



# CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

## Monthly Hotspot



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL



### MARCH LOCAL EVENTS

- 8<sup>th</sup> QCWA INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
- 20<sup>th</sup> BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL MEETING

### APRIL LOCAL EVENTS

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> EASTER
- 4<sup>th</sup> BOULIA EASTER RACES
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY

### MARCH REGIONAL EVENTS

- 28<sup>th</sup> NORTH GREGORY TURF CLUB RACES - WINTON

### APRIL REGIONAL EVENTS

- 6<sup>th</sup> WALTZING MATILDA DAY
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> JULIA CREEK DIRT AND DUST FESTIVAL



### Front Page Photo

Do you want to see your photo on the front page of the CCC? Send us your best shot and see if your image is chosen for the next Issue of the CCC



# BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### 2026 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 listed below:

- Friday 23rd January 2026
- Friday 20th February 2026
- Friday 20th March 2026
- Friday 17th April 2026
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Friday 19th June 2026
- Friday 24th July 2026
- Friday 21st August 2026
- Friday 18th September 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Friday 20th November 2026
- Friday 18th December 2026

All Ordinary Meetings of Council are held at the Boulia Shire Hall commencing at 9 am, unless otherwise advised.

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

**Shane Gray**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## WTF Boulia ... (What's the Future)

In a town known for its big skies, red earth and even bigger resilience, a new council driven initiative is asking an important question - What's The Future (WTF) Boulia.

WTF Boulia is a bold new conversation bringing locals together to shape the next chapter in the life of one of Queensland's remotest shires.

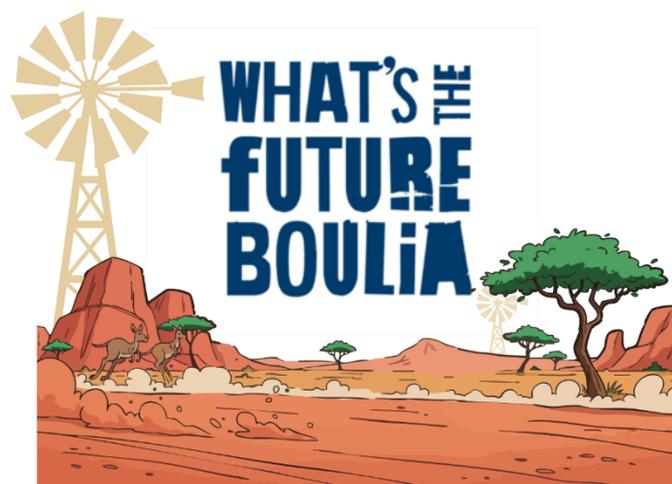
From grazing families and small business owners to young people, elders and community groups, this project is about imagining what Boulia could look like in the next 5 to ten years.

WTF Boulia has been designed to spotlight opportunity in the shire. Could new tourism experiences build on the existing Min Min Encounter and Boulia Heritage Complex? How might technology strengthen local businesses and education? What would help attract and retain young families? And how can the community protect the unique outback lifestyle that makes Boulia so special?

As part of the initiative, Boulia Shire Council has recently launched a community survey, designed to give everyone a voice - with the option to remain completely anonymous.

To access the survey, you can visit our website at [www.boulia.qld.gov.au](http://www.boulia.qld.gov.au) or visit the Boulia Shire Council Office at 18 Herbert St, Boulia to grab a hard copy of the survey.

If you need support or advice on accessing the survey, you can call into the Boulia Shire Library on Mondays between the hours of 8:30am – 1:15pm then 2:30pm – 4:30pm where a staff member will be in hand to assist.





In your local area the top severe weather risks are:\*



Flooding



Severe Thunderstorm



Bushfire



Heatwave

Be prepared and take the time to check out the information @ Get Ready Queensland: [www.getready.qld.gov.au](http://www.getready.qld.gov.au)

Stay up to date with the Disaster Dashboard, found on our Council website <https://dashboard.boulia.qld.gov.au/>

The dashboard features several key sections:

- State Road Conditions:** 0 incidents, last updated 4 minutes ago.
- Emergency News:** 0 news items, last updated 4 minutes ago.
- Weather Warnings:** 3 warnings, last updated 5 minutes ago.
- Local Road Report:** A report on local road status.

Below these are navigation options for Weather Station, River Heights, BoM Radar, Power Outages, Emergency Contact Numbers, Current Fire Bans, Disaster Preparedness, Get Ready Queensland, QLD Disaster Management, Community Support, and Community Recovery.

The main map area shows the local area with various overlays including Road Status, Flood Camera, QFD Current Incidents, QFD Warnings, Fire Bans, LGA Boundary, and Severe Weather, Flood, Cyclone Warnings.

