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DIRRANBANDI FOUNTAIN CELEBRATES LOCAL AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE

The Dirranbandi community came together to officially launch the upgraded Des Stevenson Fountain in the Rail and River precinct and celebrate the agricultural heritage that it honours.

It has been 26 years since this fountain was first installed in 2000 and the official launch of the upgraded fountain was a great opportunity to rededicate it and reflect on the significant achievements of Des Stevenson who was known locally as the "cotton pioneer".

Des was widely renowned as the visionary founder behind the development of Cubbie Station in 1983 after he converted a conglomeration of traditional grazing properties with cattle and sheep into Australia's largest cotton farm.

Using his earthmoving expertise, Des transformed the area that was originally prone to periodic flooding and long dry periods, into a thriving and prosperous large-scale cotton farming enterprise – something never attempted at that scale in Australia at the time.

Des Stevenson didn't just start a farm - he engineered an entire irrigation system that turned an unpredictable floodplain into a highly productive cotton enterprise.

His mix of entrepreneurial risk-taking and large-scale earthworks is what made Cubbie Station possible and his visionary efforts marked the rise of large-scale irrigated agriculture in south-west Queensland.

Irrigated agriculture is now the lifeblood of our region and has brought billions of dollars of revenue into our district, which has supported and raised generations of families in our area.

The upgraded fountain was crafted from solid marble by renowned stonemason Paul Stumkat to stand the test of time, in the effigy of the cotton plant that made this possible and stands as a testament of the visionary legacy of Des Stevenson.

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

Let us know here ▸

What's On

MUNGINDI SHOW

If a header/picker demolition derby, lawn mower races, U-Beaut Ute Comp and bubble muffin cooking classes with a dash of side show alley, rides and fireworks sounds like fun to you – this isn't one to miss!

When: Friday 7- Sunday 9 August

Where: Mungindi Racecourse

BALONNE RIVER CUTTERS – HORSE FUTURITY

The Balonne Cutting Horse Futurity is not just a competition, but a celebration of the rich heritage and tradition of cutting!

When: Friday 21 – Sunday 30 August

Where: St George Showgrounds

ST GEORGE 399

Australia's most unique offroad race, taking place in the heart of Queensland! High-speed racing testing skill and endurance.

When: Saturday 22 August

Where: St George

Free to spectate

DIRRANBANDI CAMPDRAFT

A full weekend program of horsemanship events - catering, licensed bar (including happy hours!), with all proceeds going to MS Research Australia.

When: Friday 28 – Sunday 30 August

Where: Dirranbandi Showgrounds

THALLON TRUCK PULL

Crews of six take on the challenge of pulling a 12-tonne prime mover over 25 meters in the fastest time!

When: Saturday 29 August

Where: 15 Henry Street, Thallon

STORYFEST – SOUTH WEST

Join in for a unique opportunity to interact with authors and immerse yourself in games, activities and performances.

When: Monday 31 August – Wednesday 2 September

Where: Balonne Shire Library, St George

BOLLON CAMPDRAFT & RODEO

Thrilling rodeo action, high-speed campdrafting, and unforgettable experiences at the Bollon Campdraft & Rodeo!

When: Thursday 3 – Sunday 6 September

Where: Bollon Showground





A message from the Mayor

As a Council, we have just handed down our third budget for this term of office, which charts a course for Council operations and projects through the 2026/27 financial year.

It has taken many hours of Council deliberations, but I am proud to say that we have struck the right balance between keeping rates and utilities below CPI at 4% and continuing to deliver the services our residents need.

With each annual budget cycle, it is becoming more and more challenging to address ever increasing cost burdens on Council, with continued impacts from tensions in the middle east impacting global crude oil prices.

Crude oil is the essential precursor to creating a range of products that Council relies on such as fuel for our fleet, bitumen for our roads, PVC for our mains water lines and with middle east tensions continuing, we can expect some more impacts over the coming period.

In addition to this, the increasing costs in relation to waste compliance is a matter that is weighing heavily on the budgets of many Councils across the state and may involve a more detailed assessment of what we can do to address this issue.

Also, as many of you will see in the Budget Summary document that was just mailed out, our Council is also heavily reliant on funding from other levels of government and over recent years we have seen a continued decline in this funding to Council.

