

MAYORS MESSAGE



Welcome to this edition of the Galilee Gazette.

So far this wet season we have seen below average/average/good and extreme rainfall over our little patch of Queensland. Hopefully the gaps will fill in over the next couple of months.

The influence from the North-West low and the cyclone low has left around 80% of our road network needing attention, especially to the North of the Capricorn Highway. We have around 3000 kilometres in our network. We will endeavour to get to these roads as soon as possible using emergent works to make them at least passable until we can get the inspections done and apply for flood damage money to carry out full restoration. This will put extreme pressure on contractors and Council resources in the short term.

Our crews are back on the job albeit held up a touch by wet weather. They have an enormous job ahead with the Alpha/ Clermont Road, Aramac/Muttaburra, Aramac/Illfracombe re sheeting, town streets, flood damage, general maintenance, RMPC etc. It is comforting to see the dollars pouring into our region for these projects.

All correspondence should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer

Barcaldine Regional Council

PO Box 191

BARCOLDINE QLD 4725

Email: council@barc.qld.gov.au

To contact the Mayor or the Chief Executive Officer, please phone: 07 4651 5621.

If you have an emergency after hours, please phone: 0428 683 465.

Last year, this Council pledged to take Council back to our communities through regular visits and formal general Council meetings. We can always do better, so if you have suggestions on how you think we can improve the efficiency of these visits, please let us know directly or through our three District Managers, Jenny, Paula and Amber.

I am sure our local businesses will be looking forward to the tourist season, I do hope it's a good one. The racing season is only six weeks away. The Great Australian Cattle Drive kicks off in Longreach in the middle of May. They will be travelling Longreach/Muttaburra/Aramac/Barcaldine and on to Blackall. Thanks to Bim Struss and Chrissie Nott from Beefbank for organising this event. We will liaise with them about what the functions will look like in our communities. Google Great Australian Cattle Drive for more info.

Council is planning a two day workshop in Alpha early March to start planning on our new Corporate Plan. This will involve the initial workshops and then a round of community consultation. Next Council meeting is set down for Aramac in February.

If you have any concerns, please contact your district office, myself or any Councillor. There will be many traffic hazards around our road network, please report these so we can get to the priority spots as soon as possible.

Ring me anytime: 0427 512 314

Cheers Rob.

Administration Offices

(Monday to Friday, 8.00am to 4.30pm)

Barcaldine – 07 4651 5600;
District Manager, Jenny Lawrence

Alpha/Jericho – 07 4651 5680;
Acting District Manager, Paula Coulton

Aramac/Muttaburra – 07 4651 5650;
Acting District Manager, Amber Coulton

COUNCIL MEETINGS & JOB VACANCIES

COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 2026

Barcaldine Regional Council held its first General Meeting for 2026 on Wednesday 21 January at the Barcaldine Council Chambers. Here's a snapshot of the key decisions and discussions shaping the months ahead.

FLOOD RECOVERY WORKS PROGRESS

Council awarded five major flood restoration contracts relating to damage from the March 2025 flooding.

These works form part of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority funded program to restore essential public assets across the region. Contracts were awarded to local and regional contractors, with Council delegating authority to the CEO to finalise agreements so works can progress efficiently.

OPERATIONAL AND FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT

Council:

- Noted the Quarter 2 progress update for the 2025–2026 Operational Plan,
- Received the December financial performance report, confirming Council remains on track against its adopted budget,
- Received a capital projects update, with more than \$20.9 million in works planned or underway for the 2025–2026 financial year.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AND LOCAL FACILITIES

- A funding request from the Barcaldine Arid Lands Botanic Park was deferred to be considered as part of the February 2026 community grants round.
- Council approved a 25-year lease (with extension options) and endorsed significant rates and water charge concessions, subject to eligibility confirmation.

TOWN COMMON FEES

Council considered requests from town common users seeking reduced agistment fees. While no immediate fee changes were approved, Council committed to a full review of town commons use and fee structures during the 2026–2027 budget process.

