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CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

Monthly Hotspot



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL



The Min Min Encounter frontage upgrade is now complete. Head on down to Herbert Street to check it out.

JANUARY LOCAL EVENTS

26TH Australia Day

28TH Back to School Day

FEBRUARY LOCAL EVENTS

14TH Valentines Day

FEBRUARY REGIONAL EVENTS

1ST Mount Isa Sign on Sports Expo



New Year, New Citizens

In December 2024 the Boulia Shire Council held an Australian Citizenship ceremony, welcoming 4 Adults and 1 Child as new Australian's.

It was a lovely morning with some amazing food provided by the Australian Hotel Boulia. We are very proud that these 5 people chose to call not just Australia but Boulia home.

A progressive shire creating opportunities for all.



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

Funding Success for the Boulia Shire Community Hub

I am extremely pleased to be able to announce that Boulia Shire Council has been awarded \$10.42 million for the construction of the Boulia Shire Community Hub under the Growing Regions Program - Round 2.

The approved funding for the Community Hub will be a gamechanger in council enthusiasm and productivity. It will be the centrepiece of Boulia. We commend the support given to rural and regional Queensland.

The new hub will replace the existing aging Council Administration building with a fit-for-purpose, multipurpose Hub that will feature a multimedia Library and resource centre, post office and flexible spaces for visiting officials, commercial leases and cultural displays. The new Hub administration department will also be a reward for staff who have worked in a less than functional building for a long time.

The process of trying to obtain funding started back in 2020, with Community and staff consultations being sought for ideas on the type of building which would suit Boulia. Council then engaged the involvement of Griffith University students to come up with the initial exterior design and POD Consultants who finessed the project to enable the submission to be completed.

With numerous funding applications that were submitted over the years not getting through, this funding announcement is a big win for Boulia's future. We are excited to finally be able to construct the Community Hub to serve the needs of the people of Boulia Shire well into the future.

Eric (Rick) Britton

Boulia Shire Mayor



Design interpretation only



The purpose of this list is to identify companies able to support council activities and bring their services on-board more effectively.



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REGISTER OF PRE-QUALIFIED SUPPLIERS (RPQS) FOR PLANT HIRE, TRADE SERVICES AND MATERIAL SUPPLY

**For Boulia Shire Council pre-qualified suppliers list
Will be released via Vendor Panel 13th January 2025
VP437294
Tender T2024-25.7**

Follow link & instructions:

1. Click on the link: [VendorPanel Public Tenders](#)
2. Filter Tenders by organisation and select Boulia Shire Council
3. Select Request Name: T2024-25.7 Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Plant Hire, Trade Services and Material Supply.

Reference Number: VP437294

For any help or support please contact:

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VendorPanel



Council Services....

Spotlight on.....

Lynette Taylor

Australia Post Boulia

Commenced: 18th March 2013



Tell us a bit about your role in the Boulia Shire Council...

I work full time running the Post Office. My role includes some of the following:

- Mail sorting – Receiving the mail from Mount Isa and sorting it into the PO Boxes, Counter Collection Alphabetical Compartments and Station Private Mail Bags.
- Banking
- Ordering stock to sell in the post office.
- Sending mail – Helping customers to get mail where it needs to go and the best and safest way, including overseas.

What is the largest Mail load you have received since you started working in the Post Office?

2 vehicles came from Mount Isa carrying 9 bags of small parcels, 4 trays of letters and magazines and 108 large parcels. This is something I will never forget.

What makes you smile?

My cats

Where is your favourite place in the world and why?

Wilson's Promontory, for its pure beauty and wilderness.

What is your favourite food?

Peen en uien (Dutch)

What do you love about living in Boulia?

The peace and quiet, wildlife, sunsets and sunrises





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Australia Day Celebrations

Sunday 26th January 2025

**9:00am Start
At the Boulia Shire Hall
Award Ceremony**

The award categories 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

**Followed by a yummy free Morning Tea
Everyone is Welcome**



Boulia fiber is LIVE!



After much anticipation, the nbn fibre line is now live within the Boulia township. The new network should deliver improved connectivity and will give eligible homes and businesses access to faster internet speeds and increased reliability.

What now?

