

CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER Monthly Hotspot



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL



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JUNE LOCAL EVENTS

25th Share the Dignity Afternoon Tea
 27th Yarn about Sleep x2 sessions
 27-29th Boulia Campdraft & Rodeo

JULY LOCAL EVENTS

9th End Loneliness Day 13th Winter Markets

14th First Day of School Term 3

18th-20th Boulia Camel Races

28th NAIDOC Day – more details TBA

AUGUST LOCAL EVENTS

30th-31st Boulia Golf Open

JULY REGIONAL EVENTS

3rd-6th MT Isa Campdraft

8th Birdsville – The John Williamson Big

Red

8th Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge &

Campdraft

10th Melbourne Comedy Showcase - Mt Isa

11th-13th Bedourie Bull & Bronc Pit, Camel &

Pig Races



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

A progressive shire creating opportunities for all.



The Governor of Queensland Visits Boulia...







The Queensland Governor has heaped praise on the community after a quick trip to Boulia. Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young, the former chief medical officer, stopped in and visited our amazing tourism spots and the Boulia State School.









Council Services....

Spotlights on.....

Jade Somerfield

Flood Damage Admin

Commenced: 20th February 2023

Tell us about your role in Council?



My role within council is admin support for the CWO on all Flood Damage works with QRA

Your favourite place in the world and why?

Anywhere in the caravan with the family, the kids love it 😊



Favourite food?

Mangoes

Any fun facts you want to share about yourself?

I first started on the council in the Library.

What do you love about living in Boulia?

The Boulia mums - there is a lot of kids in town, everyone supports everyone without questionin.



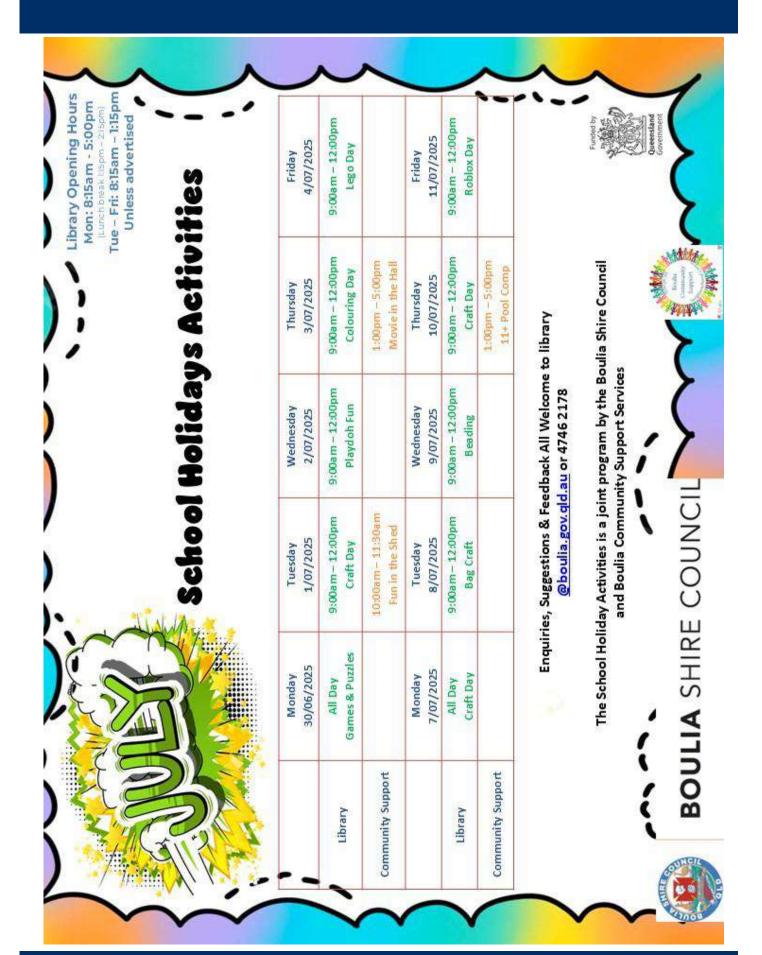




Boulia Shire Library...









