

RAPAD

Incorporating Central Western
Regional Organisation of Councils



16 March 2011

Stephen Palethorpe
Secretary
Senate Environment and Communications Committee
e: stephen.palethorpe@aph.gov.au

Subject: Question on Notice – Senate Enquiry 15 March, Brisbane

Dear Stephen

Find attached RAPAD's responses to the QoN from yesterday senate enquiry.

1. Senator Fisher

10.46am - Please expand on your comment that local governments operators need extra time to conduct trials and cost benefit analyses of digital conversion options in relation to self help broadcasting sites and that this will not delay the digital switchover?

RAPAD councils and all self-help licensees in remote areas of Queensland could be given the time to proof of concept digital self-help terrestrial transmission facilities; carry out subsequent cost benefit analysis; consult further with ratepayers; and decide to go ahead with establishing such a facility or not without affecting any of the indicated analogue switch-off dates for any region. All that would be required is for the remote areas of Queensland to either not be included in the regional Qld SSS contract and deadlines (just as remote SA was separated from regional SA for SSS implementation purposes see below table) or DBCDE could stick to its original closing date for remote Queensland SSS of March 2012 and delay its opening from 20 April to say August 2011 (see table below).

<i>Subsidy Area</i>	<i>SSS Applications OPEN</i>	<i>SSS Applications CLOSE</i>	<i>SSS Install Close Date</i>
<i>SA – Regional</i>	<i>15 JUL 2010</i>	<i>31 OCT 2010</i>	<i>15 DEC 2010</i>
<i>QLD – Regional</i>	<i>20 APR 2011</i>	<i>20 AUG 2011</i>	<i>OCT 2011</i>
<i>QLD – Remote</i>	<i>20 APR 2011</i>	<i>20 JAN 2012</i>	<i>MAR 2012</i>
<i>SA – Remote</i>	<i>30 SEP 2011</i>	<i>DEC 2011</i>	<i>FEB 2012</i>

As the remote areas of Queensland are due to switch-off analogue in mid 2013 the above 2 options do not affect the switch-off date for the remote areas of our state. At the same time existing SSS



RAPAD

deadlines could apply to regional Queensland as we understand the Government intends to switch-off analogue in these TV markets by 31 December 2011.

I hope the committee understands that mass letters being sent out to our ratepayers inviting them to opt in to the SSS scheme on 20 April without the councils being able to provide definitive alternate information concerning digital self-help – would just be a recipe for steamrolling our ratepayers' interests.

We note that the above procedure change is not the province of the Bill. For many of our issues we needed to use the Bill and the Senate Committee to communicate on a whole raft of matters. Our submission and that of LGAQ however carefully did include a great many matters that are directly the subject of the Bill, such as our opposition to any opportunities for any broadcaster being able to seek exemptions from any of their current legal obligations to roll out digital terrestrial wherever they operate analogue terrestrial transmitters.

Just as we seek to do all we can to see if we can make digital self-help work in our areas – because we believe digital terrestrial reception may be both cheaper and more convenient to households and businesses than VAST DTH – so we are most opposed to others being able to take advantage of any opportunity to roll out less digital terrestrial facilities than currently their legal obligations would require.

Our own desires to thoroughly investigate digital terrestrial self-help options are directly related to the broadcasters also rolling out a maximum of digital terrestrial facilities of their own.

2. Given the recent extreme weather patterns in QLD, wouldn't it be preferable to upgrade current analogue transmitters to digital rather than having exposed satellite equipment installed at each user's home base?

Yes

3. Newsletter – sent via e-mail 15 March 2011

Yours Sincerely

No signature

David Arnold

**Inside this
issue:**

Rural Students 2

Mayor's Annual Report 3

I-Stat Machine for Windorah 5

Thanks to Movember Participants 5

Fitness Evenings 6

Digital Television Service 7

Needle Creek Bronco Branding benefits from GCBF 9

Health Centre News 10

Jundah Jellybeans 10

Wet Season Upon Us.....

2011 wet season is upon us, with many of our regional roads affected in the last month due to flood waters or wet conditions.

