

Balonne Bulletin

THE NEWSLETTER OF BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL

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BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL - QUEENSLAND'S SNAP SEND SOLVER OF THE YEAR!!

Balonne Shire Council has received Snap Send Solve's 2026 Responsive Solver Award, beating 76 other local government bodies across Queensland.

The Queensland Responsive Solver Award is earned by achieving the highest percentage of Snap status updates and receiving stellar communication star ratings from their communities.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Michelle Clarke welcomed this award as an endorsement of Council's commitment to communicating effectively with local residents.

"This award is recognition of the processes developed within our Council and the efforts of our team to support our local community."

"As a Council, our team deals with around 400 service requests each month across all areas within Council, such as road potholes, roaming dogs, damage to parks and facilities and environmental compliance.

"These service requests come into Council via phone calls, emails, walk-ins and also via the Snap Send Solve app, which is used by Councils across Australia and New Zealand.

"In Council, we invest a great deal of time and effort into ensuring that we are responding swiftly and effectively to queries and service requests from local residents.

"Our staff provide an invaluable public service to our local community and I would like to congratulate each and every one of them for going above and beyond to help our local community."



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

Let us know here ▶



What's On

THALLON RAIL CENTRE GRAND OPENING

Join with the Thallon Progress Association to launch the next exciting attraction in Thallon to honour the town's proud rail heritage.

When: Saturday 28 March from 10.30am

Where: Thallon Rail Centre, Pine St, Thallon

DIRRANBANDI ANNUAL EASTER FISHING COMPETITION

Courtesy of the legendary Dirranbandi Fishing & Restocking Club. Raffles, prizes and giveaways!

When: 9am Saturday 4 April

Where: Jack Dwyer Park, Dirranbandi

RIVERSANDS EASTER IN THE VINES

Live music, cook your own BBQ, jumping castle, Easter egg hunt and much more!

When: Saturday 4 April

Where: Riversands Wines, 66 Whytes Road, St George

DIRRAN SHOW & CAMPDRAFT

Enjoy a weekend showcase of agriculture, livestock, and local culture, serving entertainment for people of all ages.

When: Friday 10 April, Campdraft 9am – 6pm. Saturday 11 April, Main Day 8am – 6:30pm

Where: Dirranbandi Showgrounds

BALONNE BRANCH ASH CAMPDRAFT & SHOW

Watch the Australian Stock Horse's bloodlines by organizing competitions, activities, and promoting the breed in the horse industry.

When: 18 – 19 April

Where: St George Showgrounds

ST GEORGE SHOW

Experience Balonne Shire's diversity through activities, exhibitions, and performances that showcase the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of the Shire.

When: Sunday 3 May

Where: St George Showgrounds

HEBEL HOTEL SHEEP SHEAR

Featuring the Calcutta Open Finalist, raffles, great prizes, live music, food, and family-friendly entertainment with kids' activities

When: Saturday 9 May

Where: Hebel Hotel

A message from the Mayor

As a Council, we are a relatively small organisation with quite a large area to cover in comparison to some of the surrounding Councils, however, our team continually receives external recognition often reserved for much larger organisations.

Over this last month our Council team received state and national recognition for their day-to-day efforts.

Firstly, I was thrilled to hear that Council was just awarded Snap Send Solve's Responsive Solver of the Year Award for Queensland.

I know that this award did not come about by accident, as the Council team puts a lot of effort into meeting their KPI's of responding to our community in a timely manner.

This is such a great achievement, and I thank Michelle and her team at Council for putting in the effort day in and day out to support the needs of our community.

The second award over this past month was a National Tourism Award for the services provided at St George Region Explore Centre.

Tourism in our area is such a vital industry, as it supports our local

businesses throughout the Shire and brings in a much-needed economic boost.

When you think of all the outstanding tourist destinations that are available in our country, it is indeed a truly outstanding achievement for our little Shire to be awarded Bronze in this national award category.

I think we should all be very grateful to have such a professional and committed tourism team that is showcasing our Shire in such a positive way to visitors in our Region.

On a final note, I would just like to add that the recent rains in the catchment have resulted in major flooding upstream, which is heading through our Shire.

This water has already filled Beardmore Dam and Jack Taylor Weir with flood markers upstream in the Balonne still showing major flood levels, so I urge everyone to please monitor the Council's Emergency Dashboard for up-to-date information on any impacts from this water flowing through our river systems.

Kind Regards

Mayor Samantha O'Toole

WHAT'S ON

See what's happening
in the Balonne Shire!

