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*Biloea SES volunteers proudly stand in front of their new headquarters.*

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## FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

This time of year is one that I thoroughly enjoy with nearly all of the shows having taken place around the Shire.

Local shows bring communities together and are a fantastic way for friends and family to catch up, take a break from their busy lives and enjoy what our region has to offer.

It is also a great way for our community to display their wares or introduce new ideas and products to the district.

Each of the shows offer something different and this year there was a lot of new ideas and entertainment on offer; it is great to see how innovative our communities are when it comes to putting on great events and raising money for much needed causes.

I know that Anzac Day has come and gone for the year, but I really wanted to take this opportunity to thank the community for all the Anzac Day activities and services that they facilitate.

I would also like to mention several schools in the shire for Anzac Day ceremonies that they held. They were all very well done.

One that I was invited to attend was the Taroom State School Anzac ceremony, where students introduced local senior community members who served our country along with their service details. I was very proud to watch this special ceremony.



Cr Nev Ferrier  
MAYOR

Banana Shire Council

On April 7 I was proud to attend the first rugby league game of the season between Yeppoon and Biloea where the 'Todd Sleeman Memorial Trophy' was presented in Yeppoon.

As we mentioned in our last Focus magazine, Todd was a much-loved member of the Banana Shire family, and Biloea community, and he will be greatly missed.

This event was a testament to the high regard that Todd was held in, not only for his family and friends, but to the community he grew up in, as well as in the community he called home.

One of the things our Shire does extremely well is host top-notch events.

I attended the Moura Muddy Water Fishing Competition on March 31 and April 1 and would like to congratulate the Moura community on a job well done.

It is a well organised event held at Apex Park on the beautiful Dawson River, and is looked forward to each year by many people.

The Budget process is underway and is a long and comprehensive process that takes place over several months.

The Budget will be presented to Council at its June 27 meeting for adoption.

The weather may be cooling down, however, we can still give visitors to our region a warm welcome to our beautiful Shire.

We are coming into our busy winter tourism season with people visiting from all around Australia, and the world, to enjoy the warm winter days our Shire has to offer.

Let's also take the time to enjoy our own beautiful area, along with our visitors.

## Closure of Kokotungo Waste Transfer Station

The Kokotungo Waste Transfer Station will close permanently on July 31.

General waste items can be disposed of at the Baralaba Waste Transfer Station located on 60 Eric Hamilton Rd, Baralaba.

For a list of all waste facilities in Banana Shire, please visit Council's website <http://www.banana.qld.gov.au/waste> or call the Customer Service Centre on 4992 9500.







Inside the state of the art SES facility.

## Biloela SES group welcomes new headquarters

The new Biloela State Emergency Service (SES) facility was officially opened on March 14 by Assistant Minister for Treasury and Member for Gladstone, Glenn Butcher.

The need for a new SES facility for the Biloela group was highlighted during recent flooding events in the Shire.

Previously, the group had been housed in a small shed adjoining the Biloela Fire Station.

A lack of kitchen facilities, showers, toilets, storage space and training capacity significantly impacted on the SES group's ability to assist and respond to community needs during events.

Council acquired the old railway station building in Callide St, Biloela and with funding provided by the Queensland Government under the Works for Queensland Program the building was developed into a state of the art SES headquarters.

The opening was well attended by members of the community with certificates of appreciation presented

to numerous local businesses for their continued support of local SES volunteers.

Queensland SES consists of thousands of 'unpaid' volunteers from a variety of backgrounds and professions who respond to emergencies and disasters across the state, 24/7.

They are an integral part of Queensland and Banana Shire's emergency management arrangements, with local SES volunteers trained and equipped to

help their communities across a range of emergency functions.

Council envisages future recruitment and retention of local SES volunteers will be enhanced with this new facility enabling them to provide valuable services to assist the most vulnerable members of our community.

Further information on SES services and recruitment is available at [www.ses.qld.gov.au](http://www.ses.qld.gov.au)



Phyllis Krafft accepts a certificate of appreciation on behalf of Jack Rackham.

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*Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club Inc executive members were successful in their grant application for \$5000 towards the 8th Biennial Qld Heritage Rally to be held at the Qld Heritage Park from July 19 to 22.*

## Closing dates change for Community Grants Program

Closing dates for rounds under Council's Community Grants Program will change from July 1.