Last week all roads in the Barcoo Shire were open with the exception of the Windorah—Bedourie road. As the clouds roll in from ex tropical cyclone Anthony, storms are once again causing havoc with our road conditions.

Although most of us enjoy the wet season, it is a time where you may be cut off from the major centre for weeks.

All shire residents are asked

to ensure they have all emergency & medical supplies up to date and essential items in the pantry.

As seen during the floods in Central Queensland and Toowoomba/Brisbane areas during January, supplies to the region can be severely interrupted.

If you find you are in need of assistance please do not hesitate in calling the Barcoo Shire Administration Centre on 46586900.



Crossing Johnson Channel



*Flood waters on the Jundah—Windorah road
(Photos courtesy Tanya Forsyth)*

“These are rural students chosen to study at an Academy because they are especially talented and frankly they deserve a better deal.”

Bligh Government delivers for rural students

Premier Anna Bligh today announced new travel and board allowances for rural students attending specialised Queensland Academies in South East Queensland.

There are three Academies for gifted students in Years 10 to 12 - the Creative Industries Academy at Kelvin Grove, the Science, Mathematics and Technology Academy at Toowong and the Health Sciences Academy on the Gold Coast.

Ms Bligh said the issue of allowances had been raised previously with her and the Education Minister.

“These are rural students chosen to study at an Academy because they are especially talented and frankly they deserve a better deal.

“I’m pleased to announce that the new allowances

will be in place in time for the 2011 schools year.

“Eligible students will receive up to \$1434 per year for travel and a homestay accommodation allowance of up to \$6926 per year.

“This is great news for these students and will ease the burden on their families.

Education Minister Geoff Wilson said guidelines for the new program, the *Queensland Academies Isolated Student Bursar*, would be published on the Department of Education and Training website this month.

“This allowance will make a big difference to the lives of rural students attending the Academies,” Mr Wilson said.

“Some of these students travel many hundreds of

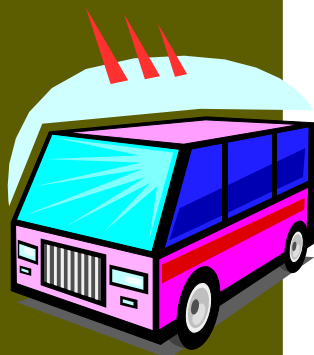
kilometres and they deserve some assistance.”

Mr Wilson said the extra support meant the Bligh Government could reaffirm its resolve to provide every Queensland student a flying start to learning and life.

“Students, no matter their circumstance or where they live, should be able to have access to a high quality education in 21st Century facilities,” he said.

“Moreover, rural students who are gifted in certain areas should be able to attend a school like the Academies and the Bligh Government is pleased to help them do just that.”

Media: 3224 4500



Mobile Breast Screening

Windorah 28th June 2011

Women 40 years and over

Details for appointments will be advertised at a later date.

Mayor's Annual Report 09/10

It is with pleasure that I submit my report as mayor on behalf of Barcoo Shire for the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

To say the year has just slipped by would be an understatement. As a local authority we seem to be more involved than ever in issues of major social, economic and environmental importance to Barcoo Shire and Central West Region. I cannot remember a time in my involvement in local government when we have been, either motivated to, asked or required to comment and respond to proposed changes in state and national policy and law. While at the same time having had to be mindful of making sure that our core council responsibilities are carried out and our communities and residents are cared for.

I would like to thank Barcoo Shire CEO Mr Michael Parker and the great council staff for their untiring dedication to making this shire a better place to live and raise a family. There has been an enormous workload this year and many major projects completed or well on their way to completion. The workforce have stepped up to the plate and attended to their responsibilities and the job at hand with very professional skills and wonderful mindset.

Fellow councillors, thank you for your support and wise counsel. You all have a great sense of community while at the same time understand the importance of good governance, sound decision making and responsible fiscal manage-

ment. With these attributes, your constituents should have the confidence that their council is working hard for them and the betterment of the shire and region.

