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CEO'S MESSAGE

Another successful Industry Summit has come and gone. This year's theme was 'Sustainable Farming – An Economic Driver' and a number of speakers gave relevant and informative presentations.

Once again, celebrity Chef Matt Golinski was a popular drawcard preparing his unique meals utilising both local and regional ingredients.

Planning has already commenced for next year's summit and the organising committee is working on its theme.

The State Government released the second round of Work for Queensland funding in July.



Ray Geraghty
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Banana Shire Council

Council was allocated \$1.7m over two years and Council has proposed seven projects under this program at various locations across the Shire.

Once Council has received State approval for the projects the work will be undertaken on a phased basis.

Works on the first round of the Works for Queensland projects are well underway.

One of the nine projects – the purchase of a mobile skate park – was completed in July, with the rest of the projects on track for completion by the end of November.

I will take this opportunity to congratulate the State Government on this funding program. It is a great initiative and has enabled Council to bring forward a number of important projects.



Rural Services Officers, employed under the Work for Queensland scheme, targeting weeds on a property in the Baralaba area.

Weed program boosted by funding

Council successfully secured a \$300,000 grant under the Queensland Government's Work for Queensland scheme to undertake a comprehensive weed program throughout the Shire.

The program is an expansion of the existing Shire-wide maintenance pest (weed) management catchment care program and efforts have targeted non-declared weed species that can have a significant negative effect on our primary production locally, including:

- Willow's cactus in the Allaire Heights, Theodore area
- Parkinsonia along the Don River from Rannes to the Dawson River intersection

- Harrisia Cactus in the river catchments of Dululu, Wowan, Rannes, and Banana.

Council has collaborated with land owners to identify infestations and to treat and develop property management plans for ongoing weed management.

The program generated local employment opportunities for three full-time equivalent jobs over the six-month program period.

Employees received accredited training for an agricultural chemical distribution and control commercial operator's licence, knowledge of weed control, chemical preparation and application, transportation of chemicals and hands-on experience for weed identification.





Industry summit attendees enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by celebrity chef Matt Golinski using local produce.

Industry summit shares wealth of knowledge in sustainable farming

'Sustainable Farming – an Economic Driver' was the subject of the Council's 16th annual industry summit held in Biloela on August 8 – a topic that extended beyond the presentations to the event menu!

A wealth of knowledge was shared with summit attendees by five speakers who delivered presentations on their areas of expertise before answering questions together as a panel.

Among them was guest speaker local herb farmer Paul Stringer who spoke about how his family entered the industry then decided to take their venture further by going organic.

Other presentations covered safety and farming; gaining the best yield; technology/robotics; crop rotation; export standards; and marketing.

The event concluded with networking over a mouth-watering lunch prepared by celebrity chef Matt Golinski using locally sourced produce.

A number of senior hospitality students from Biloela High School and Redeemer Lutheran College took the enviable

opportunity to assist Matt with preparing the summit lunch and sponsors' dinner – an experience many aspiring chefs dream of!

We thank Matt for returning to Biloela and again giving our local students the wonderful opportunity to work with him.

Biloela High School hospitality students again did a wonderful job of catering a breakfast and morning tea for summit attendees under the guidance of their teacher.

Banana Shire Mayor Nev Ferrier thanks our valued sponsors (see back page) for their support which enables us to continue to host the annual Industry Summit.

Cr Ferrier was pleased with the feedback received from attendees on the day which included:

"As a farmer it was very good to see what is coming in the future",

"Full marks, presenters particularly good and relevant",

"Great event, well organized",

"All of the presenters were brilliant, congratulations it was a really good day".

Retirement

Denis Carr (centre) retired from Banana Shire Council on June 2. Commencing with the Taroom Shire Council in June 1999, Denis has supported Council in a number of roles. The Chief Executive Officer of the former Taroom Shire Council moved into the role of Manager Governance and Risk Advisor after Council amalgamations in 2008. Council wishes Denis well for his travels during his retirement.

Ray Geraghty, Chief Executive Officer, said, "Denis has had a long and distinguished career in local government and we wish him all the best in the future and hope that he enjoys a long and healthy retirement."



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Recently opened Lake Callide Retreat offers accommodation overlooking the expansive Callide Dam.

