

## From the Mayor



What a miserable month January was for much needed rain. It's incredible that five years of drought has seen the

cancellation of the Harry Redford Cattle Drive, each year for the last four years.

I would like to welcome our crews, who are back at work. The remainder of the 17/18 financial year will be extremely busy with many jobs under way or being completed. For the year 18/19 I am pleased to say Council will have three road projects that will guarantee our workforce and hopefully gain more work for contractors.

The Queensland Government has committed to another round of Works for Queensland monies. Our share should equate to another \$1.3 million so here's hoping that it comes through. Council will spend those monies across our five communities on projects that maintain our assets and keep local tradies working.

If you have a project in mind please talk to myself or any of your Councillors, especially as early as this month's Council meeting we will start formulating the new budget to be adopted at the end of June.

It was very good to see a cattle sale this week after a long absence. Thanks to Jeremy Barron. If we all support the yards we may get back to regular sales. The stock must surely look better and weigh a touch heavier here rather than the extra freight and 100 kilometre trip to Blackall. Prices were pretty good and all those I spoke to seemed happy with the sale. I have to mention the run of weaners that Chook and Robbie Hay presented and also the Fleetwood steers. Well done.

Until the next issue, bring on rain.

*Cheers, Rob*

## New parking signs for people with mobility issues

Barcaldine Regional Council is introducing new parking signs to designate parking spaces reserved for people with mobility issues. These are different to the Disability parking permits that are issued and maintained by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

The black and yellow signs **do not replace the blue and white signs** and will be used throughout the region as additional disability parking spaces. They may only be used by drivers who have permanent or temporary mobility issues. However, you do not require a permit to use this space, but must have a genuine mobility issue.

**Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit holders** (both individual and organisation) in Queensland are entitled to park in these spaces.

If you are not the holder of an Australian Disability Parking Scheme permit or a Red permit, you must not park in any disability parking space. People with limited mobility need these spaces to easily get in and out of their vehicle and are located in areas that are easy to access.

If you park in a blue and white signed disability parking bay without a permit displayed, you may be fined.



Permit not required



Permit required



## Be waterwise

Due to the long dry spell in our region, water consumption has reached a very high level. Residents are asked to please make every effort to save water wherever possible.

More information about ways to save water can be found at:  
[www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/waterwise-information](http://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/waterwise-information)



## 2018 Australia Day Award Recipients

Barcaldine Regional Council is proud of the contributions and achievements of our community members and the Australia Day Awards are a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the individuals and groups in our region. This year, Morgan Gronold was awarded Citizen of the Year.

Morgan has been instrumental in a number of community projects including the refresh of the Barcaldine Gym, RevFest and Lagoon Creek Bike track. As well, Morgan has driven the Barcaldine Water Ski Park project in his own time. Morgan is passionate about using technology to enable people to live and work in the outback. He has complete confidence in his ability to achieve goals that seem impossible. He is undaunted by opposition and we are fortunate to have him working for the betterment of the whole area.

"Congratulations to Morgan Gronold our new Barcaldine Regional Council 2018 Citizen of the Year and of course our highly commended nomination Toni Austin." Mayor Rob Chandler said.

Mayor Chandler said, "A special award this year, accepted by Kylie Owens on behalf of Vicki Lockie. It was a lifetime recognition award presented to the late Tom Lockie. Tom, throughout his life epitomised the volunteer, the character, the marketer and the spirit of the bush. He will be fondly remembered for what he gave back to our communities."

Mayor Rob Chandler congratulates all award winners on their achievements.

Mayor Chandler said "Congratulations to all other winners across our five communities. I must not forget to pay tribute to all those that were nominated for an Australia Day Award.

Our communities would not be the great places they are without our high achievers, our volunteers and those that put back every day of the week. In closing I encourage you all to seek out those special people in our communities, of which there are many, and to nominate them for next year's awards. They truly deserve the recognition."

With the support and sponsorship of the Queensland Government, we have once again had the chance to be part of the Australia Day Ambassador Program. This gives our community the opportunity to meet and listen to Australians who have distinguished themselves by their contribution to Australia. This year, we were joined by Dr Robert McGregor in Muttaborra and Alpha and Professor Ken Donald AO who attend the Jericho and Aramac celebrations. Penny Button joined the Barcaldine celebrations as a local community Ambassador.