The bitumen sealing programs on the Yaraka, Bedourie and Birdsville roads are continuing well through a number of local, state and national government funding initiatives. Across the region we have secured a commitment from the state government through the ORRG (Outback Regional Roads Group) of \$70million over 5 years for priority regional roads in the Central West. The continuation of the national Roads to Recovery Program and the states commitment to seal from Windorah to Jericho via Yaraka in lieu of the discontinuation of the Jericho to Yaraka rail service has given the shire a scope of works to assure our road network is always on the improve and the shire maintains financial viability.

On top of the bitumen sealing program our workforce and subcontractors have completed numerous improvements to grids, floodway and drainage structures as-well-as many kilometres of gravel resheeting.

The shire has also suffered some substantial road and drainage damage from the recent heavy rain events and subsequent flooding. The council workforce is busy making these roads trafficable and safe for residents, visitors and our local agriculture, mining, gas and oil industries.

On the 25th, 26th and 27th of



June Barcoo Shire had the pleasure of hosting Their Excellencies the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia Ms Quentin Bryce AC and Mr Michael Bryce AM AE. Their Excellencies officially attended to the opening of our three new public buildings in our communities, the Stonehenge Community Centre, Barcoo Shire Administration Building in Jundah and the Windorah Community Centre. These civic receptions and official openings were well attended by locals, visitors and special guests, with Their Excellencies and attending staff enjoying some great outback hospitality.

The condition and appearance of our 3 communities has become a priority of council since completing the sealing of the Windorah to Longreach road. As a council we are committed to making our communities attractive and nice places to live and visit. Through this year past and over the next few years the council is planning to finish the curb and channelling and wide-seal of the streets to minimise dust and add to the general ease of maintenance. We are increasingly receiving very positive comments about

Annual Report continued..

from page 3

the beauty and cleanliness of the towns and it is a credit to all involved in their inviting condition.

As a council we continue to increase our involvement in regional co-operation through our membership of the RAPAD Board (Remote Area Planning and Development Board) and the ORRG (Outback Regional Roads Group). These organisations are delivering many regional outcomes for the Central West of Queensland region. I have seen many benefits in moving to deal with issues that affect more than just our shire through these forums. It makes it much easier for both state and federal governments to address a problem through a collective of councils rather than on an individual basis. We have seen the fruits of this work through extra road funding, the management of federal programs such as the Rural Financial Counselling Service, co-operative public transport outcomes, better consultative processes on new legislation and the delivering of training in hospitality, information and technology and the arts.

Barcoo Shire is also working closely with its near neighbour to the west Diamantina Shire, on a number of important issues and cost saving initiatives that relate more to our collective shire's remoteness. These include the sharing of some key staff, joint purchasing of select items of plant and the delivering of training in certain areas. We are also working together on the delivery of better on-line commu-

nications for our communities through a joint offer to the Australian Government of \$2.8million to extend optic fibre telecommunications backhaul infrastructure to our shire's respective towns. We believe we are at great risk of being left out of the NBN (National Broadband Network) if we do not get this issue front and centre before both state and federal communications ministers and hopefully negotiate a joint co-funding agreement between the 3 levels of government to digitally enable our communities for the 21st century.

The Central West Regional Plan was released in September 2009 after a lengthy consultation process. My involvement as co-chair of the Central West Regional Planning Committee gave me a good insight into the planning process and this document will be a very useful planning document so we get consistency in ours and the states vision for the region.

This year's end sees council in a strong financial position. I believe this is a result of careful planning and financial reporting by the administration and responsible economic and fiscal decisions by elected members. We continue to fund the depreciation of the shire's assets, and have ample reserves for contingent liabilities, employee's provisions and entitlements. We have adopted a 10 year planning process for capital works and plant, which enables council to see the effects of a proposal, in the cost of depreciation, cash flow and cash reserves. We are constantly reviewing ourselves

against the QTC (Queensland Treasury Corporation) ratios and cash-flow forecast to maintain the appropriate financial buffer to enable council to absorb an unplanned financial shock.