From this date, the closing dates for each round will be the last business day of January, April, July and October.

Community groups are invited to make application for funding and assistance via Council's Community Grants Program.

Applications under this program will be accepted throughout the year but will only be processed after the closing date for each round.

Closing dates for upcoming rounds for the 2018-19 financial year are:

- 5pm, Tuesday, July 31,
- 5pm, Wednesday, October 31,
- 5pm, Thursday, January 31,
- 5pm, Tuesday, April 30.

Note these dates in your calendars to ensure your application is submitted in the most appropriate round with enough time for processing prior to your project/event commencing.

Potential applicants are reminded an application form must be submitted for any requests for funding or assistance to be considered.

Council will annually apportion for each financial year an amount for grants to community organisations. There is no guarantee funds will be made available each year.

The level of assistance available through the program is limited by Council's budget decision and its priorities.

No applicant can be guaranteed funding or be guaranteed to receive the full amount requested.

Banana Shire Council reserves the right from year to year to identify priority areas for funding consistent with the broad strategic directions and policies endorsed by Council.

The resolutions of the Banana Shire Council are final.

Rejection of an application does not necessarily mean the event or activity is not worthy of support.

Shire events will be eligible to apply

for an initial contribution from Council. Subsequent events will be deemed as recurrent with a maximum financial and/or in kind assistance contribution of \$1500 per year thereafter.

Council reserves the right to approve funds outside of this for demonstrated special circumstances and significant exceptions to the norm for the annual event.

In-kind assistance is defined as assisted use of Council's organisational resources where there is a cost to Council that is not transferred to the applicant.

In-kind use of Council's organisational resources need to be recognised as a direct subsidy to a group or organisation and treated in an open and equitable manner.

Information on the policy, procedures and application kit is available at [www.banana.qld.gov.au/community-grants](http://www.banana.qld.gov.au/community-grants)

For assistance in completing the forms and for any enquiries regarding the program, applicants are encouraged to contact Council's Community Development Advisor Melinda Petty on 4992 9500.



## Half yearly water meter readings

Residents are advised Banana Shire Council will be carrying out a systematic inspection program in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009, of all metered premises connected to the water supply schemes in Banana, Baralaba, Biloela, Callide Dam, Cracow, Goovigen, Moura, Taroom, Thangool, Theodore and Wowan, to record water meter readings.

The water meter reading program will commence on Sunday, June 17 and end on Saturday, July 14 and will be conducted between the hours of 6am and 5pm daily.

Council officers and/or appointed persons with appropriate identification will undertake the water meter reading program and may be required to enter properties to gain access to and read the water meters.

Residents are reminded to restrain their dogs during this period, and check that garden vegetation does not obstruct access to the water meters.

Enquiries can be directed to Council's Water Services Section on 4992 9500.



*The existing grandstand at the Biloela swimming pool is removed in preparation for construction.*

## Biloela 25m swimming pool gains \$500,000 upgrade

The Biloela 25m swimming pool is undergoing a \$500,000 upgrade during the 2018 winter closure.

The project, proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Building our Regions program in association with Banana Shire Council, will include installation of a disability ramp, new grandstand shade structure and solar.

The upgrade will provide equitable access to the facility and improve the independence and confidence of mobility-impaired community members by supporting their use of local recreational facilities and services.

It will also reduce the consumption of non-renewable energy and provide savings in operational energy costs.

In addition, the shade structure will increase the comfort for spectators in the grandstand area providing additional cover at the north eastern end of the pool and allowing the facility to be maximised during different weather conditions.

The pool is scheduled to re-open on September 1 for the 2018-19 swimming season.

Keep an eye out for updates on Council's Facebook page as work progresses.

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Winner 'Elmo' shows his winning style with owner Jack Howard.

## Dog high jump at Callide Valley Show

The dog high jump at the 2018 Callide Valley Show was once again a very popular event with many of our local four-legged friends enjoying the spotlight.

First prize (\$500) was awarded to 'Elmo' and owner Jack Howard with a height of 2.08m.

Second prize (\$300) was awarded to 'Jess'

and owners Luke and Cate Taylor with a height of 1.90m.

Third prize (\$200) was awarded to 'Sam' and owners Thomas and Zac Wass with a height of 1.81m.

