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CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER



Monthly Hotspot



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

NOVEMBER LOCAL EVENTS

- 28th** Graduation Night
- 29th** Boulia State School Swimming Carnival
- 30th** QCWA Christmas Night Markets & Carols

DECEMBER LOCAL EVENTS

- 6th** Last Day of School
- 7th** Bob and Val's Christmas Tree
- 13th** Boulia Shire Council's Seniors Christmas Lunch

NOVEMBER REGIONAL EVENTS

- 30th** Winton Trivia Night
- Mt Isa Turf Club – Christmas Summer Cup

DECEMBER REGIONAL EVENTS

- 7th** Terrace Gardens Christmas High Tea – Mt Isa
- 8th** Mount Isa Christmas Light Tour



Snake Bite and Outdoor Kits

Have you received your Snake Bite and outdoor kit yet?

Come on into the library and collect yours today.

We have 1 available per household

For more information, please contact the Boulia Shire Library

07 4746 3408 library@boulia.qld.gov.au

A progressive shire creating opportunities for all.



New recruits

Spotlight on.....

Lily Williams

Executive Assistant

Commenced May 2024

Any fun facts you want to share about yourself?

I don't think there are any fun facts about myself LOL

What makes you smile?

Watching people enjoy life, watching my dogs run around the backyard, singing to my bird, watching my friends grow into the best version of themselves, the small things.....

Your favourite place in the world and why?

Anywhere that has my dogs and bird.. They are my soul mates.

Favourite food?

Chicken Schnitty, Chips and Salad. OR my grandma's silverside.

What are you looking forward to for your time in Boulia?

Growing as an individual, taking time to be the best version myself, physically and mentally.



Les Caulley

Foreman – Road Maintenance Performance Contracts (RMPC)

Commenced October 2024

Any fun facts you want to share about yourself?

No – not really – there is nothing fun about me – I go to work and go home.

What makes you smile?

A good joke

Your favourite place in the world and why?

Australia. Cause it's the best country in the world.

Favourite food?

T-bone Steak & veggies – beautiful.

What are you looking forward to for your time in Boulia?

Earning money & being happy.



Queensland Reconstruction Authority Funding. Urandangi South Road Betterment Application

BoSC.0031.2223G.REC – Value \$2,074,222.34

This project is Boulia Shire Council's first betterment project on a road pavement, this work (betterment) is about putting greater resilience into our road network, in minimising the effect of future flood events on this particular section of road with a 10-metre formation utilising a 8 meter gravel pavement to our new design heights, built to ensure high resilience to cater for all future flood events.

Stage 1 - 6.142km **Stage 2** - 3.302km **Stage 3** - 1.426km

We currently have engaged both PE & GC Harris Crews A & B as the construction personnel with a contract supervisor from our consultant GK3. A huge Thank You to **Kallah Station** for accommodating our GK3 consultant for the duration of works.





BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Christmas & New Years Closures



MAIN COUNCIL OFFICE & LIBRARY
Closes 24 Dec 2024 - Reopen 02 Jan 2025

WORKS DEPOT
Closes 20 Dec 2024 - Reopen 20 Jan 2025
Skeleton staff will be available for emergencies only

MIN MIN ENCOUNTER & HERITAGE COMPLEX
Closes 13 Dec 2024 - Reopen 20 Jan 2025

BOULIA SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE
Closes 24 Dec 2024 - Reopen 27 Dec 2024
Closes 31 Dec 2024 - Reopen 02 Jan 2025
Members with access cards will be able to continue to use the Gym Facilities

BOULIA POST OFFICE
Closes 24 Dec 2024 - Reopen 02 Jan 2025

Out of Hours - Emergencies Only contact Ron Calliope 0427 163 773

Wishing all a Merry Christmas

Kaylene Sloman
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Boulia Shire Library – First 5 Forever and other news

Have you had a chance to check out the library lately?
We have had some much-needed updates, a crispy white paint job and
some stunning new floor.

Come in and check us out

Mondays 8:15am – 1:15pm & 2:15pm – 5:00pm

Tuesdays to Fridays 8:15am -1:15pm





A Bee Story.... Live performance



A narrative circus show for children and families. "A Bee Story" the story of Queen Bee and Worker Bee, who must work together to re-build their hive after it is destroyed by a bushfire.

The local children of all ages and the young at heart enjoyed the show.



If you would like to read the story again, we have a copy in the library, you are more than welcome to borrow.



Halloween in Boulia.... Did you see the spooky sight?



A massive thankyou to all the houses that participated and to all the families that joined in. Events like this are only made possible by everyone who gets involved. The kids had an amazing night.



Weather Change in Boulia....

With the up coming weather changes please keep an eye out for the slithery critters and keep an eye out for fires, dust storms and strong winds.

Working together we can keep our community safe.



The Boulia Shire Council recently had Jillian out running a snake handling course for some brave locals. The local kids all got an information session and a chance to handle Matilda the python. We now have 6 fully qualified snake handlers in Boulia.