**Emergency Contact Numbers**  
**FOR ALL LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES CALL 000**

- Boulia Police Station** – (07) 4744 1644 or Police Link 131 444
- State Emergency Services (SES)** - 13 25 00
- Boulia Primary Health Centre** – (07) 4746 2300
- Council** – (07) 4746 3188 After hours emergencies M: 0409 028 474
- Queensland Road Conditions** - 13 19 40

## Feral Pig Management

### Consultation on feral pig management is now open.

Queensland's draft Feral Pig Management Action Plan 2026–2031 is ready for your feedback.

Feral pigs are a major threat to our environment and agriculture.

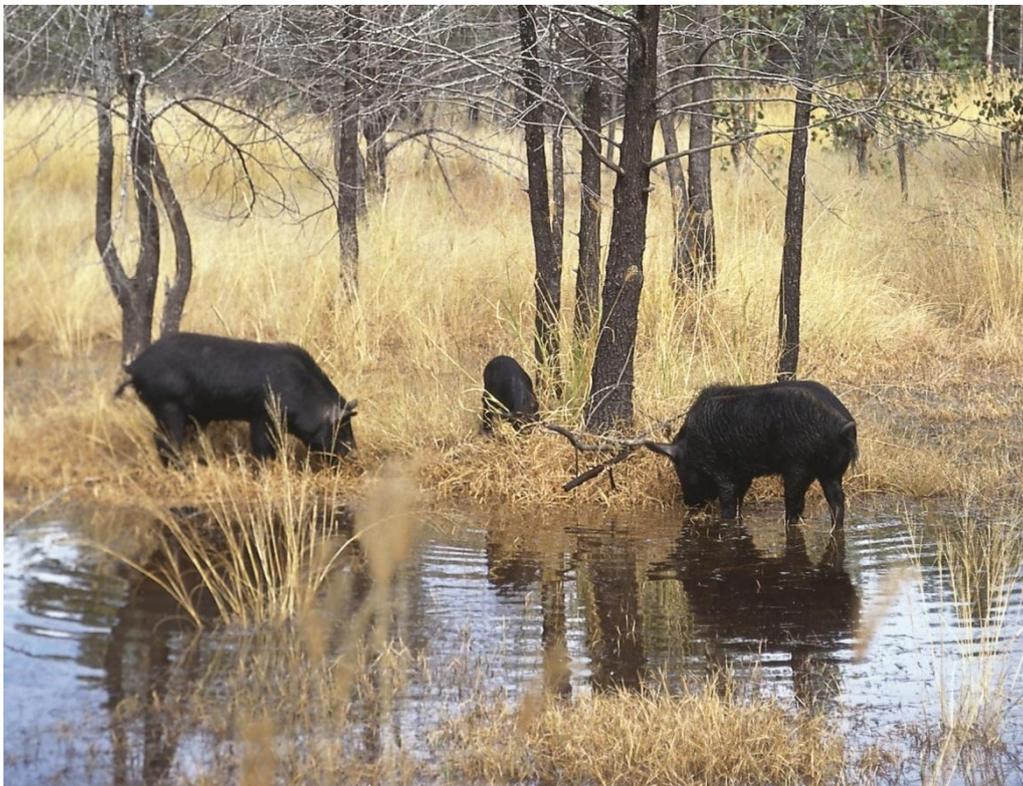
This 5-year Action Plan outlines a best-practice, region-specific approach to managing their impact.

Feedback is invited from:

-  primary producers
-  traditional owners
-  natural resource managers
-  government stakeholders.

Your input is vital. **Consultation closes Thursday 12 March.**

Have your say <https://dpi.engagementhub.com.au/feral-pig-action-plan>





# Boulia Library...



## BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

# Boulia Shire Library

### NEW HOURS

### Open Hours

**Monday – 8:15am – 5:00pm**  
(Lunch: 1:15pm – 2:15pm)

**Tuesday – 8:15am – 1:15pm**

**Wednesday - 8:15am – 5:00pm**  
(Lunch: 1:15pm – 2:15pm)

**Thursday: 8:15am – 1:15pm**

**Friday: 8:15am – 1:15pm**

**Saturday: 10:00am – 1:00pm**

### Contact Details

07 4746 2178

[library@boulia.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@boulia.qld.gov.au)




**What we have to offer:**

- First 5 Forever Programs  
Wednesday & Friday  
9:00am – 10:00am
- School Holiday Programs
- 3 x Public Computers all with internet and 1 x printer
- Books, DVD's, Audiobooks, Magazines, Book Exchange
- Photocopying, Laminating, Enlarge printing, Scanning  
All can be done in A4 & A3

If you're looking for something digitally to listen to, read, play or watch please check out these apps. Our staff are available to help you and all you need is a current membership, local or tourist