St George Aerodrome Set for More Upgrades

Thanks to joint funding from Council and the Queensland Government, the St George Aerodrome is set for a range of upgrades to make the service it provides more functional and comfortable for patrons and pilots.

Last financial year, Council delivered upgrades to the aerodrome that included new aerodrome lighting and perimeter fencing.

Over recent months, Council has been in the process of coordinating further improvements to facilities as well as assessments and works in preparation for more substantial upgrades.

The upgrades that are currently underway include upgrades to the terminal to meet disability compliance requirements and the installation of an Automated Weather Information System, which will feed weather information directly to pilots as opposed to just the traditional weather sock.

Council is also developing a St George Airport Masterplan, an Apron Assessment and is undertaking a detailed assessment of the pavement on the runway with specialised contractors finalising a deflectometer survey and core sampling to ascertain the structural integrity of its surface.

This assessment of the runway's pavement may lead to future works to upgrade the pavement, which would require grant funding from State and Federal governments to complete.



ANZAC DAY 2026 SATURDAY 25 APRIL

TOWN CEREMONIES

BOLLON

DAWN SERVICE AT WALTER AUSTIN PARK **5:55AM**

COMMUNITY COMMEMORATIVE PARADE FROM BOLLON STATE SCHOOL **9:00AM**

DIRRANBANDI

MARCH FROM POST OFFICE: **9:30AM**

SERVICE AT HALL, LUNCH TO FOLLOW: **10:00AM**
(KINDLY BRING A PLATE)

ST GEORGE

DAWN SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH: **6:00AM**

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST AT THE AUSTRALIAN HOTEL: **6:45AM**

SHORT SERVICE AT ST GEORGE CEMETERY: **9:00AM**

WAR MEMORIAL SERVICE AT HOSPITAL: **9:30AM**

MARCH BEGINS AT CNR HENRY ST AND ST GEORGE'S TERRACE: **10:45AM**

SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH ON ST GEORGE'S TERRACE: **11:00AM**

THALLON

DAWN SERVICE AT THE CENOTAPH: **6:00AM**

GUNFIRE BREAKFAST AT THE FRANCIS HOTEL: **7:00AM**

MARCH BEGINS AT CNR PINE ST AND BOOLIGAH ST: **9:00AM**

ANZAC DAY SERVICE **9:30AM**

MUNGINDI

NO CEREMONY



Lest We Forget





Health and Wellness Set to Expand in Balonne

A newly opened wellness studio is offering local practitioners a fresh and inviting space to deliver movement and wellbeing classes.

The newly refurbished studio features new flooring, freshly painted walls, air conditioning and full-length mirrors and is a great opportunity for any health and wellness practitioners to offer a wide range of activities to the local community.

Studio owner Lauren Berry said she welcomes the prospect of having more practitioners in the studio.

“We recently opened the studio

and offer regular pilates classes, which have become quite popular with the local community.

“The success of our pilates classes got me thinking that there is time in the schedule for other practitioners to find the same success and offer our community other activities like yoga or aerobics or breathwork and meditation.

“After all, the more we can offer locally the more enriched our community will be.”

Anyone interested in taking part in this can contact Lauren Berry Berry via email at, lauren@berrypilates.com.au



Community Grants Enriching Life In Balonne

Each year, Council provides grant funding to worthy community events, causes and initiatives that have brought about a stronger sense of community in Balonne.

Council grant funding supports community and sporting events like School Fetes, Agricultural Shows, Fundraisers and Carnivals, sporting events like Golf Days, Tennis Tournaments, Polocrosse Carnivals, Netball Carnivals, Fishing competitions and Campdrafts.

This grant funding also supports community initiatives like writers workshops, silversmithing workshops and Health & Well-being workshops.

Grant funding for community initiatives from Council come from a number of programs, such as the Community Grants Program, the

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Grants Program and the Tourism & Events Grant Funding Program.

The Community Grants Program is a broad-criteria fund offered all year round to support community celebrations, workshops, events, traffic management costs and other activities, which are deemed to be of benefit to the broader community.

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program operates four rounds per year and is provided through the Queensland Government and Balonne Shire Council in partnership to provide funding for local arts, cultural and heritage projects in their region. **The next application period for RADF is 30 March – 27 April 2026.**

The Tourism & Events Grant Funding Program operates three funding rounds per year and supports event organisers in developing, promoting and executing events which contribute to growing tourism in the Shire.

Grant funding decisions for each of these bodies are made by Councillors to ensure funds are provided in a balanced, transparent and unbiased manner.