If you would like to **learn more** about getting onto the nbn fibre service, you can go to www.nbnco.com.au and use the 'Get Started' or 'Browse' options to read more about the nbn service.

If you are **ready to connect**, you can go straight to: www.nbn.com.au/checkyouraddress and type in your address. This will provide you with information directly relating to your premises and once you click on 'Speak to a provider', this will open a list of retail service providers and the plans they offer (plans and costs vary between providers). Choose your preferred service provider and then contact them and ask to order a fibre service.


To support the fibre going live in Boulia, an official launch is planned for early this year. Further details about the launch will be released to the community once available.

School Student Broadband Initiative

To assist school students in this change over, the School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI) has also been activated. This Australian Government driven program enables eligible applicants (residents not connected to the NBN network for 14 days prior to the request) who have a child at school (Kindergarten to Year 12) to receive free home internet with certain conditions.

To apply, residents can contact the National Referral Centre on 1800 954 610 Monday - Friday, 10am - 6pm (AEDT) or visit www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet/ and answer some questions. If eligible, they will receive a voucher to connect to the internet through RSP's who have registered with the SSBI. If they have previous NBN equipment, the internet will be immediately turned back on through the NBN network. If not, an appointment will be made for the installation of the equipment (most are done within 2 weeks).

There is **NO CHARGE** for the application, equipment, setup, or connection and the connection is provided free for 12 months. After this period of time the resident can take over the plan and pay the monthly fee; disconnect; or go with another provider.



New nbn[®] technology is now available

New nbn technology designed to improve connectivity is now accessible for eligible premises in your community*.

How can I benefit?
To order a service over the new nbn technology, contact your preferred phone and internet provider.

To learn more,
visit nbn.com.au/checkyouraddress

This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government's Regional Connectivity Program.

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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 flooring.

Come in and check us out.

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

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



Congratulations to our 2024 Boulia Shire Library Christmas colouring competition winners. Thank you to everyone that participated you all did an amazing job.

February
2025

This Month at First 5 Forever

Library Opening Hours

Mon: 8:15am - 5:00pm

(Lunch break 1:15pm – 2:15pm)

Tue – Fri: 8:15am – 1:15pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
3	4	First 5 Forever 9:00 – 10:00 RAFFES	5	6	First 5 Forever 9:00 – 10:00 CRAFT	7
10	11	First 5 Forever 9:00-10:00 SMUSH PAINTING	12	13	First 5 Forever 9:00 – 10:00 VALENTINES DAY MORNING TEA	14
17	18	First 5 Forever 9:00 – 10:00 PLAYDOUGH FUN	19	20	First 5 Forever 9:00 – 10:00 SENSORY PLAY	21
24	25	First 5 Forever 9:00 – 10:00 PAINTING	26	27	First 5 Forever 9:00 – 10:00 FELT BOARDS	28



SL State Library of Queensland

TALK

READ

SING

PLAY

Visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/firstforever to learn more.

first5 forever

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Snake Bite and Outdoor Kits



Has your household received your free Snake Bite and outdoor first aid kit yet? Come on into the library and collect yours today.

For more information, please contact the Boulia Shire Library

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





Senior Lunch 2024....

The 2024 seniors' lunch was full of fun and laughter with some amazing stories getting passed around.

The food was delicious, a massive thankyou to The Australian Hotel for your fantastic decorations and food.

If your over 60 please let us know and you could also be a part of this festive event.



2024 Boulia Seniors Christmas Lunch



If you would like a copy of any of these photos, please contact the Boulia Shire Library on 07 4746 3408 or library@boulia.qld.gov.au



2024 Boulia Shire Council Christmas Light Competition....

This year we had some fantastic entries into our light competition, we would like to say a Massive Thankyou to everyone who participated. The feedback we have received has been nothing short of amazing. The local community and even family members who visited over the festive season were amazed at how much effort our little community put into lighting up our town.

The judge found it very hard to choose just 1 winner from each category. To the point that we had a tie breaker:

- Best Station Gate/ Entry Display goes to: Herbert Downs Station
- Best Business Display goes to: The Waddi Tree
- Best Residential Display goes to: This was the tie between the following:
 - Greg and Richelle
 - Leaim and Tarsha

We are excited to see what people come up with this year for the competition.





