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Mayor's Message

WE HAVE WITNESSED SOME SPRING STORMS SWEEP ACROSS THE SHIRE.

As can be expected from storms, the volume of rain has varied widely across the Shire, with some areas blessed with significant falls and others very little at all.

Fortunately these storms have not included destructive winds and large hail but as the warmer months approach it is timely for people to prepare for the storm season.

Keep an eye or an ear out for storm warning forecasts on the radio and TV. Shelter your pets, secure any items around the yard that could be blown around in strong winds, park vehicles undercover and secure all external doors and windows and stay inside.

If you happen to be caught outside when the storm passes over, seek shelter in a hard-top vehicle or solid building, never shelter under small groups or single trees and if driving don't drive into water flowing over roads. Let's all hope for a good and safe wet season.

I was privileged to officially open the Moura Miners' Memorial. It provides a special place to honour the 50 miners who lost their lives while working in the coal mining industry at Moura in three disasters and in separate single accidents since 1961. It will also prove a catalyst for tourism by helping to influence some of the travelling public to stop in Moura and hopefully check out other parts of the town.

Banana Shire was pleased to be involved in the project by allocating \$120,000 from

its Works For Queensland program grant and by providing the land the monument stands on. Congratulations to the Moura Community Progress Group and all the organisations that contributed to make this project a reality.

Council staff have been working feverishly to prepare for the roll out of the State Government's waste levy, which was to come into effect in March 2019 but has since been pushed out until July 1.

Despite the extension to the time frame Council will continue on with its current plan to develop a blueprint for the levy's implementation. The introduction of this levy will have an enormous impact on our small, but widely dispersed shire.

Under the proposal a \$70 per tonne levy for non-domestic waste will be imposed on local governments. In addition to the levy, Council will be required to upgrade its waste management facilities, adopt new practices, train staff on the new requirements under the legislation and communicate the implications of the levy to all ratepayers.

It will be a challenging time for all involved. The cost impact on Council and ultimately the ratepayer is still pretty much an unknown at this stage.

On behalf of all Councillors and staff, I would like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please remember to stay safe through the festive season and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



Cr Nev Ferrier

Infrastructure projects

THEODORE MOURA ROAD REHABILITATION

Works have just been completed on another section of Theodore-Moura road, this project being jointly funded by Banana Shire Council and the State Government through a TIDS program to the value of \$1,000,000.

Setup ready for first concrete pour

EDAN PARK CYCLEWAY UPGRADE CONSTRUCTION – VALLEY VIEW DRIVE TO COOPER ST

This is a Department of Transport and Main Roads funded project, which Council is delivering through the use of contractors. Works commenced onsite 7 November 2018, with this section planned to be completed prior to Christmas.

Pride in Work Rewarded

SHANNA MUSTON IS EXTREMELY PASSIONATE ABOUT HER JOB. SHE IS AN ACCOMPLISHED ARTIST, WHO EXCELS IN MAKING JEWELLERY AND DRAWING.

SO WORKING IN AN ART GALLERY IS A DREAM COME TRUE – BEING ABLE TO DO SO IN YOUR HOMETOWN IS NIRVANA.

It therefore comes as no surprise that Shanna fulfils her duties as Banana Shire Council's Arts and Cultural Officer with immense enthusiasm and professionalism.

So when she discovered she had been selected to receive Biloela Rotary Club's Pride of Workmanship award she was extremely surprised.

"I really didn't expect to be rewarded for doing something I love," Shanna said.

"Just being able to work with local artists and seeing people's practice develop and grow over time is reward enough."

Shanna was appointed as Council's Arts and Cultural Officer in August 2014 after a stint as a gallery attendant at the Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art in Brisbane. "In Brisbane I looked after security and customer service in the gallery spaces, while also working on my own practice as an artist," Shanna explained.

"The position came up here and it was great timing, as I was ready to leave Brisbane.

"The building of the gallery here has enabled me to come back home and further my career as an arts worker –

before this it wasn't really an option.

