



From the Mayor



Welcome to the beginning of another financial year which has seen Council adopt its budget for 2010/2011 with a number of projects being either completed or about to start. More detail about that is in the newsletter and I would encourage you all to read on and find out how Council is working to improve living conditions that we are responsible for.

I would also like to extend congratulations to our community services staff, in particular Youth Development Officer, George McCormick, for winning the 2010 National Youth Engagement Award for Local Government – more in the article below. Council recognizes the importance of developing and supporting the young people in this Shire which is reflected in the budget allocations and the great work done by Council's community staff.

I would like to extend our best wishes and an enormous vote of thanks to our recently retired General Manager, Mr Ray Kent who ended his employment with us at the end of June. Ray's contribution to the development of a stable and forward looking Council cannot be underestimated and we all wish him an enjoyable retirement.

His replacement, Mr Don Ramsland, will commence duties on 2 August 2010. Don has previously been General Manager at Tenterfield, Cobar, Wellington and in Queensland, so comes with extensive experience in the position. We welcome his appointment and look forward to working with him.

2010 National Local Government Award for Youth Engagement

The National Awards for Local Government recognise, reward and promote the innovative work of Local Governments across Australia, showcasing unique local solutions to common problems. The category of Youth Engagement recognises Councils which help young people actively participate in their community.

Council's Youth Engagement Strategy demonstrated participation in action by highlighting five current Council initiatives; Youth Centres, Youth Council, Teen Libraries Program, Stories on the Floor and School to Work Program.

The three key areas of the strategy involve diversion, participation and development. The three youth centres and four vacation care centres across the Shire provide an opportunity for young people to engage in diversionary activities and enable them to create a space of their own. The Teen Library and Stories from the Floor initiatives involve promoting the use of Libraries and accessibility to reading materials, utilizing alternative learning methods and tools of engagement.

The school to work program offers young people the opportunity to engage in paid work following a training and introductory process assisting young people to gain much needed experience and exposure to employment and workplace expectations.



The Awards recognise Council's achievement in fostering a better understanding between young people and Local Government, coordinating responsive and community focused activities and creating a sense of community amongst young people.

Building capacity through participation has resulted in young people making significant decisions about issues that affect them, and their fellow young people, and developing strategies to address these issues.

Being recognised at a National level outlines the strategic and innovative approach Council adopts to youth and community development. The strategy's success is underpinned with a commitment by Council to the value of our young people, and the belief that all young people have the ability to reach their full potential.

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Youth Council Members successful 2010 Youth Parliament Program

In February this year, Walgett Shire Youth Council members Brent Richards, from Walgett, and Danielle Rennie from Lightning Ridge (both 16 years old), were successful in their applications to participate in the 2010 NSW Youth Parliament Program. Our two Shire Youth Council members are the first participants to be accepted from our Barwon/ Parkes electorate in the seven years the program has been running. The Walgett Shire Council and its Youth Development team supported these two representatives as they undertook a two stage program which included camps in Sydney between March and July 2010.

NSW Youth Parliament provides a way and opportunity for young people to put across their ideas about issues that concern them. Essentially it is a place where the opinions and concerns of all young people in NSW are heard by those who have the power to make laws.

This year 90 participants from throughout NSW were successful. Each participant's role involves joining a committee of interest and working on a topic of concern. Brent joined the Sport and Recreation Committee and Danielle joined Youth Affairs. Bill topics are deliberated and discussed for the three month period amongst committee members before the final bills are presented to the Ministers and Members of NSW

Parliament. All the bills that were passed at Youth Parliament are then passed on to the NSW Premier and the Leader of the Opposition for review.

The outstanding input and commitment displayed by Brent and Danielle was acknowledged during the Youth Parliament closing ceremony. At this ceremony Brent was Awarded "Best Government Speaker" from the 90 young people who participated.

Brent expressed his excitement at receiving this prestigious Award and said "to be recognised in this way is an honour, and it makes me feel so proud of everything I have achieved. This is a life changing experience. I would like to say a very big thank you to the Walgett Shire Council and Youth Development Team for the opportunity of this life changing experience". Brent went on to describe one of the many highlights of the trip "After one of our Parliamentary sessions, a member of Parliament singled me out in front of everyone and said that I have what it takes to make it into Parliament, that I was the most passionate, amazing and Best speaker they have ever seen go through the program".