Boulia State School...



2025 School calendar Queensland state schools

DECEMBER 2024	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
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MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
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4 5 6 7 8 9 10	8 9 10 11 12 13 14	6 7 8 9 10 11 12	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
11 12 13 14 15 16 17	15 16 17 18 19 20 21	13 14 15 16 17 18 19	10 11 12 13 14 15 16	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
18 19 20 21 22 23 24	22 23 24 25 26 27 28	20 21 22 23 24 25 26	17 18 19 20 21 22 23	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
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OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY 2026	FEBRUARY 2026
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■ School holidays
 ■ Public holidays
 ■ Staff professional development/student free days

There are 194 school days in 2025.

Semester 1, 2025 commences for teachers on 23 January and for students on 28 January 2025.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are 23 and 24 January, 16 and 17 April and 5 September 2025. Schools are able to decide when they undertake the required hours for professional development for the flexible days, as long as they are on the flexible days, in the school holidays or out of school hours.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Queensland public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister.

Public holidays for local shore days are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

21 November is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. 28 November is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the summer holidays on 5 December.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit

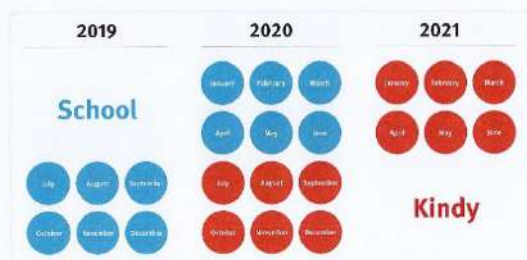
www.education.qld.gov.au



Does my child start kindy or school in 2025?

Born in blue, school is for you.

Born in red, it's kindy instead.



You can also use the kindy calculator to see when your child starts kindy or school.

www.qld.gov.au/KindyAgeCalculator



KINDY DAY 2025 BOULIA STATE SCHOOL

WEEK 1 TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

WEEK 2 WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY

KINDY WILL START ON TUESDAY 4TH
FEBRUARY 2025





What Happening in Boulia.....



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Disaster Recovery Team (Flood) - Wellbeing Team

RFDS Mental Health Team have a new service which aims to build resilience in disaster preparedness. Jess and Timna will be visiting Boulia each month and offering individual and group support, as well as educational workshops. Look out for our Monthly Wellbeing Tips and program offerings in your Chatter. If you see us around town - please come and say hello!
To start the year off, we will meet some of you this month when we attend the Council Start-up sessions (20th) and the All Services Community Brunch (21st)

Please give us a call on 0455 631 554 (Timna) or 0408 664 526 (Jess) if you have any questions.



RESET AND RECONNECT

With RFDS

We are running a monthly group program (starting this month!) to introduce tools that help: problem solve, manage stress, strengthening social support and master life's challenges.

Come to one or come to all sessions!

Light Refreshments Provided

First Workshop: 21st January

Location: Boulia Shire Hall

Time: 6-8pm



Royal Flying Doctor Service

Disaster Recovery Team (Flood)

Wellbeing Drop-In

20th January 1pm-4pm

Been having a tough time? Have trouble sleeping or getting in routine?

In addition to our current services, RFDS will have Timna available for support. Feel free to drop-by for a coffee, chat or a card game!

Boulia Community Support Service Shed



Appointments also available at the Clinic with Jess -
Please call 0408 664 526 & leave a message.



School Holiday

ACTIVITY AT THE SHED

Cupcake Decorating

Thursday 23rd January 2025
10am - 12pm

Please wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty.
Children must either be chaperoned or 'Consent to be Left' forms signed and submitted to staff

Puzzles Games



**ALL SERVICES COMMUNITY BRUNCH
AT BOULIA COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE SHED
TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2025
10:00AM - ALL WELCOME**

Menu - Sausages / Bacon / Ham / Eggs

Meet—Parker Dancey CWPHN Mental Health Team

Timna & Lee RFDS Mental Health Clinicians

Nadine Bradley—Aboriginal Facilitator/Educator
Diabetes Australia

Join in the with a game of Pool or play the game machine



**Boulia Campdraft,
Rodeo & Gymkhana**

16TH 17TH & 18TH
MAY 2025

*Save the
date*



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Centrelink Mobile Service Centre Coming to Boulia 2025