2026

*This Month at First 5 Forever*

**Library Opening Hours**

**MON: 8:15am - 5:00pm**

(Lunch break 1:15pm - 2:15pm)

**TUE: 8:15am - 1:15pm**

**WED: 8:15am - 5:00pm**

(Lunch break 1:15pm - 2:15pm)

**THUR: 8:15am - 1:15pm**

**FRI: 8:15am - 1:15pm**

**SAT: 10:00am - 1:00pm**

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	First 5 Forever 9:00 - 10:00 <b>COLOURING</b>	First 5 Forever 9:00 - 10:00 <b>BEADING</b>	First 5 Forever 9:00 - 10:00 <b>PUZZLE MORNING</b>	First 5 Forever 9:00 - 10:00 <b>FELT BOARDS</b>		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Happy St. Patrick's Day 	First 5 Forever 9:00 - 10:00 <b>ST. PADDY'S DAY MORNING TEA</b>	First 5 Forever 9:00 - 10:00 <b>COLLAGE MAKING</b>	First 5 Forever 9:00 - 10:00 <b>PLAYDOUGH FUN</b>		
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State Library of Queensland



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL



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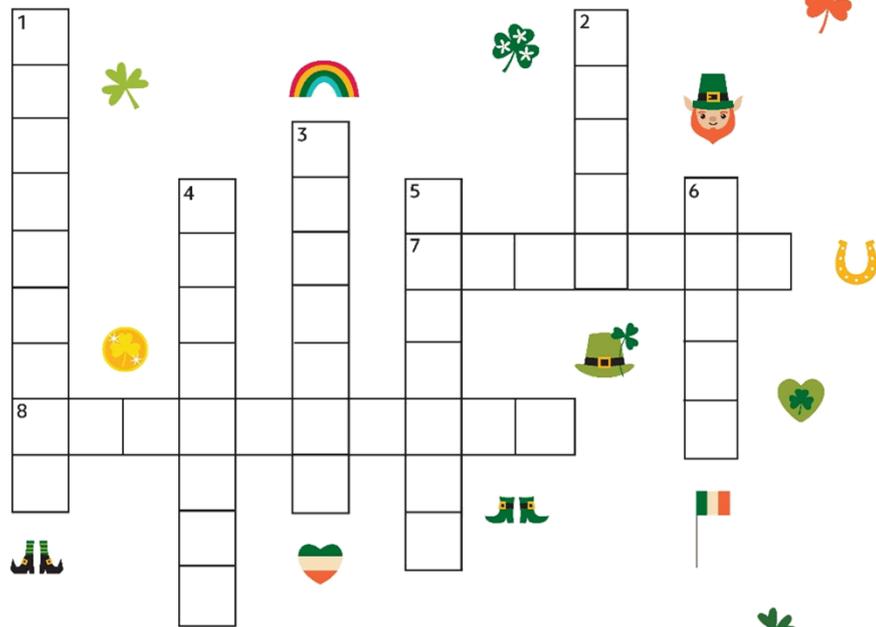


# Boulia Fun, Laughs and Brain Teasers...



## St. Patrick's Day Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



### Across

- 7. A colorful arc that might appear in the sky after it rains
- 8. A creature in old Irish stories that looks like a mysterious elf

### Down

- 1. What is said to be at the end of a rainbow
- 2. The color people wear on St. Patrick's Day
- 3. The saint this holiday is named after
- 4. A small plant with three leaves that is a symbol of Ireland
- 5. The country where St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday
- 6. Items you could find in a pot of gold





## Boulia's Yarn ....

**This is a new section of the CCC.**

Every Month we are going to publish a poem, short story or yarn.

Please send your piece to be published to [library@boulia.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@boulia.qld.gov.au).

### **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN AUSTRALIAN "Family" by Julie Woodhouse**

It was 1963 and a typical summer Sunday, just perfect for the fortnightly trip to the beach, more famously known now as the Gold Coast. In those days going from Brisbane to the beach took for ever or so it seemed to us kids, it was a two lane highway only and bumper to bumper traffic coming and going on a weekend.

I was 10 years old and along with my three siblings and parents, we crammed ourselves into the family's 1956 Ford Customline sedan which thankfully was large enough to accommodate a family of tall people. Baby capsules had not been invented so my baby sister sat either between my parents on front bench seat or on my mother's lap. We didn't even need seat belts at that time.

The rest of us sat in the back seat and squabbled the whole trip, which was also a normal thing evoking much yelling from the front seat and the often heard, "don't make me stop this car" or mum trying to reach over and whack one or all of us.

