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Outstanding Residents Recognised



The Bouliia Sports and Aquatic Centre was a hive of activity on Australia Day as residents enjoyed a barbecue breakfast along with the award ceremony for 2018.

Special guest this year was Australia Day Ambassador Ross McKinnon, who assisted in award presentations.

This year's Citizen of the Year was awarded to Grant Jensen, who is a volunteer in many of the shire's emergency response organisations. These include the Bouliia SES, Rural Fire Brigade and the voluntary role as a shire ambulance driver. Grant has also been in the role of Treasurer for the Bouliia Motorsports for many years and in this role played a pivotal part in hosting the Bouliia Drag Races. He has been recognised for his dedicated participation in Bouliia's ANZAC Day parade's each year.

Junior Citizen was awarded to 12-year-old Kathryn South, who has excelled and shown great leadership for the past several years.

Kathryn has been the Sports Captain, School Leader and a member of the Student Council at Bouliia State School. She recently received overall class awards in the subjects of maths, English and science, plus the QCWA Graduating Student Award and the QCWA Bouliia Shire Bursary Award.

The Bouliia Camel Races took out the award for the Organisation of the Year. Working in conjunction with the Bouliia Shire Council, Camel Races were instrumental in assisting with the installation of disabled toilets in the Racecourse shed and permanent lighting on the grassed area at the grounds.

Community Event was awarded to the Bouliia Bike Sports. This event was a great success, catering for all age groups of participants. This event was also noted for creating a sociable atmosphere and insighting everyone to get in and have a go. (Cont. Pg 2)

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Senior Sportsperson of the Year went to Michael Scholefield. Michael "Mick" was an avid rower, rugby union and cricket team member during his recent school days. On returning to Boulia, he played rugby league for the Winton Devil's in 3 premierships. His dedication to his sport was undoubted when he travelled 280km to Winton to play a home game.

Junior Sportsperson was awarded to Jake Britton. As well as being the Boulia State School Sports Captain, he also won the school's age champion for both swimming and athletics. Jake competed in the 2017 Julia Creek Dirt and Dust Triathlon and in the Winton Outback Festival Iron Kid competition, Boulia Bike sports and has also played junior rugby league for the Winton Devil's.

Also recognised for her dedication for many years as both a councillor and Deputy Mayor was Kelsey Neilson.

In a newly introduced category, Spirit of Boulia, Bob and Val Spilsbury were recognised for their continued support of Boulia and its residents.

Boulia Shire Mayor Rick Britton said the new Australia Day awards category had been introduced by councillors to extend recognition to community members whose efforts to brighten the lives of residents were unsurpassable.

"We all know that Bob and Val are tireless supporters of our community lending sponsorships, donations to many events.

We hope that this new award shows recipients like the Spilsbury's that their efforts are greatly appreciated by the whole community.

Boulia Celebrates Australia Day



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Channel Landcare Group.
Meeting March 10 at Blair-Athol Stn

7.30am weed control inspection on horseback.

10.30am morning tea followed by Landcare meeting with guest speaker Doug Allpass

for more information phone Kalinda on 47461200



Boulia welcomes new Aussie



Part of this year's Australia Day celebrations in Boulia was an Australian Citizenship Ceremony for Brighton Downs co-owner Nicola Britton. Nicola was born and raised in the South East of England. After being accepted to undertake a degree in international business management at university in 2006, she decided to take a gap year and venture out to Australia.

"I based myself around Brisbane for the first 12 months of my visa," she said.

After deciding she would like to stay longer in Australia, Nicola then completed a 3 month rural component of the visa out in Western Queensland.

Three children and a husband later, Nicola decided to embrace the Australian way of life and chose to apply for Australian citizenship "Western Queensland is where my life is and I can't imagine living anywhere else."

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BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING DATES, LOCATION AND TIMES

In accordance with Section 277(1) of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* notice is hereby given that the following Ordinary meetings of the Boulia Shire Council will be held on the days and times listed below:

Wednesday, 24 th January, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 21 st February, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 21 st March, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 18 th April, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday 23 rd May, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 20 th June, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 18 th July, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 22 nd August, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 19 th September, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday 17 th October, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 21 st November, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am
Wednesday, 19 th December, 2018	Airport terminal	9:00am

* Please note the above meeting dates / times may be changed by resolution of Council if required.

Lynn Moore
Chief Executive Officer