Both Brent and Danielle believe that the Youth Parliament experience has increased their confidence and sense of power to affect change. Walgett Shire Council is very proud to have these two young people as members of our outstanding Youth Council.



Youth Options - Walgett

The *Youth Options - Walgett (YOW)* project will shortly commence in Walgett. This project will aim to connect young people in Walgett to healthy recreational activities. This innovative project will involve youth workers engaging "in place" with young people between the hours of 6 – 10pm.

The workers will also be involved in facilitating sporting activities on weekends. YOW will offer employment opportunities for local people, while providing pathways and opportunities for young people to engage in leadership development through alternate leisure activities.

Weekend sporting activities have been a recurring theme in community consultations, with structured and accessible activities identified as an important aspect of developing healthy young people.

Engaging with youth, on the streets, and encouraging their participation in healthy activities aims to develop young people to their full potential.

This project is possible due to funding from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FHCSIA).

New RAS Foundation Rural Scholarships available

The RAS Foundation has launched a new series of rural scholarships, of up to \$5,000 each, to assist people who are passionate about rural issues to pursue their dreams of higher education, in turn creating a strong and vibrant community for the future.

Also open for applications is the third annual J B Fairfax Award for Rural Journalism. The \$10,000 Award encourages students to pursue a career in rural journalism and tell the stories of Australian agriculture.

It is easy to apply. See the website for details: www.rasf.org.au/whatwedo/scholarship.html

Contact Antonia Ruffell or Nicole Day on 02 9704 1234 or foundation@rasf.org.au with any questions.

Applications close on 30 September 2010. Funding will be provided for the 2011 academic year.

Library Happenings

Over 4,200 Patrons have visited the Shire Libraries over the past few months with an increase of 87 memberships.

After school programs for 6 to 16 year olds have included literacy games, computer knowledge, art, craft, sewing, makeup instructions and cooking. A significant increase in participation by this age group has been experienced in the past quarter.

For the younger children, visits from pre-schools and playgroups continue to be a regular activity. A new program, Babies and Books, for 0 to 5 year olds has been running for three months, Thursday mornings in Walgett and Friday mornings in Lightning Ridge.

Adult Book Club is reviewing 'Tuesdays with Morrie' and meets last Friday of the month at 1pm. Please join us.

On 26 August 2010, 9am to 4pm, Walgett Library in partnership with Tafe Mobile Library will be running a community promotions day to encourage education and reading. Join us for morning tea.

Partnership Funding Projects

Walgett Shire Council have joined with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to develop three new projects for Walgett and Collarenebri. Works will commence shortly on shade shelters for Collarenebri Skate Park and Walgett Basketball Court. The basketball court will be situated in the area where the Walgett Skate Park is located and will provide a recreational area for youth, and the young at heart. In addition, funds have been made available for the purchase of youth resources such as recreational, educational and sporting equipment.

Council have also gained a Positive Ageing grant from Department of Ageing and Disability. The *Art Across the Ages* project will involve older people in creating a piece of artwork that reflects community life. The project will involve a variety of textiles and will run over a period of months. During the project older people will share their creative skills with younger people.

In addition, Council have been successful with Proceeds of Crime funding, which will enable the employment of a community development officer to work with the Collarenebri community for a period of 15 months.

While the Community Development Team strives to attract funding for Council it also assists other organisations to build capacity in this area. For example, the Community Development Team were instrumental in project development, and a subsequent funding application, that has been successful for Barwon Cottage Women's Refuge. The *Strong Women* project has received funding from NSW Department of Premier & Cabinet to engage a domestic violence community worker to be situated at Collarenebri.

The total of these projects represent approximately \$415,000.00. Funding partnerships of this nature assist Council to maximise our services to the community.

Special Notice

The Walgett Library is now open on a Monday afternoon and Saturday morning 10.00 am till 1.00pm, bringing Library services to the community six days per week.

Come along and see what the libraries have to offer, you might be surprised!

Walgett Opening Hours

Monday	10.00am to 1.00pm	Thursday	9.00pm to 12.00noon
Tuesday	10.00am to 1.00pm	Friday	1.00pm to 5.00pm
Wednesday	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Saturday	1.00pm to 5.00pm
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Rural Infrastructure Update

Round two of the Federal Government's Regional Infrastructure projects are underway, with the following projects in various stages of development.