The Barcaldine Regional Council holds its next General Meeting on **Wednesday 18 February 2026** in Aramac, commencing at 8:30am. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with Councillors and senior Council staff to discuss ideas or matters of concern you may have. Council meetings are open to the public.

JOB VACANCIES

Council has a number of vacant roles available. Please visit our website for details and how to apply: <https://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au/Our-Council/Careers>

CURRENT VACANCIES

- Works Supervisor (Town Services) – Barcaldine
- Executive Support Officer – Barcaldine
- Senior Works Supervisor – Barcaldine
- Plant Operator (Truck HC) – Aramac
- Plant Operator (Loader) – Aramac
- Plant Operator (Truck HC) – Alpha
- RMPC Officer – Regional
- Carpenter – Alpha
- General Expressions of Interest



PROJECTS FOR ARAMAC AND MUTTABURRA

Muttaborra Freedom Park Dump Point

Council has completed the installation of a new dump point at Muttaborra Freedom Park. This upgrade will provide improved facilities for travellers and visitors and supports the ongoing maintenance and cleanliness of the area.

Aramac Town Hall (Supper Room) Window Replacement

Window replacement works have been completed in the Supper Room at Aramac Town Hall, improving the overall condition of the space and opening it up to allow more natural light in.

Muttaborra Memorial Hall Footpath

Muttaborra Memorial Hall footpath works have now been completed, improving safety and allowing access for all community members and visitors.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to all the winners of the Australia Day Awards, thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success. We are incredibly proud to recognise this year's award recipients, with Certificates of Appreciation presented to Sarah Lima, Leslie Bryans and Melanie Arnold for their valued contributions to our community. The Sporting Award was proudly awarded to Jack Campbell for his dedication and achievements in sport and the Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Daryl Zruse in recognition of his outstanding service to the region.

A big thank you to the Bush Pigs and Aramac Bowls Club team for supporting the Aramac event and to the Muttaborra Golf Course for hosting their celebration. Thank you also to our Councillors for escorting our Australia Day Ambassadors, Alison Alexander OAM, Peter Davis and Jay Larkin to each event and for presenting the awards that recognise the efforts of our locals. It was wonderful to see so many people there getting involved in the games and activities — we can't wait for next year!



COMMUNITY UPDATE: RECENT IMPROVEMENTS ACROSS THE REGION

ELECTRONIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATIONS

The NRMA is developing a nationwide EV charging station network, which currently includes 43 sites across regional Queensland. The initiative aims to support regional Australia by electrifying road transport and encouraging the adoption of electric vehicles to help reduce carbon emissions from road travel. Alpha and Barcaldine both welcome the addition of the EV charging stations, which are now fully installed and operational.



HOUSING UPGRADES

Council continues to demonstrate its commitment to the ongoing improvement of its housing stock. In the 2024/25 budget, \$456,837 was invested in upgrades and maintenance; including fencing, air conditioning, new roofing and other essential improvements.



A FRESH NEW LOOK

Council has invested in new banners throughout the region to help beautify our towns. These new banners have been purchased and will be displayed throughout the towns for all to enjoy.



ALPHA CROSS LOADING FACILITY

Site works have commenced on the new Cross Loading Facility in Alpha. Council anticipates the cross loader will be fully installed by mid-February, delivering another great boost to local community infrastructure.



BARCY REC PARK

Residents and visitors are advised the operational hours of the Rec Park are:

- Weekdays: Prior to 12.00pm - nonmotorised boats only, 12.00pm to 6.00pm motorised and nonmotorised boats allowed
- Weekends and public holidays: 7.00am to 6.00pm motorised and nonmotorised boats allowed
- Non powered activities may occur in seasonal daylight hours on the lake.

Please ensure these times are adhered to.

Other conditions of use of the Rec Park are:

- No vehicles or motorbikes on footpaths, banks, ledges, beach or deck areas
- No parking beside shade huts unless in designated areas
- No open fires.

COUNCIL VENUE AND EQUIPMENT HIRE

Residents and community groups wishing to hire a Council venue or equipment are reminded that a booking form must be completed and lodged and the relevant bond paid prior to use.

