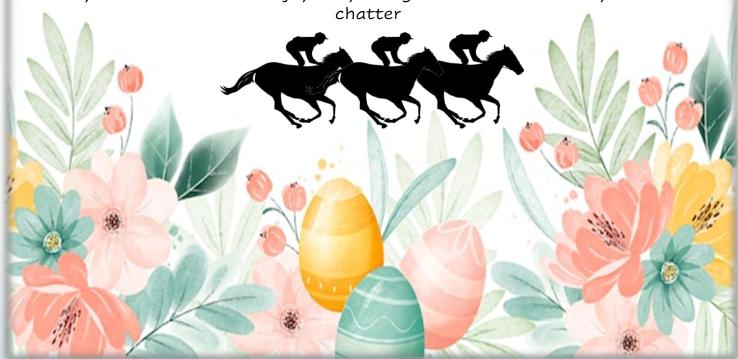
CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

MONTHLY HOTSPOT

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Easter Weekend in Boulia

This year Easter weekend in Boulia in one not to be missed, the Boulia QCWA are gathering 100 women and little ladies to celebrate the branch turning 100 years, to Horse ride or just a nice walk into the Boulia Race Reserve on Good Friday, followed by a Good Friday Ball being held by the Boulia Turf Club. The annual Boulia Races are on Saturday the 30th with a Retro 50's theme. Lots of family fun to be had and enjoyed by all ages. More details on flyers in this



March Events

8th - Boulia Golf Club Fish & Chips

9th - OCWA March Madness

10th - Mass with Father Mick

12th - RAFS Playgroup - Library

16th - Local Government Election

- QCWA Cake Stall

21st - Harmony Day Morning Tea

- P&C AGM

22nd - National Ride to School Day

29th - Good Friday

- QCWA 100 years Horse Ride

- Good Friday Race Ball

30th - Easter Races

31st - Easter



Proposed Development

Make a submission from 19 February to 11 March 2024

Renewable Energy Facility (Solar Farm – 1700kW)

Where: Selwyn Road, Boulia

On: Lot 2 SP340117

Approval sought: Development Permit for Material Change of Use

Application ref: DA2023/02

You may obtain a copy of the application and make a submission to:

Boulia Shire Council

18 Herbert Street Boulia QLD 4829

admin@boulia.qld.gov.au

07 4746 3188

www.boulia.qld.gov.au

Public notification requirements are in accordance with the Planning Act 2016

POSITION VACANT

Executive Assistant

The Chief Executive's Office is the pivotal link to both political stakeholders, ratepayers and service providers alike it is the key to the delivery of services throughout the shire.

The support role of Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer focuses on the administration and provision of ancillary support to the Senior Executive Officers, the Mayor and Councillors to enable the provision of excellent service delivery to the Council's customer base (internal and external).

This role is a broad scoping position which:

- supports the Chief Executive Officer, Councillors, the Mayor and liaises with management.
- Provides assistance in the organisation of Council and community events, including meetings, civic receptions, conferences and seminars
- Relief duties within areas of the Corporate Services and Community Services Departments, including administration.

Base Rate of pay	\$59,384.00
Locality allowance (single)	\$2,600.00
Over Award Payment	\$6,760.00
Superable wage (Base+OAP) 12%	\$7,937.28
Attract and Retention Allowance	\$2,500.00
Work Health and Safety Bonus	\$1,250.00
Total Annual Salary	\$80,431.28
Base Hourly Rate	\$35.09

This position has been advertised as a full time role however flexible hours are negotiable





BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING DATES, LOCATION AND TIMES

In accordance with section 254B of the *Local Government Regulation 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:

Friday, 19th January 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 23 rd February 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Tuesday, 12 th March 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 22 nd March 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 26 th April 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 31st May 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 28th June 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 26th July 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 30 th August 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 27th September 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 25 th October 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 29 th November 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am
Friday, 13th December 2024	Boulia Shire Hall	9 am

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

Chief Executive Officer Lynn Moore

Vacancy – Contract Electrician ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY!