If you find yourself needing a snake removed, please contact:

Graham: 0417 649 838

Willie: 0428 725 580

Ronnie: 0427 163 773



Australia Day Awards 2025

On Sunday 26th January 2025 Australians all around the country will celebrate what's great about Australia. We would like you to help us celebrate what's great about our Community by nominating someone you know for an Australia Day Award.

The Boulia Shire Council Australia Day Awards will recognise members of our Community who have made an outstanding contribution to the Community, and for exceptional achievement in the areas of Volunteering, Sportsmanship and the Arts.

The Award categories that you can nominate in are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Organisation/Organiser of the Year
- Australia Day Senior Sports Award
- Australia Day Junior Sports Award

How to nominate:

Please complete and detach the nomination form and post, email or fax it to the address listed below.

Australia Day Nominations

Boulia Shire Council

18 Herbert Street

Boulia QLD 4829

Phone 4746 3188 or Fax 4746 3136

Email: execassist@boulia.qld.gov.au

Supporting documentation may also be provided with your nomination form that you feel will assist the judges in making their decision. Supporting documentation can include items such as personal references, photographs, samples of work, portfolios, articles etc.

Please do not supply originals of supporting documentation, as all documentation will be retained by Boulia Shire Council.



Australia Day



Eligibility in Categories

All nominees must be a resident of the Boulia Shire at the time of nomination.

Citizen of the Year

Nominees must be 26 years of age or older as at 26 January 2025.

Young Citizen of the Year

Nominees must be aged under 25 years of age as at 26 January 2025.

Community Event of the Year

Nominated events must have been held in the Boulia Shire during the calendar year of 2024.

Organisation/Organiser of the year.

Nominees can be a committee or an individual who has organised an event during the 2024 year.

Sports Persons awards:

Nominees in both Junior and Senior must comply with the same age requirements as in the Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year categories.

Selection Criteria

Please consider the selection criteria listed below when completing your nomination.

- How has the person/event made an outstanding contribution to the local community?
- How is the person an inspirational role model for the Community?
- Why do you believe that this person should receive an Australia Day Award?

Judging Process

Nominations will be reviewed by the appointed judging panel. The Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Award Recipients

Award recipients will be announced at a ceremony during our Australia Day Celebrations on Sunday 26th January 2025.



Australia Day



Australia Day Awards 2025 Nomination Form

I would like to nominate:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

for an Australia Day Award in the following category (please tick):

- ☐ **Citizen of the Year**
- ☐ **Young Citizen of the Year**
- ☐ **Community Event of the Year**
- ☐ **Organisation/Organiser of the Year**
- ☐ **Junior Sports Award**
- ☐ **Senior Sports Award**

Please attach a response to the selection criteria as outlined below that is no longer than two (2) A4 pages (**Supporting documentation may be additional to this limit. Please do not supply originals of supporting documentation, as all documentation will be retained by Boulia Shire Council**).

- How has the person/event made an outstanding contribution to the local Community?
- How is the person an inspirational role model for the Community?
- Why do you believe that this person should receive an Australia Day Award?

Your Details:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Referee Details (if available):

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Signature of nominator: _____

**Please note: Closing date for nominations is
5 pm, Monday 2nd December 2024**



Australia Day



Boulia State School...



Boulia State School

Principal **Terri Searle**

55 Templeton Street, BOULIA, Q, 4829

(07) 47463151

We Grow and Learn Together

20-Nov-24

Position Vacant

Casual Teacher-Aide in our State Delivered Kindergarten at Boulia State School.

Hours to be 8:00am – 3:00pm 5 days a fortnight to work with Kindy timetable.

(Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday one week and Wednesday and Thursday the next)

Boulia State School is looking for a dedicated Teacher Aide to join our vibrant team.

Applicants are now invited to apply for the position. The successful applicant will be on probation for 3 months from commencement date.

Role of the Teacher Aide

Teachers Aide experience and or training would be desirable, however, not essential.

You may, under the direct or indirect supervision of a teacher, be required to undertake a number of tasks that include, but are not limited to:

- Assist and participate in activities that improve the physical, social, emotional and intellectual development of students
- Supervision of small groups of students, undertaking specific learning activities designed by a teacher, when the teacher is not in the room but is available to be called on if needed
- Support teachers with the preparation and delivery of indoor and outdoor learning activities
- Assist with the preparation of teaching aids
- Supervise students during breaks, before and after school
- Engage collaboratively with leadership/teacher to plan and reflect on children's learning and development through the use of planning documents (working documents) and observations
- Ensure all resources and equipment are ready and organised for the day
- Clean all resources at the end of each day: wash sheets (for beds) weekly
- Complete student journals at the end of the day
- Work within a team environment



- Able to work unsupervised
- Willing to build capabilities

How to Apply

Please forward your resume, which includes the current contact details of a referee, via email or to the Office at Boulia State School, Templeton Street or admin@bouliass.eq.edu.au. If you have any enquiries, please contact the

Principal, Terri Searle on (07) 47463151.