Available venues include:

Showgrounds: oval, BBQ area, grandstand facilities, Ken Wilson Pavilion, racecourse facilities (sheep pavilion, bookies area and kitchen), dressing rooms, broadcast box, campdraft and rodeo facilities.

Town Hall: Main hall, supper room and kitchen.

Village Green: Public Place Activity or Roadside Vending approval also required.

The Globe: Galilee Gallery and surrounding grassed areas.

Equipment available for hire includes tables and chairs, BBQ trailer (gas bottle not supplied), QantasLink marquee, sheep or cattle panels, portable stage and more.

A full list of venues, equipment and hire conditions is available on the Hire Form, accessible via Council's website at: www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au, or by contacting the Barcaldine Administration Office on (07) 4651 5600.

AUSTRALIA DAY – THANK YOU

Thank you to the Barcaldine Golf Club for hosting the 2026 Australia Day Celebrations in Barcaldine. Thank you to all those who attended, a wonderful afternoon had by all. Congratulations to the winners of the Australia Day Awards and to each nominee.

DEER CULL

Barcaldine Regional Council will be undertaking a Deer Cull Program in March 2026. This program is an important environmental and public safety measure designed to protect our local landscapes, residents and surrounding regions.

Why Is This Program Needed?

Managing Deer Overpopulation: Deer numbers in Barcaldine and Alpha are unsustainably high, threatening native vegetation, habitats, and agriculture.

Reducing Tick Presence: High deer density spreads ticks. Population control reduces risks to residents, pets, livestock, and wildlife.

Lowering Community Costs: Deer damage gardens, plants, and restoration projects. Fewer deer means lower repair costs for Council and the community.

Preventing Regional Spread: Unmanaged deer populations can expand into neighbouring areas, causing environmental and financial harm. This program helps stop further spread.

Program Details:

- The program will take place at selected natural reserves and controlled areas within the Barcaldine Regional Council region.
- Operations will be carried out by licensed, accredited professionals following strict safety and animal welfare guidelines
- Some areas may be temporarily closed during operations. Clear signage and updates will be provided.

Barcaldine Regional Council appreciates the community's understanding as we undertake this necessary management activity to protect local landscapes and public amenity. More updates will be provided closer to the culling commencing.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

CELEBRATING OUR 2026 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

Australia Day provides an opportunity to reflect on what makes our communities strong, resilient and connected – and at the heart of that are the people who quietly and consistently give their time, talent and care to others.

This year the Barcaldine Region was proud to recognise a remarkable group of individuals and organisations through the 2026 Australia Day Awards. Each recipient represents the very best of our region, demonstrating community spirit, leadership and dedication across a wide range of fields.

Citizen of the Year, Daryn Kruse (Muttaborra), was recognised for his unwavering commitment to supporting others. From assisting elderly residents with daily tasks and transport, to volunteering at the local school, driving the social bus and helping deliver essential supplies, Daryn's contribution is felt right across his community.

The Sportsperson of the Year Award was presented to Jack Campbell (Aramac), whose dedication to restarting the Bush Pigs, sportsmanship and pride in representing his town make him a role model both on and off the field.

We were also delighted to celebrate emerging talent, with the Young Sportsperson Award awarded to Ella Johnson (Alpha), recognising her commitment, determination and sporting achievements at a young age.

Community organisations were also acknowledged for their vital role in bringing people together. The Event of the Year Award was awarded to the Alpha Golf Club (Alpha), while the Cultural Award was presented to the Barcaldine Bowls Club (Barcaldine) for their ongoing contribution to community connection and participation.

The Volunteer Award recognised the invaluable efforts of individuals who selflessly give their time to support others:

- Kathleen Gleeson – Barcaldine
- Aloma Everingham – Alpha
- Sarah Lima – Aramac
- Melanie Arnold – Muttaborra
- Leslie Byrnes – Aramac
- Catharine Bowyer – Alpha

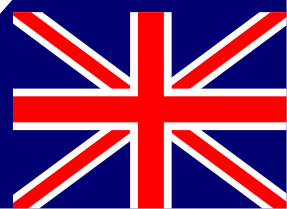
These recipients, along with all those nominated, highlight the depth of care, generosity and pride that exists across our region. We extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to every award recipient for the positive impact they make within their communities. Their contributions remind us that it is people – not places – who truly shape the spirit of the Barcaldine Region.



