increase in flood recovery works on our road network of around \$20 million that is currently awaiting approvals through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Despite the challenges of reduced grant funding and rising costs, rate increases for 2025/26 have been limited to an average of 4%, or around \$115 per residential property per annum.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole acknowledged the significant work by Council to develop the budget, while continuing to deliver core infrastructure and services for residents.

"We are all well aware of the significant cost-of-living pressures and as a Council we too are experiencing an increase in the cost of services and materials that we source to deliver for our community", said Mayor O'Toole.

"As a result of service and material price increases, this budget has been a particularly challenging process with a great deal of belt-tightening within Council to reduce costs in this budget while continuing to deliver services to our residents.

"We are aware that Councils across the board are facing similar challenges and our measured and constrained approach to this budget has avoided the need for significant rates increases or cuts to services.

"As a Council, we rely heavily on grant funding to deliver for our community with rates only covering around 26% of our costs and we have seen funding from State and Federal governments become more and more constrained, which places a heavy burden upon Council to do more with less.

"When set against the backdrop of reduced grant funding and cost increases, I commend everyone within Council for finding efficiencies and cost savings to pull together a budget that delivers for residents while keeping rates increases as low as possible."

Council remains committed to transparency in financial planning and reporting. Council will report on the progress of the budget on a monthly basis and monitor the deliver of the 20025/26 Operational Plan on a quarterly basis.



Budget Snapshot

2025 - 2026

\$53.62 M
Revenue

\$52.53 M
Operational
Budget

\$38.07 M
External
Funding

Key Road Investment

- ✓ **\$756K** Noondoo-Mungindi Road Bitumen Sealing
- ✓ **\$675K** Whyenbah Road Bitumen Sealing
- ✓ **\$825K** Bollon-Dirranbandi Road Bitumen Re-seal
- ✓ **\$240K** Hebel-Goodooga Road Land Acquisition
- ✓ **\$640K** Noondoo-Thallon Road Floodway Upgrades
- ✓ **\$175K** St George - Victoria St Footpath Renewal
- ✓ **\$1.5M** Various Road Re-Sheet Program
- ✓ **\$326K** Various Road Re-seal Program

Priority Projects

- ✓ **\$1.4M** Industrial Development - St George
- ✓ **\$200K** Dirranbandi Water Treatment Plant
- ✓ **\$547K** Balonne Sewer Relining
- ✓ **\$384K** Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade - Bollon
- ✓ **\$372K** Sewerage Treatment Plant Upgrade - Dirranbandi
- ✓ **\$115K** Thallon Kerbing and Footpath
- ✓ **\$278K** St George Cemetery Expansion - Stage 2B
- ✓ **\$149K** St George Integrated Stormwater
- ✓ **\$170K** Dirranbandi Drainage Plans
- ✓ **\$345K** Town Flood Studies - Various Towns
- ✓ **\$60K** Mungindi Hospital Footpath

\$23.71M ROADS & STREETS

\$4.30M WATER & SEWERAGE

\$2.85M WASTE MANAGEMENT

\$1.37M CEMETERIES, PARKS & GARDENS

\$1.30M RURAL SERVICES

\$919K SPORTS & SWIMMING

\$743K AERODROMES

\$668K LIBRARIES

\$182K COMMUNITY & TOURISM GRANTS

10%
Discount for
payment of
rates before
due date

Average
general rate
increase
4%



For further information on the 2025-2026 Budget visit the Balonne Shire Council's website or scan the QR Code.

Flood Camera Network Expanded in Balonne

Council's flood camera network has been an invaluable addition to the Shire, which has assisted greatly during times of flooding.

The flood cameras are placed at strategic locations throughout the Shire to monitor water levels mainly at road crossings and take still shots at regular intervals that are readily accessible on Council's Emergency Dashboard.

Council is expanding the flood camera network with 5 new flood cameras on Cubbie Road, Balonne Highway (Belingra), Carnarvon Highway between Thallon and Mungindi, Kooroon Road, Talwood-Mungindi Road and a Bureau of Meteorology tower at Neabul Creek to monitor the river height.