This is a central reason that much of my time, along with other Mayors from south west Queensland, is spent holding meetings and deputations with State and Federal Ministers and their relevant departments.

We will continue to push for our fair share of government funding to deliver the services our Shire needs delivered in the hope of increasing funding from other levels of government.

Recently, you will have all received a mailout regarding a home insurance survey that is being done because of the ridiculously high home insurance premiums some people are receiving.

For some time now, insurance companies have not been acknowledging the millions invested in our Shire, from all levels of government, to build flood levees and other flood mitigation measures that protect our community, and that needs to stop.

We will use the statistics from this survey to continue pressuring insurance companies to recognise our flood mitigation measures that are in place, so I urge everyone to please fill in this survey to help us with this push.

Finally, we were informed recently of the resignation of our CEO, Michelle Clarke.

As much as we would've liked Michelle to stay on in the role, I fully understand her urge to move closer to her family in north Queensland, given the recent birth of her two grandchildren.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to her for her time as CEO and for her almost 10 years with Council, formerly as the Director of Finance and Corporate Services.

Michelle has played a pivotal role over the years with Council's budgets, internal HR matters and financing and she will be sorely missed.

We have now commenced an extensive executive search process for a new CEO and have appointed an experienced former Council CEO, Mr David Burges as the Interim CEO to commence before Michelle departs, to allow for an adequate handover.

I would like to assure everyone that the transition to a new CEO will not impact the services that Council delivers to our residents.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole

2026/27 Budget Delivers More Transparency and Long-Term Sustainability

At a Special Council meeting on 14 July, Council formally adopted its 2026/27 Budget, which keeps rates increases below CPI at just 4% and represents a responsible and strategically aligned financial plan to balance current service delivery with long-term sustainability.

This year's budget has a total operating revenue of $42.517M against an operating expenditure of $44.783M (includes $10.857M depreciation) with approximately $26.256M of revenue coming from grant and external funding and $13.729M from rates and utility charges.

Although there is a net operating deficit of approximately $2.266M, after inclusion of capital revenue of approximately $5.412M, the overall financial position improves to a net surplus result of $3.146M.

During 2026/27, Council will deliver $19.956M in Capital Projects, $7.052M in Operational Projects with $7.092M set to be invested on the road network.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole stated that this budget strikes the right balance of delivering ongoing services for our residents, while keeping rate increases as low as possible.

"This year's budget aligns with our 32 services, which clearly outline Council's revenue and expenditure in each category of service," said Mayor O'Toole.

"The Service Catalogue lists all relevant services provided by Council under each of its four corporate areas of the Office of the CEO, Finance & Corporate Services, Community & Environment Services and Infrastructure Services.

"The revenue and expenditure in the Service Catalogue allows ratepayers to quickly and easily identify just how much Council is investing in each category of service delivery and creates an improved level of transparency over Council's ongoing operations.

"While financial challenges remain, such as grant dependency and cost escalations, Council has taken measured steps to minimise impacts on ratepayers while continuing to invest in essential infrastructure and services.

"It is clear that elevated fuel prices are causing impacts right throughout our national economy and Council is not immune from these pressures, but Council has acted decisively to install a new bulk fuel supply and change work travel procedures to limit these cost impacts.

"This is not the only example of Council acting to limit impacts to its operating expenditure and I thank the Council team for continually aiming to keep Council costs as low as possible.