If your community/ social/sporting group, have a worthy cause that you'd like grant funding for, please don't hesitate to contact Council's Communities Team on 4620 8888, scan this QR Code or search 'Grants and Assistance' at www.balonne.qld.gov.au



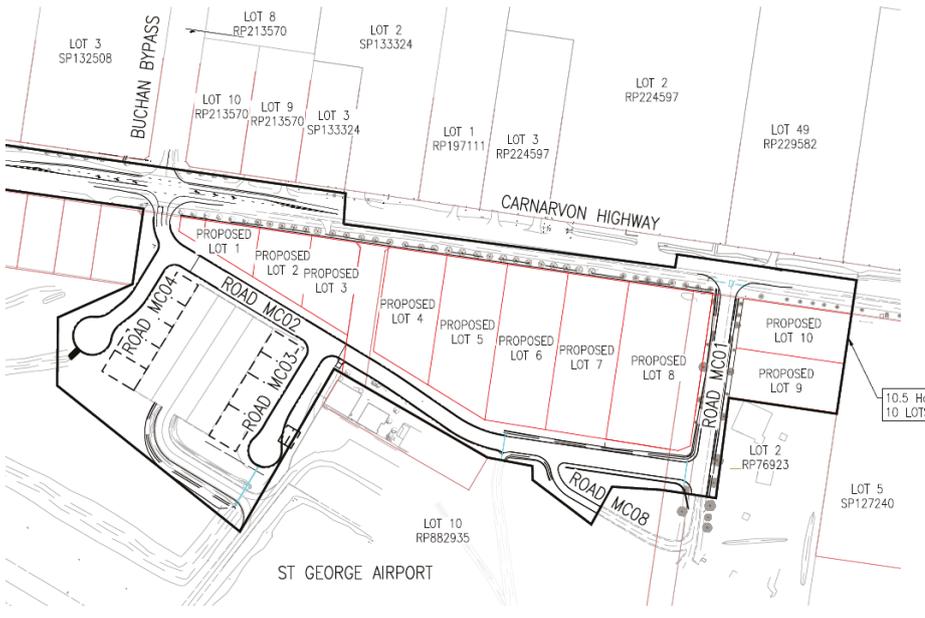
New Industrial Development Coming to Balonne

Council is moving ahead with the development of a new industrial development in St George to allow room for further industrial development in the Shire.

This new industrial development will be situated between the Carnarvon Highway and St George Aerodrome and include 10 proposed lots and a hangar development.

Council will be connecting water mains to the site from 18 March 2026 and is currently working through the coordination of electrical connection to the site and intersection approvals from the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Council will continue to advance these approvals with a view to finalising this development in the coming months.



THE LIBRARY LENS



Loads of Activities Coming Up at Your Library

We are looking forward in the coming months to some different activities rolling out at our libraries.

From writers' groups to digitising, craft to Lego, Little Indoor Lending Libraries, and perhaps even a silent book club or two!

Libraries are places of social connection, and we hope there is something for everyone - watch out for activities to be advertised!

School holidays are scarily almost just around the corner but, in the meantime of course, pop into your local library for some great advice on your next read.

If you have a suggestion for an activity you think would run well in your community, have a chat with your friendly librarian.



78%

of Australians prioritise coffee **TASTE** over location...

reported by Lightspeed

DID YOU KNOW

How far would you travel for your brew?

Become a *Best Brew* Barista

📅

17 March 2026

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9am - 12pm
1pm - 4pm

📍

St George Community Wellbeing Centre
(Cnr Albert and Grey Streets)

REGISTER NOW

Make your brew their favourite brew

DELIVERING FOR QUEENSLAND

Queensland Government

This project is proudly funded by the Queensland Government through its Growing Workforce Participation Fund.

Work Commenced on the Final Sealing of Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North

Council has commenced sealing the final 10.4km of Jakelwar-Goodooga Road North thanks to funding through the Queensland Government's Country Roads Connect Program.

These sealing works commenced on 5 March, but were interrupted by impending wet weather with half of the project currently sealed and the remaining half to be finalised in the coming weeks.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole said this unsealed road has been a challenge for many years, as during wet weather events, the unsealed portion of this road receives significant damage and requires constant remediation works.

"Having this road upgraded to a sealed route will reduce the continual financial burden of remediating it after significant rainfall events in the Shire," said Mayor O'Toole.

"Sealing this final section of

Jakelwar-Goodooga Road (North) will mean stock and produce, which is a cornerstone of our region's economy, can get to market with more certainty.