"I believe the arts are important to the fabric of community and that creativity is good for the mind and soul."

As Council's Arts and Cultural Officer Shanna is responsible for the overall management of the gallery – curating exhibitions, planning events, promotion, customer service, community engagement, managing volunteers, caring for Council's art collection, as well as long term planning.

She is also responsible for managing Council's Regional Arts Development Fund which secures funding from the State Government for distribution to local artists and workshops.

Shanna loved art as a child and at school, and moved south to study a Bachelor of Fine Art at the Queensland College of Art.

Banana Shire Council Director Corporate and Community Services Tom Upton had no hesitation in nominating Shanna for the award.

"Shanna displays extensive leadership at numerous Banana Shire events, functions, celebrations and networking sessions which helps in building stronger and



united communities within our Shire," Mr Upton said.

"She proactively leads and engages with individuals, groups and volunteers, which results in diverse arrangement and responsibilities towards increasing our extensive catalogue of works, roadshows and arts libraries.

"Her professional and consistent commitment through hard work and engagement which profiles the regions, celebrates our communities and promotes the Banana Shire Council at the highest of levels."



WIN A Christmas spending spree

Biloela Shoppingworld

Spend \$20 in any specialty store, \$50 in Woolworths or \$10 in the food court for your chance to WIN

1st Prize: \$1000 Gift Card
2nd Prize: \$500 Gift Card

To enter, place your name and contact details on the back of the receipt and place in the entry barrel in the food court.

biloelashoppingworld.com.au

* Please note tenants of Biloela Shoppingworld, their employees, employees of McConaghy Group and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the draw. Terms & Conditions apply.



Be quick!
Entries will be drawn
Fri 21st December

Get your photo taken with Santa
Various dates and times
throughout December
Contact us at 07 4992 2599
for details



- Do you have an emergency vet phone number?
- Have you added links to pet travel sites and local pet resort sites in the area?

MICROCHIPPING

Whether you're going away or staying home, make sure your pet is microchipped. The best way to make sure your pet is reunited with you, if it is lost, is to ensure that your current details are registered to the chip. All cats and dogs born after 1 March 2010 are required to be microchipped in Queensland. This is also a great way to avoid a fine if your pet is caught without one! www.qld.gov.au/families/government/pets/pet-laws.

PETS AS GIFTS

If you're thinking about giving someone a pet as a gift this Christmas, please think CAREFULLY! Pets are a lifelong commitment and a decision to welcome a new member into the family should be responsibly considered. If you decide to get a new pet ensure that it comes from a caring and loving home, has been wormed and assessed by a vet, and is a happy, healthy and suitable pet for the home you have and the lifestyle you lead. A little forward planning can make the experience enjoyable and stress free.

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

Many animals are frightened by thunderstorms or fireworks and can panic and stress when left alone. Pets have been known to break through or climb high fences or chew through rope to get away. Ensure your dog is in a secure area or chained up in a place where it will feel secure whenever fireworks or thunderstorms are likely to occur.

Barking, digging, chewing and other undesirable behaviours may result in not only a mess to clean up but also fines to pay. Failing to make adequate provision for your pets can result in heavy penalties from the RSPCA.

Council's Municipal Pound Facility will be operational during normal business hours. If your dog or cat goes missing don't forget to check with Council's pound. You can also report found animals to Council by calling 4992 9500 during business hours.

CHRISTMAS AND YOUR PETS

HOPEFULLY YOU'RE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND YOU'VE STARTED TO MAKE YOUR LIST AND CHECK IT TWICE, BUT BEFORE YOU CONGRATULATE YOURSELF ON A JOB WELL DONE, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR PETS?

Are your pets getting a visit from Santa this year? Presents for pets aren't the same as 'traditional' human gifts; these gifts can enhance the life of your pet and may even extend it.

If our pets truly are our best friends, why not spoil them this festive season? Why not 'give your dog a bone' this Christmas? Brisket bones, marrow bones, chicken wings, lamb shanks and ox tails are all great bones for dogs. Smaller bones are also suitable for cats. Ensure that you always give raw bones as they are easily digested. Rawhide chews and pig's ears also make great gifts.

