

THE BOTTOM RAIL

Message from the Aramac and Muttaborra Acting District Manager

There are plenty of exciting events coming up across Aramac and Muttaborra over the coming weeks, with the Outback Queensland Cattle Drive set to bring visitors and community celebrations to both towns. Horses for the drive are expected to arrive in Muttaborra on Wednesday 27 May ahead of the official cattle drive activities beginning that weekend. We also have State of Origin kicking off on Wednesday 27 May, making for an exciting time across the region.

As always, please take extra care while stock are moving through the area on our roads and stock routes. I hope to see you there supporting these great community events and enjoying everything our region has to offer.

Public Notice- Aramac Rural Transaction Centre (RTC), Library and Information Centre Temporary Operating Hours

Please be advised that the Aramac Rural Transaction Centre (RTC), Library and Information Centre will temporarily operate as follows:

- Wednesday 20 May 2026: 9.00am to 12.00noon
- Thursday 21 May 2026: normal operating hours
- Friday 22 May 2026: 9.00am to 12.00noon

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Aramac Administration Office on 07 4651 5650.

May Council Meeting Change in Meeting Date

Council wishes to advise that the May General Council Meeting has been rescheduled to Friday 22 May 2026, commencing at 8.30am in the Muttaborra Memorial Hall. Council would like to extend an invitation for residents to join them for morning tea from approx. 10.15am.

Rubbish Collection Reminder

A reminder to residents to please place rubbish bins out for collection on Fridays and ensure bins are accessible for collection vehicles. Where possible, bins should be placed out the night before collection day.

ALL TOGETHER NOW – OPERA COMES TO BARCALDINE

Enjoy a night of music, laughter and community spirit as All Together Now comes to Barcaldine Town Hall this May. Featuring Jason Barry-Smith and artists from Opera Queensland's Young Artist Program, the show blends opera favourites with singalong classics including Sweet Caroline and Waltzing Matilda. Join the evening on Tuesday 26 May 2026, with doors open from 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Tickets available via [Trybooking.com](https://trybooking.com)

Employment Opportunities

The Barcaldine Regional Council is hiring:

Job Title	Emp.Type	Location	Expiry Date
Accountant	Full-Time	Barcaldine	24 May 2026
Rural Lands Officer	Full-Time	Alpha	24 May 2026
Senior Administration Officer (CCS)	Full-Time	Barcaldine	31 May 2026
General Expressions of Interest		Regional	13 Dec 2026
Volunteer Expressions of Interest		Regional	13 Dec 2026

Additional job opportunities around the region can be found on Council's website.

Please apply online at <https://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au/careers>

For more information, please contact Human Resources via email hrm@barc.qld.gov.au.



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IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

22	Council Meeting Muttaborra
26	Granny Chic Bowls- Aramac Bowls Club
26	Opera Show- Barcaldine
30	Sandgoanna Home Game 3
30	Outback QLD Cattle Drive- Muttaborra

June

6	Outback QLD Cattle Drive- Aramac
6	Muttaborra Stock Show
6	Barcaldine Races
6	Sandgoanna Home Game 4
8	Seniors and Tech and Socials in 60 mins- Aramac Library
12	Drone Workshop- Aramac Library
13	3D Printing WorkShop- Aramac Library
15	Photo Entries Close- Muttaborra Photography Competition
16	Voting for Photography Competition Muttaborra
20	Barcaldine Annual Pastrol, Agricultural and Horticultural Show
20-21	Aramac Bowls Club Triples Carnival
27	Alpha Tourism- Winter Markets
27	Alpha Races
July	
12	The Sh!tbox Rally- Aramac
25	Linen on the Lawn- Aramac

HEALTH CLINICS

IN AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000

ARAMAC PHC

May

25 Doctor

June

1 Doctor

2 Doctor

9 Doctor

15 Doctor

Appointments:
Ph: 4652 9000 –
Monday to Friday
8.00am to 12.00pm and
2.00pm to 4.00pm

MUTTABURRA

MAY

26 Doctor

28 Dietician, Physiotherapist
and OT

29 Child Health Clinic

June

2 Doctor

4 Podiatrist, Exercise
Physiologist and
Physiotherapist

Appointments:
Ph: 4658 7500 –
Monday to Friday
8.30am to 12.00pm and
2.00pm to 4.00pm
Dental Appointments:
Ph: 4650 4077

Quote for the fortnight:

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world
Margaret Mead



REGISTER HERE



Child Safeguarding Workshop RAPAD- Barcaldine

Barcaldine Regional Council would like to advise local sporting clubs, community groups, schools, businesses and organisations of upcoming Child Safeguarding Workshops being delivered across Central West Queensland by Outback Independent Living (OIL), with support from the Queensland Family and Child Commission.