The next 12 months will be as busy as ever as we continue to deal with a new Local Government Act and the new requirements that come with its implementation. We will conduct a review of Local Laws and Council Policies, deal with implementation a new Water Resource Plan for Cooper's Creek, assess the effects of the Wild Rivers declaration of the Channel Country Rivers, continue to promote the importance of the NBN to our communities, make sure our residents are ready for the digital switch-over of television services, plus all of our core business activities.

In general I am very pleased with the Barcoo Shire's performance on behalf of its communities. We are returning profits to our shareholders through better and more liveable communities, up grading our road networks and keeping touch with any threats to our environment or way-of-life, while being mindful of economic and social opportunities.

I am aware that we seem to do the big stuff reasonably well and get some very positive comment for our efforts. But as with any organisation there is always room to improve. I think we need to concentrate over the next couple of years on getting the little things working better. In saying this I would like us to put more emphases on the finer detail. We need to minimise waste, both time and

I-Stat machine for Windorah



Anne Kidd (Director of Nursing Windorah PHC) accepts the I-Stat machine from Carolyn Gorringe (Treasurer of Local Ambulance Committee Windorah)

On behalf of the Windorah Primary Health Centre, I would like to thank the

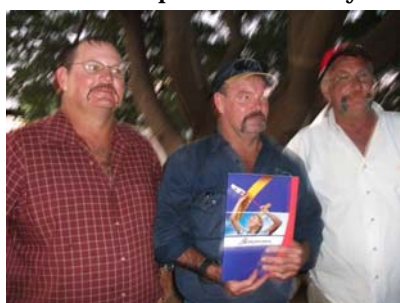
Local Ambulance Committee Windorah, for their hard and tireless fundraising ef-

forts enabling the purchase of an I-Stat machine.

The I-Stat machine will be of great benefit to the community and health centre especially during emergencies when certain pathology results are required urgently to decide on which treatment is offered and delivered.

Thanks to Movember Participants

The Stonehenge Action Group would like to thank all the men who took part in our Movember competition. Congratulations to Peter Pigeon, our winner and to runners up Geoff Baldry



L-R: Shane Rayment, Peter Pidgeon (winner) & Jeff Baldry

and Shane Rayment. Each of the top three raised over \$700 in sponsorship with Shane topping the fundraising at \$850. A total of \$4,400

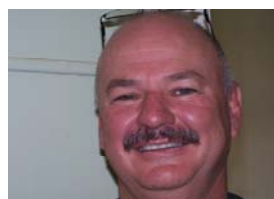
was collected and will be distributed between the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and Beyondblue.

We would especially like to acknowledge the generosity of the Brisbane Entertainment Centre for the two Alan Jackson tickets and to Skytrans for flying Peter and Dianne down and back. Finally, thank you to our judges Sue Anderson and Michael Parker.

It was a lot of fun and great to see the old handlebars front up, many of which would make Chopper Reid cringe. We've not only raised a lot of money for a worthy cause

but also raised awareness of men's health and the importance of an annual check-up.

***Mo's came
in all
shapes and
sizes!***



Bob O'Brien



Glen Forsyth (Goose)



L-R: Jason Condon, Chumpy Ward, Rob Gordon, Brian Dayes and Robert Groves.

Jundah Goose Club Draw..

28.01.11 - Golf Club

11.02.11—Combined
Churches

25.02.11—P & C

11.03.11—Jundah Bronco
Branding Ass

25.03.11—SES

8.04.11—B.S. Historical
Society

21.04.11—Jundah's Finest

Firies

06.05.11—Progress Ass

20.05.11—Race Club

03.06.11—Ambulance

17.06.11—Sports Club



**Jundah RFDS Aux-
iliary**

AGM

Tuesday

8th February 2011

Commencing

1:00pm at the

**Jundah Information
Centre.**



Fitness Evenings at Windorah

If you would like to try to get fit and have fun doing it, then why not join in on our exercise days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the Community centre.