PLANNING ON GOING AWAY OVER CHRISTMAS?

There are some fantastic destinations with quality accommodation that would welcome both you and your pet. Getting away from it all and having some fun can have a very therapeutic effect on your pet. A change of environment and routine, socialisation, exercise and new

experiences can help them become more adjusted and well balanced.

So if you've decided to throw caution to the wind, and pack the pet along with your togs and thongs, for peace of mind there are a few things you may wish to consider.

TRAVEL CHECKLIST

Items to take with you:

- Supply of usual food and food bowl
- Water bowl and plastic bottle of water for the journey
- Bed and blankets
- Favourite toys and treats
- Lead and waste bags
- Brushes, combs, shampoo and towels (in case they get dirty)

Things to remember/do:

- Are vaccinations up to date?
- Is parasite control up to date?
- Have you packed your pet first aid kit and a supply of any medication your pet regularly takes?



Take Steps to Prepare for Storm and Cyclone Season

WITH ANOTHER STORM AND CYCLONE SEASON APPROACHING, BANANA SHIRE RESIDENTS ARE BEING URGED TO CARRY OUT SOME SIMPLE PREPARATIONS.

Taking just a few simple steps now could make a major difference in residents' abilities to cope with disaster situations.

It is a very simple four-step process and there is really no excuse for being caught unprepared this season.

The first step is preparing a Household Emergency Plan which considers the potential risks in your neighbourhood; what preparations are needed; how to stay in contact with loved ones and emergency services; and what to do during different disaster situations.

Step two is to prepare your personal evacuation kit and an emergency kit. This means having enough water and non-perishable food to last a minimum of three days as well as essential medicine, clothing, batteries, tools and supplies to keep you going.

Most of these items are already in your house – but you need to keep them all

together in one place, as well as filling the gaps now if something is missing.

Step three is to prepare your home for the disasters you are likely to face. This includes actions like identifying places to shelter, cleaning gutters and making sure your insurance is up to date.

The final step is to understand how you will get information during a disaster. This means having a battery-powered radio, spare batteries for your mobile phone or laptop and a way to recharge your devices, such as wind-up chargers, solar panel chargers or a generator.

These actions are not difficult, but they can make a huge difference to your family during times of disaster. This basic level of preparation can mean the difference between sitting out the worst of a flood or other event in relative comfort and struggling to cope without life's essentials. Residents ready to brush up on their disaster preparations should visit <https://getready.qld.gov.au/homepage>.

BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

AS AT THE 1ST JULY 2018, CLOSING DATES FOR ROUNDS UNDER COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM CHANGED. CLOSING DATES FOR EACH ROUND ARE NOW THE LAST BUSINESS DAY OF JANUARY, APRIL, JULY AND OCTOBER.

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 2019 are:

- 5pm Thursday 31st January
- 5pm Tuesday 30th April

- 5pm Wednesday 31st July
- 5pm Thursday 31st October

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.

Application forms and further information on the Community Grants Program can be found on Council's website 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
(07) 4992 9500

Dog Walk for Breast Cancer 2018

COUNCIL HELD THEIR SECOND ANNUAL DOG WALK FOR BREAST CANCER ON SUNDAY THE 28TH OF OCTOBER.



Over \$1000 was raised for the McGrath Foundation whilst promoting and encouraging responsible dog ownership in our Shire.

The McGrath Foundation funds McGrath Breast Care Nurses who support individuals and their families experiencing breast cancer. These nurses provide physical, psychological and emotional support from the time of diagnosis, throughout treatment. Support is absolutely free and no referral is required!

This year we were lucky enough to have a McGrath Breast Cancer Nurse attend our walk. Sally Haley is based in Gladstone and supports people with breast cancer and their families in Gladstone District and surrounds. "The most important thing I do for my patients is to nurture and provide invaluable support and professional assistance to not only the patient but also to their support networks. I consider it a privilege to be in my patients' lives during a time when life can be confusing and unknown." – Sally

A much sought after prize of a wheelbarrow chocked full of goodies helped to boost the fundraising amount. Congratulations to winner Adrian Lawson!