The newest place to stay in the heart of the Sandstone Wonders

Council opened the region's newest accommodation offering, Lake Callide Retreat, on July 31.

Situated on the banks of the Callide Dam, on the outskirts of Biloela, the retreat is perfectly located for visitors who want to base themselves in Biloela for a few days and partake in the experiences across the Sandstone Wonders region.

The retreat offers recreation activities on the dam, including fishing, and the ability to simply relax in a very peaceful area, while close enough to Biloela to attend local events or attractions.

The affordable accommodation looks out over the expansive Callide Dam and is ideal for families, fishing enthusiasts, grey nomads and experience seekers.

Mayor Nev Ferrier said Council was enjoying welcoming guests to the new Lake Callide Retreat after progressively developing the area over recent years.

"Fishing, water activities and picnicking have been popular with visitors and locals alike," Councillor Ferrier said.

"Developing the accommodation now opens the area to people from outside of the region who are visiting friends and family, attending any of the Shire's great events, or traveling through on an Outback Queensland trip."

Lake Callide Retreat consists of cabins, powered and watered camping sites, and self-sufficient camping sites.

Campers at the powered and watered sites have a shared ensuite available as well

as a caravan waste point.

Each of the cabins has kitchenette facilities, a bathroom, reverse cycle air conditioners, free WiFi, a Weber Q and veranda with fantastic views of the dam.

An on-site kiosk offers hot and cold drinks, snack food and ice creams.

Recreational activities are one of the dam's key attractions and kayaks, stand up paddle boards and fishing and red claw gear are available for hire at the kiosk.

Bookings can be made by email to caretaker@lakecallideretreat.com, via the Lake Callide Retreat Facebook page or by calling 4993 9010 or 0400 042 850.

Lake Callide Retreat can be found on Facebook and Instagram: @lakecallideretreat

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Playground to enhance dam foreshore

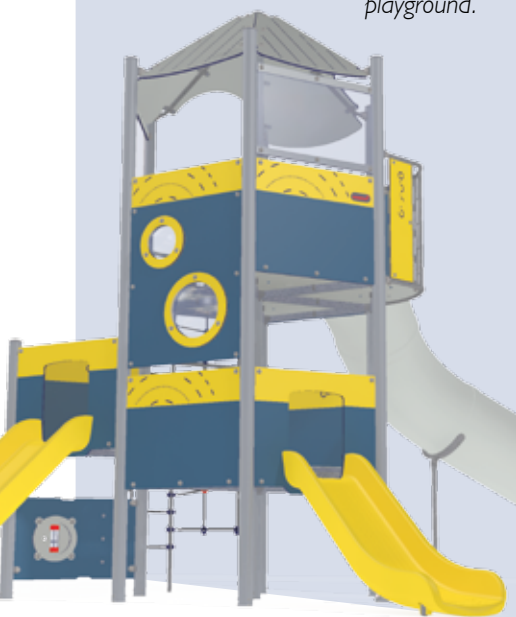
Construction of the Callide Dam Recreation Area playground has commenced and is expected to be completed by September 22.

Its installation will enhance the dam foreshore and encourage visitors to use one of our Shire's up-and-coming tourist destinations, Lake Callide Retreat (see article page 4).

The combination of various play equipment and shade sails will provide a sun-safe environment for children of all ages can enjoy.

This project is funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program.

This tower is just one piece of equipment that will make up the Callide Dam Recreation Area playground.



The upcoming Bulls 'n' Barrels Bonanza is being organised by the Theodore Early Childhood Centre committee.

Thrills and spills in store for Theodore

The Theodore community is pulling on their cowboy boots and fastening their belt buckles in preparation for the Xtreme 1 Bulls 'n' Barrels Bonanza to be held on October 7 from 4pm until late at the Theodore Showgrounds.

The event, organised by the Theodore Early Childhood Centre Association (TECCA) committee, will showcase some of the finest bucking bulls and fastest barrel races around.

The committee is working hard to offer a great family night out, with an exciting line-up of events, big cash prizes for competitors and entertainment for all ages.

Event highlights will include a celebrity steer ride in which a handful of well-known locals will dust off their bull ropes to earn bragging rights and a shiny belt buckle.

