



MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL JULY 2024 MEETING WRAP-UP

Community Services

At the beginning of June, author Sarah Todman ran a series of writing workshops together with the Launch of her first Novel at the Mulga Lands Gallery, Council was pleased to be able to assist with providing the venue. Sarah is a Charleville local who grew up in town while her parents were running Hotel Coronas. She has since written a fiction romance story entitled 'New Years Eve' which is loosely based on her life growing up in Charleville. Attendance was great and the feedback received was positive and people appreciate these workshops and events when they take place in Charleville.

Swimming Pool

The new managers for Charleville pool have commenced and are currently familiarising themselves with the facility and its operation. The new filters are scheduled for installation during the 1st week of August, giving them time to upskill and familiarise themselves with the new equipment and chemical dosing procedures, prior to the re-opening of the pool in September.

Art Gallery

An exhibition to celebrate NAIDOC week was installed on the 3rd of July and had its official opening on July 9. 50-60 people were in attendance with good comments having already been received in the visitors' book. The exhibition is still open and is a beautiful, colourful display of turning paintings on canvas into garments. Entry is via the library.

LP Accreditation

Council has been accredited through the National Livestock Production Assurance Accreditation Scheme with the Department of Agriculture for the past three years. This accreditation is not a requirement for local government, and renewal of this accreditation has not been completed. Each owner of stock located on the QJMW0207 (Augathella) stock route/common has the responsibility to implement their own accreditation.

Wild Dog Control

Compound 1080 training has been completed by the Stock Route Supervisor and Stock Route assistant. All certification documents and role status of each officer have been submitted to Queensland Health for approval and issuing of the relevant licence. There will be some upcoming private baiting in early August with several landholders above Augathella. These landholders are supplying their own meat (approximately around 600kg). Officers will travel to site to treat the meat, which reduces known risks of transportation of treated meat.

Pavement Condition (Charleville Airport)

It has been reported to Council that there is areas of the Charleville Airport taxiways, runways and aprons that require significant repairs and upgrades. Council is currently in the process of completing a Master Plan for the staged refurbishment of the airport infrastructure. The Charleville Airport is critical infrastructure for the Murweh Shire and the surrounding communities with the two Regular Passenger Transport (RPT) services, the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and general aviation uses. The refurbishment of the Charleville Airport will be a significant project, and Council will need the support of both the Queensland and Australian Governments in undertaking these works.

Water Quality

The Charleville, Morven and Augathella water supplies are tested regularly and are free from contamination. Works are being carried out to service the UV disinfection units at Morven and Augathella, and the placement of a new UV disinfection unit at bore 5 in Charleville - with these works to be finalised by the end of September. Council has recently serviced its Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition - or SCADA system. The SCADA system enables Council to monitor the Charleville water reticulation systems and receive alerts if there is a fault in the system.

Major Community Infrastructure Works - Sewerage / Wastewater

Council is currently in the process of renewing the Charleville Sewerage Treatment plant and the Augathella Common Effluent Disposal facility. These upgrades are being generously funded by the Queensland Government through the Buildings Our Regions (BOR) Program and the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP). Premise Australia are working on final detailed design for Augathella and Charleville sewage treatment plant upgrades. The proposed detailed design process and timeline for both Augathella and Charleville are being review with oversight from the project steering committee prior to final approval being granted by Council.

Wings on the Warrego Event

Wings on the Warrego, taking place from the 27th to 29th of September, merges the excitement of aviation with a unique focus on the rising influence of drone technology, while simultaneously promoting career pathways. This event will also incorporate the official opening of the Charleville Airfield Museum. Press Releases for this event are currently being developed.

Young Councillors Cohorts

The Young Councillor Cohort is a program run by LGAQ to establish a support network and development opportunities for young councillors, including mentoring partnerships with experienced councillors and Mayors. Cr Sommerfield is taking the opportunity to participate in this program.

Flood Studies – Charleville & Augathella

Mr Evan O’Brien, Principal Engineer, Genesis Hydrology joined the meeting and a presented a draft of his work completing Flood Risk Assessments at Charleville and Augathella funded by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).



New grid at Augathella Refuse Site



Writers workshop with Sarah Todman



Botanical Reserve fence repaired



New Shade at the Charleville Pool



Trough repairs at Clara Creek Route



Story boards at Augathella Park