These new cameras will come online in the coming weeks and Council is also in the process of completing repairs to existing damaged cameras.

To view the images from the flood camera network, please go to emergency.balonne.qld.gov.au



Sewer Upgrades Are Rolling Out in 2025/26

Upgrading and maintaining our sewerage network is a vital role of Council.

Council engaged specialist contractors to undertake inspections of our sewerage network across the Shire using CCTV sewer inspection cameras and they identified a number of sections in the sewerage network that required maintenance.

Council has allocated \$756,000 towards upgrades at the Sewerage Treatment Plants in Bollon and Dirranbandi to improve their reliability and extension of the lifecycle of these assets.

As outlined in the 2025/26 budget, Council will be re-lining sections of its sewer mains network which will ultimately extend the life of sewer mains in Bollon, Dirranbandi and St George.

This project is being funded under a Queensland Government Works for Queensland grant program for a total of \$547,000.

Dirranbandi Waste Facility to Undergo Key Upgrades



In response to various unauthorised fires at the Dirranbandi waste facility, this year's budget includes funding for the installation of CCTV cameras to enhance site security and deter future incidents.

Additionally, a land litter fence will be erected to contain windblown debris and maintain the site's cleanliness.

These measures aim to protect public safety and ensure compliance with environmental regulations.

Council is committed to take steps to provide responsible waste management and environmental stewardship, ensuring the tip operates safely and efficiently for the benefit of the Dirranbandi community.

Smooth Streets and Green Scenes in Dirranbandi



The reconstruction of Moore St and part of Kirby St, Dirranbandi

In conjunction with community consultation and feedback on the Dirranbandi Master Plan, our beloved Dirranbandi has been getting a well-deserved facelift, and the results are already turning heads.

Recently Dirranbandi underwent major progress on new kerbing along Railway Street, with reconstruction works on Moore Street and part of Kirby Street also in full swing—right on track with Council’s 2024/25 budget.

Locals and visitors alike are noticing the difference, with sleek, more level roads making travel easier and more enjoyable.

And let’s not forget the greenery—fresh turf has been laid over at the Dirranbandi Rail and River precinct, adding a cheerful splash of colour that’s brightening everyone’s day.



Rail and River at Dirranbandi

Finishing touches are underway, including a brand-new irrigation system designed to keep the area looking lush and inviting year-round

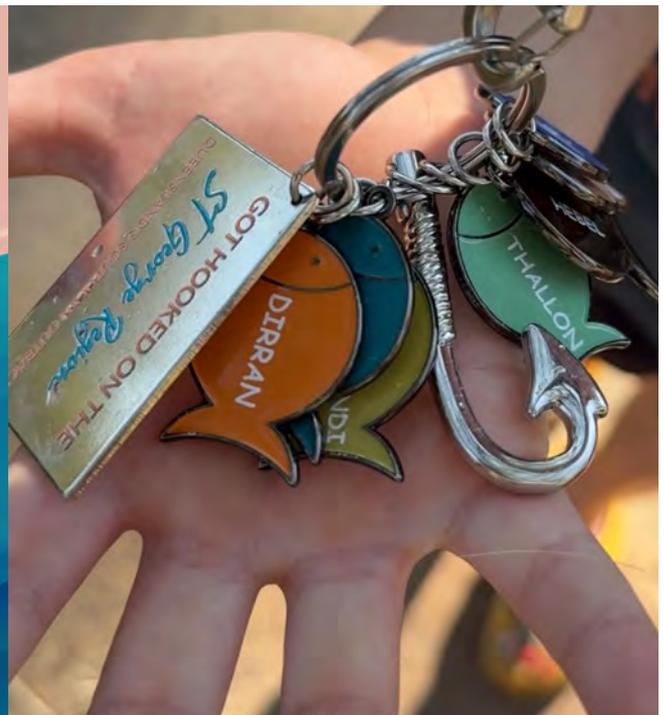
Further to the improvements, a new disabilities ramp has also been installed at the Dirranbandi Civic Centre for more inclusive access for locals and visitors.