These free workshops will help organisations understand the new child safeguarding laws coming into effect from 1 October 2025 and provide practical information on creating and maintaining safer environments for children and young people. Topics covered include Child Safe Standards, cultural safety, recognising and responding to abuse and neglect, reporting obligations, and strengthening safeguarding practices within organisations. A workshop will be held in Barcaldine on Monday 25 May 2026 from 9.00am to 12.00pm at the Barcaldine Golf Course. Additional sessions will also be available in Longreach during June.

Council encourages any local organisation or group that works with children and young people to consider attending. For more information or to register, scan the QR code or visit the OIL registration page.

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DIGITAL
AND
YOU

FREE WORKSHOPS

SOCIAL MEDIA IN 60 MINUTES

(with a little help from ChatGPT)

Thurs 4 June 5:30pm, The Willows Centre, Barcaldine

Fri 5 June 12pm, Jericho Town Hall

Mon 8 June 12pm, Aramac Library

Light refreshments included

BOOK NOW >

“Digital Power Hour” Workshops

Looking to build your digital skills, improve your marketing, or get more confident using Canva? Digital and You are hosting a free series of online “Digital Power Hour” workshops every Sunday from 10.00am to 11.00am, running from March to June.

Workshop topics include Canva basics, advanced Canva features, templates for small business, digital marketing, websites, and promotion for events and community groups. Sessions are designed for beginners through to more experienced users, with practical tips and live demonstrations included.

No digital experience is needed – everyone is welcome to join.

To register, visit Digital and You online or Scan the QR code.



DIGITAL
AND
YOU

Outback Tech Lab FREE workshops: INTRODUCTION TO DRONES

Wednesday 10 June - Alpha Aerodrome
Thursday 11 June - Jericho Airport
Friday 12 June - Aramac (opposite the library)
all events run from 4pm to 7pm

Learn how to fly a drone and discover how this technology can be used in rural communities.
Beginner-friendly - no experience needed!

- ✓ Understand CASA rules and safe drone use
- ✓ How to use drones in local content and storytelling
- ✓ Using a drone for agricultural purposes
- ✓ Start your journey to gaining a Remote Pilot Licence

Light refreshments provided

Bookings essential:

Places are limited - use the post links to book a spot



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The Muttaborra Stock Show 2026

Muttaborra Showground



JUNE 6TH

9am - Midnight



Crowd events for all ages



Markets - Food - Bar



Fireworks - Live Band



Food & Shopping



- Nutrien Marquee Lunch
- Pavilion Markets
- Late night shopping
- Cheese and Wine happy hour
- Coffee Lounge
- All day canteen
- Breaky provided Sunday

www.muttaborrastockshow.com.au lfess@bigpond.com

GRANDMA Chic BOWLS

BEST DRESSED GRANDMA WILL WIN A \$70 VOUCHER TO GLOBAL VINTAGE COLLECTIVE

22/05/2026

STARTS AT 5PM



EVERY DRINK YOU BUY FROM THE BOWLS CLUB GETS YOU A TICKET IN A \$100 VOUCHER FROM



PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

THE WINNER WILL WIN A



SHIRT

Bring a plater



DESSERT PLATER



PIZZA PLATER



GAME PLATER



Linen on The Lawn 2026



Tickets are now live for the 2026 Linen on the Lawn Ladies Day event.

Don't miss this beautiful day out filled with live music, inspiring guest speakers, delicious food, games, prizes, gift bags and so much more. Gather your girlfriends and enjoy a relaxing and fun-filled event celebrating women, community and connection.

Tickets are limited, so be sure to scan the QR code and secure your seat before they sell out!

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WELCOME TO
MUTTABURRA

**OUTBACK QUEENSLAND
CATTLE DRIVE**

**DINNER at the
MIC**

MUTTABURRASAUROS
INTERPRETATION CENTRE

5.30PM – 6.00PM
NIBBLIES

6.30PM
DINNER

AFTER DINNER
to the Pub!

★ A SPECIAL DINNER FOR ★
Cattle Drive Participants
— THE START OF THE CATTLE DRIVE —

GOOD FOOD ★ GREAT COMPANY ★ OUTBACK SPIRIT
Let's get the drive going!

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL
Working together for our communities

**OUTBACK QUEENSLAND
CATTLE DRIVE**

Aramac Bowls Club

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

BUSH PIGS

**CATTLE DRIVE
ROLLS INTO ARAMAC!**

**FRIDAY
6TH
JUNE**

JOIN US FOR DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT
AT THE ARAMAC BOWLS CLUB!

**DINNER &
ENTERTAINMENT**

AT THE
ARAMAC BOWLS CLUB
FROM 5.00PM

**BAREFOOT
BOWLS
GAMES
TO BE
PLAYED!**

**GOOD FOOD • GREAT COMPANY • OUTBACK SPIRIT
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**BUSH PIGS
WILL BE
CATERING!**



PORTRAITURE

In July 2026, Muttaborra Sculpture Festival Inc are presenting the Photography Exhibition "Then & Now". We hope everyone will come along to support us.