### REGIONAL AWARDS

**Citizen of the year**  
Lifetime recognition  
Highly commended

**Morgan Gronold, Barcaldine**  
Thomas Lockie, Barcaldine  
Toni Austin, Barcaldine

**Young citizen of the year**

**Elizabeth Pumpa, Barcaldine**

**Community event of the year**  
Highly commended

**Westech Field Days, Barcaldine**  
Alpha Races, Alpha

### COMMUNITY AWARDS

**Volunteer of the year**

**Belyando Butterflies, Alpha**  
**Vicki Crocker, Jericho**  
**Sally Newton, Barcaldine**  
**Fleur Wallis, Muttaborra**  
Alvin Bonham, Jericho

Highly commended

**Senior sports award**

**Richard Egerton, Barcaldine**

**Junior sports award**

**Clay Gleeson, Alpha**  
**Jimmy McClelland, Jericho**  
**Bianca Lumby, Barcaldine**  
**Sydney Volker, Aramac**  
**Tyrone Spence, Muttaborra**  
Hayden Leaney, Jericho

Highly commended



Mayor Rob Chandler and Citizen of the Year Morgan Gronold, Barcaldine



Penny Button and Young Citizen of the Year Elizabeth Pumpa, Barcaldine



Penny Button and Community Event of the Year, Westech Field Days received by Andrew Cowper



## MADBAG Mini Triathlon - Barcaldine

**Sunday 25 March 2018**

Registrations are now open for the MADBAG Mini Triathlon to be held at the Barcaldine Showground and Swimming Pool on Sunday 25 March 2018.

### CATEGORIES

	Swim	Bike	Run
<b>Sprint distance</b>	750m	20km	5km
<b>Madbag Mini</b>	400m	10km	2.5km
<b>Junior Madbag (8 – 12 years)</b>	100m	2km	1km
<b>Tri-4-Fun (5 – 12 years)</b>	50m	1km	1km

### RACE DAY SCHEDULE

	Briefing	Race start
<b>Sprint distance</b>	6.00am	6.15am
<b>Madbag Mini</b>	6.00am	6.30am
<b>Junior Madbag (8 – 12 years)</b>	7.15am	7.30am
<b>Tri-4-Fun (5 – 12 years)</b>	7.15am	7.30am

### FEES

	Individual	Team
Sprint distance:	\$10.00	\$20.00
Madbag Mini:	\$10.00	\$20.00
Junior Madbag (8 – 12 years):	\$5.00	\$10.00
Tri-4-Fun (5 – 12 years):	Free	Free

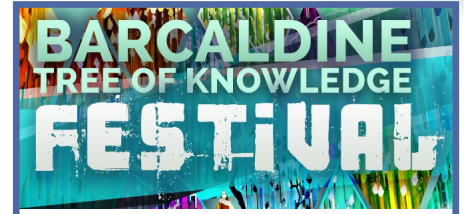
The MADBAG Mini Triathlon is held in honour of former Barcaldine Regional Council Events Coordinator, Andrea Lingard, who passed away from cancer in 2012. Her dream was to hold a triathlon and the Barcaldine Regional Council now hold the event in her honour.

If you would like to be part of the day but not actually swim, ride, run or walk, there is the opportunity to volunteer your time. Some of the duties include:

lap counters, transition area marshall, timing system controllers, finish line observers, water station, cooks for the BBQ, and photographer.

Volunteers will need to be available at 5.30am for a volunteer briefing prior to the Sprint and Madbag Mini briefing starting at 6.00am. At the conclusion of the triathlon, there will be a free BBQ breakfast for all the athletics and volunteers.

Entries close on Wednesday 14 March 2018. Entry forms are available from the website, [www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au](http://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au) or by visiting your local Administration Office. For more information, please contact Angela Waugh, Events and Tourism Officer, on 07 4651 5612 or via email [events@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:events@barc.qld.gov.au).



Friday 4 to Monday 7 May 2018

### Outback Comedy Gala

**FREE**

Friday 2 March

Barcaldine Town Hall

Strap yourselves in, the Outback Comedy Gala is swooping into town for an evening that is chock full of enough "ha has" and "ta dahs" that you might fall off your seat laughing!

Featuring some of Australia's funniest home-grown talent: Bev Killick, Umit Bali, Sam Bowring and Aussie legend Chris Franklin, the Outback Comedy Gala is the one-stop show for a side-splitting selection of laughs.

Grab your mates and don't miss the funniest night of the year with cheeky sketches and hilarious one-liners guaranteed to give you a grin.

Mature Audiences, Parental Guidance recommended 15yrs+

Warnings: Language and adult themes

### Drummond Range road works

Road Tek will commence works at Drummond Range on batter slopes on the Capricorn Highway (Emerald to Alpha from 12 February to 2 March (Monday to Friday).