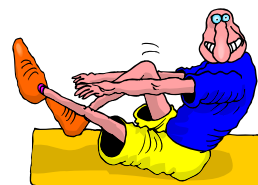
Sessions will start at

5:30pm sharp, doing all types of exercise routines from Zumba to Billy's Boot Camp and much more.

If you have a certain routine you would like to bring along feel free to do so, we'll give

them all a try

For further information contact the Windorah Information Centre on 46563063



WINDORAH RODEO CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SATURDAY

26th FEBRUARY 2011

WINDORAH INFORMATION CENTRE

10AM

ALL WELCOME

Digital Television Service

Dear Residents of Barcoo Shire,

As you would be hearing in the media, Australian television and radio broadcast providers are required to convert all of their current analogue transmitters to full digital transmission by 2013.

This will happen progressively state-by-state from now until the 2013 deadline, and is referred to in the media, and by the Australian Government, the Minister responsible for this portfolio, Senator Stephen Conroy, his department, the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE) and their agencies, such as the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) and the Digital Switch-Over Taskforce as the 'digital switch-over'.

It is expected that most of Queensland will become digital compliant by the end of 2011.

In all larger population areas such as the capital and regional cities and major regional towns the only requirement for residents to receive a full digital television or radio service is to purchase either a digital ready television and radio or purchase a set-top-box to allow an analogue television to receive digital programming and possibly a new or repositioned antenna.

However in approximately 104 smaller communities throughout Queensland with populations of less than 500 residents

or are in a remote location, who are currently receiving their television service from a community or council owned self-help rebroadcast site, the digital switch-over and future arrangements for your television reception will be entirely different.

The Australian Government have said, that in the 104 communities who currently have a self-help rebroadcast television service, that it is too expensive for the government to subsidise broadcasters to supply equipment to convert to a full digital transmitter. The Digital Switch-Over Task Force says a conversion of this type will be in the vicinity of \$250,000. The government's solution to this will be to subsidise a direct-to-home (DTH) satellite television installation for private residents through a Satellite Subsidy Scheme (SSS).

The digital television programming will be delivered over the new free-to-air 'Viewer Access Satellite Television' (VAST) platform. The VAST service was developed and owned by Eastern Australian Satellite Broadcasting (EASB) a subsidiary of Macquarie Southern Cross Media and Imparja Television, and funded to the tune of \$400million by the Australian Government. The VAST free-to-air service will be delivered from the Optus C1 satellite which is the same as the current Aurora free-to-air and Austar PayTV. This also means that much of the current equipment installed on many homes and homesteads, is

compatible with the VAST free-to-air satellite television platform.

The impact of this policy decision is that there would be no longer a terrestrial television signal in the communities of Barcoo Shire and many other similar small towns. At face value it might seem that this is a reasonable solution. But we have identified a number of potential issues for these towns and communities in changing to a DTH satellite television solution and removing the terrestrial service that seem very unfair compared to our cousins in bigger centres.

Council is keen to make sure the residents of Barcoo Shire are as fully informed as possible of all the benefits and issues as we see them, as we move toward the digital switch-over by the end of 2011. The council also wants to make sure that residents not only understand the known problems and possible solutions through this change of technology, but you will also understand the reasons why council will have to make certain decisions on your behalf. And furthermore we would like to hear your feedback on the information provided.

In December the Australian Government has announced a request for tenders (RFT) for the supply and installation of satellite television equipment for each residence of the 104 communities in Queensland who are to receive a DTH television service. In February

Digital Television Service cont..

From page 7

contracts are negotiated from the RFTs to provide DTH installations in the communities, and in April applications are open for the SSS. For Barcoo Shire's residents the SSS will provide \$550.00 toward the cost of the equipment and installation for DTH satellite reception.

I have listed below the points I feel you need to know about converting your community and home to a DTH satellite television service.