We were already dressed in our togs underneath shorts and t-shirt, no change of clothes taken so we were all ready when we hit the beach. The boot of the car held an esky with lunch on ice (homemade in tins, no packaged crushed ice from shops then) and 2 inner tubes from car tyres ready for blowing up with tyre foot pedal pump, a couple of buckets and spades and the mandatory beach umbrella for mum and baby. No hats were taken, who thought they were needed, we were all told repeatedly by the experts that lots of sun and a lovely brown tan was good for us and the salt water even better for good all round health.

Once we parked, unloaded and set up the beach umbrella, we would hit the water and there we would stay for hour upon hour, only coming out for lunch and maybe a brief time to play in sand, building sandcastles and still squabbling over the inner tubes.

The inner tubes were fabulous for floating over waves, but my father kept a watchful eye otherwise you could easily be swept out to sea even in the calmest of conditions. We never worried about sharks, stingers or other sea creatures, they must have been around but at 10 you are fearless.

We did love to find what we called blue bottles on the beach whilst searching for shells and debris and would poke and prod with a stick to see them wobble, I did get stung by one and had to see the lifeguard who doused me in vinegar. Shells used to be plentiful when the beaches were miles of sand and erosion from natural storm events and construction had not wrecked them, once people were allowed to build so close to the water fronts though the beaches most often became mere fringes of sand and rocks were piled to stop further erosion.



Lunch time always consisted of cold chicken on fresh bread with tomatoes, lettuce and cheese, We ate everything because the sun and exercise always made you ravenous. Always fruit for afters and if lucky you were allowed an ice cream or ice block before going home. Apart from Christmas and Easter it was also the only time we had soft drinks and usually it was the home-made ginger beer my father excelled in brewing. Back to the water, jumping over wavelets, as I could not swim, I never went far from the beach. My father who was an expert swimmer would always show off and do handstands in the water, his 6ft 3' legs waving like a tall pine tree out of the water. I still cannot swim but then again, I don't go near the sea now either, as fully aware of what could be in there and the sun has already done its damage to my skin.

Sometimes on these trips Dad would carry a fishing line and fish from the rocks to take home wonderful sea bream which he always cooked in a beer batter and was delicious. He would also look for fresh oysters along rocks and piers and swallow them straight from their spot. He was never sick.

Sometimes on the way home we would stop for fish and chips or a pie for our dinner that night. This was a special treat and not indulged in often as wages were low and we were a big family. KFC and MacDonalds, a favourite of families now were not around in Queensland until much later so fish and chips were a big highlight if you could get them.

Coming home in the afternoon was a nightmare, we would be in salt dried togs underneath our shirts with sand in all our nether regions sticking to the hot vinyl bench seat of the car, tired and always sunburnt of course. The traffic would be backed up for miles so a slow process which did not help my father's temper at all and much worse if there had been a road accident along the highway as it took even longer to get home. No digital devices or in-car television to while away the hours and I could not read a book as I would get car sick, so really all you could do was look out the window or fight with your brother and sister or played endless rounds of I spy.

Everyone would be tired and cranky, itchy and sore, by todays standards the degrees of sunburn would be considered child neglect. We would arrive home, all trying to get into the bath first to relieve the sunburn and get rid of the sand. The bathwater had to be as hot as you could stand it (compounding the burn) as it was a common belief that, that was how you relieve the sunburn.

Days later you could show off at school by peeling off layers of dead skin like a snake sloughing its outer layer.

The Good old Days!





## Boulia's Best Bites ...

**This is a new section of the CCC.**

Every Month we are going to publish a recipe for 'Boulia's Best Bites'. Please send your favourite or famous recipe to be published to [library@boulia.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@boulia.qld.gov.au).

### BEEF FAJITA WITH CAPSICUM AND RED ONION



**Meal Prep Time:** 20 minutes

**Serves:** 2

**Ingredients:**

- 1g Olive oil spray
- 1 Red capsicum (92g), thinly sliced
- 1 Red onion (89g), halved and thinly sliced
- 2 Cloves garlic (6g), crushed
- 1/2 Tsp mexican spice (1g)
- 300g Lean rump steak
- 2 Pieces tortilla wraps (51g)
- 40g Mixed salad leaves
- 1/2 Cup low fat natural yoghurt (65g)
- 1/4 Cups coriander leaves (10g)

**Method:**

1. Spray a large non-stick frying pan with oil and heat over medium-high heat.
2. Add capsicum, onion, garlic and Mexican spice to pan. Stir-fry for 4 minutes or until fragrant and onion is lightly golden. Transfer to a plate and cover with foil to keep warm.
3. Spray steak with oil and season with freshly ground black pepper. Return pan to medium-high heat. Cook steak for 2-3 minutes each side for medium or until cooked to your liking. Set aside for 2 minutes to rest. Cut into slices.
4. Place wraps on plates and top with salad leaves, capsicum mixture, beef slices, yoghurt and coriander. Wrap to enclose and serve.