"It also means people can access their properties during and after wet weather events and improves

access for emergency services and connectivity through the region.

"As a Council, we welcome the opportunity to work in partnership with the Queensland Government to deliver this important project for Balonne residents."



St George Region Explore Centre Wins Bronze at the Australian Tourism Awards

The St George Region Explore Centre has received national recognition for the Balonne Shire, winning Bronze for Best Visitor Information Services at the prestigious Australian Tourism Awards held on 6 March at Fremantle Prison in Western Australia.

Up against a competitive field of eight outstanding finalists – including visitor centres from major cities such as Melbourne and Canberra – the St George Region team stood tall, showcasing the passion, professionalism and community spirit that make our part of Outback Queensland truly special.

The Explore Centre team's dedication to welcoming guests, sharing local stories and championing the businesses, attractions and landscapes of the Balonne Shire has helped put our region on the national tourism map.

This award highlights the crucial role visitor information services play in shaping the experiences of travellers who explore our region.

Balonne Shire Mayor Samantha O'Toole said the achievement was a testament to the team's hard work and professionalism in supporting the region's tourism community.

"To be recognised at a national level is an incredible honour for the St George Region," said Mayor O'Toole.

"This Bronze award reflects the genuine warmth, local knowledge and professionalism that our team brings to every visitor interaction.

"It also shines a spotlight on the incredible experiences and hospitality our operators deliver day in and day out and we couldn't be prouder."

"Council extends heartfelt congratulations to the Explore Centre team – their success reflects positively on the entire community and



reinforces the importance of collaboration between tourism operators, local businesses and regional councils."

Dirranbandi Fountain

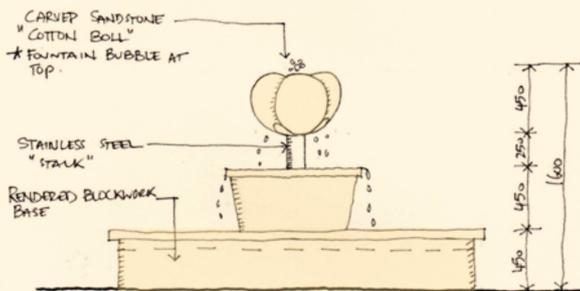
Turning into a Fitting Tribute

Dirranbandi's newly redesigned fountain, honouring the legacy of the late Des Stevenson, visionary founder of Cubbie Station - Australia's largest cotton farm is coming together.

The fountain will be a celebration of Dirranbandi's agricultural heritage and of the community's enduring connection to its land and legacy and the cotton-shaped feature has been carved from Italian Carrara Marble.

Water will bubble from the top and over the striking sculpture, echoing the original fountain's style while symbolising Des's pioneering contribution to the region's cotton industry and irrigation development.

It is anticipated the fountain will be completed around May 2026.



ENVIRO-COLUMNN

PREVENT THE SPREAD OF PARTHENIUM WEED



Parthenium is recognised as a Weed of National Significance and a category 3 restricted invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act 2014. The Act requires reasonable and practical action from everyone to minimise biosecurity risks.

Parthenium germinates in spring/summer, producing flowers and seeds, before dying in autumn. The seeds spread via water, vehicles, machinery and stock, and costs Australia's beef and cropping industries over \$16.5 million per year.

If you have noticed any occurrences of Parthenium Weed on Council's road reserves or stock routes, please contact the Environment team on 4620 8888.

For further information on Parthenium Weed contact Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23 or visit biosecurity.qld.gov.au.