We currently have an exciting opportunity for a Certified Electrician to contract electrical services for Boulia Shire Council.

You will be working for a Council with a positive culture of empowerment, continual improvement and most importantly a culture of team success. If this sounds like an environment that you can thrive and develop in, we want to hear from you.

The boxes you will tick

- Be a qualified Electrical Contractor
- Refrigeration Handling Licence/Split System Installation Licence (or the ability to obtain)
- Current C Class minimum drivers licence

The benefits of working with us

- Stable guaranteed contract of 38 hours per week
- Storage shed/Workshop (Power supplied)
- Ability to complete 'external private works' separately to council work
- Attractive remuneration package including housing

How to apply

Boulia Shire Council is proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer and our people represent the community which we service. We invite all applicants to apply, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people from diverse social, cultural and gender backgrounds.

There has never been a better time to become a Contractor with Boulia Shire Council. So, if this sounds like you and you are ready for a challenging and rewarding career with us then:

- Submit your application with your resume and cover letter addressing how you 'tick the boxes' and reference the Position Description criteria outlining your experience and qualifications.
- All applications MUST contain certified copies of all licences and qualifications to be considered by the panel.
- A copy of the contract is available upon request to applicants with remuneration negotiated on experience and qualifications.
- Accommodation is provided as part of this contract.
- Relocation expenses will be negotiated as part of this contract.

Send your application to: hr@boulia.ald.gov.au marked "Contract Electrician" which must be received no later than 12 noon Friday 15 March 2024

Lynn Moore - Chief Executive Officer





LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2024 SATURDAY, 16 MARCH 2024

Under Section 23(2) of the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 (LGEA) Boulia Shire quadrennial elections will be held on the above noted date. Please note the following information and significant dates:



Eligible Queenslanders can enrol/update their details online until Monday, 5 February 2024



Postal Voting | closes 7.00pm Monday 4 March 2024



Telephone Voting* | closes 7.00pm Monday 4 March 2024

*applicable to the Community who have limited voting options, reside more than 20km from the polling station, and Australian Citizens who will be travelling.

Early Voting <u>excluding weekends</u>
Monday, 4 March - 6.00pm Friday, 15 March 2024

Candidate Nominations Open Monday, 29 January to noon Tuesday, 13 February 2024



Saturday, 16 March 2024

TELEPHONE 1300 881 665



Boulia Shire Library Burke St.

> ENROL www.aec.gov.au



08.00 AM - 6.00 PM

QUESTIONS www.ecq.qld.gov.au

COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS



9:30-10:00

Library Hours

SI State Library



Monday — Friday 8:15 — 1:15pm

If you wish to return a book outside these times on a weekday, please pop into the shire office as we will be accepting book returns out of hours



Justice of Peace

Good Friday I

If anyone wishing Justice of the Peace services from me, please ring me on 0409233225 to arrange an appointment as I will be on 2 months long service leave and will not be available in library office.

Regards Julie Woodhouse

Come Along to our First 5 Forever Morning Wednesday 9:00am – 9:30am Friday 9:00am – 9:30am At the Boulia Shire Library Music Time Story Time Rhyme Time





Harmony Week

A celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds

March 20th - 26th 2024

Harmony Day 21st March 2024

Boulia Shire Library would like to get the community involved this year by getting all community members to please trace your child's footprint (only 1 foot) and getting them to decorate it and each adult to trace and decorate a handprint (only 1 hand) please.

Paper and anything you may need is available at the Library 8:15am – 1:15pm

Or can be arranged to be dropped somewhere via phone.

4746 3408 or email library@boulia.qld.gov.au

We would like these to be dropped at the library or the main office no latter than Monday the 11th March 2024 for our display to be created please





everyone Belongs www.harmony.gov.au





















What will you create?