Muttaborra Sculpture Festival Inc

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

ONE AWARD, PEOPLE'S CHOICE

THE RULES

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- Can be black and white and / or colour
- Portraits can be one or more people.

WHAT TO PROVIDE WITH YOUR ENTRY

- In email Subject line: SF PHOTO COMP
- In email:
 - Your Full Name
 - Your Address
 - Your Phone number
 - Your Email address
 - Short description about your photo &
 - Technical details about your photo (e.g., what you used to take it, enhancements)

Questions: muttaburrasculpture@yahoo.com
Mobile: 0459 745 916

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\$500 Cash &
KODAK 10.1" smart WI-FI digital photo frame bundle with bonus white frame & 64GB memory card, rcf-1018 bundle (value \$199)

People's Choice voting instructions advised at start of June
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Portrait Photography Tips

You don't have to follow the rules, but if you'd like a few hints on taking portrait photos, check out tips from professional photographers.

YOUR SUBJECT

1. **CARE ABOUT YOUR SUBJECT** – look at your subject to create an authentic picture of that person. Tell the subject what you are trying to go for so they can work with you, so you create the photo image you want
2. **SPONTANEOUS MOMENTS** – candid moments give pictures life and personality.
3. **EYES** – Eyes are one of the most important things in portraiture. Eyes should be in focus. Whether eyes are open or closed can change the feeling of the picture.
4. **SHOULDER ANGLES** – when you are composing a picture think about the angle of the shoulders. It creates a strong line if one shoulder makes a leading line into the photo and the subjects face. Looking straight on can also work but photos can feel flatter.
5. **NECKLINE** – In headshots, the neckline of a shirt or top can flow the picture through to the headshot picture.

6. **NOSE ANGLE** – when the subject's face is turned slightly to the side, their nose should not break the line of the face. If they're fully turned to the side that's ok but just breaking that line slightly looks unintentional and ruins that smooth outline along the cheek.
7. **TO SMILE OR NOT** – both works, it just depends on what feeling you are going for. Either way, false smiles don't generally work.
8. **AMOUNT OF BODY TO INCLUDE IN PHOTO** – depending on what you want the photo to say, try out different shots and see what works best.
9. **HANDS** – hand gestures are like facial expressions so pay attention to them in the shot.

COMPOSITION

1. **ODD NUMBERS** – odd number looks more natural
2. **USE NEGATIVE SPACE** – can make your subject stand out
3. **PATTERNS** – create visual interest
4. **TRIANGLES** – give a strong structure for groups and portraits
5. **YOUR DISTANCE FROM THE SUBJECT** – too close can make the picture unnatural or distorted close up, unless this is what you are going for.
6. **BACKGROUNDS** – have a look at what else is around you in the photo as those things can help to tell the story.
7. **COLOUR** – look at the colours in your picture. Too many colours can distract or clash. You might need to talk to your subject before about what you want them to wear.

LIGHT

1. **NATURAL LIGHT** – Light controls brightness, mood, tone, atmosphere. Smartphones can struggle indoors. If you shoot outdoors this improves things quickly. Good natural light improves photo sharpness, colour, skin tones and overall image quality. be aware of light and you will notice the colours, softness, harshness, shadows that light create.
2. **LOOK FOR SPOTS WHERE SUNLIGHT WILL ACT AS REFLECTORS** – that means spots where sunlight is falling and bouncing back softer. White walls, light stone floorings or gravel on the ground will reflect a softer light back to your subject's face, than the sun itself.
3. **GOLDEN HOUR SUN** – when the sun is low in the sky if you get your subject to face the soft sunlight you won't get harsh shadows and it'll put a nice tint to the light. With smartphones, in low light stabilise your smartphone by resting it on a flat surface like a wall, table, ledge to reduce camera shake and grainy photos

SMARTPHONE SHOOTING & REVIEWING

1. **SMARTPHONE BURST MODE** – this is useful as you can take loads of photos and review them, so you find what you want or improve them quickly.
2. **USE DIFFERENT CAMERA MODES** – these can improve photos, so use them and see what you are getting e.g., food mode, macro/close up is good for texture and small subjects; pro/manual mode controls speed, white balance and exposure depending on the controls on your device.
3. **AVOID DIGITAL ZOOM** – digital zoom reduces the resolution. Instead move closer to your subject. Use optical zoom if your phone has a telephoto lens. Crop later in editing if you need to.
4. **EDITING PHOTOS** – this can improve photos a lot in smartphones. Some edits are cropping, straightening, exposure and contrast, highlights, shadows, colour temperature, lightly sharpening.
5. **CAMERA APPS THAT GIVE MORE CONTROL FOR SHOOTING AND EDITING** – some useful apps: VSCO, Snapseed, Lightroom Mobile
6. **REVIEW YOUR SHOTS** – take lots of photos and review them. Make notes about the photos e.g, is the light flattering or harsh; is the subject clear; is the composition strong; is there blur from camera shake; are highlights too bright or shadows too dark.

Good Luck!

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