It’s all part of a broader effort to enhance the town’s charm and functionality, making Dirranbandi an even better place to live, visit, and explore.

A promotional poster for a gala dinner. It features a QR code in the top left, logos for JANEAN, SU Australia, and the Moonie River Beef Challenge, and the text 'GALA DINNER Sat 6 Sept'. Below this, it says 'Join us as we celebrate the incredible generosity of our community in supporting chaplaincy across St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, and Bollon'.

A promotional poster for Somerset Storyfest 2025. It features a banner at the top listing 'STUDENT SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS | STUDENT DINNER | BOOKSHOP'. The main text reads 'SOMERSET Storyfest SOUTH WEST 01 to 03 September 2025'. At the bottom, it lists 'MEET AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS | ADULT AUTHOR PANEL' and includes a QR code for tickets and programme details.

St George Region Scavenger Hunt Reels in Visitors – First Winners Announced



The I Got Hooked on the St George Region Scavenger Hunt is making waves across Queensland's Southern Outback, with the first winners of the region-wide promotion officially announced.

Peter and Sandra Clear of Burleigh Waters on the Gold Coast are the lucky recipients of the June \$100 Fuel Voucher, awarded as part of the monthly prize draw for participants who complete the hunt and share their adventure on social media.

Balonne Shire Mayor, Cr Samantha O'Toole said the early results have exceeded expectations.

Participants have been quick to praise the initiative:

"One family told us they drove 100km off their planned trip as their girls were so involved. Great job. Well done to the organisers!"

— Jenny, Benalla VIC (30 June 2025)

The scavenger hunt runs until the end of September, with monthly \$100 fuel voucher prizes to win.

Once solving a riddle and posting a photo on social

media, travellers can collect a fish-shaped key ring from each town in the Balonne Shire.

For more information, visit www.stgeorgeregion.com.au or follow @StGeorgeRegion on Facebook and Instagram.



ENVIRO-COLUMN

HUDSON PEAR



Hudson pear is a densely branched cactus that can grow up to 1.5 m high and 3 m wide. The stem segments are green to grey-green in colour, cylindrical, up to 90 cm long, 4 cm wide, whorled or sub-whorled and easily detached.

Hudson pear can destroy grazing land and prevent most forms of outdoor recreation, including bushwalking, camping and make access on horse-back virtually impossible.

The reverse-barbed spines can injure livestock, humans and native animals, reducing or preventing grazing activities and productivity.

If you think you have seen Hudson Pear, report it immediately to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23

For more information scan the QR Code.



Hebel's New Truckstop Boosts Travel Convenience

Exciting news for travellers and locals alike—Hebel's brand-new Truckstop is officially open!

Thanks to funding from the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads and construction by Council, this modern facility is set to make journeys smoother and safer.

Enhancements include a sealed culvert at the Hebel General Store entrance, making caravan access a breeze.

A freshly laid footpath now connects the Truckstop to the scenic river rest area and the General Store, aligning with the Hebel Master Plan and supported by the Building Bush Tourism fund.

Travellers will also benefit from a new fixed sign featuring QR codes linking directly to the Emergency Dashboard and Queensland Traffic sites—keeping everyone informed as they enter the Shire through Hebel.

With linemarking scheduled soon (weather permitting), Hebel is stepping up as a welcoming and well-equipped stop for all road users.

It's a great time to visit and explore!



Proposed Development

Make a submission from
15/07/2025 to 01/08/2025

Material change of use: To become high impact industry for concrete batching.

Where: 46-56 Buchan Bypass
On: Lot 31 on SP340426

Approval sought: Material change of use - High Impact Industry (Concrete Batching Plant – up to 10,000tpa.)

Application ref: MCU 243

You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:

Olivia Hoolihan
Drop to: Balonne Shire Council, 112-118 Victoria Street, St George, QLD, 4487
Email: development@balonne.qld.gov.au
Phone: 07 4620 8888

Public notification requirements are in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Is your Market Stall Permit in date?
Have you considered selling your creations?