The aim of this fundraising event was to fundraise for the McGrath Foundation, provide fun and exercise for families as well as giving dogs and puppies time to socialise and exercise with other pooches.

The day would not have been a success without the support and sponsorship of the following businesses: Rise the Bakehouse Biloela, Biloela Quality Meats, Home Hardware Biloela, Super Cheap Biloela, Star Liquor Warehouse Biloela, Express Kebabs Biloela, Callide Valley Vet Clinic, Biloela Tools and Bearings, Pet Stuff Biloela, Biloela PCYC, Mitre 10 Biloela, Luke Siegmeier and Biloela Fitness.

Melville Schumacher

AFTER A 31 YEAR CAREER IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAROOM'S MELVILLE SCHUMACHER DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO MOVE ON.

Melville commenced his employment as a labourer with the former Taroom Shire Council on 6 May 1987.

Melville has worked on the bridge crew and as a backhoe operator. At the time of amalgamation with Banana Shire, he was employed as a truck driver, a position he held until his resignation on 27 July 2018.

He was presented with a farewell gift by Mayor Nev Ferrier who thanked Melville for the valuable contribution he made to both the Taroom and Banana Shire Councils and wished him well for the future.

Melville Schumacher with Mayor Nev Ferrier





Rafael Vargas receives the 2018 Len Bergman Memorial Bursary from Banana Shire Mayor Nev Ferrier

Len Bergman Memorial Bursary

RAFAEL VARGAS IS THE 2018 RECIPIENT OF THE LEN BERGMAN MEMORIAL BURSARY.

Each student is nominated for the award after achieving the highest aggregate marks for Maths and Science in their year. To fulfil the second part of the Bursary, students had to submit a report on Len Bergman, focusing on his career path within Council and the opportunities made available through Local Government. For the student to be selected for the final criteria of the Bursary, they had to maintain the highest aggregate marks for both subjects in Years 10 or improve on their marks from Year 9.

Rafael, who moved to Biloela with his Filipino family five years ago, was honoured to win the award.

"We are fortunate to live in Australia and be given the wonderful opportunities to gain a good education and pursue successful careers," Rafael said. "Back in the Philippines I have cousins who do not have the same privileges."

Rafael said he will use the bursary to help purchase a study computer to assist in his education and research.

"I would love to become a general practitioner or work in the field of sciences or medicine in the future."

Rafael was presented with the Bursary at Banana Shire Council November Workshop.

The Year 10 Biloela High School student was narrowly selected ahead of fellow Biloela High student Callum Parker and Alexander Carroll from Moura State High School. The Len Bergman Perpetual Bursary was established in 2008 in recognition of his dedication, excellent leadership skills and hard work while employed by the Banana Shire Council.

BANANA SHIRE LIBRARIES NEWS

THE SUMMER READING CLUB PROGRAM WILL RUN FROM 8 DECEMBER, 2018 – 25 JANUARY 2019, IN ALL BRANCHES

This year's theme is "Curious Creatures"; readers are encouraged to explore new worlds as they develop a curiosity of creatures.

The Banana Shire Libraries will be hosting a Launch Party on the 8th December from 10am to 11.30am at the Biloela, Moura, Taroom and Theodore libraries, where the children can sign up and do related craft activities.

We will end the program with a 'wrap party' at the Biloela Library on the 2nd February 2019, with each child who hands in a reading log receiving a prize for participation. For further information contact Margaret Brooks on 4992 7362.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY SESSIONS WILL BE HOSTED IN EACH OF THE BRANCHES 17–20 DECEMBER, 2018

The Biloela branch will offer a session on Wednesday, 19 December, 2018, 10am – 12 noon. There will be a number of activities to choose from – just turn up! Please speak to your local branch staff in Moura, Theodore and Taroom for details; numbers are limited in these smaller branches so bookings are essential.