Thank you to all those who participated and we hope to see you again at the next event.

## Doug takes on retirement

Doug Baumgarten started working for Council on February 19, 2007 within the Infrastructure Services Department and retired on January 26 this year. Council thanks Doug for his service and wishes him well in retirement.



## Focus Profile

**Michael Ferro, Parks Advisor within Council's Infrastructure Services Department**

Michael Ferro has worked for Banana Shire Council since June 2016.

Michael is responsible for a number of Council functions; managing parks and gardens, street sweeping, road slashing, managing and supervising cleaning, contractor management, organising works for funerals, and organising on-site checks for public and private events.

He not only has the responsibility for the look of our tidy towns, but he takes pride in them.

Michael is a positive ambassador for our Shire, enjoys the personal aspect of his role, liaising with community members, and finds great satisfaction in helping residents and assisting with their concerns and queries.

He enjoys the variety of his role and the fact he is always kept very busy.



Michael grew up in a tiny village in Italy and came to Australia 10 years ago.

He studied horticulture in Cairns and would like to continue his study in botany.

Michael loves that Queensland has such varied and remarkable biodiversity and enjoys that it is an extraordinary field to explore.

Outside of work, Michael is currently building a wood fire pizza oven in his new house in Jambin so he can have a delicious home-made pizza whenever he wants.

## Col thanked for service

Col Kirkegaard started working for Council on November 27, 2006 within the Water Supply and Sewerage Department and has commenced leave until his retirement on July 27. Council would like to thank Col for his 12 years of service and wish him all the best for his retirement.





Attendees at the April 27 Taroom interagency meeting.

## All welcome to attend interagency meetings

Interagency meetings, conducted across the Banana Shire, enable service providers, community organisations and the public to discuss available and needed services.

Meetings are open to anyone to attend including government and non-government organisations, clubs, community groups, church groups and interested individuals who are residents of the region or provide services to the area.

These meetings aim to:

- build relationships and partnerships to address community needs;
- maintain a communicative and supportive network in our local area; and

- facilitate the provision of a seamless holistic service to residents.

Council currently coordinate these meetings in Biloela, Moura and Taroom.

For more information contact Council's Community Development Advisor Melinda Petty on 4992 9500.

Community Advisory Network meetings are also conducted in Baralaba and Theodore.

For more information contact Baralaba Multipurpose Health Service on 4998 2800 or Theodore Community Link between 12pm and 3pm Monday to Friday on 4993 1025.

## Upcoming meeting dates

### Biloela

Banana Shire Council Administration Centre, Valentine Plains Rd, Biloela  
Thursday, August 23 and Thursday, November 22 at 10am

### Moura

Moura Community Youth Centre  
Thursday, August 16 and Thursday, November 15 at 10am

### Taroom

Banana Shire Council Administration Centre, Yaldwyn St, Taroom  
Friday, June 22; Friday, August 24; Friday, October 26; December (to be confirmed) at 10.30am



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## Theodore-Moura Road

Theodore-Moura Road is classified as a Rural Major Collector Road in Council's Road Classification System.

Put simply, this means the road is recognised as a significant road within Council's Road Network.

Theodore-Moura Road is also classed as a Local Road of Regional Significance (LRRS) which means Council can allocate State Government money known as TIDS (Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme) towards capital projects on this road.

TIDS money is allocated to approved projects through the Bowen Basin Regional Road and Transport Group.

Through this group, TIDS funding is allocated to approved projects in the Banana, Central Highlands and Isaac Council areas, as well as within the Woorabinda Aboriginal Council.

TIDS funding is allocated on the basis of

a maximum of a 50 per cent contribution on approved projects, with Council contributing the remaining 50 per cent or above.

Banana Shire Council has allocated funding to the Theodore-Moura Road to improve the width and the alignment of this road.

This financial year a total of approximately \$1.2M has been allocated to widen and rehabilitate approximately eight kilometres of existing road from the new Lonesome Creek Bridge to Nipan Road.

The \$1.2M of funding is made up of 50 per cent TIDS and 50 per cent Council contributions.

Over the next four years Council is planning to spend a further \$4M on Theodore-Moura Road to increase the width, improve safety and rehabilitate this important road.



## Free service for rural businesses in Banana Shire

Are you a farmer, fisher, forest grower and harvester or a small related business?

Rural Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland may be able to assist you and your business.