There will be traffic control and one lane in operation.



It was great to see the **Barcaldine Sale Yards** back in use for the first time in many years on Wednesday 31 January 2018.

This is a great economic boost for the region and we hope to see many more sales in the future.



HARRY REDFORD CATTLE DRIVE  
ARAMAC, OUTBACK QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

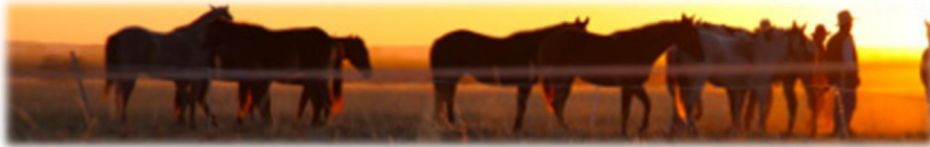
## Continued drought prevents the 2018 Harry Redford Cattle Drive from proceeding

It is with regret that we advise the Harry Redford Cattle Drive will not be proceeding in 2018.

Mayor, Rob Chandler said, "Due to the incessant drought that has continued on in Western Queensland and other parts, the iconic Harry Redford Cattle Drive has had to be cancelled yet again due to a lack of feed on the drover's run. This decision has not come lightly with extensive consultation with the Boss Drover, David Hay, and the Chair, Gary Peoples, the committee has reached this difficult decision."

As you may appreciate, this has been an extremely disappointing and difficult decision for the steering committee to make. The primary reason for the cancellation sits with the welfare of the stock and horses and available feed on the stock route. This is the fourth year we have had to cancel due to the drought conditions.

The Harry Redford Cattle Drive Committee sincerely regrets any inconvenience and disappointment caused by this unavoidable cancellation. The committee also would like to thank all the past participant and people who want to go on the drive for their prayers for rain and all their well wishes.



Australian Government

## BUILDING OUR FUTURE

**Barcaldine Regional Council appreciates the funding package of \$1.5m from the Australian Government's Drought Communities Program.**

The funding has been used for numerous projects across all five communities including new footpaths, automatic watering systems, kerb & channelling, fencing, Jericho wash-down facility, Alpha public toilets upgrade, Aramac water mains upgrades, Muttaborra town streets rehabilitation and Barcaldine safety activity track.

Community  
Clean Up Day



## Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 4 March 2018

Please join us for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 4 March 2018. Because when the rubbish is gone, nature can carry on.



*The 2017 Muttaborra Clean Up Australia volunteers*

Volunteers are asked to meet at the following locations for registration and kit collection at 7.00am:

**Alpha:** Settlers Park

**Jericho:** Jericho Town Dam

**Barcaldine:** Barcaldine Town Hall Park

**Aramac:** Aramac Showground Pavilion

**Muttaborra:** Muttaborra Cemetery

Following the Clean Up, refreshments will be served.

To volunteer for Clean Up Australia Day, please register via the Clean Up Australia Day website, [www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au), by clicking on 'Join a Clean Up Site' and entering your location into the search. For further information or assistance registering, please contact Angela Waugh on 07 4651 5612 or via email [events@barc.qld.gov.au](mailto:events@barc.qld.gov.au).

contact us **Executive Office** PO Box 191 (71 Ash Street) Barcaldine QLD 4725 4651 5600

**Alpha** 43 Dryden Street 4985 1166 **Aramac** 35 Gordon Street 4652 9999 **Jericho** Darwin Street 4651 4129

**Muttaborra** 20 Bruford Street 4658 7191 Website [www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au](http://www.barcaldinerc.qld.gov.au) [www.facebook.com/BarcaldineRegionalCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/BarcaldineRegionalCouncil)

ALPHA

JERICO

BARCOLDINE

ARAMAC

MUTTABURRA

# DAY 75: QUEEN'S BATON RELAY

BARCALDINE | SATURDAY 10 MARCH 2018

## IN THE LEAD UP

### MARKETS

As part of the Queen's Baton Relay Celebrations, markets will be held in the car parking area in Oak Street on the Saturday morning from 9.00am to 12.00pm. All stallholders welcome. No site fees for stalls.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Angela via telephone or email.

### BUS TRANSFERS

Buses have been arranged for residents in Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra to come and join the fun of the day.

Collection pick up/drop off points and times will be confirmed with you prior to the day.

This is a free service. Bookings are essential so please contact your local Administration Office to book your seat.