- The Satellite Subsidy Scheme will not cover the full cost of the DTH television installation. The SSS contributions from the Australian Government of \$550.00 will, we believe, leave a balance of somewhere in between \$0 to \$200.00 to be paid for by the house occupier.
- The Satellite Subsidy Scheme will not be available for commercial businesses to convert to DTH television; i.e. accommodation outlets, pubs and clubs will have to fund their own conversion.
- The Satellite Subsidy Scheme will not be available for Government service providers to convert to DTH television, i.e. health clinics, schools, libraries, information centres.
- The Satellite Subsidy Scheme will not be available for remote locations such as homesteads and mining

sites to convert to the VAST service.

- If your dwelling has more than 1 television, you will need a satellite decoder installed for every television in the household as there is no RF Out connection on the UEC digital satellite decoders.
- There will be an opportunity for private residents, local businesses and service providers to negotiate with the appointed installer to do extra or non-subsidised installations while they are in the area - saving costs on travel and bulk purchases prices of equipment.
- With DTH satellite television replacing a rebroadcast analogue terrestrial service, there will be no television signal available for visitors i.e. tourists and transient workers, to caravan parks or backyards.
- You will need a 'digital ready' television set to receive a DTH television service.
- The satellite reception equipment belongs to the occupier of the residence, so any faults or breakdowns and repairs become the responsibility of the consumer.
- As the satellite reception equipment belongs to the occupier of the residence they are quite within their rights to remove the equipment if they sell or move from rental accommodation – leaving the new owner /

occupier without a television service.

- The SSS is a one-off government subsidy – so any new residences built, or new owner / occupier taking residence will have to fully fund their DTH satellite television equipment.

There is no doubt that 17 digital channels delivered the new VAST free-to-air satellite platform is a wonderful and exciting improvement to the current 4 channels received on the Aurora free-to-air satellite television service. Barcoo Shire along with other local governments in the central west through the Remote Area Planning and Development Board (RAPAD) and the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has been trying since last February to convince the Australian Government and Senator Conroy that there is possibly a better way of delivering the digital switch-over of television services in self-help situations.

We have asked the government for the option to allow the councils in the RAPAD region to pool the SSS, to enable us to explore a council managed digital switch-over, via either DTH or terrestrial rebroadcast. Where the shire provided, owned and assumed the risk of the satellite equipment in the towns. This would alleviate the risk to the community of equipment breakdowns and reception equipment leaving with the last resident / occupier, or the upgrade and

Digital Television Service cont..

From page 8

ongoing maintenance of a self-help facility.

RAPAD and LGAQ have had negotiations with a commercial satellite rebroadcast equipment supplier who say they can rebroadcast the free-to-air digital VAST service for a fraction of the \$250,000 cost that the Digital Switch-Over Taskforce have quoted. We have asked DBCDE to help facilitate a trial of this rebroadcast by obtaining / approving access to Conditional Access Modules (CAMs) from Optus and VAST access cards but there seems to be unwillingness on their part to help us explore this option.

Even if the rebroadcast trial was successful, there is some doubt whether the ACMA would allow the councils in the RAPAD region to utilise the 700MHz or UHF band broadcast spectrum we currently use for rebroadcast of self-help television. The government proposes to auction 126 MHz of this spectrum under the Digital Dividend for future wireless technologies.

The 104 self-help communities in Queensland are at the point of having to make some decisions about their television reception future. We are aware, but not formally notified by DBCDE as yet, that we have to choose whether council, on behalf of its

resident's wishers to opt-in or opt-out of the SSS by 1st March 2011.

As I see it, and after exhausting negotiations with DBCDE, it appears we have no option than to opt-in to the SSS on your behalf. I believe we have nothing to lose by choosing to opt-in to the SSS, and it gives us some time to explore a terrestrial rebroadcast solution while at the same time preserving your access to the SSS if the low cost rebroadcast trial does not prove to be successful.

Yours sincerely,

Bruce Scott
Mayor

Needle Creek Bronco Branding Benefits from GCBF Grant

The Jundah Community Bronco Branding & Team Penning Association has been successful in receiving a grant totaling \$34,050 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase portable infrastructure such as toilets, showers, panels & a cold room

The purchase of these items will assist the association in catering for the needs of patrons and participants attending the annual Bronco Branding & Team Penning weekend.