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WILL BE OFFERED IN ALL BRANCHES 14–19 AND 21–25 JANUARY, 2019

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential; please speak to local branch staff for details. Activities are varied, Biloela's will include coding ozobots, making curious creatures and friendship bracelets, to name a few.

Library events are advertised on Council's Facebook page, in-house, and often in school newsletters...so keep an eye out!

Staff of the Banana Shire Libraries would like to wish our community members a Merry Christmas and all the very best for a Happy New Year! Thank you for your support throughout 2018...see you in 2019!!



Evydrew in a craft session



LET'S GET RECYCLING! IN THE BANANA SHIRE CONTAINERS CAN CURRENTLY BE CASHED IN AT:

- Biloela Transfer Station, Calvale Road, Biloela – Contact Biloela Recycling on 0448 098 779
- KRT Automotive, 21 Okano Street, Moura – Contact E: refund@kangabins.com.au
- Lions Club (Taroom), 12 Bridge Street, Taroom – Contact E: refund@kangabins.com.au

Eligible containers can now be returned to refund points for a 10c refund. Most drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible.

A full list of eligible containers is available from www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recovery/reduction/container-refund.

Containers for Change

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

How can my community group benefit?

Containers for Change provides two ways for community groups, charities, schools, sporting groups and not-for-profits to take part and raise funds.

1. Virtual Donation Point: Any charity, community group, school, not-for-profit organisation or sporting group can register for a Scheme ID on the Containers for Change website. This exciting process enables groups to share their scheme ID with their customers, supporters and network base, without physically operating a container refund point themselves. When participants take their containers to a Container Refund Point (CRP) they will be able to use the community group's Scheme ID to donate the 10c refund from their returned containers to their nominated group. CRP operators will count the containers and then transfer the refund into the

group's specified bank account using the community group's Scheme ID.

2. Physical Donation Point: Your community group may be able to collect bulk containers on your premises, encouraging community members to donate their containers to your organisation. The containers are then returned in bulk to a CRP with the refund transferred to the account of the registered donation point.

Community groups can register online at www.containersforchange.com.au for a Scheme ID.

Queensland Government Grant applications are now open to assist Physical Donation Points with funding for infrastructure. To apply before 25 January 2019, please visit www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recovery/funding-grants.

More information can be found at www.containerexchange.com.au.

DID YOU KNOW?

Queenslanders use close to **3 BILLION BEVERAGE CONTAINERS** every year. That is A LOT of plastic!

Crowd energised by informative speakers at Industry Summit

COUNCIL HOSTED ITS 17TH ANNUAL INDUSTRY SUMMIT AT THE BILOELA CIVIC CENTRE ON 16 OCTOBER, WITH THIS YEAR'S TOPIC BEING "FUTURE ENERGY SOLUTIONS – POWERING AHEAD IN BANANA SHIRE. AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE & SUSTAINABLE ENERGY".

The day commenced with a breakfast followed by the summit. Following the presentations the five speakers as a panel took questions from the floor. The event concluded with lunch and networking, with attendees being treated to an amazing array of mouthwatering food provided by Chef Matt Golinski using local produce.

The five speakers were excellent with a wealth of knowledge which covered:

The Climate Change Delusion; Solar & Battery Storage; Electricity Tariffs & Pricing; Waste to Energy & Landfill Levy Implications; Resource Efficiencies.

Mayor Nev Ferrier was pleased with the feedback received from attendees on the day which included – "I found most of the presentations on the day pretty informative", "the climate change presentation was extremely interesting", "this year's summit very well run", "I think the summit was very well put together".

The Biloela High School Hospitality students again catered the breakfast and morning tea, and did a wonderful job under the guidance of their teacher.

A sponsor dinner was held the night before and Chef Matt Golinski wowed everyone with his delicious creations using locally sourced produce.

A number of Hospitality senior students from the Biloela High School were given an opportunity to assist Matt with the dinner and the summit lunch – an experience many aspiring chefs would dream of! We thank Matt for returning to Biloela and again giving our local students such a wonderful opportunity.