Wednesday 19th February 2025 from 9.00am – 4.00pm

Thursday 20th 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



Planned Activities

Welcome Back to
After School
In The Shed

2:30pm - 3:45pm
Every Tuesday
commencing
4th Feb 2025

Crafts Games Puzzles

Children must either be chaperoned or have had a consent to be left form signed and submitted to staff, including their guardian's contact details

NWQICSS Boulia Community Support Service Queensland Government

BILLY LIDS
-EARLY-
LEARNING

Boulia Billy Lids Community Playgroup
Term 1 2025

Date	Playgroup Theme
Thursday 6 th February	Valentine's Day
Thursday 20 th February	Dinosaurs and diggers
Thursday 6 th March	Saint Patrick's Day
Thursday 20 th March	Easter
Thursday 3 rd April	ANZAC Day
Closed for school holidays 6 th – 20 th April Term 2 Resumes 24 th April	

*Please note dates and themes are subject to change.

Contact: Krystal Neilson 0428118723

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WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY

COME FOR
A CUP OF TEA,
A CHAT, SEWING
AND CRAFTS AT
THE SHED

WEDNESDAYS
BEGINNING
29TH JANUARY
2025
1PM - 2:30PM





Calendar.....

We are currently working on a draft calendar for 2025 Local and Regional events.

If you feel we have forgotten an event, can you please contact the Boulia Shire Library 07 4746 3408 or library@boulia.qld.gov.au and we will add it in

Local Calendar Events	
January	June
26th Australia Day	27th May - 3rd Reconciliation Week
February	July
14th Valentines Day	6th - 13th NAIDOC Week
	18th - 20th Boulia Camel Races
March	August
QCWA March Madness TBC	30th - 31st Boulia Open (Golf)
8th International Women's Day	
20th National Close the Gap Day	September
21st Harmony Day	1st - 7th National Child Protection Week
	7th Fathers Day
April	11th R U OK Day
6th - 12th Youth Week	
18th - 21st Easter	
19th Boulia Races	October
25th ANZAC Day	7th Kings Birthday
	31st Day for Daniel
May	31st Halloween
2nd - 10th Shitbox Rally (passing through Boulia sometime this week)	November
6th Labour Day	4th Melbourne Cup
11th Mothers Day	11th Remembrance Day
16th - 18th Boulia Rodeo & Campdraft	December
16th National walk to school day	25th Christmas Day
23rd Biggest Morning Tea	
27th - 3rd June Reconciliation Week	
Breast Cancer Month	

Regional Calendar Events	
January	August
	6th Isa Street Festival
February	7th Mount Isa Mines Indigenous Rodeo
1st Mount Isa Sign on Sports Expo	7th - 10th Mount Isa Mines Rodeo
	9th - 10th Winton Open (Golf)
March	30th Betoota Races
15th Mount Isa Zonta International Women's	31st Mount Isa Motor Show
April	September
5th Mount Isa Great Northern Rodeo Buckle	5th - 6th Birdsville Races
17th Cloncurry Easter Fair	13th Bedourie Races
	23rd - 27th Winton Outback Festival
May	October
9th Mount Isa St Kierans 40th Mothers Day Fete	
24th Longreach Show	10th - 24th Mount Isa Fishing Classic
June	November
7th Winton Show	
11th Haymens Mount Isa Tradeshow	December
13th - 14th Cloncurry Show	31st Camerons Corner New Years Eve Party
20th - 21st Mount isa Show	
27th - 29th Birdsville Campdraft, Rodeo and	
July	
3rd - 6th Mount Isa Campdraft	
5th Rockhana Gem, Mineral & Mining Field Day	
8th Birdsville The John Williamson Big Red	
8th Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge &	
10th Melbourne Comedy Showcase in Mt Isa	
11th - 13th Bedourie Bull & Bronc Pit, Camel & Pig Races, Artesian Spa Day	



CHANNEL COUNTRY CHATTER

CONTACTS

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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	Currently closed.
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
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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.