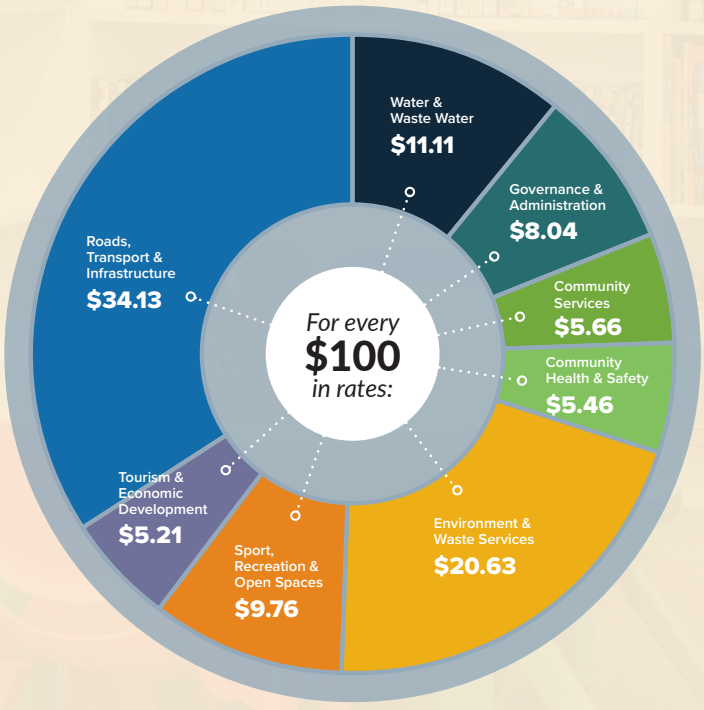
"Another area that is weighing heavily on our annual budget is the ever-increasing cost related to waste and recycling, which have been exponentially increasing year-on-year.

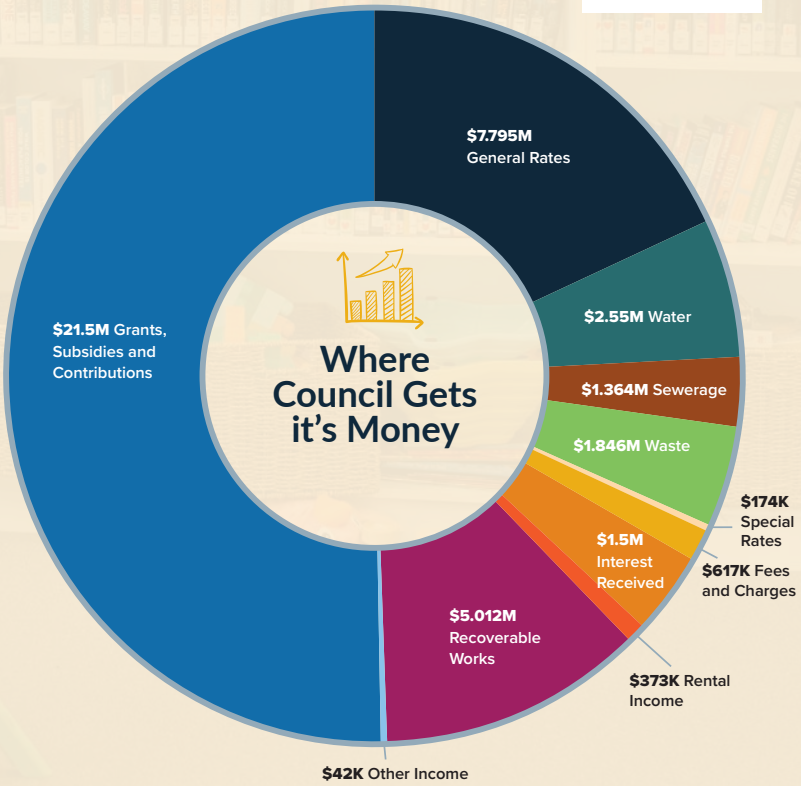
"The increase in waste and recycling costs has resulted in the need for a 15% increase in our waste charges, which Council has offset by placing no increases to water and wastewater charges in order to keep rates and utilities increases to below CPI at 4%.

"If costs related to waste and recycling continue on the same upward trajectory in the coming years without any material support through grant opportunities, Council will need to undertake a detailed assessment of how these rising costs can be addressed."

Council remains committed to transparency in financial planning and reporting and will report on the progress of the budget on a monthly basis and monitor the delivery of the 2026/27 Operational Plan on a quarterly basis.

The full 2026/27 Budget papers can be viewed at: www.balonne.qld.gov.au/About-Council/Publications-Media/Budget-Fees-and-Charges or scan this QR Code.





THE LIBRARY LENS



Library Lens – A Focus on First 5 Forever

First 5 Forever is a place-based family centered program delivered by public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres (IKCs). It supports families by providing safe, child-focused spaces with free, playful environments, experiences and resources to empower Queensland families on their child's journey through the first 5 years.