Top: Cr Rogers, Daryn Kruse, Alison Alexander OAM
Middle: Jack Campbell and Peter David
Bottom: Ella Johnson

The 2026 Australia Day celebrations across the region were further enriched by the attendance of our Australia Day Ambassadors, who generously shared their time, stories and inspiration with local communities. We were honoured to welcome **Peter Davis**, Founder of *BloodBikes Australia*; **Alison Alexander OAM**, Brisbane-based food consultant and radio presenter and **Jay Larkins**, Director of the *Brisbane Paralympic Football Program*.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS



LIBRARIES NEWS

Families are invited to join First 5 Forever sessions happening weekly across the region, offering a fun and supportive environment for young children and their carers.

- **Barcaldine Library: Every Tuesday and Friday at 10.30am**
- **Alpha: Every Wednesday at 9.00am at the Alpha School.**

These free sessions focus on early literacy, play and connection—no bookings required.



Did you know the Barcaldine Library offers access to Queensland Museum Loan Kits? These hands-on education kits are available for schools and community groups across the region to borrow throughout 2026.

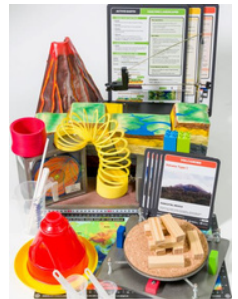
How to borrow:

✉ Email: library@barc.qld.gov.au

📍 Collect and return: Barcaldine Library, Ash Street.

Available kits (Barcaldine – 2026):

- Active Earth #6 (2 boxes)*
- Adaptation: How We Eat #4
- Backyard Habitat #6 (2 boxes)
- Democracy #6
- My Multicultural Community: Asia #4
- School History #10
- Totems: Mer Island #4



* *Note: Kits marked with an asterisk contain items not suitable for Early Years Learning.*

To explore additional kits available in your local area, visit Queensland Museum Loans online at loans.qm.qld.gov.au. Click the Kits link and use the location and curriculum filters to view contents and curriculum links.

RURAL LANDS NEWS

CREATING A BUZZ FOR QUEENSLAND'S BEE BIOSECURITY – GRANTS NOW OPEN

Applications for Round 3 of the Community Bee Innovation Fund are now open!

Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 are available to support innovative projects focused on varroa mite education, training, engagement or management tools.

Join the buzz and help safeguard Queensland's beekeeping and pollination industries.

Beekeeping clubs, industry groups, researchers, local governments and agricultural businesses are encouraged to apply.

Applications close Monday 2 March 2026. Apply now on the [Community Bee Innovation Fund](#) page.



BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR HITCHHIKER PESTS

Make it a goal this year to look out for hitchhiker pests.

These pests can arrive in Queensland hidden on cargo, containers, vehicles and personal goods, posing serious risks to our industries, environment, economy and lifestyle.

Two high-risk pests to watch for are the Brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) and the khapra beetle. These pests can hide in packaging, machinery, household items and stored products.

Early detection is critical. If you see an unusual insect or signs of pest activity, don't ignore it. Report it immediately to us [online](#) or call 13 25 23. Become a hitchhiker pests expert and complete the national hitchhiker pest training on the [national training hub](#).



GRANTS

ROUND 126 NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS!

Eligible community organisations can apply for grants of up to \$35,000. Submit your application by **28 February** and help your community thrive.

Got questions? Find out more information on: <https://www.justice.qld.gov.au/initiatives/community-grants>



PLAY ON! SPORTS VOUCHERS ROUND 2 IS OPEN!

Eligible families can now apply for \$200 vouchers to use with registered activity providers.

Reminder: Each Queensland child aged 5 –17 can receive one voucher per financial year. If your child received a voucher in Round 1 (August/ September 2025), they won't be eligible this round.