WELCOME ARTISTS TO PAINT AND DRAW ACROSS ALL MEDIA FOR PARTICIPANTS OF ALL LEVELS

PAINT INDIVIDUALLY OR IN A GROUP

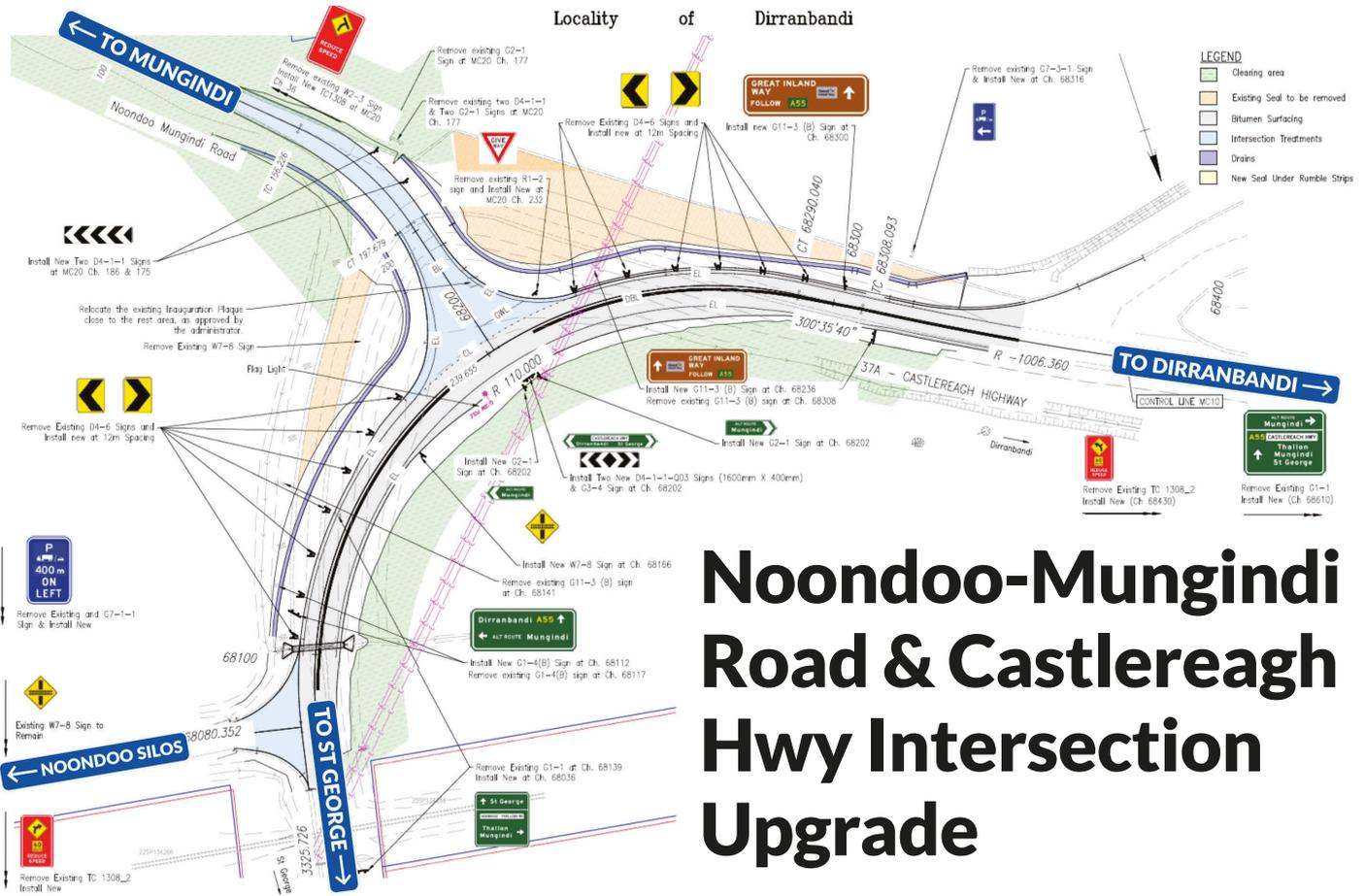
BALONNE SHIRE QLD

Art Paint Out

MAIN PAINT OUT DAY ARTISTS & PUBLIC	DATE SUNDAY 26 APRIL LOCATION BANKS OF THE BALONNE RIVER ST GEORGE QLD	<i>HAVE A GO! TRY SOMETHING NEW AND CHAT WITH EXPERIENCED ARTISTS ABOUT TECHNIQUES, MATERIALS AND INSPIRATION</i>
<i>SUPPORT EMERGING LOCAL YOUTH ARTISTS – PROCEEDS FUND THEIR CREATIVE FUTURE</i>	PERFECT LANDSCAPE EXPERIENCE <small>INCL PAINT OUT DAY</small>	DATE FRI 24 - MON 27 APRIL LOCATION CAREFULLY SELECTED & ORGANISED LOCATIONS TO EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE THE REGIONS LANDSCAPE
PAINT, DRAW AND CREATE TOGETHER – ALL LEVELS, ALL MEDIA WELCOME	ST GEORGE ROTARY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINKS	COMMUNITY CREATIVITY
	STRENGTHEN CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LOCAL AND VISITING ARTISTS	HONOUR OUR VETERANS THROUGH ART
BOOK NOW:	JENNY LOVEDAY	0419 760 993
		JENNYLOVEDAY.JP@GMAIL.COM

This St event is supported by Balonne Shire Council, St George Region (Balonne Shire) Explore Centre, St George Rotary, Balonne Creative Art Group, St George Art Group, George Harmony Centre, Near Creators New Watercolour Society Qld Inc, Australian Watercolour Master Creators and the St George Region (Balonne Shire) Explore Centre.