The Association appreciates GCBF's support to remote non-profit organizations. Without these grants upgrad-

ing of facilities would not be possible and in most cases lead to events being cancelled. This has a detrimental effect on the communities and social interaction.

The 2011 Needle Creek Bronco Branding & Team Penning will take place on May 21 & 22. This year Saturday night's entertainment will include a "Quick Shears" competition along with the live entertainment.

There will also be a raffle for "5 nights of your choice at any Rydges Resort either in Australia or New Zealand". These tickets will be made available throughout the district.

For further information in relation to the event contact Monique Rayment 07 46586166.



Action at the 2010 Needle Creek Bronco Branding

Jundah Jellybeans Playgroup



The Jundah Jellybeans will recommence for 2011 on Thursday 10th February at 9:00am.

If you have a child/children aged 0-5 years then Jellybeans is the group to get involved with.

The Jellybeans Playgroup building can be found in the Barcoo Shire Memorial Park.

As the children will take part in a variety of activities please dress them in old cloths or bring along an old oversize shirt as painting may be on the agenda.

Enjoy the social interaction with the other mothers and watch as the little ones learn, share & play together

See you there!

Meeting Notice

Jundah Jellybeans AGM

To be held at the Jundah Jellybeans building on Thursday 17th February at 11:00am

All Welcome!

Jundah Health Centre News

Next fortnightly clinic – Tuesday 8th February

Women's GP service with Dr Peacock – **March 11**

Phone the clinic to make an appointment - **46586500**

Clinic opening hours – **MONDAY – FRIDAY 9 - 12 & 2 - 4; WEEK-ENDS 9 - 12.** Emergencies are seen at any time.

BULLYING

Children & young people can be the victims of bullying at any age, with the most common being 10 -14 year olds. Conflict between children & young people are part of growing up & are to be expected but bullying is a deliberate action that causes physical &/or emotional harm to another.

The 3 main elements of bullying are

- A deliberate intent to harm;
- A power imbalance between the bully & the victim, and

It is a repeated behaviour.

Boys tend to be more physical when they bully while girls mostly bully in a non violent form including silent exclusion, sarcasm, starting rumours, facial expressions & rude remarks about a person's clothing, hair or style.

Cyber bullying is a growing problem that uses the internet to insult, threaten or harm someone with the chance to remain anonymous on line & can occur in the isolation of one's own house or room.

Whatever the type, a young person needs some strategies to help them lessen the impact the bully is having on the victim. Adults need to help teens develop good relationships with good advice & leading by example – let the young person know it is NOT their fault. Teachers, health centre staff, counsellors & the police are all people you can ask for help. KIDS HELPLINE 1800 55 1800 or kidshelp.com.au is a free service that anyone (young person or parent) can ring & talk to counsellors about any bullying you are experiencing.

Bullying can have long term negatives affects on a person. Until it's reported, it won't stop.

Kids Helpline newsletter - Edition 2 2010

Public Meetings to discuss Television Services

The Barcoo Shire Council will hold a meeting in each of the 3 communities to discuss Television Services in Barcoo Shire and the possible impacts to this service with the upcoming switchover of broadcasting in Australia from the current analogue programming to a full digital service.

The current Australian Government policy to manage the digital switch-over will have financial, social and technical impacts on the residents, commercial businesses and service providers in the towns of Stonehenge, Jundah & Windorah.

This is also a meeting for rural residents who are unaware of what is required to become digital compliant. As there is no subsidy being offered by Government for rural residents who currently receive a direct-to-home satellite service - there will be extra expenses for new digital equipment and technical issues to encounter to the way in which you receive your digital television service.

Mayor of Barcoo Shire Cr Bruce Scott will be briefing the community in all three towns on the possible impacts, choices and changes for digital television reception.

Venues and dates for the meetings are as follows:

Stonehenge Community Centre – Tuesday 8th February
4:00pm

Windorah Information Centre – Wednesday 9th February
4:00pm

Jundah Shire Hall – Thursday 10th February 4:00pm



NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

Reminder!