Boulia Shire Council hosted 3 talented skateboarders from the Chiggy's Skateboarding School last month. The Boulia children had an amazing time learning how to ride their new boards.

















This year the Boulia Shire Library with the amazing support from the Boulia community raised just over \$200.00 for the Can Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

Mornings like these are only made possible with the support from such an amazing community.





Boulia Swimming Pool Upgrade...

Following the summer season at the Boulia Swimming Pool an important maintenance and replacement program is being delivered.

The pool was needing frequent top-ups of water, with investigations identifying that the expansion joints were leaking. Following emptying of the Pool the joints across the length and width of the floor were cut clean and have been filled with a modern material that can withstand differential movements of the concrete shell (as illustrated in blue lines on the following photograph).

There were also concerns with the reliability of the filtration system that maintains the water quality. It was identified that the aged tanks needed to be replaced, and new ones are currently being installed.

As a safety measure a non-slip paint has been applied to the pool concourse areas.

The works are expected to be fully completed and pool operational before the traditional pool reopening across the holding of Camel Races in July.



New expansion joints (Blue lines)



Painted pool concourse (Grey colour)



Former filter tanks following removal



Boulia State School...









The 9th of June marked the 12 month anniversary since we lost our Miss Rainy.

It may seem like just a chair, but Miss Rainy was a morning presence. The first encounter a student had when walking through the gate, a familiar face & voice that would bring comfort & consistency to our school community.

Next time you visit Boulia State School, take a moment to reflect on Miss Rainy, her life, her experiences & her service to the Boulia Community.

With a heart of gold & a handbag of lollies (and sometimes a much needed anti-histamine) Miss Rainy will be forever remembered.









Job Opportunities in Boulia.....



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POSITION VACANT – Multi Skilled Plant Operator 6/5/25

Roads Construction Maintenance Crew (Camp)

POSITION TITLE: Multi Skilled Plant Operator (HR)

DIRECTORATE: Works and Operations

DEPARTMENT: Roads Construction Maintenance

CLASSIFICATION: Division 2. Section 5 - Level 6

REPORTS TO: Foreman - Roads Construction Maintenance

AWARD and STREAM: Qld Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award - State 2017

Boulia Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024-2027

76 hours per fortnight HOURS:

LOCATION: Boulia Works Depot - Onsite remote camps

REVIEW DATE: 8/5/2025

KEY DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- -Operate and maintain any vehicle/plant in a safe and efficient manner in accordance with National Heavy Vehicle Regulations, Queensland Road Rules and Boulia Shire Council's workshop guidelines
- Conduct pre-start and end of day checks of machinery or truck/s; and report any faults or damage including identified defects or problems to supervisor
- Safely undertake various duties including labouring and manual handling tasks as directed by Supervisor, and in accordance with appropriate WH&S Guidelines
- Carry out traffic control, including installation of temporary signs and barricades as required Provide work progress reports to the Supervisor
- Communicate, solve and/or discuss work problems with other team members, and the Supervisor (if required) to ensure task is completed to satisfactory standard
- Ensure all operations are carried out in compliance with these Boulia Shire Council's policies (eg Drug and Alcohol, Equal Employment Opportunity, Code of Conduct)
- Able to reside in a work camp located on a remote construction site for the term of a construction / maintenance project
- -HR Licence (mandatory), MC Licence (desirable), White Card (mandatory), Traffic Management (desirable)

Base Hourly Rate	\$32.6321
Total Annual Salary	\$85,826.20
Camp Allowance (est 90 days per year)	\$5,400.00
Construction Allowance	\$1,857.44
Work Health and Safety Bonus	\$1,250.00
Attract and Retention Allowance	\$2,500.00
Superable wage (Base+OAP) 12%	\$7,737.72
Locality allowance (single)	\$2,600.00
Base Rate of pay (Level 6)	\$64,481.04

^{***}There will be some overtime worked within this role (authorised only). This has not been factored into above salary. To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter and provide any additional information relevant to application. Applications will be addressed as received with a view to immediate engagement. Please email hr@boulia.qld.gov.au to submit your application or if you require further information.