Alpha: 07 4985 1166 | Jericho: 07 4651 4129 | Aramac: 07 4652 9999 | Muttaborra: 07 4658 7191

### PHOTOGRAPHER AND/OR VIDEOGRAPHER

Barcaldine Regional Council is seeking to engage a Photographer and/or Videographer to capture event photos and/or video during the Queen's Baton Relay.

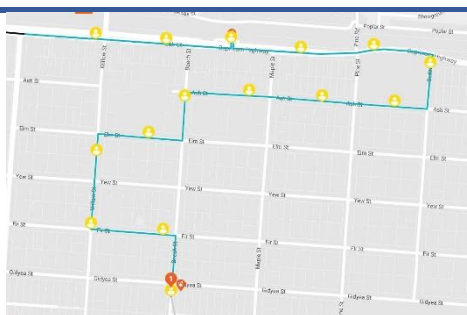
The photos and/or video will be of the Batonbearers, crowd and entertainment during the event.

Barcaldine Regional Council and Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) will use the photographs and/or video to promote the Queen's Baton Relay in Barcaldine. The promotional purposes include but are not limited to the following formats and promotional media – all printed material (e.g. brochures, postcards, banners, publications, posters, flyers and advertising) and all electronic material (e.g. E-brochures, websites, social media and electronic publications).

Expressions of interest close at 12.00pm on Monday 26 February 2018. Please forward your proposal to Angela via email or post.

### QUEEN'S BATON RELAY ROUTE

Visit [www.gc2018](http://www.gc2018) to see the interactive map and information on each Batonbearer's segment. You can zoom in on your community to view the name, time and location of each Batonbearer segment in the Relay.



### IT'S COMPETITION TIME...

To celebrate the Queen's Baton Relay coming to Barcaldine, Barcaldine Regional Council is holding two competitions.

### SCHOOL CHILDREN COMPETITION

To get the local children in the spirit of the Commonwealth Games we have a School children competition. We encourage the students in the whole community to enter.

Categories include:

- > Kindy to Year 2: Colour Me In
- > Year 3 to 6: Mascot representation
- > Year 7 to 10: Athlete profile
- > Year 11 to 12: Newspaper article

### SPORTING PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

Take a photo to showcase our region's sporting legends, local sporting teams and our active lifestyle and enter it in the Sporting Photograph Competition.

Categories include:

- > Best sporting image
- > Best sporting group image
- > Best sporting portrait image

Entries close at 12.00pm on Friday 2 March 2018. No entry fee and prizes to be won.

The competition winners will be announced during the Queen's Baton Relay Celebrations.



## ON THE DAY

### STREET CLOSURE

Residents are advised there will be street closures across Barcaldine when the Queen's Baton Relay arrives in town on Saturday 10 March 2018.

The baton will travel from the Barcaldine and District Historical Museum to the Tree of Knowledge for a 10 minute community celebration stop and continue on along Oak Street.

A number of local roads including Beech Street, Fir Street, Willow Street, Elm Street, Ash Street, Cedar Street and Oak Street will be progressively closed and reopened as the baton travels along the relay course between 9.57am to 10.48am.

Residents are advised to expect short delays on roads through the area during this time and to follow local detours.

From Barcaldine the baton will continue to its next destination travelling by convoy to Ilfracombe and Longreach.

### QUEEN'S BATON RELAY CELEBRATIONS

**Tree of Knowledge Precinct | 9.00am – 12.00pm**

Join the crowd on Saturday 10 March 2018 and support the Batonbearers as they make their way through Barcaldine.

At the Tree of Knowledge Precinct there will be entertainment by Games Boy '18, markets, the Sporting photograph competition photos on display in the Old Information Centre and food and refreshments available.

The Celebrations will also include the announcement of the winners of the competitions.

Don't forget to bring your camera to capture this historical moment.



### CHEER ON THE BATONBEARERS!

- > Elizabeth Pumpa
- > Douglas Churchill
- > Madeline Wachtel
- > Elizabeth Pegg
- > Renee Searles
- > Hermione Duncan
- > Toni Austin
- > Jandri Greyling
- > Robyn Bowering
- > Liz Ferguson
- > Brett Walsh
- > Lionel Walsh
- > Margaret Walsh
- > Joycelyn Bennetts
- > Hayden Leaney



**"I would encourage everyone who is available to line the streets and cheer our 15 Batonbearers on as they represent Central West Queensland in this international relay."**

**Cr Rob Chandler**

**For more information please contact Angela Waugh, Events and Tourism Officer, Barcaldine Regional Council**

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