With over 325 public libraries and Indigenous Knowledge Centres across Queensland, First 5 Forever empowers families – through brain building resources, spaces and opportunities – to help Queensland children thrive no matter where they live.

To find out more about First 5 Forever, scan this QR Code:

Blue Light Shearing Delivers Another Successful Camp in Balonne









The organisers of the Blue Light Shearing Program delivered another highly successful camp at Noondale in late June.

The camp was organised by local Police Officers Sergeant Laurie Bateman and Senior Sergeant Scott Jackson and drew 18 students from across South West Queensland.

The students gained hands-on experience in shearing, wool handling, crutching, pressing, drenching, backlining and electric fence installation as part of their Certificate II in Rural Operations.

Starting each day at 5.30am, the program builds discipline, teamwork and practical skills and involved a range of key local speakers from farming, education and health backgrounds imparting some insightful knowledge to the students.





BALONNE SHIRE LANDFILL

	Bollon	Dirranbandi	Hebel	Nindigully	St George	Thallon
Batteries					✓	
Concrete Waste	✓	✓			✓	✓
Cooking Oil		✓			✓	
EWaste					✓	
General Waste	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Greenwaste & Timber	✓	✓			✓	✓
Motor Oil		✓			✓	
Recycling					✓	
Scrap Metal	✓	✓			✓	✓
Pallets	✓	✓			✓	✓
Filters		✓			✓	
Hot Ash & Hot Coals	✓	✓			✓	✓
OPERATING TIMES	24/7	24/7	24/7	24/7	7:30 - 5:30pm Closed Wednesday	24/7

For more information, contact Council on 4620 8888.



South West Betterment Projects Progress to Detailed Design

Detailed design contracts have been awarded for three major projects to improve the resilience of south-west Queensland roads.

The projects are part of a $155 million jointly funded infrastructure Betterment package for western Queensland roads hit hard by the 2025 floods being provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

A total of six priority sites will be built back better to reduce future flood damage and maintain access to essential services and supply routes.

Three key projects to strengthen flood resilience on critical supply routes in south-western Queensland are progressing to detailed design.

This important phase of work will see concept plans refined into detailed construction designs for projects at Bulloo Developmental Road (Cunnamulla–Thargomindah) at Paroo River Bridge, Eulo, Quilpie–Thargomindah Road at South Comongin Crossing and Balonne Highway at Wallam Creek, Bollon (pictured).

Major drainage improvements at Wallam Creek at Bollon on the Balonne Highway will improve the resilience of this critical freight and tourism route connecting St George to the regional centre of Cunnamulla.

Detailed design on the Balonne Highway betterment project is expected to be completed around mid-2026.

ENVIRO-COLUMN

MIMOSA BUSH



Mimosa bush can spread readily and grow quickly. As it often forms thorny thickets, it can be a considerable nuisance during mustering and can also hinder stock access to water. Mimosa does offer shade in open downs country and can be useful as a supplement to grass during the dry season.

It may therefore be a useful plant in some areas if its spread can be controlled to prevent thicket formation. The maintenance of healthy pasture competition is the best mechanism to achieve this.

To manage, Basal Bark Spray is effective.



Connecting with Community on Catch-Up Days









Council held a series of Community Catch-up Days recently across Bollon, Hebel, Thallon and Mungindi, which were well attended by the local communities.

Community Catch-up Days give local residents the opportunity to chat with Councillors and Council staff about any issues they may be having and to get an understanding of any current Council initiatives in the area.

The Bollon and Hebel Community Catch-ups featured presentations from the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads District and Regional Directors on the Wallam Creek Causeway in Bollon and the Castlereagh Highway flood betterment projects.

The Mungindi and Thallon Community Catch-ups coincided with our flood study consultation and gave residents to opportunity to view the mapping and talk with the team about these studies.

Council has upcoming Community Catch-up Days planned for 29 August on the sidelines of the Thallon Truck Pull, on 1 September in Hebel and Dirranbandi, on 8 September in Mungindi and Nindigully and on 9 September in Bollon.



Flying Arts Touring Exhibition in Balonne

Balonne has been treated to the Flying Arts Alliance Touring Exhibition with an official opening by the Queensland Minister for Education and the Arts, the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP.