Recipe from Jane Smith

# Boulia State School...

## Message from the Principle

Boulia State School Teachers and Staff have enthusiastically welcomed students back for a great year of learning and fun for 2026. It has been great to see so many students return and we are encouraging students to attend school every day (Monday to Friday) to make the most of every learning opportunity. It was great to see so many families attend our first BBQ Breakfast in Week 2 and we are excited for many more events in the future. We look forward to sharing more about these wonderful learning opportunities and more events in the coming months.



**Boulia State School**  
FRIENDLY REMINDER

TO KEEP WITH OUR DAILY SCHOOL ROUTINES AND PREVENT INTERRUPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WE ASK PARENTS & CARERS TO PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH A PACKED LUNCH AND WATER BOTTLE EACH MORNING WHEN THEY COME TO SCHOOL. WE HAVE HEAPS OF REFRIGERATOR SPACE TO KEEP LUNCHES COLD UNTIL MEAL BREAKS.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION




**BOULIA STATE SCHOOL P&C**  
**EASTER RAFFLE**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS TO GO TOWARDS OUR ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR DONATION TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE 9TH MARCH.

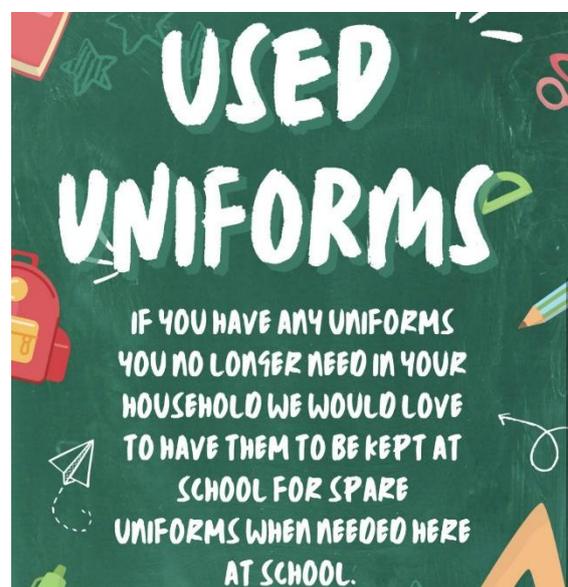



**Boulia State School**  
**Uniform Prices**

Short Sleeve Polo  
\$35

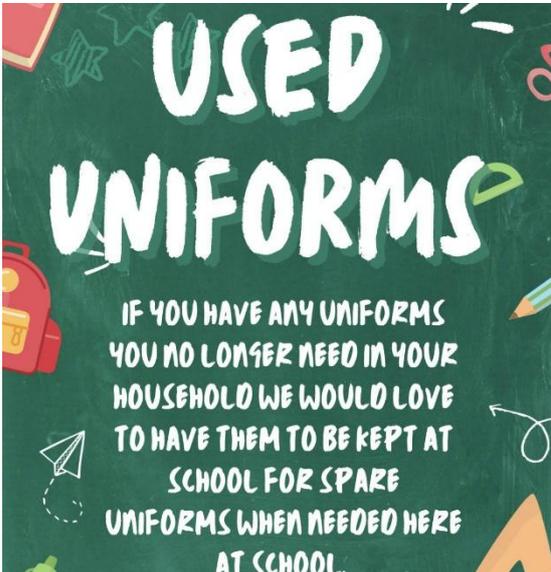
Long Sleeve Polo  
\$45

P&C Bank Details  
BSB # 064 815  
Account # 100 508 76  
*please put details in reference eg. John Brown x2 Short Polo.*

**USED UNIFORMS**

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNIFORMS YOU NO LONGER NEED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEM TO BE KEPT AT SCHOOL FOR SPARE UNIFORMS WHEN NEEDED HERE AT SCHOOL.



## Boulia Kids...

***This is a new section of the CCC.***

*Every Month we are going to publish an update on our Boulia Kid's. Please send in any accomplishments, stories, poems, jokes, artwork, anything that you or your kids are proud of, to be published to [library@boulia.qld.gov.au](mailto:library@boulia.qld.gov.au).*

### Update on the Britton Boys

They say it takes a village to raise kids..... I believe it. Here is a snapshot of what my Boulia boys are up to at boarding school. We get so busy & wrapped up in our lives I have at times forgotten how much joy my kids have brought into the worlds of others & how little we all get together in the warmer months to have those face to face conversations. No kids at home means no birthday party invites, no kid pick ups/chance conversations with other mums/dads. It is a whole different world that many have done long before me & many will continue to do, I just want to share a little of their new worlds with their lifelong community.