Please contact Boulia Library 4746 3408 <u>library@boulia.qld.gov.au</u> for more information Orders and drawings due 11th March 2024

Picture Plates: \$24

Picture Clock: \$29

Small Clock, 600ml Water Bottle or Tote Bag: \$24

Ceramic Mug, Plastic Mug, 400ml Water Bottle or Pencil Case: \$19

Calendar: \$14



Harmony Week

A celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds

Boulia Shire Library invites you to HARMONY DAY Morning Tea!

Please come along and join us in either Traditional dress or dressed in **ORANGE**

21st March 2024 @ 10am

Tea, coffee and some snacks will be provided Feel free to bring a plate to share (home-made or store bought)

For more information, please contact Tarsha at the library on 4746 3408 or library@boulia.qld.qov.au

EVERYONE BELONGS www.harmony.gov.au

Outback Child and Family



Mount Isa RAFS Playgroup

Boulia Playgroup

Mount Isa Remote Area Families Service (RAFS) invites you to come and play at our PLAYGROUP at

Boulia Library on Tuesday 12th of March 9am - 12pm

RAFS PLAYGROUPS ARE FOR EVERYONE!

If you know of a new family in the district please invite them. We would love to meet them.

All families with children are welcome to attend.

Please share your child's current interests with us so we can plan an experience to extend their learning journey at this playgroup.

Please remember that RAFS is a free service. Respect and kindness goes a long way. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Reminder

- Parents and/or carers need to be in the vicinity of the placement at all times.
- Educators are unable to take sole care of the children whilst hosting the playgroup.
- Please ensure your child has a hat.
- Sunscreen application is the parent/carer's
- Please bring a healthy snack and water for morning tea.



We would love to know if you are attending!

Please either call or email your RSVP

CONTACT: Celine Frodermann Family Support Worker

M: 0439 912 957 E: mtisa.rafs@uccommunity.org.au

3 Barkly Highway, Miles End Mount Isa QLD 4825

P.O Box 2884 Mount Isa QLD 4825





COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS







February Colouring competition winners

These 5 lucky winners did an amazing job with their colouring skills this month. The Hogg family pulled off a hat trick with the 3 of them winning their age group.

We currently have an Easter colouring competition happening.

Call in and see us at the Library to collect your copy or get in contact with us on 4746 3408 or library@boulia.qld.gov.au and we can organise getting you a copy.

Remember you have to be in it to win it and who doesn't love a chocolate prize.



BOULIA STATE SCHOOL



We are currently looking for anyone willing to donate any chocolates/goodies to go towards the raffle. Donations can be dropped off to Maryellen at the Boulia Caravan Park or please contact the Boulia State School P&C via Facebook to organise a collection. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Raffle ticket dates and details on how to purchase tickets will be advised in the coming weeks





Phone: (07) 4746 3151

Email: principal@bouliass.eq.edu.au

Learning begins at 8.30am Monday to Friday at Boulia State School.

Morning Session: 8.30am-10.45am Middle Session: 11.15am-12.45pm

Afternoon Session: 1.30pm-2.30pm

Parade:

Every second Friday afternoon at 2.00pm-2.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.



ride2school.com.au





The Boulia State School P&C Association would like to thank Boulia Community Support Services for purchasing new school hats for all the students. It is greatly appreciated.





COMMUNITY NEWS

March Madness Boulia QCWA

Saturday 9th March - 10am

Boulia Racecourse Reserve

Bar open from **12pm**

Sausage Sizzle and other light refreshments available

Cow Dung Lotto



6 sqaures available

Kids and Adults novelty events, ages 2 & up

\$5 nominations for kids and \$10 nominations for Adults (to cover all events)

Egg & Spoon race's



Sprint's
Tug of war
Iron Man and Woman and more
Prize's to be won

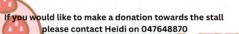


Come and have an afternoon of fun and help support your local CWA
Please note there will be no eftpos, cash only