^{***}Subsidised housing may be available for this position***





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FULL TIME POSITION AVAILABLE - 2/5/2025

RMPC - Multi-Skilled Plant Operator - Labourer

POSITION TITLE: Multi-Skilled Plant Operator - Labourer

DIRECTORATE: Works & Operations

DEPARTMENT: Roads Maintenance Performance Contracts (RMPC)

CLASSIFICATION: Level 4.1

REPORTS TO: Foreman - RMPC

Qld Local Government Industry (Stream B) Award – State 2017 &

AWARD and STREAM:
Boulia Shire Council Certified Agreement 2024-2027

HOURS: 76 per fortnight

LOCATION: Boulia Shire Council Works Depot

REVIEW DATE: 02/05/2025

Boulia Shire Council is seeking applications from interested persons in being engaged as a full time employee with Road Maintenance Performance Contracts Department to work on a full time basis.

The RMPC department is responsible for the delivery of the Transport & Main Roads contract of works for Boulia Shire Council as well as delivering road maintenance works. The department is agile & flexible with aspects of waste management & water management coming within its scope of work. It is the primary point of call for all concreting requests with a state of the art batching plant under its control.

This role primarily works within the shire limits undertaking programmed maintenance works. The successful candidate will work within an established team

Mandatory Requirements:

- · Compliance with all Boulia Shire Council policies
- HR Licence
- Working in Construction Industry (White) Card
- Demonstrated ability to perform specific accountabilities as outlined in the position description
- Demonstrated ability to perform duties in accordance with Workplace Health & Safety standards

Base Hourly Rate	\$31.46
Total Annual Salary Package	\$77,832.20
Maximum Construction Allowance	\$1,857.44
Workplace Health & Safety Bonus	\$1,250.00
Attraction & Retention Bonus	\$2,500.00
Annual Superannuation (12%)	7,459.80
Locality allowance (single)	\$2,600.00
Annual Base Rate – Level 5.1	\$62,164.16

A comprehensive position description is available upon request by emailing hregboulia.qld.gov.au. To apply – please email resume & application addressing responses to the selection criteria outlined in the position description.

Applications will be assessed as received with a view to immediate engagement.





DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR THE CARE & EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AGED 0-4?

DO YOU HAVE THE DEDICATION TO UNDERTAKE FORMAL STUDIES IN EARLY CHILDHOOD & CARE?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PART OF THE FUTURE DESIGN OF WHAT EARLY CHILDHOOD & CARE COULD LOOK LIKE IN OUR COMMUNITY?

Boulia Shire Council is seeking

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

from members of our community for those interested in undertaking:

Certificate III in Early Childhood (Job seekers only) Diploma in Early Childhood (Open to All)

These are projects based on specific target groups in which Council has applied for funding to implement. Should Council be successful, we would like to have an established register of interest to initiate immediate engagements.

Please email hr@boulia.qld.gov.au with any questions you may have or to register your interest.