Jase started grade 7 at Cathedral in Townsville. My beautiful cousin took him for me as I successfully avoided the gut wrenching, emotional turbulence & tears by trekking off to Europe with Mum, Pom & Bradley (with Jase's blessing). We had one day of "I just cant wait for this year to be over" before he settled in. His room mate's name is Jace & ALSO wants to be an electrical engineer. What a world. He is also at school with Jack Tindall who used to be at Mackunda they inform me. He is into mountain biking (wants to sign up for a 120km charity ride), has only had one asthma attack & loves spending the weekends with his cousins. The wifi is terrible, the staff have ongoing concerns for how little he eats & he starts learning to row this term. He absolutely loves the routine, the challenge of the school work, has navigated the school portals/leave systems with ease but just wants better wifi. I hear from Jase when he wants something or about once a week.



Jase repping one of the three uniforms

Beau Peep (Scots PGC Warwick) calls every day, sometimes twice. He is full of alternative options to boarding school & is ongoingly frustrated at not being able to grow up at the rate he wants to. English teachers are an ongoing challenge it would seem, Maths he still loves. Apparently the Ag teacher has it in for him & the metal tech teacher lets him weld independently. He has won another award for his outstanding academic achievements also. He will definitely not be winning any awards for his attitude. He came 4<sup>th</sup> in cattle judging at a recent show & spent the weekend with Frank doing what he loves most.... Work. He loves Mr Bailey (head of boys jnr boarding) & is frustrated at the “immaturity of the other boarders”. He informs me they are lost causes. Beau is not into photos, we must be in that ‘shame’ stage of life. He counts the days to come home.

Zack is living his best life with the worst mullet I have ever encountered. He and Holly have started hiking on the weekends when either of them aren't working. Zack is working at Full belly BBQ on Bowen Road & loves it. He has successfully navigated the bus routes (50c trips) & Holly now has her P's so they are very mobile. Zack is in year 11 at TecNQ & starts his work experience shortly. They only really do English & maths & the rest of the time they do work placement in the trade they seek. Zack wants to be a carpenter so is actively looking for an apprenticeship in Townsville. Holly has started her school based apprenticeship as an auto electrician (She's in year 12). They are both looking forward to coming home for the holidays.



Zack won the 'Industrious' award in 2025 – for being brilliant at working with his hands.



Zack - School shopping took a different turn this year with the list consisting of tool belts, hammers, safety gear

## Boulia Community Support Services...





 **NOTICE!**

We've updated our social media photography policy

We are still taking photos of events, but will no longer post photos that include children on social media platforms.

Photos will be available for viewing and digital collection from the office.

We are located behind the Catholic Church at 33 Moonah street, Open 8am - 4pm Monday - Friday

Thank you for your understanding

# Boulia CUC...

The Boulia hub provides a quiet and welcoming study environment for students seeking focused study time and support. The hub features kitchen facilities, a large shared study room, and a common area. The facility is accessible via a ramp and includes accessible bathrooms.

The hub offers high-speed Wi-Fi, printing, scanning, and copying facilities, and a range of resources to support students throughout their study journey. The hub is accessible to registered students 24/7.

The hub is staffed at least one day per week by the Boulia Hub Coordinator and Learning Support Advisor, Krystal, and she is contactable at other times as needed.



To find out more about the Boulia CUC, to join or to get a copy of the newsletters please jump online and check it out: <https://www.cucrapadcwq.edu.au/boulia/>



CUC RAPAD CWQ  
PRESENTS

# STRONG WOMEN, Smart Money

Join us at one of four **Strong Women, Smart Money** workshops with Prue Button. Casual, informative 3-hour sessions designed to help women take control of their finances, featuring:

- Practical Financial Education
- Online Safety and Security
- Tax and superannuation basics
- Supportive discussion and connection

These one-off sessions will be delivered face-to-face in Blackall and Longreach, with participants also able to register to join any session online.



## CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOP

### BLACKALL

1. WED 25 MAR | 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm, OR
2. THURS 26 MAR | 9 am to 12 noon

### LONGREACH

1. WED 18 MAR | 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm, OR
2. SAT 28 MAR | 9 am to 12 noon

**OR REGISTER TO JOIN ONLINE FROM ANYWHERE ACROSS THE CENTRAL WEST**

For more information  
contact:  
LIZA CAMERON  
0487 068 994

### TO REGISTER

Access the registration form via the QR Code or email [degrees@cucrapadcwq.edu.au](mailto:degrees@cucrapadcwq.edu.au)



### WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

Prue Button is a Longreach-based business owner and former accounting practice director with extensive experience in financial management and education. As founder of iButton Events, she combines corporate insight with a strong understanding of regional communities to deliver practical, confidence-building guidance.