Since the legendary Flying Arts Alliance founder Mervyn Moriaty OAM set out on his maiden 6,000km roundtrip flight in 1971, this organisation has delivered an unprecedented boost to the arts sector in regional areas.

Council warmly welcomed the opportunity to host this Flying Arts Touring Exhibition, which showcased the works of finalists with a rousing reception at the opening, as well as a strong attendance of over 420 people throughout the exhibition's month-long display in the Cultural Centre.

For more information on Flying Arts Alliance and its Touring Exhibition go to www.flyingarts.org.au





Bollon Median Strip Upgrade Now Complete

In line with its 2025/26 budget, Council has finalised upgrades to the Bollon median strip through the centre of the township.

The upgrade included the installation of planter boxes around existing trees, as well as additional landscaping and irrigation.

The goal of these upgrades is to beautify the main strip of Bollon to improve the functionality, and visual amenity.

This upgrade was in line with the Bollon Master Plan, which involved detailed community consultation and was adopted by Council in March 2021.

Council also held a Community Catch-up in Bollon to allow the community to provide input into the project before works commenced.





Services Australia Recommencing in Balonne

Following a loss of Services Australia in St George in October 2025, Council welcomes news that Indigicare Connect has taken on the contract to bring Services Australia back to the Shire.

Services Australia facilitates a range of government services such as Centrelink, Medicare, MyGov support, Disability, Carer and Aged support along with a range of other government support services.

This new Services Australia Outreach Service will commence on 20 July 2026 and will operate out of its previously held offices at 88-90 St George's Terrace, St George and be available for all residents in the Balonne Shire and beyond from 9am to 1pm on weekdays.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole welcomed the news of Services Australia coming back to Balonne Shire.

"Having Services Australia back in our Shire is incredibly good news for our residents who will again be able to locally access vital government support services," said Mayor O'Toole.

"Regional areas all too often suffer from a loss of services, so to have this outreach service returned to our area is a great win for the residents of Balonne.

"On behalf of all local residents, I would like to sincerely thank Indigicare Connect for stepping up and taking on this new contract to recommence Services Australia in Balonne."

Indigicare Connect Director Jenny Waters is proud to be bringing Services Australia back to the region.

"We fully understand how important it is for our local residents to have access to government support on the ground in our region and are proud to be able to facilitate the return of Services Australia in Balonne," said Mrs Waters.

"We want to make sure that all local residents are aware that this Outreach Service will be based in St George, however it will service the needs of all local residents in the Shire, not just St George."

The Outreach Services will be open from 9am to 1pm each weekday and are currently seeking applications from passionate, community-minded locals to fill the roles of Services Australia Officer and Disability Support Services.

CUC Balonne Appoints New Centre Manager

The Country Universities Centre Balonne has appointed new Centre Manager Samuel Schwarz to continue delivering the success that this institution has brought to our Shire.

Since commencing operations in 2021, the CUC has become an educational pillar of our local community with almost 500 local students choosing to use this facility to gain their tertiary and university qualifications whilst staying in Balonne.

Samuel said he is really looking forward to settling into our local community and supporting local students as they achieve their educational goals.

"After spending years studying, working and travelling around the world, I realised I wanted to be somewhere I could genuinely make a difference," said Samuel.

"I wanted to be somewhere you can build real relationships, become part of the community and actually see the impact of your work.

"One thing I've learnt from living around the world is that success isn't determined by your postcode.

"No matter where I've been in the world, I've found that people all want the same things being opportunities for themselves, a bright future for their families and a community they're proud to call home.



Left to Right: CUC Balonne Board Member - Mayor Samantha O'Toole, CUC Balonne Centre Manager - Samuel Schwarz, CUC Balonne Chair – Alex Benn, CUC Balonne Board Member – Sam Davis."

"Education has a ripple effect that reaches far beyond the classroom, it strengthens communities, improves lives and helps shape a more prosperous future.

"If together, we can inspire more people to believe in themselves and invest in their education, then we'll be creating something much bigger than a study centre.

"We'll be helping put Balonne Shire on the map as a community that values learning, embraces innovation and creates opportunity for everyone."



NAIDOC Week Celebrations in Balonne

Locals came out in force to celebrate NAIDOC week march and activities in St George.