Most importantly, Mayor Nev Ferrier thanks our valued sponsors for their support which enables us to continue to host the annual Industry Summit.

BANANA SHIRE RATES

PLEASE CONTACT

Council rates and property officers
on **07 4992 9500**
if you have not received your notice

COUNCIL'S RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE 2018-19 PERIOD WILL BE ISSUED ON 12 FEBRUARY WITH A DUE DATE OF THE 14 MARCH 2019.

THE RATE NOTICES ISSUED WILL ALSO INCLUDE WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES FOR WATER USED IN THE PERIOD FROM 30 JUNE, 2018 THROUGH TO DECEMBER 31, 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

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 offices and website.

The State Fire and Emergency Services also allow a 20 per cent remission 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 – anytime, anywhere – to your email account. Application forms can be obtained from Banana Shire Council offices and website.

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



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**COMMUNITY GRANTS
PROGRAM**

Successful Applications – July 2018 round

Total of \$12,387.26 awarded to:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| ■ Biloela Enterprise ■ | ■ Moura Amateur Swimming Club ■ |
| ■ Taroom District Development Assoc ■ | ■ Rotary Club of Biloela ■ |
| ■ Moura Men's Shed ■ | ■ Biloela Community Dance Club ■ |
| ■ Dawson Jockey Club ■ | ■ Callide Valley Minister's Fellowship ■ |

BANANA SHIRE REGIONAL ART GALLERY

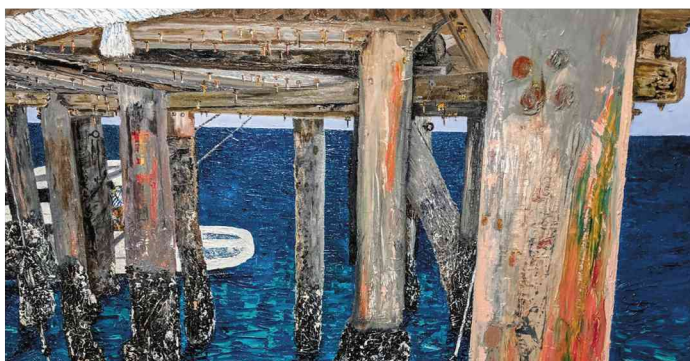
Like us on facebook [Banana Shire Regional Art Gallery](#)
Follow us on Instagram [bananashireregionalartgallery](#)

VISIT THE GALLERY | FREE ENTRY

62 Valentine Plains Road, Biloela
Open weekdays 9:30am – 4pm

CONTACT THE GALLERY

Shanna Muston | Arts and Cultural Officer
P: 4992 9500 | E: enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au
www.banana.qld.gov.au/artgallery



Helen Rowling *Under the Jetty* 2017, oil on canvas.
Image courtesy of the artist.

EXHIBITIONS

ART OF BEING THERE: HELEN ROWLING [MAIN GALLERY]

26 November 2018 – 25 January 2019

The Art of Being There shares the work of Brisbane based artist Helen Rowling. The works take us on a journey through Helen's life experiences and memories, sharing the many years spent exploring and observing the present and concept of 'being there'. *The Art of Being There* includes recent and older works, illustrating the changing and emerging styles throughout Helen's practice.

WORKS FROM THE COLLECTION [PALM TREE ROOM]

26 November 2018 – 25 January 2019

A selection of works from the Banana Shire Art Collection. The collection has over 360 pieces of art work, predominately representing works by local and central Queensland artists.

EVENTS

ART OF BEING THERE OPENING CELEBRATIONS

Friday 14 December from 5:30pm

WEEKEND OPENING HOURS

Saturday 15 December 10am – 12 midday
Saturday 19 January 10am – 12 midday

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The gallery will be closed from 22 December 2018 – 1 January 2019 (inclusive). We wish all our visitors a safe and merry festive season.