An over-40s bull ride, a first in Central

Queensland, will also feature among many action-packed events, along with the kids' activities, delicious home-cooked food, DJ and designated bar area on offer.

Camping at the showgrounds will be available to anyone who wants to make a night of it.

The event will keep the whole family on the edge of their seats so mark it in your calendars and tell your friends.

'Like' the Theodore's Xtreme 1 Servo Bulls n Barrels Bonanza Facebook page to keep up to date with this great community event.

Proceeds will go towards the ongoing running of Theodore Early Childhood Centre and improving the facilities of its outside play area.

The TECCA committee is a group of Theodore mothers who volunteer to ensure the smooth running of the kindergarden and daycare facility.



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Mary Anderson (holding certificate) was recently thanked for her 30 years of volunteer service to the Community Resource Centre.

Three decades of support and service to the community

Shire local Mary Anderson has volunteered for the Community Resource Centre (CRC) in Biloela for more than 30 years.

The CRC seeks to support and empower individuals and families in the community by ensuring they have access to the most appropriate services and resources to meet their needs.

Mary's volunteer work has certainly aided

in providing support to many individuals and families in the Shire.

For three decades, she has quietly assisted the CRC, ensuring resources are ready to go, supervising cleaning, and caring for the staff, their families and the community.

CRC staff members describe Mary as a lovely lady with a great sense of humour.

Mary has held the history and ethos of the

CRC close to her heart while accepting and embracing the many changes that progress has brought over the years.

Staff members have loved coming to work to find Mary surrounded by blocks or puzzle pieces; counting, cleaning and getting them back on the shelves ready to go out to those who benefit greatly from these resources.

Libraries update

Aiden joins us for work experience

Biloela Library staff had the pleasure of hosting Moura State High School student Aiden McQuillan for work experience in June.

Aiden undertook the same work hours as staff, learning new skills and offering assistance.

He spent time with each of our eight staff to gain an understanding of their roles and gain some of the skills and tasks required to do their job.

Aiden experienced the Home Library Service, used the library management system to return and loan resources, covered books, cleaned DVDs and CDs, shelved items, learned about the process of accessioning and cataloging items and inter-library loans.

He was a very capable and willing student; we were sad to see him finish and wished he could stay!

Aiden said staff were "extremely kind and considerate and could not have been better at teaching him".

Home library service for those who need it

Did you know that we offer a delivery service to those with medical conditions who are unable to attend the library in person?

The Home Library Service delivers fortnightly on a Tuesday to those who have been deemed physically unable to access the library, by a certifying authority, such as a doctor, therapist or social worker.

Online library available to all members

Not only do we have an extensive physical collection throughout the Shire; as a Library member you have free access to thousands of eBooks and eAudio books online via Overdrive.

To access the online library follow these simple steps:

1. Go to Council's website at www.banana.qld.gov;
2. Click on the 'Libraries' tab on the left of the page;

3. Follow the instructions in 'eBooks & eAudio books' on the right hand side of the page.

Online training for all members

As a library member you have free, 24/7, full remote access to over 22,000 computer and technology training tutorials online.

This resource is suitable for beginners through to advanced levels of understanding and skill and topics include computer basics and internet safety.

The ComputerSchool's Technology Training Directory (TTD) has been developed to provide people at all skill levels with a valuable resource for fast, effective, outcome-based learning.

The TTD is designed to deliver quick-lesson education across a suite of the most commonly-used computer and technology programs, devices and applications.

For further details please speak to our friendly library staff.



Magpie season is here!

Peak breeding season for magpies is August to November.

When magpies have eggs or young in the nest, they can become protective and swoop people entering their nesting territory.

You can minimise the risk of being swooped by:

- Getting to know where the birds are breeding in your area and trying to avoid them;
- Being aware that open areas with tall trees are likely sites to encounter the birds;
- Using an umbrella and wearing a hat;
- If the area is unavoidable, ensuring you escort young children through any hot spots or walk in groups;
- Watching the birds, which makes them less likely to swoop;

- If you are riding a bike, getting off and walking through hot spots; and
- Never harassing or provoking magpies as this may lead to more aggressive behaviour.