Apply now and help your child get active: <https://bit.ly/4aaCB8m>



If you're seeking funding for a community-led project in remote, rural or regional Australia, we have three grant programs currently open and accepting applications.

Strengthening Rural Communities, which is open across two streams:

- Small & Vital for grassroots solutions to local issues – <https://frrr.org.au/src-small-vital/>. This round also includes additional funding for digital initiatives to support adults, including a targeted Larger Leverage stream, offering grants up to \$50,000.
- Prepare & Recover for resilience and recovery initiatives in climate-impacted communities – <https://frrr.org.au/src-prepare-recover/>
- In a Good Place (IAGP), which offers grants up to \$20,000 for community-driven initiatives that strengthen mental health and wellbeing – <https://frrr.org.au/funding/in-a-good-place/>
- Backing the Future QLD, which provides one-off \$50,000 grants for individuals to pilot innovative initiatives that benefit young people aged 12–30 – <https://frrr.org.au/funding/backing-the-future/>

Check out the program pages linked above for the program objectives and criteria, key dates and how to apply.

BUILDING APPROVALS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU START

Council has received several enquiries about whether Building Permits are required for common types of building work. To help residents avoid delays and additional fees, the information below outlines approval requirements for restumping, shade structures and shipping containers.

RESTUMPING A DWELLING

A Building Permit is required if you are:

- Replacing all stumps, or
- Replacing stumps progressively over time

Application requirements:

- DA Form 2
- QBCC Insurance (if engaging a builder and works exceed \$3,300)
- Owner Builder Permit (if applicable – works over \$11,000)
- QLeave Receipt (if works are \$150,000 or greater)
- Site Plan
- Soils Classification Report
- RPEQ-certified structural footing and stump design
- Restumping Layout Plan.

Fees (2025/2026): \$1,385.00

(includes lodgement, assessment and inspections).

SHADE STRUCTURES (SHADY CHARACTER)

A Building Permit is required if the structure is over 10m².

Application requirements:

- DA Form 2
- QBCC Insurance (if engaging a builder and works exceed \$3,300)
- Owner Builder Permit (if applicable – works over \$11,000)
- QLeave Receipt (if works are \$150,000 or greater)
- Siting Variation Approval (Relaxation of Setback), if required
- Plans including site, elevations, framing, bracing, tie-downs and structural certification.

Fees (2025/2026): \$746.00.

SHIPPING CONTAINERS

In most cases, a Building Permit is required.

Application requirements:

- DA Form 2
- QBCC Insurance (if engaging a builder and works exceed \$3,300)
- Owner Builder Permit (if applicable – works over \$11,000)
- QLeave Receipt (if works are \$150,000 or greater)
- Siting Variation Approval (Relaxation of Setback), if required
- Site Plan
- Engineer-certified footing and tie-down details.

Fees (2025/2026): \$867.00.



⚠ IMPORTANT REMINDER

All Development Approvals (DA) must be obtained before work commences. Failure to do so will result in a 30% Post Construction Fee being applied.

Note: Some projects may also require Town Planning Approval.

📞 **NEED HELP?** For building enquiries, contact Council's appointed Building Certifier Jason Burger on (07) 4651 5177.

Council encourages residents to seek advice early to ensure projects are compliant and proceed smoothly.

ALPHA ICPA CRICKET DAY A HUGE SUCCESS

Bats were swinging, balls were flying and plenty of friendly banter shared as Alpha once again played host to the 30th Alpha ICPA Cricket Day on the 10th of January 2026. The much-anticipated annual event delivered another cracking day of cricket, community spirit and (mostly) friendly rivalry; drawing players, families and spectators from across Central and North Queensland to Alpha.

An impressive total of 28 teams took part, travelling from as far afield as Mt Coolon, Rockhampton and Innisfail, alongside many enthusiastic and well represented local teams. It was particularly heartening to welcome back so many familiar faces, with a large number of teams returning year after year — a sure sign that the Alpha ICPA Cricket Day has become a much loved fixture on the regional cricket calendar.

