



### Mayoral Message

Welcome to Keeping You Posted for March. Driving around seeing the green grass from our recent rain event is wonderful to say the least. I know that the result is still varied from property to property within the Shire but I certainly feel that there has been a reprieve for many from the dry conditions we were experiencing. I thank everyone for their patience and cooperation during the road closures and we are now embarking on the task of pick up and repair of Shire roads. McKinlay Shire along with other Shires in the North West were activated for the event under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements which allows Council to immediately begin assessing damage and conducting emergent works. Currently there are still roads that are not trafficable however our team is over 75% through pick of damage to the network and emergent works have begun to initially open roads up for residents and other road users.

Whilst the last couple of weeks have been mostly about the rain Council also held its first digital innovation day as part of our Advance Queensland Program participation. The day was extremely informative and fun for all who attended and we will be doing a lot more in this space in the coming year.

Our local McKinlay Shire Cultural Association held its weekend of arts and crafts which had to be postponed due to the rain and went ahead on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. The weekend from all accounts was a success and I congratulate to the committee and all involved for putting this on. Other groups have also had a busy start to the year with the Julia Creek Lions Ladies holding their annual Meet and Greet evening which saw over 50 people attend. Council also held a community fun night at the CSA with activities for children and adults alike.

Due to recent weather conditions the Yelvertoft Campdraft and Rodeo moved their annual event to Julia Creek. The Easter weekend event was a great success and although we understand that this will not be a regular occurrence we thank the committee for putting the event on here and not only providing a great weekend but a boost to our local businesses as well.

During March I attended meetings with Minister for Agriculture Mark Furner in Cloncurry and also travelled to Brisbane to meet with Minister Grace Grace for education to lobby for additional resources to be allocated to our State School. Whilst I was in Brisbane Deputy Mayor Neil Walker travelled to Cloncurry and attended a meeting with Minister for Emergency Services Craig Crawford discussing the impact of the recent rain event mainly on our infrastructure, which was very valuable.

With our event and tourism season just around the corner we are again gearing up for a big year. Our new Virtual Reality Room comprising of a cattle station experience will open in the coming weeks which is exciting and a first for a Visitor Information Centre in Queensland. With the Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival, our biggest annual event, only days away I wish the committee every success for this year. So many hours from so many people go into providing an event of this scale in our Shire which also I think is a good time to remind everyone of the great work that our Julia Creek Work Camp does. Events like Dirt n Dust and many others would find it extremely difficult to go on without the valuable hours from our local Work Camp program. The program has been running successfully in our Shire for many years now and is an absolute asset to so many community groups and projects from the local museum to the Julia Creek RSL just to name a few. We are incredibly lucky as a community to have this program in Julia Creek.

On that note enjoy the Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival and I hope to see many residents there participating and enjoying the weekend.

Mayor Belinda Murphy



# Queens Baton Relay

The Queen's Baton Relay is a Games tradition that celebrates the Commonwealth's diversity, inspires community pride and excites people about the world-class festival of sports and culture to come. The Queen's Baton carries a message from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II that calls the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition. The GC2018 Queen's Baton Relay is the longest in history and the most accessible ever, not just passing through, but spending quality time in each community it visits. In Australia alone there are 3,800 baton bearers who have shared in its remarkable journey. On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 community member Amy Tinning took part in the Commonwealth Games Queens Baton Relay held in Cloncurry. Amy was nominated by a fellow Julia Creek community member late in 2017 for her contribution to regional arts through dance. Below is an excerpt from Amy's nomination;

*"Amy had reached extraordinary heights in her dancing career. She gave that all away to return home, Julia Creek, because home is where the heart is. In the middle of cattle country, she has established a well-regarded performing arts school, bringing an enormous amount of culture to the bush. This is the only organised sport that local children participate. Parents travel up to 600km each week in order for their kids to dance. Amy has permanently changed the outlooks of these kids' lives through the inspiration and coaching that she provides. Julia Creek has changed for the better."*

Amy's nomination blurb was read out as she ran with pride holding the iconic Queens Baton. A symbol of unity, the Baton embraces the modern and multicultural Commonwealth of today, engaging with young and old, increasing our sense of connection and our understanding of each other.

Besides safely containing Her Majesty's message, the QBR shares the excitement of the Games with millions of people around the world, shining a light on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia and the Games to come.