- Walgett - Apex Park upgrade of facilities
- Collarenebri - Upgrade of tennis court area
- Carinda – Refurbishment of tennis courts
- Lightning Ridge – Motor cross track construction
- Cumborah Park – Installation of shade structure
- Rowena – Upgrade of electrical to Rowena Hall
- Come by Chance – Repair of roof and doors to Come by Chance Hall
- Burren Junction - Installation of playground

This edition highlights the Burren Junction and Apex Park projects.

A new park for Burren Junction – Consultation has taken place with the Burren Junction Precinct Committee and, importantly, the children of Burren Junction. Community Development staff visited the Burren Junction Primary School and gathered views from the young residents who will be using the new park. Children were asked to select equipment preferences and express their views on playground necessities. Their views were collated and feature highly in the final playground design.

Pre-school children's playground – One of the recurring themes expressed by parents, during Council's Community Plan consultations, is the desire for a playground especially suited to under 5 year olds. This will soon become a reality with the Apex Park upgrade, where a toddlers' playground will be installed.

Community Development staff consulted with parents of 0-5year olds regarding their views on an age appropriate playground. Overwhelmingly, parents expressed that rubber softfall, fencing and seating were important aspects of the space. Not to overlook the users of the playground, consultation was also undertaken with pre-school children. Children were asked to select their play choices from a number of enlarged photographs. Previous consultation with pre-school children tells us that this age group enjoys the opportunity to explore and discover natural play spaces. All of this information has been used to create the final playground design.

Expressions of interest were advertised for the two playgrounds and construction will begin in the very near future.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations 2010

The theme for this year's celebration was "Honouring Unsung Heroes, Our Culture, and Each Other".

Walgett Shire Council's Aboriginal Liaison Officer Jenny Trindall, along with the NAIDOC Committee, co-ordinated a huge community wide project which led to a full week of celebration! Many organisations and individuals donated their time, energy and funds to make sure that 2010 NAIDOC week in Walgett was one to be proud of.

The celebrations began with breakfast, bright and early on Monday morning, hosted by Walgett Shire Council. This was followed by a flag raising and official NAIDOC week opening on the lawn outside the Walgett Shire Council building. St Joseph's student Gloria Winters spoke the words for the welcome to country in the local Gamilaroi language, a wonderful demonstration of the pride taken by local students in learning their traditional lingo.

The Aboriginal Flag was raised with pride, and guest speakers included our Mayor, Ian Woodcock, Principals from local schools and Walgett Police. The first of the celebration cakes was enjoyed by all! For those with lots of energy, there was touch football at the oval with Reconnect Youth Services.

On Tuesday, WAMS had their own special day of celebration. There was also an art exhibition opening at the Community Centre, supported by Outback Arts and Walgett Shire Council.

Wednesday and Thursday the schools took turns with a full program of events. The NAIDOC march was planned for Friday, but Mother Nature had different ideas, bringing some rain! The planned Barbecue, hosted by Walgett men's group, and featuring some traditional food, was relocated to the schools, along with more celebration cake.

The final day began with an exhibition of artefacts by the Dharriwaa Elders Group and concluded with the NAIDOC Black Tie Ball. The organising committee transformed the RSL hall, which was brought alive by 210 guests, many of whom dressed in the theme colours of Red, Black and Yellow. There was live music, dining and dancing plus prizes for the best dressed.

The organising committee worked very hard to provide so many opportunities to honour Aboriginal culture throughout NAIDOC week. Many thanks to everyone who contributed, and participated in this week of celebration.

RSPCA Community Animal Welfare Scheme

RSPCA community Animal Welfare Scheme offering desexing at a discount to pension & low income earners, has changed dates and will now be:

Lightning Ridge: 13-14th September
Walgett: 16-17th September

With the 15th being wherever we get the most bookings.

For more information please call Walgett Vet Clinic 6828 1090 or Lightning Ridge on Tuesday and Thursdays 6829 2199

Cultural Touring Program

The increase in opportunities to experience a diverse range of performances by professional artists has been made possible by Walgett Shire Council's Cultural Touring Program. Our aim is to bring a variety of performing artists to venues in Walgett Shire so that local residents can experience something different, without the need to travel long distances.