Rural Financial Counselling Service is delivered by skilled, local professionals who know our area and industry.

The service is free of charge, confidential, impartial and independent.

The Rural Financial Counselling Service Program is funded by both the Federal Government through the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and by the Queensland Government through the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

If you would like to discuss your financial position and become better prepared to manage future challenges, rural financial counsellors are happy to assist you to understand, analyse and identify your business and its management options.

Rural financial counsellors aim to identify options which see you and your business better equipped to manage change/adjustment and lead to self-reliance.

For more information visit [www.rfcssq.org.au](http://www.rfcssq.org.au) or contact John Lacey on 0429 894 474 or Nathan Wichlacz (Roma-based servicing Taroom, Theodore and surrounds) on 4622 5500.



Rural Financial Counsellor for the Banana Shire region, John Lacey, at the Beef Week Rural Press Club breakfast.





# The rundown on rates and charges

Council's Rates and Charges for the first half of the 2018-19 period will be issued in August with a due date in September.

Confirmation of the exact issue dates and due dates for the 2018-19 year will be published in the Minutes for the Budget Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 27.

The Rate Notices issued will also include Water Consumption charges for water used in the period from December 31, 2017 through to June 30, 2018.

## I have changed my mailing address; how do I update this with Council?

If you have changed your mailing address please notify Council in writing of your new address, so your details can be updated.

Residents who have changed their mailing address and have failed to notify Council run the risk of not receiving their rates notice and consequently missing out on any discount offered.

All changes MUST be received in writing and MUST be signed by at least one owner. Address changes cannot be accepted over the phone.

## Register with BPAY View to receive, pay and store your rates notice

Take control of your bills with BPAY View.

With BPAY View, you can have your Banana Shire Council rate notice delivered directly to your online banking on the issue date - so you can view, pay automatically, or with a single click, know the bill will be securely stored in one place.

- Once you've signed up with BPAY View, you'll receive a convenient email, SMS or bank message\* when it's time to pay your bill.
- You can then pay the bill with one click ^, schedule a later payment and even set up automatic payment for future bills\*\*. How easy is that?

## PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT WHEN REGISTERING WITH BPAY VIEW, COUNCIL WILL NOT ISSUE A PAPER COPY OF YOUR RATES NOTICE

### Important notes

\*Reminder options may differ between financial institutions.

^ The process may vary slightly between financial institutions.

\*\*Scheduled payments are subject to systems and funds availability.

Visit <https://www.bpay.com.au/Personal/Receive-bills.aspx> for more information on how to register for this service.

## Pensioner Remission

The State Pensioner Subsidy of 20 per cent (to a maximum of \$200 per annum) and a Council Pensioner Remission of 20 per cent (to a maximum of \$305 per annum) will be allowed on all current Council rates and charges as levied (except the Taroom Rural Water Connection Special Charge).

Eligibility requirements include:

- Must be a holder of a Queensland Pension Concession Card or a Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (Senior Card holders are not eligible).
- Must be the owner or life tenant of the property and legally responsible for paying local government rates and charges levied.
- Subsidies can only be granted on the principal place of residence.

Application forms can be obtained from Banana Shire Council.

The State Fire and Emergency Services also allow a 20 per cent discount on the State Emergency Management Levy.

## Receive your rates notice by email

Having issues with the mail getting to you? Are you travelling within Australia or abroad? Council can now send your rates notice to you electronically – any time, anywhere to your email account.

Application forms can be obtained from Banana Shire Council offices and website.

## Lift serves dual functions at Biloela Civic Centre

A new lift was recently installed at the Biloela Civic Centre.

The need for a lift at the Civic Centre was twofold.

While there was ample storage capacity for tables, chairs and other function support material under the stage, the access was either through small doors in the western quadrant, or double doors in the western stage quadrant floor; accessible only via heavy manual handling.

The size of both sets of doors meant large round tables and portable stage pieces would not fit.

Consequently, storage of all function support material remained in the auditorium.

In addition, feedback from the Eisteddfod Society and other school and community groups identified mobility impaired performers had no stage access option, other than to be lifted on stage in front of the crowd.

Council determined that a lift to all three levels, with mobility and equipment capacity would fit the community needs and update the Civic Centre to expectations.



The lift installed at the Biloela Civic Centre.