The GC2018 QBR is the longest and most accessible in history, travelling through the entire Commonwealth for 388 days and 230,000 kilometres. McKinlay Shire Council were proud to have a representative from the community attend the Queens Baton Relay event held in Cloncurry, where Amy joined twelve other baton bearers on the day.



## Bitumen Link between Julia Creek and the RV Friendly Site

In preparation for another booming Tourist season in McKinlay Shire, the road leading from the free RV Friendly Site into Julia Creek has been sealed. This invaluable project has been generously funded through Transport and Tourism Connections Program - Department of Transport and Main Roads. The upgrade of roads and/or other transport infrastructure projects by local government provides support and connection for Queensland's tourism industry.



## Community Fun Day

McKinlay Shire community members enjoyed attending and participating in a wide collection of fun and wholesome family friendly activities on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The Community Fun Day was held at the Kev Bannah Oval and Combined Sporting Association club house, attracting approximately 87 adults and 35 children. The valuable community event was generously funded by the Queensland Government through the 'We Are Queensland' Small Grants Program. Activities held on the day included; Junior Cricket match, Oz Tag, Inflatable Dart Ball, Jumping Castle, Giant Jenga Blocks, Face Painting, Balloon Shapes and Snow Cones. Attendees were also treated to free live entertainment by, 'Off The Cuff' who sang a wide range of music enjoyed by young and old. The BBO and Bar were both well supported. All of the on offer encouraged participation, along with a healthy amount of friendly completion. The Face painting stall was extremely popular and proved to be a highlight for many.

It was wonderful to see so many members of the Community coming together to utilise activities, catch up with friends and get to know families and individuals new to the area.



# Community Notice Board

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@MCKINLAYSHIRE [YOUTUBE.COM/MCKINLAYSHIRE](https://www.youtube.com/mckinlayshire)



Funded through the Drought Communities Support Package by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

## Josh Arnold SMALL TOWN CULTURE



COMMUNITY SONG &  
FILMCLIP  
22ND & 23RD APRIL 2018



TO GET INVOLVED PLEASE CONTACT  
JULIA CREEK STATE SCHOOL

07 4746 4444  
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## Anzac Day

Wednesday 25th April 2018

Dawn Service - meet at the RSL at 5:30am  
Day Service - Meet at RSL at 10:15am to march  
Service at Cenotaph 10:30am

CONTACT: Executive Assistant, Mrs Amy Tinning  
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*A day outdoors, is a day well spent*

## WE LOVE THE JULIA CREEK VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE

Enrolments are now open for children 12 months to 5 years.  
Contact Emma on 4746 7279 to arrange a tour!



JULIA CREEK EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Dust the shoes off and get ready!

28.04.2018



## OUTBACK BUSHWHACK

Embarking 2018



Community Notice Board is a progressive and inclusive space that endeavours to keep the community informed about the latest announcements and upcoming community events.

Council encourage all non for profit community groups to lodge their event to Council to be promoted in this space.

To register for community advertising please send relevant information to Executive Assistant, Mrs Amy Tinning  
E: [executiveassistant@mckinlay.qld.gov.au](mailto:executiveassistant@mckinlay.qld.gov.au)

# Digital Innovation Day

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March Council hosted its Digital Innovation Launch Day in Julia Creek. The event was made possible through the Advancing Regional Innovation Program (ARIP), through which Council has partnered with RAPAD to run a range of initiatives over the next 2.5 years. The event brought together a range of presenters, from business people within in-region online success to tech wizards, who showcased current digital technologies and future trends to 30 participants.

Keynote presenter Tim Gentle of Think Gentle wowed the group with his virtual reality experience. Through a headset participants were able to control and zoom in on google maps and enter local businesses in Julia Creek that were programed the day before. Tim's own FarmVR experience was also on display which brings you into a different farming worlds in a 360 degree virtual world. The education session brought dinosaurs and animals to life through augmented reality (AR) that educators can reproduce in the classroom or at home with the kids for free. The business workshop taught local businesses some low-cost marketing tools and created an improvement list for businesses to take away and implement.

Lyn Thompson from SLQ demonstrated robotics Sphero and NaoBot for the participants and local school children. From this SLQ will be sending out a robotics kit for the upcoming school holiday program.

Shelly Hawkins launched her own tourism business, Trek West, near Camooweal and spoke about the challenges and lessons to others thinking of diversifying from cattle property operations into tourism.