Council erects warning signs in affected public areas and if a magpie becomes a risk to human safety it may be assessed for removal.

To report an affected area or a particularly aggressive magpie, please contact Council on 4992 9500.

For more information about living with magpies, visit Council's website at www.banana.qld.gov.au/magpies

Signs and advice can also be obtained from the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection website www.ehp.qld.gov.au/wildlife/livingwith/magpie_safe.html



New showers and toilets have been installed at Theodore Junction Park

New public showers and toilets in Theodore

Newly installed amenities at Theodore Junction Park are servicing local residents as well as the camping and caravanning patrons that visit the town.

The amenities building consists of four showers and four toilets; all unisex.

The showers are gold-coin-operated and money collected goes to the Lions Club of Theodore to ensure the upkeep of the park.

Participants of July's Theodore Family Fishing Competition reported that the new amenities were a vast improvement on the previous facilities and that they very much enjoyed the hot showers after a full day on the river.

This project was funded by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

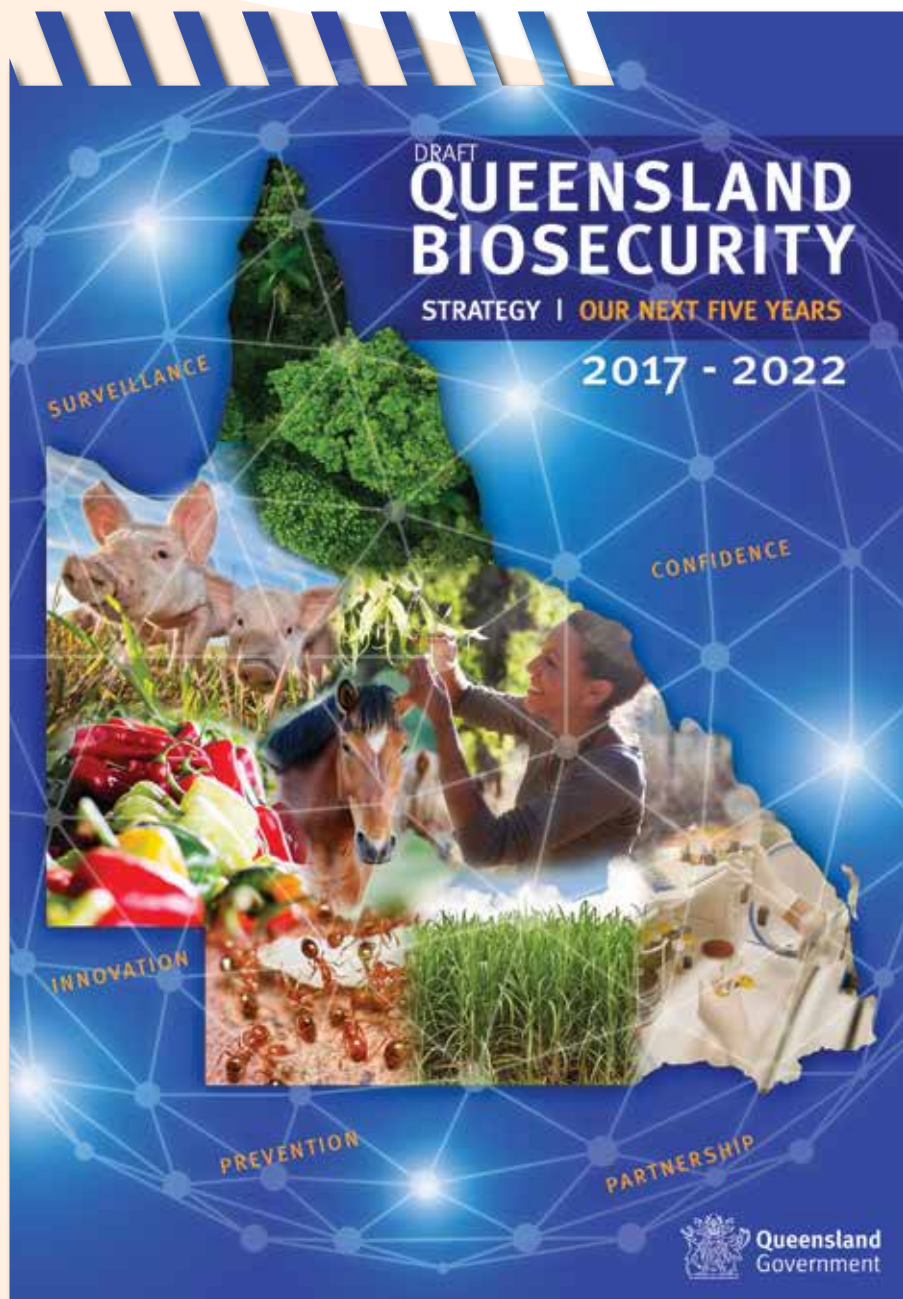


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State strategy set to influence the future of biosecurity

The Queensland Government, more than 32 peak industry organisations and members of the community have worked together to produce the draft Queensland Biosecurity Strategy: Our Next Five Years (2017-2022).

This partnership aims to set the strategic direction and priorities for biosecurity into the future.

As a result of this work, six themes were developed which underpin their vision for the system over the next five years:

- Collaborative governance and leadership
- Every Queenslanders plays their part

- Empowered to act
- Bright ideas and better ways
- Valuing and building on our investments
- Better intelligence systems

Consultation on the draft plan recently closed and feedback from this consultation will be used to inform the final strategy.

Action plans will now be developed for each of the themes.

For more information visit www.daf.qld.gov.au/biosecurity/about-biosecurity

Animal inspection program a success

Council's inspection program to determine and monitor compliance with animal microchipping, registration and keeping requirements has concluded.

The approved inspection program, which ran for five months until the end of August, encouraged many residents to register their dogs.

This led to an increase in the number of dogs registered and the percentage of dogs desexed, as well as updates to Council records.

Council thanks all residents for their cooperation and assistance during the inspection period, in particular those who registered their dogs.

Responsible pet ownership is the key to a healthy relationship between dogs and the wider community in which they live.