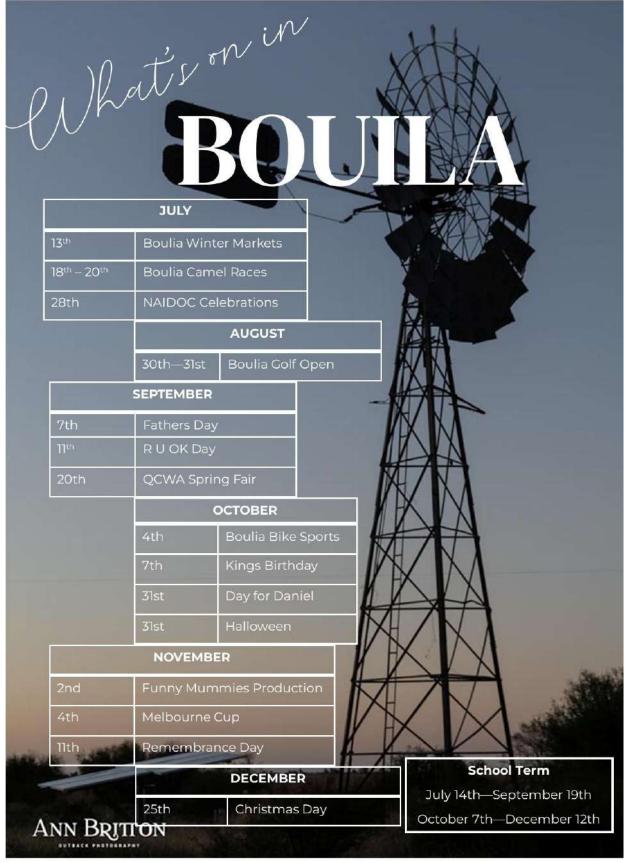
Salary will be in accordance with Qld Local Government Industry Award - Stream A - Children's Services.



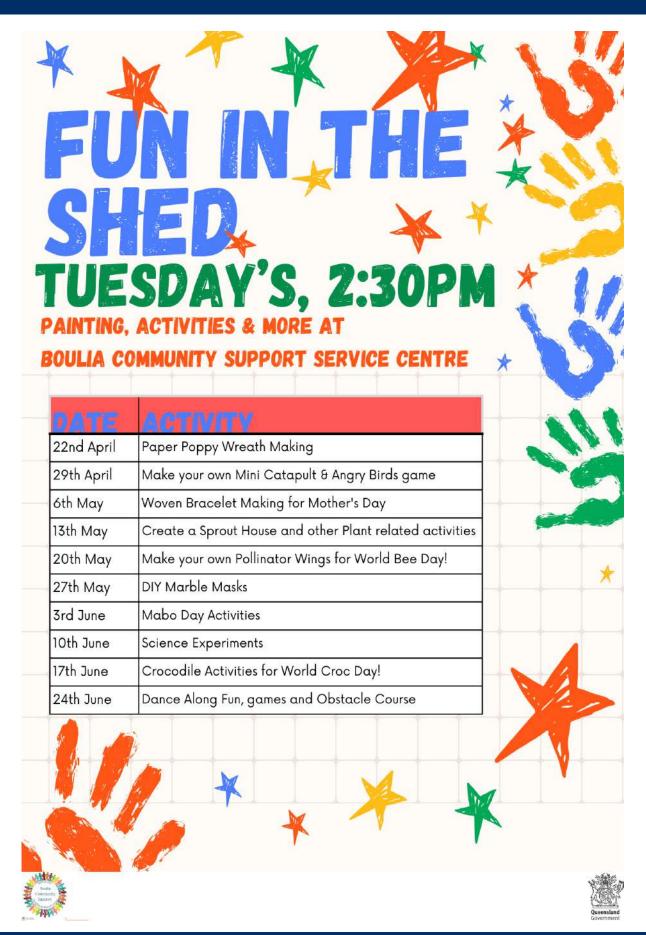
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What's Happening in Boulia.....









WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY

Share the Dignity Program
AFTERNOON TEA, FEMININE
HEALTH PRODUCTS &
CONSULTATION FOR FUTURE
SESSIONS

June 25th, 1pm - 2:pm In The Shed

This will be a special session to introduce the 'Share The Dignity' program here in Boulia.

This session will include:

- Sanitary products and kits available
- An opportunity to have a chat, a cuppa & see what resources we have for you to access
- The chance to let us know what you'd like to see in our Women's Wednesday Sessions going forward















Let's Yarn About

Obstructive Sleep Apnoea

If you are an Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander community
member (over 18 years) and have
experienced or know someone with
any of the following symptoms, we
would like to yarn about obstructive
sleep apnoea (OSA) with you.