NAIDOC week is an important opportunity for all Australians to recognise and celebrate the rich history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC week celebrations in Balonne featured a whole week of activities including a community day, an awards ceremony, a golf day, a football match, a bingo night, as well as the march.

Here in Balonne Shire, we acknowledge and honour the contribution of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people — past and present and recognise the leadership, deep knowledge, and cultural richness that continues to shape our community in meaningful ways.

Council staff also supported the week with an indigenous uniform and attendance at a number of the local events.









Mungindi Border Battle Pits Shire Against Shire

The community of Mungindi held its second annual Border Battle on the morning of the second State of Origin game and this year's event certainly didn't disappoint.

For the second year in a row, this spectacular community event featured on Channel Nine's Today Show with a live cross to Karl Stefanovic and Sarah Abo.

This year's event was coordinated by the Mungindi Progress Association, Moree Plains Shire Council and the Balonne Shire Council with a morning of activities, food and fun community challenges including a tinnie race, all-in tug of war and a ball-passing competition.

We are pleased to advise that this year, the Balonne Shire Maroons won the event's challenges crushing the Moree Plains Shire Blues, a result which sadly was not replicated in the State of Origin footy series!











Airport Hangar Spaces Go on the Market

Council is set to offer 30-year leases for 9 new hangar allotments adjacent to the St George Airport.

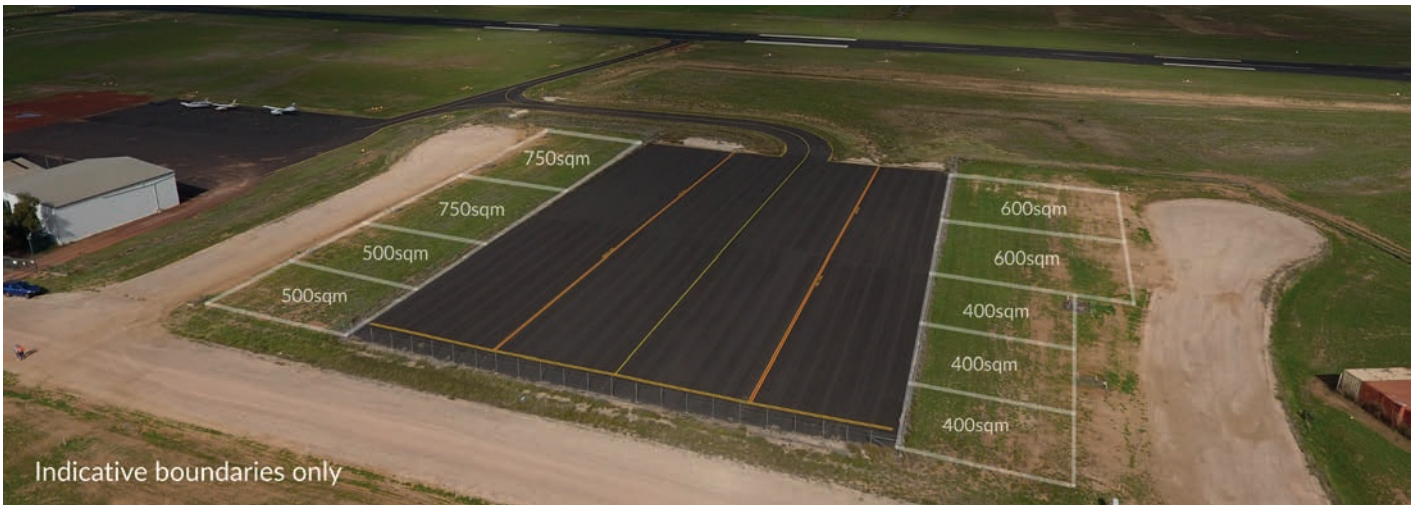
Council has previously called for Expressions of Interest into the proposed development of private hangar spaces at the airport, which was met with support for the proposal from prospective lessees.

These new hangar spaces will be designated for private use to provide capacity for people looking for a long-term home for their aircraft or seeking to establish an aviation base in St George.

The hangers will allow landholders in the region to fly directly to and from St George and their property to allow greater access to the region for property supplies.