JoAnn Resing (DAF) presented on 'Getting better internet for business and staff'. JoAnn encouraged everyone to utilise BIRRR to help improve their connectivity and said to think of internet as a utility – you get what you pay for.

Daniel Johnson delivered a video message on behalf of RAPAD, our funding partner. Daniel is the entrepreneur in residence and encouraged everyone to take advantage of [www.outbackhubs.com.au](http://www.outbackhubs.com.au) which delivers online workshops and courses for people in region.



Cr Belinda Murphy gave us a sneak peak into Council's virtual reality project that will be promoted through the Julia Creek Visitor Information Centre. The new experience to the Centre will show visitors a 360 degree experience of life on a cattle property, from loading horses to mustering in a helicopter. The product will be available on the Julia Creek Dirt n Dust Festival weekend.

Mark Middleton from [FarmBot](http://FarmBot) had their Water Monitoring device on display and explained the simple steps of the self install and monitoring from your tablet device. This solar powered product operates on GPS and/or mobile signal so it can be used remotely.

Annabelle Woods of [cattlesales.com.au](http://cattlesales.com.au) enlightened us on how her cattle advertising website idea came about. The Dajarra mum and cattle property manager took us on a personal journey from where they began to where they are today, along with all of the lessons and tips for others thinking of launching a similar start-up. The key message – there is never

a good time to start so just go for it.



We hoped to expose the community to new trends in the big digital world and inspire people to take the next step in their digital and business journey. Council staff are currently reviewing survey feedback to assist in planning more initiatives for the remainder of the ARIP funding period.



# Julia Creek Craft Expo



The Julia Creek Craft Expo was postponed due to recent wet weather and flooding, going ahead the following weekend on the 17th and 18th March. The change had little impact with all tutors able to accommodate the change with the exception of the Photographer and Children's Art tutor. The facilitator in this instance has offered to postpone those two elements of the weekend and will offer training later on in the year.

While the number of attendees had dropped since the previous year, everyone enjoyed learning new skills. It was great to see the juniors members of the community taking part and utilising many of the course options throughout the course of the weekend. Junior participants were among the majority of the crowd to attend.



The Julia Creek Amateur Swimming Club showed their support by supplying morning tea. The Julia Creek QCWA Country Kitchen ladies are also to thank for supplying a healthy options style of lunch.

The generosity from sponsors of the event and local support has meant the McKinlay Shire Cultural Association has been able to pay all of the tutor's fees and only charge the participants for the supplies needed. The courses on offer were very affordable as a result.

We are extremely grateful to McKinlay Shire Council for sponsoring this event through the Drought Communities Programme and REX for their generous flight sponsorship.

## Yelvertoft Campdraft & Rodeo

Images by: Hannah Hacon



The Easter weekend welcomed annual Mount Isa district event, Yelvertoft Campdraft and Rodeo to McIntyre Park Julia Creek, with campdraft contenders, rodeo riders and spectators being outnumbered by plague proportions of pesky flies. None the less community spirit and a friendly atmosphere put the weekend in good stead for great success. The full program of campdraft and rodeo events attracted competitors from all over Queensland, with some traveling from as far afield as the Northern Territory and New South Wales. Patrons of the event remained committed to attending despite the change of the venue, in the instance of weather circumstances that placed pressure on the organisers.

Yelvertoft President Marcus Curr and his band of committee members, staff and volunteers are commended on their commitment to organising the event and keeping Yelvertoft Campdraft and Rodeo on the Australian Campdraft Association (ACA) event Calendar in 2018. In the instance of challenging weather conditions and with the community's best interest in mind, McKinlay Shire Council were eager to welcome the event for this year. The community and local businesses were also grateful for the opportunity to entertain the estimated 800 people who were drawn to the event. Many local businesses also showed mutual support towards the occasion, through generous donations and sponsorship.

Yelvertoft Campdraft attracted high calibre competitors, with many people making their way onto the prestigious ACA National Finals 2017/18 to be held at Burke & Wills 6th - 9th April 2018. Along with weather impacts this also influenced the decision of the organisers to host the event in Julia Creek, in order to accommodate those travelling through to the ACA National Finals.