## Boulia Firearm Safety Course...

Aaron Lemphers held an Arming the Nation Firearms safety course on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026. The course was very informative and well-presented. Good fun was had by all, young and not so young. If you would like to do a Firearms Safety Course, please see Brett at the Min Min Store.



## Boulia Landcare Group...

On behalf of the Boulia Rivers Landcare Kalinda travelled to Brisbane on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September with Doug Allpass and Maria Vega (a soil scientist based in Longreach), to attend the National Landcare Conference at the Gold Coast.

The First day of conference started with an 8am registration followed by a welcome to country.

Kalinda was delighted to find Costa Georgiadis was the MC for the conference, he made it very entertaining.

There were some very inspirational speakers and in overall it was very informative.

It was good to hear what other Landcare groups do to keep the interest going, some things might work for the Boulia Landcare Group. After the first day of conference a meet and greet was held which allowed people to have a one on one with other colleagues and guest speakers.

There were discussions on soil health and of course a lot on the water ways. Kalinda was delighted to be able to represent the Boulia Rivers Landcare and show our city cousin.

Kalinda has put the Boulia Shire on some people's maps as we have the same interest of saving the Lake Eyre from weed invasion that's heading its way if we don't fight it here in our Shire first.



If you would like to be apart of the Boulia Landcare group, please get in contact with Kalinda 0408 461 240 or [boulialandcare@outlook.com](mailto:boulialandcare@outlook.com) for more information.

## Boulia's Up and Coming Rodeo Superstar...

Lareece Daley-Kennedy Born in mount isa 11-01-2013  
 Lareece spent most of her young life in Boulia then moved to mount isa due to her older sister needing special schooling. Lareece's mother (Teena Daley) and grandmother (Florance Melville) are from Boulia. Lareece's dad (Nathan Kennedy (Bulldog)) is from the Mount Isa area born and raised.

Lareece started riding calves and mini bulls at age 10.

She competed at Dajarra rodeo 2022 and has ridden every local rodeo in the area since. Although she has no practice pens around, she has been getting on a few out at a mates place a couple of times a year to help her out. Lareece has earned a pretty lil fan base in the FNQ region, and she supports her fellow riders with a passion.

Lareece's biggest dream at the moment is to be the first indigenous female Australian to be world Saddle Bronc champion. Although that's a few years away Lareece is in the running for the Australian mini bull team, the tour is set for the USA in September 2026. This year Lareece has stepped up from Poddy calf riding to the Steer Ride and this could be a massive help to her with the up-and-coming trip to the USA.

Proud is an understatement as a parent. Big dreams and a massive thank you to everyone that help Lareece out.

Her future dream as an adult is to have her own Toyota and float with a bike and some dogs and just travel around doing rodeos and working as a jillaroo on stations. It's all she has talked about since she was 6years old.



## What's Happening in Boulia...



**BOULIA QCWA**

**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY**

Morning Tea

**SUN 08 MAR 10-2PM**

**FRIENDS • FOOD • MARKETS**

Boulia Shire Hall  
Herbert St

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A MARKET TABLE  
PLEASE CONTACT  
JULIE 0409 233 225

For more information please call Tarsha  
on 0473 991 157



Term 1, 2026

# SWIMMING BLOCK

FREE LESSONS

SDE & PLAYGROUP FRIENDS WELCOME

at Bedourie Swimming Pool and Artesian Spa



with Karen Gilchrist



March 17-19<sup>th</sup>

Times	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:45 - 9:45 am	Bedourie SS Students	Bedourie SS Students	Bedourie SS Students
10:00 - 10:45 am	Mums and Bubs	Mums and Bubs	Mums and Bubs
11:45 - 12:45 pm	Birdsville SS students	Birdsville SS students	Birdsville SS students
1:45 - 2:45 pm	Bedourie and Birdsville SS students	Bedourie and Birdsville SS students	Bedourie and Birdsville SS students



**Contact:**  
 Mrs Danielle Carige at Bedourie State School  
 dcari3@eq.edu.au  
 4746 1224      0436652772





**Boulia Turf Club**

February 12 at 9:47 AM · 🌐

📅 Save the Date 📅

🐎 Boulia Turf Club 2026 Races 🐎

Mark your calendars because the dust is about to fly at the Boulia Easter Races!

- 📅 When: Easter Saturday 4th April 2026
- 📍 Where: Boulia Racecourse Reserve
- 🐎 5 Race Program
- 🍷 Free camping and amenities
- 🍷 Bar open from 11am
- 👗 Fashions on the Field
- 🍔 Hot Food
- 🚌 Courtesy Bus
- 🎤 Live music and so much more.... STAY TUNED!!
- ☎️ Krystal# 0428 118 723
- ☎️ Jack# 0477 6868 93



*We need*



**Bar Staff Wanted**

We're looking for volunteering bar staff to help our team at this year's race meet.