FOOD / COFFEE VANS

CREATIVE MAKERS

COMMUNITY VENDORS

MARKET STALLS

BUSKERS / MUSICIANS

The Communities team is busy planning events which are soon to be announced.



Make sure you're good to go!

UPDATE YOUR PERMIT TODAY!

Email: cdo@balonne.qld.gov.au

THE LIBRARY LENS



BOOK of the MONTH

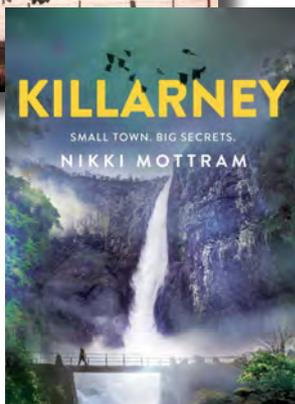
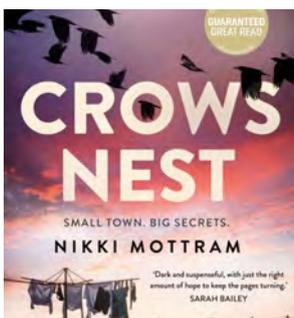
The Dana Gibson Series
by Nikki Mottram

If you love Australian small-town thrillers, you're going to love these books!

Nikki Mottram has a psychology degree and a background in child protection and draws on her experience to bring us a compelling perspective in her crime fiction novels.

Her debut novel, "Crows Nest," outlines the complexities of working in child protection and human behaviour. The follow-up book "Killarney" not only continues the theme of mystery and suspense, but stakes are raised when natural disasters turn everything into further chaos and concern.

Small Towns. Big Secrets.



Healthy Kids and Confident Parents in The Balonne Shire

Exciting news for Balonne Shire families—Mary Seymour has joined the team as the new Child Health Nurse at the St George Child and Family Health Service, located in the Community and Allied Health Building behind St George Hospital on McGahan Street.

She's ready to support your parenting journey from day one, from newborn check-ups to preschool milestones.

Whether it's growth, feeding, or sleep, she's here to guide you through every stage of your child's development or simply help parents navigate the ups and downs of parenthood.

Mary offers one-on-one consultations packed with practical advice and genuine care.

Visits from the Child Health Nurse is free and a typical schedule of visits is:

Infant schedule - 4 week home visit, 8 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months and 12 months.

Toddler - 18 months and 2 years.

Preschool - 3 years and 4 years.

Mary also provides an outreach service to both Bollon and



Mum, Leticia, and son, William, visiting with the Balonne Shire's new Child Health Nurse, Mary Seymour

Dirranbandi communities each month, runs parent groups, and supports mental health.

She also helps to strengthen the parent-child bond and provides immunisations that align with the Queensland Children's immunisation schedule.

Parents are also invited to contact the child and family health services at any other time for guidance, support or assessment as required.

Book your appointment today.

CHILD & FAMILY HEALTH NURSE

BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT

St George Community & Allied Health:

(07) 4620 2265

Child Health Nurse Mobile:

0460 840 946



FUN AND FITNESS IN BALONNE

ST GEORGE SQUASH

Social comps held 6pm every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday during the school term. Grading during the first week of the school term.

Open to anyone. Beginners Welcome!



Courts available to hire. If you'd like to join in the fun and enjoy a hit, reach out to John on 0428 735 944.

ST GEORGE TENNIS CLUB

Are you keen on having a hit of tennis? Come for a social hit at St George Tennis Club on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in Rowden Park, St George.



For more information, contact Debbie on 0488 042 951.

BOXING

Sign up to be a member of In the Box Boxing Club! Come down and work on your fitness or prepare for fights. Training is on Monday & Wednesday nights from 5:30pm.



For more information, contact Lisa Anderson on 0411 857 691.

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 on Tuesday from 5pm at the Amphitheatre & Thursday's from 5pm at the studio.



For more information, contact Deanne on 0407 720 327.