RADF recipient Deb Graving  
and Mayor Nev Ferrier

## Regional Arts Development Fund supports local arts and culture

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between the Queensland Government and the Banana Shire Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland.

Each year funding is pooled and made available towards community projects initiated by Banana Shire Council and for the community to access through a grants program.

RADF has been operating for more than 25 years, supporting countless projects and artists throughout our community and across Queensland.

In the Banana Shire there are two grants available:

- Up to \$2000 for community projects,
- \$500 or \$1000 for individual professional development.

The next RADF grant round closes on June 30.

Application documents are available at [www.banana.qld.gov.au/regional-arts-development-fund](http://www.banana.qld.gov.au/regional-arts-development-fund) or contact Council's

Arts and Cultural Officer Shanna Muston on 4992 9500 for information.

### 2018 RADF recipients

**Owen Anderson:** \$1000 for Individual Professional Development: Furniture Making

**Callide Dawson Machinery and Preservation Club Inc:** \$2000 for Queensland Heritage Rally Rare Trades Workshops

**Prospect Creek State School:** \$1920 for African Drumming Workshops

**Deb Graving:** \$1956 for The Muddle on McFuddle's Farm Book Launch and Family Fun Day

**Biloela Bowls Club:** \$1727 for Community Movie Nights

**Baralaba Agricultural and Pastoral Society Inc:** \$1295 for Educational Circus Workshops, Baralaba Show 2018

**Taroom P-10 State School:** \$2000 for School Theatre Production: High School Musical Junior

## Free food safety training

There have been several highly publicised food-borne illness outbreaks covered in the media over the last few months, both in Australia and overseas.

Whether you are preparing meals at home for yourself and your family or are enjoying having a chef cook your meal tonight, it is important to know the food you are about to eat is safe for consumption.

Did you know Council offers free online food safety training?

This training can help you understand safe food handling skills and knowledge that you can apply at home or when you eat food from a business that prepares food.

Jump online and check it out at [www.banana.qld.gov.au/food](http://www.banana.qld.gov.au/food)

Food businesses can also use this training for their staff, with the option for a certificate to be issued once all modules have been completed.

## Applications open for drought relief funding

Applications are now being accepted for Community Drought Support Funding.

Funds will be made available across each of the 12 towns in the Banana Shire, to not-for-profit community organisations, for "community events and activities that contribute to connectedness, social well-being and increase access to support services".

This funding is made available through the Queensland Government Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors Community Drought Support Package.

Application forms can be found on Council's website [www.banana.qld.gov.au](http://www.banana.qld.gov.au), at any of our Customer Service Centres or by contacting Customer Service on 4992 9500.

Applications close on Friday, June 29.

For more information contact Council's Community Development Advisor Melinda Petty on 4992 9500.





# Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery News

## EXHIBITIONS

**Morning Glory: Marg Barnett, Lawrence English, Al Sim**

MAIN GALLERY

Continues until June 29

The Morning Glory is a magnificent cloud formation unique to the morning skies of Burketown, Queensland. Artists Marg Barnett, Lawrence English, and Al Sim explore its relationship with the sea, sky, and landscape through an immersive exhibition combining photography, textiles and sound.



*Gliding Across the Glory at Dawn, Al Sim.  
Image courtesy of the artist*

This project was supported through the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), a Moreton Bay Regional Council and Queensland Government partnership to support local arts and culture.

**Enjoying the Journey: Monto Art Group**

PALM TREE ROOM

Continues until June 29

Enjoying the Journey presents artworks by the Monto Art Group. Monto Art Group members are of all ages and backgrounds, each artist at a different stage in their practice and their journey into the art world.

The group's love of nature, both flora and fauna and the local environment is evident with works inspired by immediate surroundings and everyday experiences. Monto Art Group members encourage and support each other to learn new mediums and techniques and the group exhibits regularly throughout Central Queensland.

**Art Mix 2018: Banana Shire Student Art Showcase**

MAIN GALLERY & PALM TREE ROOM

July 9 - August 10

Art Mix is an annual showcase of student artwork from across the Banana Shire. The showcase includes work from students in Prep to Grade 12 from a range of schools. Art Mix aims to highlight excellence in visual arts, celebrate creative expression and provide the opportunity for students to exhibit their work in a gallery environment.