- 📄 RSA preferred but not essential
- 📄 2 hours of volunteering = free entry to the event
- 📄 a great chance to get involved and give back to the community

**Julie Woodhouse  
# 0409 233 225**





CLONCURRY  
VET SERVICES

# Boulia Run

3rd-5th of April

## Easter Weekend Races

Consults/Vaccinations/Minor  
Surgery

Equine Vet Services/Station Visits

For appointments or any enquiries:

07 4742 0373

[admin@cloncurryvetservices.com.au](mailto:admin@cloncurryvetservices.com.au)





# BOULIA CAMPDRAFT



## & RODEO

8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026

More details & program for Campdraft, Rodeo and Gymkahana follow our facebook page in 2026

Enquires please email Bouliarodeo@gmail.com  
0427021002

8TH , 9TH & 10TH MAY 2026



Boulia Campdraft,  
Rodeo & Gymkahana  
2026  
**SPONSORSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES**



If you or your business is looking to help make a great family friendly event come together please contact us  
bouliarodeo@gmail.com

**BOULIA**  
CAMPDRAFT & RODEO  
**BAR MANAGER**  
FOR  
**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

**ENQUIRE TO MEZ  
0427 021 002**

**BOULIA**  
CAMPDRAFT & RODEO  
— LOOKING FOR —  
**NIGHT TIME**  
MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

**CONTACT MEZ  
0427 021 002**



# FREE THERAPY & DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENERS

For Boulia children (under 13 years)

BUSHkids provides free support to families in Boulia so children can reach their potential



**MEG**  
Occupational Therapist

Help **everyday skills** like:

- Toileting, eating, dressing
- Feelings and play
- School skills
- Attention
- Moving their bodies



**CATHERINE**  
Speech Pathologist

Help **speech and language**:

- Use words to talk to others
- Understand what they hear
- Put sounds together



**PAULINE**  
Admin Officer

Help to **connect with**:

- BUSHkids
- Our team
- Completing forms
- Changing appointments

## HOW TO SEE US?

Yarn with....

- One of us when we are in town
- Complete referral form at school or Boulia PHC

Or scan QR code to fill out a referral form.



## BUSHkids in BOULIA

Term 1 - Week 3 (10-12/02/2026)

Term 1 - Week 8 (17-19/03/2026)

Term 2 - Week 1 (21-23/04/2026)

Term 2 - Week 5 (19-21/05/2026)

Term 2 - Week 9 (16-18/06/2026)

We can also see you online via Zoom or through the Boulia PHC telehealth





## Do you get stressed or anxious sometimes?

If you are a man living in a remote area, I'd like to hear your thoughts on offering digital support for men doing it tough

Apps, websites and online services like MensLine Australia or MindSpot can help you when life is stressful. These services offer helpful advice and strategies to assist you to take better care of yourself.

Often, men don't use these services, and I want to understand why. I would like to hear your thoughts, experiences, or those of your mates, in a confidential interview. Your insights will be helpful to other men having a tough time.

### Who can participate?

I would like to talk to men who:

- are living in a remote area
- have been stressed, anxious, or depressed sometimes in their life

You don't need to have used digital health technology before.

### What is involved?

A confidential chat with me for up to one hour, either:

- online
- or in-person.

Your personal identity will not be shared.

### Reimbursement

You will receive a \$75 gift card for your time.

### Questions

Please contact me: UQ PhD Student and nurse Raphael Ohms ([r.ohms@uq.edu.au](mailto:r.ohms@uq.edu.au))

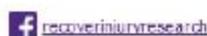
Phone: 0468720691

### Get involved

Scan the QR code or click the link to go to the registration form. Thank you.



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# CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

## CONTACTS

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Julie Woodhouse  
Bob Spilsbury  
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0409 233 225  
07 47463158

Councillor  
Boulia Min Min Store

## SERVICES & BUSINESSES

### 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 – 8:15am – 1:15pm  
Wednesday – 8:15am – 5:00pm  
(closed for lunch 1:15pm – 2:15pm)  
Thursday – 8:15am – 1:15pm  
Friday – 8:15am – 1:15pm  
Saturday – 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

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### 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 – 6pm  
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@bouliass.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@bouliass.eq.edu.au)

FREIGHT COMPANIES  
KENLACH TRANSPORT  
WWATS TRANSPORT  
CHANNEL COUNTRY TRANSPORT

07 4749 4354  
0428 262 617  
0409 617 195

[admin@kenlach.com.au](mailto:admin@kenlach.com.au)  
[orders.tsv@wwts.com.au](mailto:orders.tsv@wwts.com.au)



## BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

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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](mailto:library@boulia.qld.gov.au) 074746 3408.