CHRISTMAS DEADLINES

BANANA SHIRE COUNCIL'S BILOELA, MOURA AND TAROOM OFFICES WILL CLOSE FROM 5PM FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER AND RE-OPEN AT 8AM WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY. COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE WILL CLOSE FROM 5PM FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER AND RE-OPEN AT 9AM WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

- **Dangerous Dog:** 0449 701 140 (Whole Shire)
- **Environmental Incident:** 1300 130 372 (Whole Shire)
- **Road Maintenance:** 0408 067 196 (Whole Shire)
- **Stock Route and Straying Stock:** 0427 148 783 (Whole Shire)
- **W&S Retic Maintenance:** Burst water mains, blocked sewers 0409 376 344 (Taroom, Theodore and Cracow); 0417 641 994 (other)
- **Town Water Quality – Dirty Water, Objectionable Taste/Odour:** 0418 787 033 (Biloela, Callide Dam, Thangool, Goovigen, Wowan); 0419 021 584 (Moura, Banana, Baralaba); 0418 986 107 (Theodore, Cracow); 0409 376 344 (Taroom)
- **Animal Neglect and Welfare:** For animal neglect, cruelty complaints and welfare please contact RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL (1300 264 625)

Garbage Collections: Rubbish collections during the Christmas and New Year period, including public holidays, will continue on the normal day. Times may vary, so please ensure bins are on the kerb by 6am. This applies to residences and businesses.

Transfer Stations: Biloela Transfer Station on Calvale Road will close on Christmas Day but will remain open during the holiday period, between 7am and 5.30pm, seven days a week. Trap Gully Landfill will close on all public holidays and weekends. Moura Transfer Station will be open between 7am and 5.30pm, seven days a week, but closed Christmas Day.

Shire Libraries: Biloela Library closes at 5pm on Friday 21 December and reopens 9am Wednesday 2 January. Moura Library closes at 5.30pm on Friday 21 December and reopens 9.30am Thursday 3 January. Taroom Library closes at 5pm on Friday 21 December and reopens 9.30am Thursday 3 January. Theodore Library closes at 5pm on Thursday 20 December and reopens 1pm Thursday 3 January. The Mobile Library will spend its last day in Cracow on Thursday 20 December from 2pm and will recommence on Wednesday 9 January in Baralaba at 10.30am. The Mobile Library will operate on a revised schedule of townships only (no schools) during the December/January school holiday period (see Council's website for further information). No Mobile Service will be available from Friday 21 December 2018 to Tuesday, 8 January 2019, inclusive. Library return chutes will be open so items can be returned. Fines will not accrue over the days the libraries are closed during the Christmas period.

Swimming Pool Opening Hours: Public opening hours are subject to change over the Christmas/New Year period. Details of opening hours are available on Council's website at www.banana.qld.gov.au/swimmingpools.

Community

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2018

1

Thangool Races

P: Edwina
4995 8190

2

Biloela Carols by
Candlelight

P: Kylie
0458 771 586

5

Moura Christmas
Street Party

P: Nicky
4997 2118

7

Theodore Christmas
Street Party

FB: Theodore Chamber
of Commerce

8

Biloela
Markets

P: Susan
0407 336 700

13

Taroom Christmas
Street Party

E: tdda-secretary@
bigpond.com

JANUARY 2019

12

Lawgi Hall
Mural Community
Celebration



26

Australia Day
Celebration
@ Thangool
P: 4992 9500

26

Thangool Races
P: Edwina
4995 8190



BANANA SHIRE 2019

Australia Day Photography Competition

THEME

Banana Shire - Old and New

SECTIONS

Open & Under 18

ENTRIES CLOSE

January 20 2019

\$380
in cash prizes!



Australia Day



MORE INFO & ENTRY FORMS

www.banana.qld.gov.au/australia-day

Phone: 4992 9500 Email: enquiries@banana.qld.gov.au

BACKGROUND: Kathryn Heading 'Sundance'



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BANANA SHIRE

Australia Day

THANGOOL RACE TRACK

SATURDAY 26 JANUARY 2019

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DAY



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