Water Restrictions

Residents of Jundah, Stonehenge & Windorah are reminded that restrictions for the use of sprinklers remain in place.

Sprinklers can only be used between the hours of **4:00pm to 8:00am, including weekends**. This will be monitored, and more severe restrictions may be imposed if excessive use of water continues.

We respectfully request your co-operation with the use of water carefully in order to conserve this precious resource.

Bob O'Brien
Acting Chief Executive Officer



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CLEANING OF COUNCIL AMENITIES (JUNDAH)

Expressions of interests are hereby called for the cleaning of Council amenities in Jundah. Three positions are vacant.

Administration Office and Garden
Pool Attendant & Maintenance (requires CPR & Bronze Medallion Certificate)
Jundah Hall, Information Centre/Library/Post Office, Sports Centre, Council Flats and Aerodrome.

Applicants are asked to state which position or positions they are interested in.

For further information or a schedule of the cleaning required, please contact Robyn Eastwell, Executive Assistant, on 46586919 or robyne@barcoo.qld.gov.au.

Expressions of Interests are to be addressed to the undersigned or emailed to robyne@barcoo.qld.gov.au to the Administration Office, Jundah, by 5:00pm, 19th February, 2011.

Acting Chief Executive Officer
Robert O'Brien
PO Box 14
Jundah Qld 4736

Heart of the Channel Country



P.O Box 14
6 Perkins Street
Jundah Qld 4736
Phone: 07 4658 6900
Fax: 07 4658 6137
Email: shire@barcoo.qld.gov.au

Items for the newsletter should be forwarded by the second last Wednesday of the month and emailed or faxed to:

doreen.pitman@barcoo.qld.gov.au or
jundahinfo@barcoo.qld.gov.au
Phone: 07 4658 6930
Fax: 07 4658 6221

ROSTER FOR 2011—WINDORAH RFDS CLINIC SMOKOS

Jan 4th - Vanessa De Landelles	Aug 16th -Diane Ward
Jan 18th -Carolyn Gorringer	Aug 30th -Marilyn Simpson
Feb 1st -Kim Geiger	Sept 13th -Peta Mason
Feb 15th -Beck Brunner	Sept 27th -Dot Gordon
Mar 1st -Diane Geiger	Oct 11th -Maude Monaghan
Mar 15th -Dale Gorringer	Oct 25th -Kathy Vinge
Mar 29th -Helen Commens	Nov 8th -Denise Henney
Apr 12th -Elaine Seawright	Nov 22nd -Deb Geiger
Apr 26th -Kerri Horton	Dec 6th -Anne Kidd
May 10th -Rhonda Gorringer	Dec 20th -Bub Ploger
May 24th -Amanda Weekes	
June 7th -Barbara Curtis	
June 21st -Justine Schrader	
July 5th -Leonie Gilby	
July 19th -Lynda Preuss	
Aug 2nd -Margaret Stevenson	



The Jundah Race Club

Boat Raffle was
won by
Jeff Baldry. of
Stonehenge.

Congratulations
Jeff and thank you
to the many who
supported this
fundraiser.

Annual Report continued...

from page 4

material, concentrate on better planning and project supervision, integrate processes for stringent quality control, have consistency in administration and senior positions, insist on value for money, make sure there is complete transparency in awarding of contracts, tenders and prequalifying of suppliers, implement better communication with each other, the public and the suppliers of goods and services and place more robust requirements around stores and procurement.

Bruce Scott
Mayor

Cooper Arts & Craft Assoc.
Inc. Windorah

Will hold their

General Meeting at 3:30pm
Wednesday 17th February at the
Information Centre.

(Subject to road and river
conditions)

All Welcome

.....

Anyone wishing to do a woodwork
workshop with Terry Crowson
approx 18th –23rd April..could you
phone either Bec—46563063, Mar-
garet-46568130 or Dot 46563080
before the meeting on the 17th.

Many thanks to all who supported
the Christmas Hamper Raffle. Dan-
ielle Weston
Tanbar was the winner with red
ticket E50.