Dog registration is a fundamental element of responsible ownership as it enables dogs to be identified and returned to their owners when lost and impounded.

It also enables Council to provide important services to the community including public education, park patrols and investigations of dog attacks and nuisance complaints.

All dog owners have an obligation to register their pet, so please do so if you have recently welcomed a dog into your family or have a puppy over 12 weeks of age.

For more information contact Council on 4992 9500.



Extensions to Trap Gully Landfill completed

A new cell at Trap Gully Landfill, Stage 3A, was recently completed and accepted its first load of waste on July 6.

The new cell provides an extension to the existing landfill area and incorporates leachate collection and lining as required by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection.

Trap Gully is the largest landfill in the Shire, receiving all commercial waste and the majority of general waste collected by garbage trucks.





Development of the Sandstone Wonders tourism brand

We at Banana Shire Council are extremely proud of our Sandstone Wonders tourism brand.

Following funding from Origin Energy in mid-2015, Council commenced consultation with tourism industry experts to build a tourism strategy and digital tourism plan and move towards both re-building our tourism content and commencing our online presence.

Intense workshoping identified that our biggest tourism experiences were located among the sandstone country right across our region; hence the creation of our tourism brand 'Sandstone Wonders'.

The project took about 18 months and

delivered:

- Updated tourism content
- 23 videos (each of our 12 towns, five experiences, an overall Sandstone Wonders video and five 'what the locals say' videos)
- A new Sandstone Wonders website and new social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, and Google+)
- An upgraded Simple Pleasures tourism magazine
- Digital marketing classes for tourism operators

Sandstone Wonders already has over 5000 social media followers and 700 Instagram followers and our messaging and

content is resonating across the country.

If you haven't seen our Simple Pleasures tourism magazine visit a visitor information centre, Council office or one of our many local businesses who have them on display.

You can also follow Sandstone Wonders on social media via @sandstonewonders or, if you want the full picture of everything there is to do in the Banana Shire and Sandstone Wonders, visit www.sandstonewonders.com

Why not venture off on a self-guided tour with the help of our online drive trails that have been prepared by passionate locals who know our national parks and towns like the back of their hand?

New mobile skate ramp will tour the Shire

Council recently purchased a portable ramp facility for skateboarding, rollerblading, scootering and BMX-riding that can easily be moved around the Shire to provide smaller communities with opportunities for fun and activity.