**Awards Night: Friday, July 27 from 5.30pm**

Selected works across age categories are awarded prizes of art materials or vouchers by a visiting guest judge.

## Contact the Gallery

Shanna Muston, Arts and Cultural Officer  
Phone: 4992 9500 Email: [enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au)  
Web: [www.banana.qld.gov.au/artgallery](http://www.banana.qld.gov.au/artgallery)  
Like us on Facebook 'Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery'  
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**Visit the gallery**  
**62 Valentine Plains Road, Biloela**  
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# Community CALENDAR — EVENTS

## July

6-8	Camboon Working Cattle Dog Trial Phone Dan or Tash 0428 967 613
7	Kilburnie Homestead Iron and Fire Blacksmithing, Billy Tea and Damper Day. Phone Fiona 0487 368 158
20-22	8th Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally Phone Cindy 4992 2400
21	Biloela Markets. Phone Susan 0407 336 700
21-22	Theodore Family Fishing Competition Phone Theodore Chamber of Commerce 0408 710 442
29	Moura Fishstocking Group's Foods of the World 2018 Phone Brooke 4997 1164

## August

11	Kilburnie Homestead Open Evening Phone Fiona 0487 368 158
16-23	2018 Biloela Dance Eisteddfod Phone Melissa 0488 923 624
18	Biloela Markets. Phone Susan 0407 336 700
18	Wowan Show Phone Wowan Show Committee 4937 1188
24-26	Moura Coal and Country Festival Phone Sharon 0409 485 173

## September

8-9	The Great Baralaba Saratoga Classic Fishing Competition Phone Robbie 0427 378 432
15	Biloela Markets. Phone Susan 0407 336 700
27-30	Theodore River Festival Phone Jess 0408 710 442
28-30	Camboon Campdraft Email Cassie <a href="mailto:cassie.schulz@outlook.com">cassie.schulz@outlook.com</a>

## Biloela Library delivers home service

The Biloela Library has provided the Biloela community with a Home Library Service for more than a decade.

Currently, a fortnightly service is available.

A library staff member delivers the resources and then collects them for return the following fortnight.

Anyone who has difficulty accessing the library due to illness, disability or mobility issues is eligible to use the Home Library Service.

An application form, available from the library or online via the Banana Shire Council website, needs to be signed by a certifying authority (a GP, therapist, or professional staff of a nursing home or welfare agencies).

For enquiries contact Biloela Library on 4992 7362.





## Did you know that you can take your recycling to the Moura and Biloela Waste Transfer Stations?

Recycling is an easy way for everyone to make a difference to the environment and reduce the amount of material dumped in landfill sites. Please take the time to separate your waste and recycle.

Recyclable waste accepted at Moura and Biloela transfer stations:

- Clean Green Waste
- Scrap Metal Waste
- Motor Oil
- Glass (Biloela only)
- Aluminium
- Paper
- Cardboard

drumMUSTER (1800 008 707) is for the collection of clean, empty agvet chemical containers around the Shire.

For further information on recycling and waste disposal please contact Banana Shire Council on 4992 9500.



## Cashless Customer Service Centre in Moura

### The Moura Customer Service Centre is no longer accepting cash.

This change is due to the fact that there are no longer any banks operating in Moura.

Council will continue to accept payments by cheque, EFTPOS (no cash out) or credit card (Visa and Mastercard).

You can continue to pay your rates by cash, cheque, debit or credit card (Visa and Mastercard only) at the Moura Post Office.

*For further information contact Financial Services Manager David Steger on 4992 9500 or email [enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au)*



## Attention dog owners



### Dog registrations expire 31 July 2018!

- Renewal notices will be issued early July.
- A 15% discount applies if paid on time.
- Registration is FREE for dogs that are desexed and microchipped!

Please advise if your details have changed

For more information on dog registration please contact Banana Shire Council on 4992 9500.



## FROM JULY 1, PLASTIC BAGS ARE DONE.

Everyone can help keep Queensland beautiful and protect our marine and wildlife.

### These plastic bags are banned

Single-use lightweight plastic shopping bags under 35 microns will be banned from 1 July 2018.



HDPE plastic shopping bags



Compostable, degradable and biodegradable plastic shopping bags

### These plastic bags are not banned



Barrier bags



Bin liners and garbage bags



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Single-use heavyweight department store plastic shopping bags



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