

# Keeping You Posted

## APR/MAY 2019



# McKinlay

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### Mayoral Message

Welcome to the April/May Newsletter. It's hard to believe May is already behind us along with nearly the first half of 2019. With most of the shire in full recovery mode from the February disaster I am sure everyone is extremely busy. For everyone in the shire whether in or out of town the challenges are real and I know some issues will not even begin for some months. I remain very confident that we are and will receive the support required to get through the next couple of years no matter what the weather throws at us.

For our producers I feel the support to our shire from government particularly the Federal Government has been exceptional. As of the end of May over 150 applications totalling \$11,100,000 has been deposited into bank accounts along with \$760,000 from the Carcass Disposal Grant which is now closed.

Recovery is going to be a long term process and we will keep supporting the flow of information and coordinating visits from agencies such as QRIDA, DAF and Department of Communities for the new grants available for restocking, infrastructure and freight.

For our local business I acknowledge that the direct financial support has been limited at best with only seven business receiving support totalling \$111,000. However the external works for the Mt Isa Rail line and roads, along with continuing stream of government and non-government agencies, has seen Julia Creek especially benefit most, though I know not all, businesses. The concern for our towns is the situation moving forward but rest assured that the issue has been and is continually being highlighted.

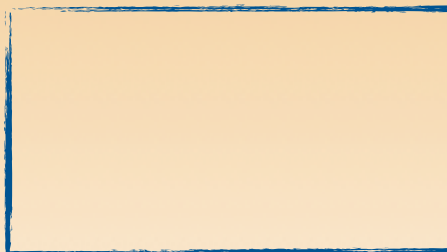
On the events front once again the community pulled together and delivered one of the best Dirt and Dust events yet. I would like to congratulate President Steven Malone, the committee and all those involved in the lead up and over the weekend. May saw our iconic annual Julia Creek Campdraft also go ahead again, a credit to the committee and volunteers with big nominations and great competition.

Council is working hard to get back on track with the operations. Road works are in full swing. I still emphasise to everyone travelling on shire roads that many repairs are yet to begin so please take note of signage and take care. We would normally have been well into budget preparations however with the recent event this process will begin late this year with the 19/20 budget anticipated to be adopted in July. It is very busy but I encourage everyone to stay engaged on planning activities such as the Shire Community Plan and new Childcare plan and design.

June will see more of our iconic events such as McKinlay Races and Saxby Roundup going ahead and I look forward to seeing you there. The 12th July will see a special event for the whole shire so keep an eye out on social media and mailbox drop on this one with more information to come.

### ScoMo Returns

True to his word, Prime Minister Scott Morrison returned to Cloncurry, bringing members of the North Queensland Industry Livestock Recovery Agency. Mayor Murphy and other local Mayors met with him and the NQIRA Board for their meeting held 23 May.



### Telstra Visits the Shire

On 29-30 May, Telstra CEO Andy Penn and Telstra executive members made a trip to Julia Creek to meet with community members, see the progress on the new hospital, and to listen to issues and challenges surrounding the delivery of telecommunications, specifically in our region.

On Thursday 25th April 2019 community members from across the Shire and visitors, gathered for both the Dawn and Day Service held in Julia Creek and a Dawn Service in McKinlay.

Council wish to personally acknowledge the support of community groups and individuals in both Julia Creek & McKinlay for making their traditional contribution to the commemorations that took place across the Shire:

#### JULIA CREEK:

Lions Ladies for putting on a wonderful morning tea  
Julia Creek Queensland Country Woman's Association for hosting a great lunch  
Philip & Wendy Alexander for donating soft drinks & ice cream  
Julia Creek Police Service, Constable Joshua Woodfield & Sergeant Catherine Purcell for their input organising  
The Currin Family for their input organising  
Cr. Neil Walker for being the MC at both the Dawn & Day Services

#### MCKINLAY:

Queensland Police Service, Senior Constable Anne Collis for her input organising  
Frank & Debbie Wust and Bob and Maureen Read for providing the Gun Fire Breakfast  
Cannington Mine and Lesleigh Fegan for providing breakfast

All other community members also involved in ANZAC Day are also sincerely thanked for their efforts. ANZAC Day commemorations that took place across the region were well attended and a respectful way to honour the fallen soldiers.

# Anzac Day 2019



## Sports & Recreation



### CSA Fun Day

The CSA Fun Day provided the community with an opportunity to reconnect following the floods and involved junior rugby league and coaching clinic with the NRL and Townsville Blackhawks. The emergency services also conducted games and activities with the children and the night consisted of a bbq dinner kindly donated by Elders. We also had a number of memorabilia auctions which the CSA will be donating the profits to flood recovery charities.