After a full day of competitive but friendly matches, the Moonstone Mustangs claimed victory in the grand final, with the Sugar Daddies finishing as worthy runners-up. A crowd favourite again this year was the annual Speed Bowling Competition, which saw Jonty Philp claim bragging rights with an impressive delivery clocked at 109 km/h. This competition was proudly sponsored by Alpha Merchandise, whose ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

A highlight for many families was the Children's Cricket Clinic, expertly run by Trish Hawkins and her team, which attracted an outstanding 55 children eager to participate and polish their cricket skills. The clinic was supported by Queensland Cricket and the Alpha Men's Shed, while Woolworths Emerald generously provided fruit for a delicious and healthy morning tea. Attendees were also well fed throughout the day thanks to Marmaladies Catering, whose fantastic catering was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A huge thanks also to Roxy Weston from RLR Photography for volunteering her time to take some epic action shots.

Importantly, the Alpha ICPA Cricket Day plays a vital role in continuing to support the work of the Isolated Children's Parents' Association. Funds raised from the event help to advocate for improved access to education for rural and remote children; including boarding, distance education and vital support services that ensure local children have the same opportunities as their urban peers. The continued support from teams — many of whom return year after year — directly contributes to this important work and helps make a real difference for families in our region.

The Alpha ICPA Committee would like to sincerely thank all teams, sponsors, volunteers and supporters who contributed to the success of the 2026 Alpha ICPA Cricket Day. We are incredibly grateful for the loyalty, good humour and generosity shown by returning and new teams alike and for the strong community spirit that makes this event possible. We look forward to welcoming everyone back again next year for another great day of cricket in Alpha.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



SUMMER SERIES
ROUND 5 & 6
ARAMAC

ROUND 5 - SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
3.30PM EXHIBITIONS FOR A 4.30PM START
ROUND 6 - SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
7AM EXHIBITIONS FOR A 8AM START
EXHIBITIONS \$5 EACH
LITTLE DRUMMERS - \$5 EF (NON COMPETITIVE)
OPEN 4D - \$30 EF
YOUTH 3D - \$20 EF
OPEN POLES AND YOUTH POLES - \$20 EF
CLASSIC AND MATURITY - \$20 EF
OTT (OFF THE TRACK) - \$20 EF
DASH 4 CASH - \$50 EF
Carry over times allowed into Open 4D
Nominations close Sunday 1st February

CANTEEN
BYO ALCOHOL

THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER THE PROGRAM OR STARTING DATES OR TIMES. B4AC RULES APPLY TO ALL EVENTS PLEASE REFER TO BEFORE NOMINATING. POINTS TO 10TH IN ALL CATEGORIES EXCEPT FOR LITTLE DRUMMERS AS IT IS NON COMPETITIVE.

Full Membership \$50

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Song Sung Blue **Special Showing**

Come and enjoy Hugh Jackman & Kate Hudson in this heartfelt celebration of love, music and second chances - inspired by the timeless songs of Neil Diamond.

At 6 PM - Barcaldine Picture Theatre
Saturday, 14 February 2026

\$25 includes entry, finger food, wine and punch.
Canteen will be open.

Reserve Your Ticket:
Phone or Text: Kate Birse - 0428 765 208
Email: barcaldinebranch@qcwa.org.au

Thanks to: BARCALDINE ARTS COUNCIL

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VALENTINE 'S HOY & CENT SALE

14th Feb. 1.30pm
Uniting Church Hall
Milton Street, Alpha

ALPHA TOURISM

B&D
2026 Barcaldine Ball
14TH MARCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **7 February** - Barrels 4 a Cause - Aramac
- **8 February** - Barrels 4 a Cause - Aramac
- **14 February** - Barcaldine QCWA Song Sung Blue Movie Night
- **14 February** - Alpha Tourism Valentine's Hoy and Cent Sale
- **1 March** - Barcaldine Girl Guides Car Wash Fundraiser
- **7 March** - Barcaldine Races
- **14 March** - Barcaldine Ball
- **15 March** - Alpha Golf Club Open Day
- **27/28/29 March** - Jericho Campdraft

Queensland Housing Finance Loan

REGIONAL TRIAL 📍

Home loan for regional Queenslanders

If you are struggling to save the deposit needed to get a loan from a bank, you may be able to get a Queensland Housing Finance Loan from the Queensland Government.