- loud snoring
- pauses in breathing while you're sleeping
- waking up gasping or choking
- awakening with a dry mouth
- excessive daytime sleepiness

Let's Yarn About Sleep team at the Thompson Institute, the University of Sunshine Coast, invites community members to yarn with us.

We will conduct four yarning sessions to discuss the impact of OSA on your health, well-being and life, your experience of receiving OSA care and how OSA service delivery can be improved to meet your needs. You can choose to participate in one or all of the yarning sessions.

Participation is voluntary. Each yarning session will take up to 1 hour.



You will receive a \$50 gift card for your participation.

Your views/experiences will guide us in designing culturally responsive OSA service delivery models.

The Human Research Ethics Committee of The University of Queensland has approved this study (2023/HE001851)

Find out more

If you would like to know about the study or participate, please contact Roslyn Von Senden at 0419 325 780 or

lyas@usc.edu.au

Date: 27th June, 2025 Time: 9:30am-11:30am Where: Boulia Shire Hall

Morning tea provided

Transport to/from venue not provided

















SleepHealth



BOULIA CAMPDRAFT



& RODEO



27TH 28TH & 29TH JUNE 2025

PROGRAM IS CCA AFFILIATED & RUN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL INFORMATION COMPETITION RULES & GUIDELINES



FRIDAY - 7AM START



BLACKET HELICOPTERS MAIDEN DRAFT

\$2000 NOM \$40 ONE ROUND & FINAL



ALDERLEY PASTORAL COMPANY LADIES DRAFT

\$1000 NOM \$40 ONE ROUND LIMITED 2 RUNS PER PERSON



DAVENPORT PARAWAY PASTORAL COMPANY ENCOURAGEMENT DRAFT



\$1200 NOM \$30 ONE ROUND LIMITED 2 RUNS PER PERSON

Riders 17yrs & over who have not won an Encouragement draft OR open age draft OR placed 3 times in an open age draft



BOULIA AUSTRALIAN HOTEL KIDS HORSE GYMKHANA 5PM START

5yrs & over

FRIDAY NIGHT 7PM

GOODWOOD PASTORAL BULLOCK RIDE

\$800 NOM \$75





KRIOS ELECTRICAL STATION BUCKJUMP

\$1000 NOM \$90















ROGUE AG CONTRACTING NOVICE DRAFT

\$3000 NOM \$45 ONE ROUND & FINAL



BRAD & SARAH MOURILYAN MINI DRAFT

\$300 NOM \$10 LIMITED 1 RIDE Mini 5-7yrs- Rider must be off the lead



ADAM NORTON FENCING JUNIOR DRAFT

\$400 NOM \$20 8-12YRS





TONKIES CARPENTRY JUVENILE DRAFT

\$500 NOM \$20 13 - 17YRS

JOE COFFEY CONSTRUCTIONS OPEN DRAFT

\$4000 NOM \$60 ONE ROUND & FINAL





KJP CONTRACTING FUTURITY DRAFT

\$800 NOM \$30 ONE ROUND

Horses must be 4yrs of age & under, proof of age can be registered papers from ASH or AQHA or proof of age provided by registered vet to confirm age. Horses competing in Futurity MUST NOT of started in an Open Age campdraft.