Saturday 16th March 8am until sold out Outside the Boulia Library

Cakes/slices/biscuits available for purchase



Boulia QCWA

March Madness 2024



Saturday 9th March 2024 10am start At the Roulia Race Reserve



At the Boulia Race Reserve				60			
2 & under	4 & under	6 & under	8 & under	12 & under	15 & under	Adult Open	Legends 60+
Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint	Sprint
Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon	Egg & Spoon
		Sack Race	Sack Race				
Can			Musical Can	Musical Can	Musical Can	Musical Can	Musical Can
	Wheelbarrow Race	Wheelbarrow Race	Wheelbarrow Race	Wheelbarrow Race	Wheelbarrow Race		
4			9			Throw the Broom	Throw the Broom
			2			Tug of war	Tug of war
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\$5 nominations for kids – this covers all events in the age group \$10 nominations for Adults – this covers all events in the age group

Any questions or queries please contact Heidi on 0476 408 870





QCWA 100 YEARS



Women's and girls' horse ride



Friday 29th March (Good Friday)

Times and locations of ride

6am intermediate riders to meet at 9 mile creek, just before the Strathelbiss turn off

(Approximately 15km to Racecourse Reserve turn off)

8.30am all other riders to meet at the Wallaby Sign

(Approximately 5km to the Racecourse reserve turn off)

9.30am Walkers to meet horse riders and horse and cart at Racecourse reserve turn off to walk into the racecourse grounds.

Free morning tea provided by the Boulia QCWA
Cakes/biscuits/slices tea & coffee

Sausage sizzle lunch provided by Kayla Cluff, raising funds for Rodeo Queen Quest competition

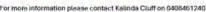


Sausage on bread Egg & Lettuce sandwiches Frozen cordial cup



lease remember to pack enough water, light













Bar shifts will be on Saturday the 18th of May -My contact number is 0487933403 if you are interested in giving me a hand

fundraising. I would love your

supports Boulia



Join Father Mick Lowcock
For Mass on
Sunday 10th March 2024
6:00pm

If you would like to be on the mailing list for church services or, if you would like your child baptized or confirmed, please contact Jan Norton at the Boulia Community Support Service on:

Phone: 07 47 463700 / Mobile 0427463101

Email: jnorton@nwqicss.org

Or Father Mick on Mobile 0407132231 or Email: mlowcock@tsv.catholic.org.au

Boulia Turk Club Hereby Cordially Invites you to attend our 2024 Good Friday Race Ball

Where: Boulia Racecourse Reserve

When: Good Friday 29th March 2024

Time: 6:30pm till 10pm

Adults: \$25 Children under 12: \$10

Sit down dinner will be provided from 7pm and a meal ticket MUST be purchased for alcohol to be consumed.

A Courtesy Bus will be running to and from the Venue at set times that are TBA.

shorts and thongs.

Boulia Turf Club

The Australian Hotel Boulia

Invites you to our Easter Races



Come and join us watch

the dust fly.

- First Race at 1pm-5 Race Card
- Fashions on the Field
- Retro 50's is the Style for this years races, wear your best 50's inspired outfits. (Please call Kyrraley if you need any help with the theme).
- Kitchen and Bar Available
- Live Music
- **Novelty Events**

Phone: Kyrraley 0474 002 421 or Jack 0477 686 893 for further information

There is no set dress code but we do request you don't wear





SNAKES - STAY ALERT



It has come to Councils Attention that there are increasing numbers of sightings and incidences involving snakes in and around town.

If you are outdoors or working in your garden, please be mindful of your surroundings, especially when around overgrown grass or areas with large amounts of stick and leaves.

Overgrown properties are more likely to attract and/or shelter not only reptiles but other vermin, so if your yard is looking a little overgrown, please take the time to attend to it as soon as possible. Should you require assistance with this, Council is able to offer:

- The ability to hire a push lawn mower
- The ability to engage Council for fee to complete lawn mowing and whipper snipping services
- The ability to make an application for free Yard Maintenance Assistance (eligibility criteria apply)

Should you wish to utilise the above-mentioned services, or you would like to make an application for Yard Maintenance Assistance, or you need a snake removed (during opening hours), please contact the Council Administration Office on 4746 3188.