Whether you're looking for a long-term home for your aircraft or seeking to establish an aviation base in one of SouthWest Queensland's most productive regions, these hangars present an outstanding opportunity.

Anyone interested in taking up these 30-year leases can find out more information by scanning this QR code or searching the rentals at 1propertycentre.com.au







Celebrating Art in Balonne

In April, our Shire had a wave of experienced artists sweep through the Shire as part of the Balonne Art Paint Out coordinated by Jenny Loveday from the Watercolour Society of Queensland.

The focus of the Paint Out was to engage with local emerging artists and showcase the Perfect Landscape Experience at several locations in the Shire, including by the banks of the serene Balonne River.

Recently, Jenny Loveday returned to showcase the outstanding artwork that was created at the Balonne Paint Out, along with a raffle to allow entrants to win some of the artworks.

Jenny also presented a number of art supplies hampers and postcards to Council to distribute to relevant art organisations and local community groups.

Chief Executive Officer Transition

Following the resignation of Council's Chief Executive Officer Michelle Clarke on 18 June 2026, Council has commenced an executive recruitment process to fill the role.

Michelle Clarke began her tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of Council on 5 December 2024 and tendered her resignation citing a desire to be closer to her family in north Queensland following the birth of her two grandchildren.

Michelle has provided strong organisational management of Council throughout her term as CEO and in her previous position as Director of Finance and Corporate Services since 2016 and will remain in her position until 7 August 2026.

Mayor Samantha O'Toole thanked Michelle Clarke for her management of Council during her 18-month tenure as Chief Executive Officer.

"I would like to sincerely thank Michelle for her guidance of Council during her tenure as CEO and former Director and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours," said Mayor O'Toole.

"Council has now commenced a recruitment process for the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer.

"The appointment of a Council Chief Executive Officer, and their subsequent contract, is a decision of Council as prescribed in the Local Government Act 2009 and may take some months to complete.

"While this recruitment process is being finalised, Council has appointed Mr David Burges to the role of Interim Chief Executive Officer to fill the role after Michelle's departure.



"Mr Burges comes to Council with years of experience as a previous Chief Executive Officer with Quilpie Shire Council and Southern Downs Regional Council and will undertake a few day handover with Michelle before she departs.

"We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Burges to the Interim Chief Executive Officer role and would like to assure all residents that the day-to-day operations of Council will continue business-as-usual while this transition occurs."

St George Showgirl Takes Out the South West Crown

Our very own St George Showgirl Annalise Wallis has been crowned the 2026 South West Showgirl!

Following on from her success as the 2026 St George Show, Annalise triumphed amongst a field of contenders to receive the South West Showgirl crown.

Annalise will now go on to represent the South West region at the Ekka later this year to vie for the prestigious Queensland Country Life Showgirl Awards.

Annalise said it was lovely being involved with the Awards night that St George hosted this year, and the support of our community who attended on the night.

"I love our community in St George and enjoy being a part of it, in having been greatly involved with the Netball club over the past 4 years," said Miss Wallis.

"I've also been part of establishing a homemakers swap group this year - the 'Sunday Swap Society St George', where women come together once a month to swap homemade, homegrown or created items which each other and enjoy a chat and morning tea.

"This experience has been so rewarding and enabled me to grow so much in my confidence and in particular my public speaking skills.

"I encourage other young women to get up and have a go to support our Show society - otherwise it will just fizzle out and we can't afford to lose such an important event in our town.

"You don't grow in your comfort zone - so get up, have a go and be involved in the community!"







Out and About in Balonne

Frillies Ladies Day

















Camerata Chamber Orchestra



















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



Winter Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 11-4 Thermal Pool only

50 metre pool closed

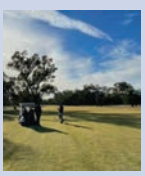
For more information call 0400 633 519

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!

BERRY PILATES

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 one on one 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



Roadworks UPDATE

Over the past 108 working days the local roads crew have completed 411.94km of re-sheeting and heavy formation grading of local dirt and gravel roads in the Shire.