You can use this loan to build a house or buy an established house, unit, townhouse or duplex.

To enable more regional Queenslanders to apply for the loan, we've increased the household income limit to \$201,000 in 45 council areas as part of a 2-year trial that ends on 1 July 2026.



Who can apply

To be eligible for this loan, you must:

- be a citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- live in one of the 45 eligible council areas
- not own or part-own another property
- have a gross (before tax) annual household income up to \$201,000
- intend to live in the home
- be able to repay the loan without hardship, including having:
 - a good credit history
 - no significant debts
 - a regular savings history
 - savings to cover the loan deposit and other homebuying costs
- have earning potential for the term of the loan.

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APPLICATION SUPPORT



RAPAD EXCLUSION FENCING RECOVERY GRANTS

Helping grazing enterprises rebuild stronger

Applications are open for Exclusion Fencing Recovery Grants for eligible landholders impacted by the March 2025 flooding event.

Key dates:

- Disaster Event: 21 March 2025
- Applications close: 31 March 2026
- Works Completion: 31 March 2027
- Acquittal Deadline: 30 April 2027

Applicants must:

- Operate a sheep, cattle or goat grazing enterprise in an eligible LGA - Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall-Tambo, Boulia, Diamantina, Longreach and Winton
- Be a registered landholder with functional fencing at the time of the event
- Demonstrate damage to exclusion or cluster fencing caused by the disaster
- Comply with fencing specifications, documentation and GST registration requirements

RAPAD project officers Lenice Jarling and Emily O'Hanlon are ready to work with you to understand your eligibility, and prepare your workplans and grant applications.

Jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments under the joint Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The grant supports grazing enterprises impacted by the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding beginning 21 March 2025.

www.rapad.com.au

**Get in touch with our
Exclusion Fencing Recovery
project officers:**



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Emily O'Hanlon:
ehanlon@rapad.com.au
0438 185 677

FIND OUT MORE

Visit: bit.ly/RAPAD-EFRG





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FEBRUARY 17+ PROGRAM

*A practical and hands on
agricultural training and education
program led by industry mentors*

PROGRAM OUTLINE

A week-long training block for recent school leavers held from February 16th-20th. The program will be hosted by a local Longreach family offering their industry expertise.

COST

This unbelievable program has been proudly and generously sponsored by RESQ+. Delivering Remote Employment Opportunities in Outback Queensland.

KEY TOPICS

- Rural & remote first aid
- Machinery and small motors
- AgTech
- Livestock production, handling & husbandry
- Networking opportunities
- Fencing
- Workforce success

INTERESTED?

To complete an application form, scan the QR code or find it on our website!



MORE INFORMATION

For more information, contact Evangeline at awo@chrrup.org.au or phone 0455 873 590





Transport inspectors and road closures

The Department of Transport and Main Roads aims to keep Queensland drivers and their families safe on our roads. During disasters, it is important that freight routes remain open and essential supplies reach communities in need.

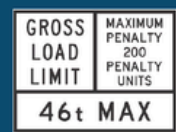
Transport inspectors play a vital role in enforcing road closures and restrictions during natural disasters for your safety.

Transport inspectors can also provide up-to-date information on road closures and advice about:

- alternative routes, other temporary road closures and road signage education
- how to get permits, approvals to move freight, and load restrictions on roads and bridges if you are a heavy vehicle driver.

Your safety is important to us

When driving, you may encounter road closure advisory signs like these:



The above signs will advise you if the road is closed or if you need to exercise caution due to changed road conditions.

When roads are closed due to floods or a 'No Entry' sign is displayed, you must comply as these signs are enforceable by law.

Enforceable signs (restricted road use notices and no entry signs)

When you encounter regulatory signs, you must:

- not drive contrary to the sign
- obey directions from transport inspectors
- produce your licence when required
- take detours as directed by Queensland Police or transport inspectors.