BOULIA RODEO 5PM START



BOULIA CARAVAN PARK MINI BARRELS UNDER 10YR OLD

\$200 NOM \$20



DESERT SANDS MOTEL JUNIOR BARRELS 13YR & UNDER

\$300 NOM \$30



\$400 NOM \$40



DUST & DIESEL CONTRACTING LADIES BARRELS 18YR & OVER

\$800 NOM \$80

HARRIS CONTRACTING MINI BULLS UNDER 8

\$200 NOM \$20



DUST&DIESEL



\$200 NOM \$20



GARLAND CATTLE TRANSPORT JUNIOR BULL





\$600 NOM \$60

RIMEX SADDLE BRONC

\$1000 NOM \$90



\$1500 NOM \$90

FEATURE RIDE











ELLES ESPRESSO & CO LOCAL DRAFT

\$500 NOM \$20 ONE ROUND LIMITED TO ONE RUN ONE BEAST ONLY NO STATUS BROKEN. 250KM RADIUS FROM BOULIA 17YRS & OVER



MAIDEN FINAL NOVICE FINAL OPEN FINAL



PLACINGS UP TO 6[™] PLACE

CATTLE KINDLY DONATED BY NAPCO MARION DOWNS & HERBERT DOWNS BOULIA SHOWGROUNDS PIC #0DB00078

DISCLAIMER: The Boulia Campdraft & Rodeo Association does not accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to any competitor, horse, livestock, spectators or other person or property whatsoever. Horse movement record to be emailed to bouliarodeo@gmail.com.

All prize monies paid as per CCA General rules and guidelines section 24. Stallions to be enclosed as Per CCA rule 11.2

The committee reserves the right to change the program at anytime. Campdrafts rule under CCA Rules & Guidelines. Judges decision is final.

SCRATCHING RULE: 100% Refund of the nomination fee will be given if the competitor withdraws more than 7 days prior to the first morning of the program.

RIDERS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST WEAR HELMETS WHILST MOUNTED ON A HORSE AT ALL TIMES. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE U17YRS OF AGE PERMITTED TO RIDE/HANDLE STALLIONS WITHIN THE PERIMETER OF THE GROUNDS.

NOMINATIONS THROUGH CAMPDRAFT CENTRAL OPEN FOR 24HRS 9AM 16TH OF JUNE. All Competitors for campdraft MUST add the \$10 CCA Event fee when nominating.

NOMINATIONS FOR RODEO THROUGH RODEO LIVE AUSTRALIA **OPEN 16TH OF**

JUNE.





ALL ENQUIRIES TO SCOTT & MARYELLEN BLACKET SCOTT: 0438 461 244 MARYELLEN: 0427 021 002









End-Loneliness May

Empowering Connections.

Ending Loneliness.

End Loneliness Inc. is a not-for-profit initiative led by business and community members volunteering their time to implement framework and strategies designed to help prevent loneliness. 9th July 2025, 9:30am

@ Boulia Shire Library



Smile Zone.





Hello Neighbour.

Connectivity (3)
Pack. (3)

Conversation Corner.





Scan the QR code or go to www.endloneliness.org.au for more information

















Helping Boulia Children

As part of the Healthy Outback Kids Program, BUSHkids will be working with Boulia families.

What's on offer?

Service	Who	How to refer
BUSHkids OT Sleep, Eating, Dressing, Emotions, Writing, Coordination, Concentration	Children 0-12 years	Complete Enrolment Form available at School, Boulia PHC or scan the QR code
BUSHkids Speech Talking, Listening, Learning and Playing	Children 0–12 years	

BUSHkids In Boulia (Tuesday's- Thursdays)		
Term 2 – Week 6	27 th – 29 th May	
Term 2 – Week 10	24 th – 26 th June	
Term 3 – Week 2	22 nd – 24 th July	
Term 3 – Week 7	26 th – 28 th August	
Term 4 – Week 2	14 th – 16 th October	
Term 4 – Week 7	18 th – 20 th November	

Contact us: healthyoutbackkids@bushkids.org.au



CONTACTS

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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Boulia Min Min Store

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 – 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
FREIGHT COMPANIES KENLACH TRANSPORT WWATS TRANSPORT CHANNEL COUNTRY TRANSPORT	07 4749 4354 0428 262 617 0409 617 195	admin@kenlach.com.au orders.tsv@wwts.com.au



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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 <u>library@boulia.qld.gov.au</u> 074746 3408.