The Mobile Fun Box is one of only 16 of its kind in Australia and can be placed on any sealed surface more than 20 metres square and offers the safety and design features of a fixed ramp facility.

The upper structure is part of a trailer and its independent 12V power pack powers the hydraulic system.

Each section is independently controlled via a removable hand wand and is fitted

with the latest hydraulic safety features, including safety warning lights and alarm.

Council has installed concrete pads for the unit's use in Wowan and Cracow and the Banana Progress Association has funded the installation of a pad in Banana's Opportunity Park, where the unit was launched.



The Mobile Fun Box will tour around the Shire, offering fun and activity opportunities to smaller townships.

A rotating schedule for the Mobile Fun Box will be developed by Council.

Its purchase received assistance from the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program.





Stars in our community contribute to global project

Weaving 10,000 stars was a big goal – but our own 'stars' within our community have completed the task.

It took over six months, but our residents remained committed to playing their part in the global One Million Stars to End Violence Project – a peaceful statement for kindness not violence.

The Shire's 10,984 stars have been sent to join contributions from around the world in one huge installation in Brisbane's King George Square during the 2018 Commonwealth Games festivities.

Well done and thank you to those who put so much time and effort into our Shire's contribution – your community spirit has been so inspiring.

Council would also like to thank Community Development Advisor Melinda Petty for her initiative to partner with the Banana Shire Support Centre and support this amazing project.

Our thanks also go to Arts and Cultural Officer Shanna Muston for her work to deliver a wonderful project exhibition and workshops through the Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery.

Message from One Million Stars to End Violence founder Maryann Talia Pau

We did it! We wove and collected ONE MILLION STARS and I am overjoyed and so excited that we reached this goal together!

What an incredible journey it has been so far. I've been moved and cried many times because of the amazing stories that have come from star weavers across the country and around the world.

The goal was to weave and collect one million stars for a display and I am beyond thrilled the world gets to see them in King George Square, Brisbane from March 29 to April 15 next year.

Thank you so much to the Banana Shire Community for your amazing contribution toward the One Million Stars to End Violence Project.

You should be very proud to be part of such a great cause.

Focus profile



Banana Shire Council welcomes newly appointed Land and Lease Management Coordinator Dean Smoothy.

Originally from Gatton, Dean decided to

make Banana Shire his new home a little over three years ago, after spending over two decades working in various parts of Queensland.

Dean is excited about his new role which will allow him to support and contribute to local community groups that hold various infrastructure and land leases.

Part of Dean's role is native title which will see him working closely with the traditional landholders to ensure their needs are met.

Over his working career he has gained valuable experience working with a vast number of various cultures which will aid him in his new role.

Dean's working career varies from working on the local council in Gatton, farming, in the construction and hospitality industries and for the past 15 years as a Compliance Manager and a State Government Auditor.

Dean holds a number of qualifications which will be beneficial in his role such as project management, business, a trade certificate and workplace health and safety.

Change in meat and livestock industry

Members of the Shire's significant meat and livestock industry should make themselves aware of changes that are coming into effect on October 1.

Australia's red meat integrity system will be further enhanced and strengthened through significant upgrades to the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program.

The changes are designed to ensure the Australian red meat and livestock industry maintains its global reputation as a world leader in food safety, integrity and traceability.

These changes will give producers the evidence to stand by what they sell.

More information is available through MLA www.mla.com.au/meat-safety-and-traceability/red-meat-integrity-system/lpa-changes/



Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery News

EXHIBITIONS

Nothing New | Marlies Oakley

Exhibition continues until September 29



Marlies Oakley
Marge Simpson
2014 Postcard
collage.
Photography by
the artist

Brigalow Arts Festival

October 6 – November 10



In Depth | Jo Bone

November 17 – December 22



Jo Bone Purple Sand Dollar 2014
Blown glass, cold worked 8 x 38cm
Photography by Aaron S. Micallef

A Tribute to Modern Pioneers

November 17 – January 20, 2018

EVENTS

Saturday opening hours

September 16, 10am – midday
October 21, 10am – midday
November 18, 10am – midday

Brigalow Arts Festival official opening

A Banana Shire Art Gallery Association Event
Friday, October 6, from 5.30pm
Adults: \$10, Concession: \$5, Students, sponsors and entrants: free

In Depth and a Tribute to Modern Pioneers official opening

Friday November 17, from 6pm

For up-to-date information on exhibition openings, workshops and special events check our website or social media.