Failure to stop or obey the directions of a transport inspector may endanger your life and the lives of others, damage the road network, and/or result in an on-the-spot penalty infringement notice or court proceedings. In some cases, where there is a critical need, a written approval may be given by the department or by Queensland Police to drive through a restricted road use notice sign. This does not include a no entry sign.



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Frequently asked questions about transport inspectors and road closures

Who are transport inspectors?

Transport inspectors are highly-trained employees of the Queensland Government who play a major role in contributing to the safety of Queensland drivers and protecting the state's road infrastructure.

Transport inspectors are authorised under the *Transport Operations Road Use Management Act 1995* to enforce transport laws.

What is a road closure?

Road closures can occur at any time and on any road. A road may be closed as a result of natural disasters like flooding, cyclones or bushfires. Similar to police officers, transport inspectors enforce road closures to keep drivers and their passengers safe and to assist all road users in reaching their destinations safely.

Why are transport inspectors involved in road closures?

In emergency situations, police are often stretched to the limit. Transport inspectors play a vital role in ensuring the safety of drivers and vehicles on the road and protecting the state's road infrastructure.

Can a transport inspector stop me?

Yes. A transport inspector has the power to stop all drivers of all vehicles any time for the purpose of enforcing restricted road use notices and no entry signs used for temporary road closures.

I hear transport inspector powers have increased since the 2011 floods and Cyclone Yasi. What has changed?

New legislation was introduced at the end of October 2011 giving transport inspectors additional powers to stop a person in control of a private vehicle, at any time, for the purpose of enforcing restricted road use notices and no entry signs. You may also be requested to produce your driver licence. These powers allow transport inspectors to better assist Queensland Police in enforcing road closures and road restrictions.

I am a transport operator and I need to get my consignment delivered. The road is closed and transport inspectors have advised me I can't proceed. What can I do?

Ask transport inspectors if they are able to suggest an alternative route or a time when you can proceed. Alternatively, visit the Traffic and Travel Information website at www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or phone 13 19 40 for the latest information on major state road closures, restrictions and openings.

If a driver who frequently uses a road which has restrictions placed on it cannot meet the restriction criteria (eg. load restriction), they may be able to go past a restricted road use notice in a limited number of circumstances in the form of a written approval.

Why do I need to stop for a transport inspector?

For your safety and the safety of others, you may be asked to stop. It is an offence to disobey a lawful direction to stop. Failure to stop may result in an on-the-spot penalty infringement notice or court proceeding.

Transport inspectors are there to help drivers and communities, protect lives and vital infrastructure. They understand your concerns and are acting on advice from Queensland Police, emergency services and structural engineers.



If it's flooded, forget it.

Keeping yourself and your family safe during a disaster should be your first priority. Being prepared, working together as a team and knowing what to do is your best protection.

Here are some transport tips to help you prepare:

- Do not travel unless absolutely necessary.
- If you must travel on a road, visit www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au or phone 13 19 40 before leaving to find out what roads are open.
- Be familiar with escape routes. Use travel routes specified by local authorities, which are normally roads and bridges not prone to flooding.
- Make sure your petrol tank is full and your vehicle has been regularly serviced by a mechanic.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in your vehicle.
- Keep a first aid kit in your car.
- Keep a portable and battery-operated radio, television or laptop and extra batteries in your car.
- Follow the instructions of the Queensland Police, transport inspectors and local emergency officials.
- If told to do so, evacuate immediately.

Listen to Queensland Police and transport inspectors. They will advise you when it is safe to proceed.

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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE



⚠️ What's happening?

Structural upgrades to Muttaborra Primary Health Centre (PHC).

⚠️ How long will it go for?

Thursday 29 January 2026 until mid-March 2026.

⚠️ How does it affect me?

There will be no changes to services.

You can enter the PHC by using the alternate door located around the side and to the back of the building.

For accessibility support, please call ahead of time and our staff will ensure that you are looked after.

⚠️ All enquiries

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