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.



Noondoo-Mungindi Road & Castlereagh Hwy Intersection Upgrade

The intersection of Noondoo-Mungindi Road and Castlereagh Highway is set for a significant upgrade to improve safety for travellers at this location.

This upgrade is a Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads project that is being delivered by Balonne Shire Council to improve safety with a new configuration that includes a larger radius and improved delineation of the intersection and upgraded signage.

These works commenced in early March 2026 and it is anticipated they will take around 12 weeks to complete.

Youth Councillors Make Way for New Members

Council presented Certificates of Appreciation to Josie Small and Penny Wilkinson for each completing 3 years of service and contribution on the Balonne Youth Council.

Penny and Josie worked together with all the other members of Youth Council to support local community events and represent the voices of youth in the Shire to Council.

Council would like to wish Penny and Josie all the very best for their future endeavours.

If you know anyone who would like to join Youth Council and represent the voices of young people in our Shire, please contact the team on 4620 8888.



Council's "Grow Our Own" Strategy Providing Workforce Avenues for Local Students



Left to Right: Mark Gaston with CEO Michelle Clarke and Bree Arnall

For decades now, Council has been providing avenues for local youths to step into the career direction of their choice with around 2-3 traineeships each year.

Recently, Council took on its latest trainee, Bree Arnall, who accepted a School-Based Traineeship in Certificate III in Business Administration with Council.

This ongoing practice has also celebrated another milestone with our recent IT trainee, Mark Gaston successfully completing his traineeship with Council and achieving a Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies.

Since completing his traineeship with Council, Mark accepted a role to stay working with Council as the Junior IT Support Officer.

We welcome Bree and are proud to celebrate Mark on successfully completing his traineeship and accepting his new role with Council.

Michelle Clarke, CEO said "Council has put in place a number of strategies to grow our own and this is just one example. Bree completed work experience with Council last year, giving valuable insight into our workplace.

"Council is proactively working with the St George High School to provide work experience and school-based traineeships where possible. Council is also finalising two funded traineeships in horticulture and administration following the close of applications on 4 March."

LEVEL 0 WATER RESTRICTIONS ARE NOW IN PLACE IN ST GEORGE

LEVEL 0 WATER RESTRICTIONS

RESIDENCES

- Can water any time, any day - considering advised target levels of 4.2kL (4,200L) per day and 125kL (125,000L) per month.

ALL SCHOOLS & CARAVAN PARKS

- Anytime - Monday to Thursday.

OTHER BUSINESSES

- Odd Property Numbers - Anytime on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Even Property Numbers - Anytime on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

COUNCIL FACILITIES

- In accordance with parks and gardens program.

HANDHELD HOSES - FOR ALL CONSUMERS

- Water any time



To find out more scan the QR Code



WILD DOG BAITING PROGRAM IS OCCURRING IN APRIL

Landholders have been advised in writing and Council has placed signage outside of townships around the Shire.

Any landholders wanting to participate must register their intention to conduct baiting with Council and present their Rates Notice and a sealable container to collect baits.

Bait Collection Stations		
Date	Time/Location	
Wed 8 Apr 2026 North East Zone 1 & 2	11:30am	Wonolga Baiting Station
	2:00pm	Ula-Ula Road turnoff
Thu 9 Apr 2026 Central South / South East Zone	11:30am	Mungindi, Dirranbandi & Noondoo Road intersection
	2:00pm	Thallon - Niminbah Property Entrance
Fri 10 Apr 2026 - West Zone	12:00pm	Bollon - Cashel Vale Gravel Pit
Tue 14 Apr 2026 - Central North Zone	2:00pm	Boolba - Dam
Wed 15 Apr 2026 - South East Zone	7:30am	Chelmer Road Gravel Pit

For more information, contact the Environmental Services Team on 4620 8888 or email ruralservice.compliance@balonne.qld.gov.au



REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Queensland's Time to Shine

RADF 2025 - 2026 Grants Round 4 Coming Soon!

Applications Open 30 March 2026

Closes 9am 27 April 2026

For more information, contact Council's Communities Team on 4620-8888.



RADF is a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Balonne Shire Council to promote local arts and culture in regional Queensland.



Council Celebrates its Long

Over the decades, much has changed at Council, and our recent Long Service Award recipients have been with Council to witness those changes throughout the years.