COMPLETED ROADS THROUGH MAY AND JUNE:

- Kulki Rd
- North Kulki Rd
- Wagoo Rd
- Commissioners Point Rd
- Koomalah Rd
- Minnum Rd
- Bimbil Rd
- Booligar Rd
- Middle Rd
- Unity Rd
- Crescent Vale Rd

WORKS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY:

Cashel Vale Rd

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

Chelmer Rd

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

Jakelwar-Goodooga Rd South

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

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- Expected completion: mid-July.
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- Expected traffic delays less than 5 minutes.

UPCOMING WORKS IN JULY:

- Euraba Rd: early-July
- Woolerina Rd: early-July



















Balonne Shire Job Opportunities

July 2026

Administration Assistant St George	**MOONROCKS** Part time We require a reliable and organised administration assistant to answer calls, general administration tasks, data entry and file management. Experience with Microsoft Office required, strong communication and organisation skills and attention to detail. Must hold a driver's licence and potential for the position to become full time. Apply via email: careers@moonrocks.com.au
Store Person St George	**BALONNE STEEL & RURAL SUPPLIES** Part Time or Full Time Customer service position, loading customer orders, receiving and organising stock and keeping the yard safe and tidy. Positive attitude, strong work ethic and comfortable to use computers. Forklift licence and rural knowledge preferred, but willingness to learn more important. Apply by email: camroserural@outlook.com
Qualified Diesel Mechanic St George	**SEB MECHANICAL PTY LTD** Full time | $30 - $45 / hour Work on a diverse range of vehicles and machinery, and job scope includes servicing, diagnosing and fixing faults, major repairs and inspections; maintaining accurate records and a clean and safe work bay. Valid driver's licence and reliable work ethic a must. Salary negotiable. Apply on Seek. Questions to Scott M: 0428 755 760
Weighbridge Operator St George	**PROTERRA GROUP** Part Time (6 days/fortnight Thu-Tue) Located at our St George Waste Facility this role provides excellent customer service, ensures the accurate operation of the software and responsible for general maintenance and upkeep of the weighbridge. Role oversees inbound and outbound materials in a fast-paced environment. Good communication skills are needed as the role handles face-to-face, telephone and UHF calls and email. Apply on Seek
Service Advisor St George	**MARANOA MECHANICAL** Full time Commitment to customer service and building client relationships are important for this role. Job ranges across booking and allocating jobs and technicians, optimally managing the diary, overseeing loan cars, roadside assistance and towing jobs. Preparation job cards, assembling parts for jobs, service reminders and invoicing over the counter sales. Apply via email: admin@maranoamechanical.com.au or call Emily or Katie T: 4625 3663
Human Resources Manager St George	**BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL** Full time $147K + superannuation Requiring an experienced and proactive HR Manager to lead the delivery of contemporary HR services across the organisation. You will drive workforce planning, recruitment, performance management, learning and development, industrial relations, payroll oversight, employee wellbeing and organisational culture initiatives. Apply on Seek
Storeperson Merchandise Sales St George	**AGNVET RURAL PTY LTD** Full time This role is responsible for general warehousing duties including receiving, storing and delivering agricultural products to customers, and specific responsibility for the maintenance of the yards, shop and warehouse areas. You will also assist other team members with branch and customer service duties. Valid C driver's licence and physical ability to safely handle stock up to 30kg. Apply on Seek or email: jobs@pursehouserural.com.au
Registered Nurse / Mental Health Coordinator St George	**ST GEORGE MEDICAL CENTRE** $35 - $40 / hour This role plays a vital part in coordinating and delivering high-quality mental health services to our patients as well as Primary Health Care nursing roles. This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic registered nurse with mental health experience to make a real difference. Tertiary qualification in nursing required and significant experience in a mental health coordination or case management role. Apply on Seek
Kitchen / Café Staff St George	**PITSTOP CAFÉ** Full time Part time Local café looking to hire enthusiastic kitchen and café staff. Hospitality, takeaway, café or kitchen experience preferred. Senior and junior staff needed and ideal for high school students needing after school hours work. Apply via email: 172pitstop@gmail.com
Retail Staff St George	**NORTHERN LIGHTS OPTOMETRIST** Part time Opening in July and recruiting a range of staff to cover customer service, sales, appointments, cleaning and maintaining a professional shop front. Anticipates opening on Saturday mornings and welcomes interest from high school students. Apply via email to Tim Kelly: northernlightsoptometry@hotmail.com



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