Highlights over the weekend included the 2018 Great Northern Leichhardt Hotel Open Campdraft, won by campdraft icon Peter Comiskey. Local competitors were also among the top contenders throughout the weekend. Nominations reflected the

success of the event with 84 rodeo competitors across 115 entries. 217 Campdraft competitors also made up 1168 first round runs. Cattle supplied by both Shelley & Marcus Curr and Australia Agricultural Company, Dalgona Station, generously transported by Curley Cattle Transport were in fine form.

Congratulations to all involved in the overall success of the weekend. What a great start to an active campdraft, rodeo and social calendar in 2018!





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JULIA CREEK'S

# OUTBACK BUSHWHACK

7KM



17  
OBSTACLES



1 DAY

OBSTACLES EXIST... ONLY TO BE CONQUERED

Saturday 28th April 2018  
3:30pm for a 4:00pm start  
Kev Bannah Oval

Registration is essential  
Limited competitor singlets available  
Must be 11 years and older to participate

This challenge is not timed, purely a test of endurance.

Register with McKinlay Shire Council 07 4746 7166 or email  
[sportrec@mckinlay.qld.gov.au](mailto:sportrec@mckinlay.qld.gov.au)

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

Embracing 2018

XXI COMMONWEALTH GAMES  
THE LEGACY PROGRAM



McKinlay Outback  
BUSHWHACK

# Assistance for primary producers affected by Northern Queensland heavy rainfall and flooding February to March 2018

Joint Commonwealth State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) activation.

Assistance is available through NDRRA from primary producers impacted by Northern Queensland heavy rainfall and flooding (Feb-Mar 2018).

McKinlay Shire Council has been declared as being activated to receive:

- \* Category B
  - freight subsidies
  - natural disaster loans
  - essential working capital loans
- \* Individual Disaster Stricken Property (IDSP) declarations
- \* Animal welfare and extension assistance
- \* Farm clean up

## CONTACT

For more information on assistance available through DAF, office hours and regional officer locations please contact the DAF Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23.

For more information on assistance available through QRIDA and regional officer locations please contact QRIDA on 1800 623 946.

For more support information, follow Queensland Agriculture on Facebook and Twitter @QldAgriculture.

## THANK-YOU!

*Through out March 2018, parts of McKinlay Shire received high levels of rainfall causing flooding and damage to roads. Council wish to extend sincere appreciation to all members of the community who shared images of weather and road conditions. Those who shared images played a vital part in providing the evidence essential to accurate data collection. Council continue to encourage community members to remain engaged with data collection. Landholders and property managers are also encouraged to submit completed monthly 'Property Data Sheets' distributed last year as part of Get Ready Qld initiative.*



# McKinlay Shire Council



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## Community Events Calendar 2018

### APRIL

*Kids In2 Cricket Session*  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
McKinlay Shire Council

*Arzac Day*  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018



*Outback Bushwhack*  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
3.30pm for a 4pm start at the  
Kev Bannah Oval  
McKinlay Shire Council

*Julia Creek Dirt n' Dust Festival*  
13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Julia Creek  
<https://www.dirtndust.com>

### MAY

*Julia Creek Campdraft*  
Julia Creek Campdraft  
18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
<https://www.facebook.com/juliacreekcampdraft1/>



### JULY



*Julia Creek Turf Club Races*  
28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (TBC)  
<https://www.facebook.com/juliacreekturfclub/>

*Queensland Day*  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018  
McKinlay Shire Council

### JUNE

*McKinlay Races*  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018  
<https://www.facebook.com/MckinlayRacingCommitee/>

*Saxby Roundup*  
29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018  
[www.facebook.com/saxbyroundup/](http://www.facebook.com/saxbyroundup/)

### AUGUST

*Sedan Dip, Races, Rodeo and Campdraft*  
17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
<https://www.facebook.com/sedan.dip/>  
[www.sedandip.com.au/](http://www.sedandip.com.au/)



### SEPTEMBER

*Julia Creek Town vs Country Rugby League*  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 (TBC)  
<http://www.facebook.com/TownVsCountry/>



### NOVEMBER

*Julia Creek Turf Club Races*  
29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (TBC)  
<https://www.facebook.com/juliacreekturfclub/>

*Julia Creek Turf Club 'Beach' Races*  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (TBC)  
<https://www.facebook.com/juliacreekturfclub/>

### DECEMBER

*Julia Creek Christmas Tree*  
7<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
McKinlay Shire Council

To list your local  
community event  
please contact  
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