As a Council, we celebrate our Long Service Award recipients and thank them for providing the vital services to our residents that keep our Shire open and accessible.

25 Years - Kevin Cordrey

Damon Cordrey accepting on behalf of Kevin Cordrey



20 Years - Matthew Smith



25 Years - Di Francisco



15 Years - Kevin Kemp



20 Years - John Bradley



30 Years - Malcolm Ross



Service Award Recipients



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DROP-IN

ST GEORGE INTEGRATED STORMWATER & FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

31 MAR St George Cultural Centre
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Your EMERGENCY DASHBOARD

Essential information for floods, storms, road closures, and more...

emergency.balonne.qld.gov.au

This is jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Government under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Out and About in Balonne

Council Launched its Next Round of Workforce Development

On 24 February, Council launched its new round of Workforce Development in the Shire.

The event was well attended by a range of local businesses and quickly became a successful networking evening.

Attendees got to hear firsthand about the benefits brought to our Shire with this Workforce Development position that connects employers with employees and assists in the development of training opportunities for our local workforce.

This 12-month Workforce Development position is thanks to funding from the Queensland Government's Growing Workforce Participation Fund.



Balonne Welcomes Newcomers with Barefoot Bowls

This year's "Welcome to Balonne" Barefoot Bowls was a great success attracting around 65 people for a night of fun, food and lawn bowls at the St George Bowls Club.

At the event, Council handed out Welcome Bags to our Shire newcomers with information about services, community groups, upcoming events, emergency services and other relevant information.

The goal of our welcome events is to make our Shire newcomers feel embraced by our local community and ensure they have all the relevant information needed to settle into our community.



FUN AND FITNESS IN BALONNE

ST GEORGE SQUASH

Social comps held 6pm every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday during the school term. Grading has already occurred this term, but you can contact the club on the below if you'd like to get involved.

Open to anyone. Beginners Welcome! Courts available to hire \$12.50/hr.

Email – stgeorgesquash@outlook.com or on Facebook @ stgeorgesquashclub



BOXING

Sign up to be a member of In the Box Boxing Club! Work on your fitness or prepare for fights.

Training for Juniors - Mon & Wed 5:30pm - 6:00pm
Training for Seniors - Mon & Wed 6:00pm - 7:00pm

For more information, contact Lisa Anderson - 0418 154 104



GROUP TRAINING SESSIONS

Optimal Training group provides training sessions to improve your health and fitness on Mondays at 5pm, Tuesdays at 5:30pm, and Thursdays at 5pm at the Amphitheatre, St George.

Dates & Times can be subject to change, so check Facebook for updates.

For more information, contact Deanne - 0407 720 327



INSPIRED FITNESS WITH TJ

Inspired Fitness runs group training sessions. On Tuesdays at 6:15am, Pilates, then at 8:45am, Pilates with Mums & Bubs. On Thursdays at 6:15am, Tone Class, and on Fridays at 6:15am, Pilates Online at St Patrick's Church Hall on Balonne Street.

For PT inquiries and more information, contact Tori - 0447 080 872



ST GEORGE AQUATIC CENTRE

Monday - Friday: 5:30am - 12noon & 3pm - 6pm

Saturday & Sunday: 1pm - 6pm

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 0400 633 519



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 Tom (0427 730 984) or Penny (0427 250 072)



ST GEORGE SWIMMING CLUB

Catering for beginner to competitive swimmers, with a focus on personal improvement, for those aged from 5 years to adult. Season runs Term 4 & Term 1 (when the pool is open). Mid-season is now.

To redeem a Come & Try membership valid for 4 weeks, visit swimcentral.swimming.org.au

All registrations are now done online by visiting the same link.

For more information, visit their Facebook Page @ stgeorgeswimmingclub



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 - 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"



ST GEORGE CRICKET ASSOCIATION

Join the action at Rowden Park! Training runs every Wednesday from 5-7pm, and games kick off Saturdays at 9:30am - everyone's welcome to get involved!



MAT & REFORMER PILATES STUDIO - ST GEORGE

Berry Pilates is a boutique studio in St George offering expert-led Mat and Reformer classes. Small, supportive sessions follow classical Pilates with a modern approach to build strength and flexibility. Classes suit all levels, with movements tailored to individual needs. Group classes run most Mondays to Saturdays, with private oneone sessions also available.

For bookings or info, contact lauren@berrypilates.com.au, follow @berrypilates.stg, or visit www.berrypilates.com.au.