INSPIRED FITNESS WITH TJ

Inspired fitness runs group training sessions on Tuesday at 9:00am and 5:30pm (Pilates), and 5:30pm on Thursdays (Tone class). Classes are now held at the St Patrick's Church Hall on Balonne Street. For more information, phone Tori 0447 080 872



ST GEORGE AQUATIC CENTRE - WINTER HOURS

Tuesday to Sunday: 11am - 5pm

When Winter temperatures get colder, only Thermal Pool will be available.



Party Bookings available Saturday & Sunday mornings but must be booked in advance.

For more information or to book a party call 0497 722 076

ST GEORGE RLFC SAINTS'

Pre-season training has started for 2025, all are welcome, head down to Rowden Park on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6:30pm.



For more information check out the St George RLFC Saints Facebook Page.

PARKRUN

Do you love a social run to get in shape? Parkrun is free and held each Saturday morning at 7am along the St George foreshore leaving from the boat ramp at the western end of St George's Terrace. For more information visit www.parkrun.com.au/stgeorge



ST GEORGE GOLF CLUB

Enjoy a swing of Golf anytime at the St George Golf Club.



Regarded as one of the best sand greens courses in SWQ - why wouldn't you spend a day there?

For more information contact the Golf Course on 4625 3283 or please call Tom on 0427 730 984

ST GEORGE BOWLS CLUB

Head down and enjoy a game of Bowls at St George Bowls Club.



Wednesday 8am for social bowls, all welcome.

Green available on Saturdays for casual bowlers.

ST GEORGE SWIMMING CLUB

If you'd like to try your hand at more competitive swimming, the St George Swimming Club has started back up for term 1 of school and meets Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm at the St George Aquatic Centre. Head on down to register.



For more information you can email stgswim@hotmail.com or visit their Facebook Page www.facebook.com/stgeorgeswimmingclub

ST GEORGE NETBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior competitions are held every Saturday - ages 5 to 17



For all enquiries, please email the St George Netball Club at

stgeorgenetball@gmail.com or phone 0413 084 891

ST GEORGE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS - SOCIAL RUNNING GROUP

Enjoy a social run or walk every Thursday evening! The group leaves from The Terrace in front of The Australian Hotel at 6:00pm on Thursdays for a 5km run or a 3km walk, this is not a timed event.

For more information contact Peter on 0428 258 601

LET'S DANCE - ST GEORGE COMMUNITY WELLBEING CENTRE

Every Friday night 6pm to 7:30pm at the Community Wellbeing Centre.



Free Entry - Gold coin donation for refreshments

Want to learn a few new dance moves? Come join us!

We are a group of people who want to learn various types of dances for fun! To find out what kind of dance we are currently teaching or for further information visit our Facebook page at "Let's Dance St George"

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



Discover, Learn, and Connect at Your Local Balonne Shire Library

Have you ever wondered “*how do you library?*” Now’s the perfect time to find out!

Libraries across the Balonne Shire are buzzing with activity, and the “*How Do You Library?*” campaign is

here to show just how much your local library has to offer.

From borrowing books and movies to joining creative workshops, tech sessions, and kids’ storytime, there’s something for everyone.

You can access free Wi-Fi, explore local history, get help with research, or simply enjoy a quiet space to read and relax.

Becoming a member is easy—and it opens the door to a world of resources, programs, and community connections.

Whether you’re a student, a parent, a retiree, or just curious, your library is a place to grow, discover, and belong.

So why wait? Visit your local Balonne Shire library today and see how you library!

For more information on the activities and events available at your local library, scan the QR Code, or contact your local library or phone St George Library on 4620 8878

Need a good read?

We've got you covered at Balonne Shire Libraries

Become a member today!