Contact the Gallery

Shanna Muston, Arts and Cultural Officer
Phone: 4992 9500
Email: enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au
Web: www.banana.qld.gov.au/artgallery
Like us on Facebook 'Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery'
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Community CALENDAR — EVENTS

September

13	Spring into Kariboe Street Celebrations Email admin@callededawsonchamber.com.au
14	Biloela Kindy Under 5's Day Phone Michelle 4992 1327
16	Biloela AutoFest Phone Bruce 0418 786 711
16	Biloela Markets in the Park Phone Roxanne 0400 162 219 or Susan 0407 336 700
16	Art Gallery Saturday Hours (Exhibition: Nothing New by Marlies Oakley) Phone Shanna 4992 9500
16-17	Taroom Music Festival Email taroommusicfestival@gmail.com
21	Gyranda Annual Bull Sale Phone Nikki 4993 7144
29-30	Theodore Dawson River Festival Phone Theodore Chamber of Commerce 4993 1025
29-30	Camboon Campdraft Phone Cassie 0427 931 871
29-30	Springtime Dance Weekend Phone Dianne 0408 067 383

October

6	Brigalow Arts Festival Opening Night Email Banana Shire Art Gallery Association brigalowartsfestival@gmail.com
7	Theodore's Xtreme 1 Bulls 'n' Barrels Bonanza Phone Suzanna 0407 582 633
21	Biloela Markets in the Park Phone Roxanne 0400 162 219 or Susan 0407 336 700
21	Art Gallery Saturday Hours (Exhibition: 2017 Brigalow Arts Festival) Phone Shanna 4992 9500
21	Thangool Races Phone Edwina 4995 8190
21	Ladies Night Out Phone Redeemer Lutheran College 4992 1813
28-29	Lake Callide Family Fishing Classic Phone Nigel 0402 923 443
28	Art and Craft Market Day Phone Helen 0400 741 540

November

18	Biloela Markets in the Park Phone Roxanne 0400 162 219 or Susan 0407 336 700
18	Art Gallery Saturday Hours (Exhibition: In Depth by Joanna Bone, and A Tribute to Modern Pioneers, a Banana Shire Council project) Phone Shanna 4992 9500
19	Rotary and Lions Senior Citizen Luncheon Phone Rod 0458 588 223
25	Biloela Christmas Festival Phone Alan 0418 195 503
26	Biloela Endeavour Cent Sale Phone Aileen 4992 3584



Have you renewed your dog's registration?



Dog registrations expired July 31!

If you have not renewed your dog's registration, please do so as soon as possible.

All dogs over 12 weeks of age must be registered (excluding working dogs) and failure to comply may result in a \$252 fine.

Registration is **FREE** for dogs that are desexed and microchipped.

For more information please phone Council on 4992 9500 or visit www.banana.qld.gov.au/animals-keeping-animals-registration



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Australia Day Awards Nominations now open!

The 2018 Banana Shire Australia Day Celebrations will be hosted by the Goovigen community. Celebrations will commence at 8.30am with presentations of awards commencing at 9am.

The Australia Day Committee is now calling for nominations for the various Australia Day Awards. These awards recognise and honour the outstanding achievements of Australians.

Shire residents and organisations are asked to support these awards by nominating members of their community in appreciation of their efforts.

Nomination forms can be found on Council's website at www.banana.qld.gov.au and hard copies are available from Council's Customer Service Centres and Libraries.

Award categories are:

- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year
- Cultural and Junior Cultural – Artist and/or Arts Worker
- Volunteer of the Year
- Junior and Senior Sportsperson
- Sports Coach, Official and/or Administrator
- Community Group or Team
- Community Event of the Year

Nominations close on Friday, November 24, 2017.

The winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2018 Australia Day Celebrations. For further information call Council's Customer Service on 4992 9500.



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Friday, January 26, Goovigen, 9am – 5pm

For more information contact the Banana Shire Australia Day Committee
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