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





COMPLETED ROADS THROUGH FEBRUARY

- Dingadee Rd
- East Goondulla Rd
- Rutherglen Rd
- Hollymount Rd

WORKS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY

Runnymede Rd

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

Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd North

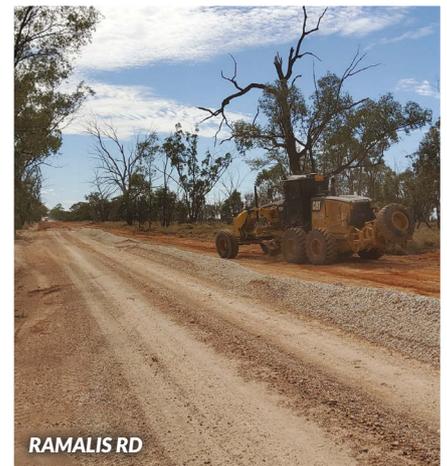
- Expected completion: late-March.
- Construction is ongoing, one crew working.
- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.

Ramalis Rd

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

UPCOMING WORKS

- Thompsons Rd: early-March
- Satur Rd: early-March
- Eumerella South: early-March
- Koomalah Rd: mid-March
- Cubbie Rd: early-March



BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

ST GEORGE

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2026

📍 GATEWAY TO TRAINING, ST GEORGE

🕒 9:00AM - 4:30PM

👤 LIMITED SPACES

REGISTER NOW



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RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL

ST GEORGE

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

📍 CULTURAL CENTRE, ST GEORGE

🕒 9AM - 1:30PM

👤 LIMITED SPACES

REGISTER NOW



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Balonne Shire Job Opportunities

March 2026

Service Technician Field St George	<p>RDO Full Time Work on a range of John Deere agricultural equipment from general service and repairs to major overhauls and new machine assembly. Deliver expert service and support to our customers and partners and contribute to a culture of safety, innovation, and continuous improvement. Working an construction, agriculture and turf products. Mechanical trade certificate and driver's licence. Apply at www.rdoequipment.com.au/careers/</p>
Parts Interpreter St George	<p>RDO Full Time Assist customers to identify and order the right parts, accurately process sales, invoices and stock movements. After a team player to deliver expert service and support, has previous experience or formal training in parts interpreting and a strong understanding of mechanical and technical terms. Apply at www.rdoequipment.com.au/careers/</p>
	<p>ABS GOVERNMENT CENSUS 2026 On Tuesday 11 August 2026 everyone in Australia must be counted. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Engagement Officers • Field Manager • Mobile Field Representative • Field Officer • Community Field Officer Apply at: census.abs.gov.au/jobs</p>
Traffic Controllers St George	<p>AVADA TRAFFIC Require casual TMI Level 2 Drivers and STS Level 1. Training is provided Apply on Seek or E: jobsqld@avadattraffic.com.au</p>
Water & Sewerage Labourer St George	<p>BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL Apply via Council W: www.balonne.qld.gov.au</p>
Hospitality All Rounders Nindigully	<p>NINDIGULLY HOTEL All rounders for bar, kitchen and wait staff. Immediate start. Apply via email E: nindigullypub@outlook.com</p>
Assistant Farm Manager – Table Grapes St George	<p>GIOFRELLE NOMINEES Experienced assistant farm manager for a hands-on leadership role suited to someone passionate about horticulture. Working closely with farm manager you will play a key role in overseeing day to day vineyard operations, including operating machinery, irrigation, vine health, harvest and compliance. Apply on Seek</p>
Volunteer Retail Assistant St George	<p>ST VINCENT DE PAUL (VINNIES) As a retail volunteer, you will play a central role in the operations of the shop. Tasks include sorting and pricing, product display, POS, store presentation and excellent customer service. One day / week of 4½ hours only. Apply in Vinnie store on Victoria Street</p>
Measure & Quote St George	<p>HALLS TILE & CARPET Casual 15 hrs with Full Time Potential Working in the shop and providing measure and quote services for our customers. Training is provided and involves some heavy lifting. Driver's licence required. Apply by dropping resume at the shop, 14 Grey Street</p>
Relief School Support Staff St George	<p>ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL Casual / On-call \$32.53 – \$35.62 / hr We are seeking compassionate and flexible individuals to join our Relief Support team. You will deliver high quality, faith-based education and support to students with diverse learning needs. Need to be available at short notice. Apply to James Wren, E: james.wren@twb.catholic.edu.au</p>

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20 May 2026

7:30AM Breakfast | 8:00AM Open | 2:00PM Close

St Patrick's School Hall,
36-44 Balonne Street,
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