### Flipside Circus

The school holidays was a very busy period with the Dirt n Dust festival as well as a visit from Flipside Circus, where local children got the chance to learn new and exciting circus skills including trapeze, trampoline, juggling and much more.



### Cricket Blast

The visit from the Brisbane Heat kicked off our Sporting Schools activities for this term where the children are participating in a 'Cricket Blast' program.

# Roads Repairs

The Road Works crews have been very busy repairing and resealing roads across the shire. In-progress road works are being undertaken on TALDORA RD to make it safe for the public. Works are also being done on NDRRA approved 2018 Flood Event submissions. While we are doing as many repairs as possible, some roads may not be fully completed until Council receives funding for the 2019 Flood Event.



Recent resealing has been done for parts of:

- GILLIAT MCKINLAY - 6.5 km of seal work done
- CANNINGTON RD - 7800 sqm2 of stabilisation and reseal
- JULIA STREET, Julia Creek - reseal
- Back alleys off of Burke Street, Julia Creek - reseal

The following roads have been completed for the 2018 Works:

- OORINDI
- GILLIAT MCKINLAY
- BEZUMA
- WHINMORE
- PUNCHBOWL
- BEENFIELD

Council appreciates your patience as these works are completed. In the meantime, please take care when driving throughout the shire. We welcome you to report any McKinlay Shire road issues by contacting the Council office.

The Dirt 'n' Dust Festival celebrated their "25<sup>th</sup> Buckin' Year," 12-14 April. Thousands from across the country turned up for the traditional events; PBR Bull Riding, Races, Triathlon, and the new "Lorna Jane Dirty n Dusty Adventure Trail Run."

Thank you to the staff and volunteers who put on the CHSP Easter Morning Tea. Everyone, including some Easter bunnies, enjoyed wonderful food and games with their mates.

## The weather may be cooling down, but the community events are just heating up!

The Julia Creek Caravan Park 2019 Bush Dinners kicked off on 29 April, proving to still be a great draw for visitors that stop, stay, and spend within the Shire. Thanks to all of the volunteers cooking up these wonderful meals every Monday night.

Julia Creek was honoured to have celebrities such as Alan Jones, Australian Idol runner-up Mark Vincent, rugby league legend Billy Moore, and Hugh Bowman the jockey of Winx, at a Flood Relief Luncheon held on 5 May. Emily Curr of Yelvertoft Station organised the charity luncheon in an effort to give people in the community a chance to come together to support one another.

Despite the recent flooding event, determined committee members held their annual Julia Creek Campdraft from 17-19 May. Competition, delicious food and live entertainment made for a great weekend.

# Autumn Events



# North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils



Council CEO Des Niesler and Council Director of Engineering, Environmental & Regulatory Services David McKinley recently attended the NWQROC Workforce Workshop in Cloncurry on 11 April. The workshop was held to draw on attendees experiences in order to attract and keep skilled workers in the NW region of Local Government Councils.

## Community Updates

### Calendar

# 2019

**22 June**  
McKinlay Races

**27-30 June**  
Saxby Round-Up

**27 Jul & 31 Aug**  
Julia Creek  
Turf Club Races

**3 August**  
Julia Creek  
Rugby League

**16-18 August**  
Sedan Dip

**21-22 September**  
Sedan Dip  
Pony Camp

**4 October**  
Town vs Country

**5 October**  
JC Swim Club Ball

**18 November**  
Julia Creek  
Turf Club Races

**6 December**  
McKinlay Shire  
Christmas Tree



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## Julia Creek Community Children's Service Hub

The Julia Creek Community Children's Service Hub project, funded through the Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program (MIPP2) is progressing well. Council recently undertook the community consultation phase of the project during April. Thank you to those that provided valuable contributions to this feasibility study. Council anticipate to receive a full report by the end of June which details the proposed range of services, business case inclusive of predicted operational costs associated with providing such service. The Hub is proposed to include a range of services including, long day care, after school care, vacation care just to name a few.

## McKinlay Shire

## Community Plan

McKinlay Shire Council has engaged the services of Plan C, who have been conducting workshops across the shire. These workshops have been a great way to have in-person feedback from resident on what needs to be done for the new McKinlay Shire Community Plan. The consultants from Plan C are familiar with the community, having been here previously to complete the 2010-2020 Community Plan.

Missed a workshop? Contact Council to get in touch with Plan C or complete the online survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/mckinlaycp](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mckinlaycp)