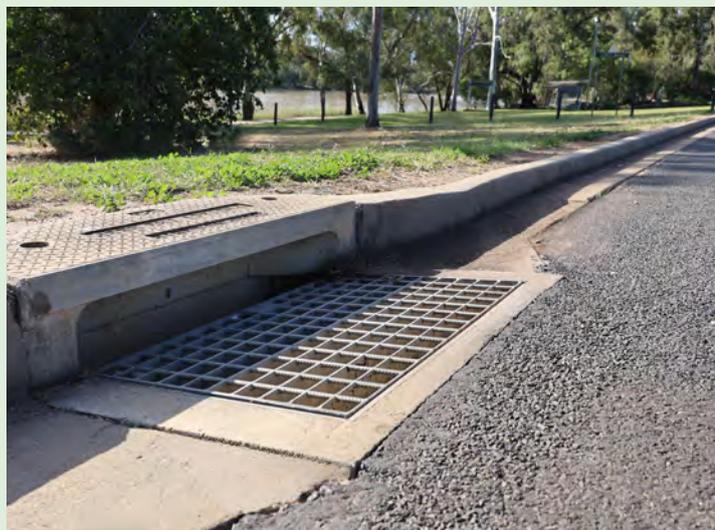
VISIT ONE OF OUR LIBRARIES

ST GEORGE | THALLON | DIRRANBANDI | BOLLON | HEBEL

Stormwater Works and Planning Underway in 2025/26

As outlined in the 2025/26 budget, Council is delivering a range of stormwater upgrades and flood modelling works to identify additional infrastructure upgrades for future budgets.

In March 2025, Council installed upgrades to the southern end of Dirranbandi’s stormwater network including spoon drains, box culverts and pipe works to reduce stormwater flooding impacts and improve drainage in this area.



In addition to these works, Council is about to commence the clearing of stormwater drainage on the eastern and western sides of Dirranbandi to improve flow during stormwater events.

These works were undertaken thanks to funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority and the National Emergency Management Agency.

Council is also developing a Flood Risk Management Plan for St George, thanks to funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Works for this Flood Risk Management Plan will involve detailed modelling of impacts during various flooding events and assess the capacity of current infrastructure, which will guide budget allocations for future infrastructure upgrades.

In 2025/26, Council is also investing \$345,000 into further developing flood modelling data for town flood studies in Bollon, Dirranbandi, Thallon and Mungindi to identify infrastructure upgrades in these towns that will improve drainage systems in each township.

These town flood studies are thanks to funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

YOUR COUNCIL WORKING FOR YOU



**MOORE ST AND PART OF KIRBY ST
DIRRANBANDI**



BEFORE



AFTER

NINDIGULLY ENTRANCE



**DIRRANBANDI CIVIC CENTRE
DISABILITY RAMP**



HEBEL TRUCK STOP



**ROWDEN PARK FEMALE SPORTING
AMENITIES BLOCK**



THALLON PLAYGROUND



**ST GEORGE CEMETERY
EXPANSION**



AFTER

BEFORE

**BOLLON CEMETERY
LANDSCAPING**



DIRRANBANDI RAIL AND RIVER TURF



MCGEEVER CAMPGROUND - THALLON



AFTER

BEFORE

Out and About in Balonne

You'll Be Hooked - Mini Scavenger Hunt



Mungindi Races



Back to Bollon Heritage Day



NAIDOC Raising of the Flags Ceremony



Roadworks UPDATE

COMPLETED ROADS THROUGH JUNE:

- Powrunna Road
- Mundalee Road
- Secret Plains Road
- Mourliyan Road
- Woolebilla Road
- Old Woolebilla Road
- Hoolavale Road
- One Post Road
- West Haran Road
- Springwell Road
- Dunkerry Road
- Cardiff Road
- Corack Road
- Cambo Road
- Knights Road
- Farm 158 Road
- Wonolga Road
- Stubby Lane

WORKS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

- Gunnindaddy Road

- Expected completion: late July
- Construction is ongoing, one crew working.
- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.

- Fernlee Road

- Expected completion: late August

- Construction is ongoing, one crew working.
- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.

- Ingaby Road

- Expected completion: mid August
- Construction is ongoing, one crew working.
- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.

-Thungaby Road

- Expected completion: mid July
- Construction is ongoing, one crew working.
- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.

- Ballangarry Road

- Expected completion: mid August
- Construction is ongoing, one crew working.
- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.

UPCOMING WORKS:

- Dingadee Road – late July
- Thomby Road – mid July



BALLANGARRY ROAD



CORACK ROAD



FERNLEE ROAD



GUNNINDADDY ROAD



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