Applications close Tuesday 26th November 2024

Position commences Thursday 23rd January 2025

- The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. Further details regarding this check may be obtained by accessing the web site of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian at the following internet address:
<http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au/>
- Confirmation of employment is conditional upon the preferred applicant being issued with a Suitability Card from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian. **All Employees need to have a blue card before commencing any work in a State School due to new laws as of the 31st of August 2020**
- The Department of Education, Training and the Arts is committed to inclusive workplaces where diversity is valued, and to fair and equitable treatment of all current and prospective employees.
- A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER:

28TH GRADUATION NIGHT
29TH SWIMMING CARNIVAL

DECEMBER:

6th LAST DAY OF SCHOOL





What Happening in Boulia.....

Free Event

Nibbles provided



Landcare

Everyone most Welcome

Boulia Rivers Landcare Group A.G.M
Where: Australia Hotel
When: 28th of November 5pm start

Our Guest speakers will be

- Greg Mifsud (National Wild Dog Management Coordinator)
 - Best Management Practice for Wild Dog Control on Organic and Non-Organic Properties in the Arid Rangelands
- Maree Tulley (NACP Climate Mate for the Channel Country)
 - NACP (Northern Australia Climate Program) program and Climate Drivers and the Seasonal Outlook

RSVP Kalinda Cluff by 27th November 0408461240



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Annual

Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch

13th December 2024

If you're over 60 and would like to attend our 2024 Senior Citizen's Christmas Lunch, please register your interest with the Boulia Shire Library by the 29th November 2024 on 4746 3408 or by email library@boulia.qld.gov.au





BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

2024 Christmas Lights Competition



Let's light up The Boulia Shire



Prize Categories

- Best Residential Display
- Best Business Display
- Best Station Gate / Entry Display

To register your address for the competition please email
library@boulia.qld.gov.au or phone 07 4746 3408
before Friday 20/12/2024

Judging will take place on the night of the 22/12/2024

Station entries please send through photos or video

Winners will be announced on Monday the 6/01/2025



Thank You!

For Your Support

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to send out a huge thank you for the support of the Boulia community throughout my Australian Rodeo Queen Quest. I am so grateful to have grown up and to still be apart of such an amazing town. Thank you to the Campdraft and Rodeo Committee for your support. Also thank you to everyone who came to the Barbie Themed Trivia night I was able to donate \$750 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service. For those interested I was awarded second runner up!

Sincerely, Kayla :)





QCWA Boulia

Christmas Markets

NOV 30 | **FOOD | STALLS | FACE PAINTING** | **5:00 PM**
| MUSIC | GAMES & PRIZES

Boulia Shire Hall

Please Contact Tarsha on 0473991157 or Heidi on 0476408870 for more information or to book a table

FREE BBQ DINNER @ 6:30pm





CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

CONTACTS

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Julie Woodhouse	0409 233 225	Councillor
Lynn Moore	07 4746 3188	Boulia Shire Council
Bob Spilsbury	07 47463158	Boulia Min Min Store
Del George - JP (MAGCT)		
Linda Walker	0427 571 165	Boulia Roadhouse

SERVICES & BUSINESSES

PHONE

DAYS & TIMES

RUBBISH REMOVAL DAYS	07 47463188	Monday mornings (Residential)
LIBRARY OPEN DAYS	07 4746 3408	Monday – 8:15am – 5:00pm (closed for lunch 1:15pm – 2:15pm) Tuesday – Friday, 8:15am – 1:15pm
MIN MIN ENCOUNTER tourism@boulia.qld.gov.au	07 4746 3386	Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 5:00pm Weekends - 9:00am – 5:00pm
MAIL DAYS – Boulia Post Office POST OFFICE HOURS (closed 2-3pm lunch)	07 4746 3129	Tuesdays and Fridays from 3pm Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm
REGIONAL EXPRESS	13 17 13	
MIN MIN STORE	07 4746 3158	Monday – Friday, 6:00am – 5:30pm Saturday, 6:00am – 1:00pm Sunday, 8:00am – 10:30am
BOULIA ROADHOUSE	0474 050 082	Monday - Friday, 6:00am – 7:00pm Weekends, 6am – 5pm Hours may change in off season
AUSTRALIAN HOTEL BOULIA	07 4746 3144	7 Days a week 9:30am – 12:00am Lunch 12-1pm Dinner 6-8pm No lunch on Sundays
DESERT SANDS MOTEL	07 4746 3000	7 Days a week
BOULIA CARAVAN PARK	0427 021 002	7 Days a week
BOULIA STATE SCHOOL	07 4746 3151	admin@boulia.qld.gov.au
FREIGHT COMPANIES		
KENLACH TRANSPORT	07 4749 4354	admin@kenlach.com.au
WWATS TRANSPORT	0428 262 617	orders.tsv@wwts.com.au
CHANNEL COUNTRY TRANSPORT	0409 617 195	



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Boulia Shire Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognises the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities. We pay our respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures; and to Elders past and present.

For all enquiries in regards to feature articles or advertising in the Channel Country Chatter please contact our Boulia Shire Library library@boulia.qld.gov.au 074746 3408.