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# CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

*Merry Christmas*  
And Happy New Year



## *Monthly Hotspot*



**BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL**



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

*A progressive shire creating opportunities for all.*



## Upgrade of the Min Min Encounter frontage to Herbert Street...

As a focal point for visitors to Boulia concerns have been raised with the appearance of the Min Min Encounter building to Herbert Street. With a northerly aspect the frontage receives high summer temperatures that have caused die-back in plants and turf. The set-back area previously contained the remains of some previous steps and planter beds.

Key elements of the works that were delivered by a local contractor on behalf of Council are an extended balustrade replicating the existing pattern, enclosure of the open undercroft with concrete sleepers with a timber pattern and concrete paving with an exposed local aggregate finish. The previous signage and memorials were stored during the works and are being incorporated into the new façade.

The response from residents to the works has been very positive.







## Wills Street Crossing...

Works on Wills Street are now 95% completed with 14mm aggregate scheduled for the new year, Mann Made Construction completed the culvert and concrete works, with our local flood damage contractors completing all road and earth works, well done to all involved. This project is funded by **Local Recovery and Resilience Grant (QRA)**

Thank you to the Boulia Community for being patient and understanding with the recent change of traffic conditions.



November 26, 2024 3:57 pm  
-22.909735, 139.909563  
Wills Street | Wills Street | 480.0







## BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

### *Christmas & New Years Closures*



**MAIN COUNCIL OFFICE & LIBRARY**  
Closes 24 Dec 2024 - Reopen 06 Jan 2025

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

**MIN MIN ENCOUNTER**  
Closes 13 Dec 2024 - Reopen 27 Jan 2025

**HERITAGE COMPLEX**  
Closes 12 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 03 Jan 2025

**Out of Hours - Council Emergencies Only 0429 463 188**  
**SES 132 500**

**Boulia Medical Centre 4746 2300**

**Boulia Police Station 4744 1644**

**Emergency Services 000**

*Wishing all a Merry Christmas*

*Lynn Moore*  
Chief Executive Officer





## Boulia Shire Library... First 5 Forever and other news

### Remembrance Day







## Boulia State School...



### KINDY DAY 2025 BOULIA STATE SCHOOL

WEEK 1 TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

WEEK 2 WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY  
AND FRIDAY

KINDY WILL START ON TUESDAY 4TH  
FEBRUARY 2025

### Does my child start kindy or school in 2025?

Born in blue, school is for you.  
Born in red, it's kindy instead.

2019	2020	2021
<b>School</b>	<b>Kindy</b>	<b>Kindy</b>
July	January	January
August	February	February
September	March	March
October	April	April
November	May	May
December	June	June

You can also use the kindy calculator  
to see when your child starts kindy or school.  
[www.qld.gov.au/KindyAgeCalculator](http://www.qld.gov.au/KindyAgeCalculator)

Free  
**KINDY**

Queensland  
Government





## Swimming Carnival **WILLS** VS **BURKE**







## Boulia Community Support Services...

### Family Fun Day







## Bob & Val's Christmas Tree...



You know you have landed in an amazing community when the local grocer throws a Christmas gift given afternoon yearly for all the local kids as a thank you for shopping with them. The kids look forward to Santa's early gift given every year.

Thankyou Bob, Val and all the others that worked together to make this event possible. The smiles on the kid's faces shows how much they appreciated the afternoon.







## What Happening in Boulia.....

 **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](mailto: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





## CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE DEPOT



OPEN

SATURDAY

14TH DECEMBER 2024

7AM – 10AM

PLEASE COME AS EARLY AS  
POSSIBLE OR NOTIFY IF  
RUNNING LATE

50 MOONAH ST, BOULIA

SCHEME ID ONLY





## BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Centrelink Mobile Service Centre Coming to Boulia 2025

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 9.00am – 4.00pm**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 9.00am – 12.00pm**

Their mobile service centres (MSC's) offer a wide range of services to meet the needs of rural and regional communities.

They can help you with:

- New claims for most Centrelink payments
- Updating your information in our records
- Confirming documents and supporting information, such as certifying copies of birth certificates
- Access to a self-service terminal
- Using online accounts and Express Plus mobile apps

They can also give you information about:

- Medicare transactions
- Medicare Registrations
- Payments and service options to suit your needs.

Visit Services Australia Website <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/> for further information. Location will be advised closer to date once confirmed.

***Lynn Moore***

**Chief Executive Officer**





11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

To all our Valued Clients,

We would like to let you know that Kenlach Transport will be taking a short break over the Christmas period.

Our last freight run before Christmas to Dajarra, Boulia and Bedourie will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Cut off for pickups and deliveries will be 12pm Wed 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

We will be returning to our normal freight runs in the new year, starting back on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Our office will back open from the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

If you require urgent freight during this time, please call and we will attempt to assist you.

Kind regards,

Emma Morton  
Kenlach Transport



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# CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

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Lynn Moore	07 4746 3188	Boulia Shire Council
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## 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	<a href="mailto:admin@bouliass.eq.edu.au">admin@bouliass.eq.edu.au</a>
FREIGHT COMPANIES		
KENLACH TRANSPORT	07 4749 4354	<a href="mailto:admin@kenlach.com.au">admin@kenlach.com.au</a>
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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.*