Our first concerts were in Lightning Ridge and Walgett in April with Kristina Olsen, a powerful singer songwriter and instrumentalist from California. Her expressive voice, original lyrics and entertaining stories left people laughing and wishing for more. There was also the unique opportunity to participate in an underground singing workshop with Kristina at the iconic Chamber of the Black Hand.

More laughter was heading our way with hilarious performances by Australia's deadly funny Indigenous comedian Sean Choolburra. In June, he had us all laughing with his hilarious shows in Walgett and Lightning Ridge. There was also the chance for local students from Collaranebri and Walgett to showcase their dance and singing skills. Sean says he has plans to return to Walgett Shire in the future.

In October, a different cultural experience will be here, with a visit by Kai Fech, an African Drumming and Dance group from Senegal, sharing their traditional music and dance and culture. They will perform at Walgett RSL on Friday October 8th, and at Lightning Ridge Bowling Club on Saturday October 9th. Thanks to a partnership program with Outback Arts NSW, there will also be the opportunity for young people to participate in workshops at Collarenebri, Walgett and Lightning Ridge Youth Centers, plus an open workshop for all, prior to the Lightning Ridge concert.

Future events are planned so take the opportunity to join in this great program of events. For more information, please contact a member of Walgett Shire Council's Community Development team on (02) 6828 1399.



Kristina Olsen (with guitar) and Lightning Ridge Workshop participants

Urban House Numbering

Council has received complaints from the public and emergency services about incidents where emergency services have been called and then been unable to promptly locate the correct house within a street in various urban areas. Delayed responses from emergency services waste valuable time.

The table below summarises the current state of urban addressing within the various towns and villages within the Shire.

URBAN AREA	HOUSE NUMBERING	ISSUES
Walgett	Generally in place	Missing numbers and inconsistent sequencing of numbers
Lightning Ridge	Partial	Mixture of street and lot numbers, missing numbers and inconsistent sequencing of numbers
Collarenebri	Minimal	Very few houses numbered
Carinda	Nil	No numbering
Burren Junction	Nil	No numbering
Rowena	Nil	No numbering
Cumborah	Nil	No numbering

What is Council doing?

During 2010-2011 Walgett Shire Council will be undertaking an urban addressing project to deal with the current problems associated with urban addressing. This will include:

- Allocating a unique address for every premises in Collarenebri, Carinda, Burren Junction, Rowena and Cumborah, in accordance with the Australian Standard for urban addressing. The unique address will consist of a street name and number.
- Reviewing street numbers in Walgett and Lightning Ridge in accordance with the Australian Standard for urban addressing.

- Not altering any address unless there is a substantial problem that needs to be fixed.
- Notifying building owners in writing where a new number is allocated, or an old number is changed.
- Supplying each building owner with a street number plate for installation on the property. Council has allocated a budget of \$20,000 for the purchase of high visibility street number plates for each urban building.
- Forwarding details of house numbers to the Land and Property Management Authority (LPMA) to enable it to add the addresses to their Geocoded Urban and Rural Address System database (GURAS). GURAS is the main database of urban and rural addresses for all of NSW and is used by all emergency services to periodically update their address records.
- Supplying new or updated street number maps to the emergency services present in each town or village.
- Making street number maps available via Council's web site for each town and village.
- Updating Council's property information system with the details of any new or revised addresses.

This project is supported by the Ambulance, Police, Fire Brigade and State Emergency Service.

What do urban residents need to do?

The main things that urban residents will need to do:

- If you are notified by Council that your residential address has been created or changed, then please make sure you know what your address is.
- If you are provided with a street number plate, you will need to arrange to have it put in place.
- Notify any service provider if your residential address is created or changed. Examples include the Roads and Traffic Authority, Australian Electoral Commission, Telstra, Country Energy and insurers.

Further information

More information can be obtained:

- From the Walgett Shire Council web site, via the following link, <http://www.walgett.nsw.gov.au/planning/3633.html>
- By contacting Council's Geographic Information System Coordinator, James Abel.

Council opens doors for 14 High School students for training

With the successful completion of initial familiarization period, Walgett Shire Council offered 6 months training opportunity to 14 high school students in the Shire effective July 2010, under the School to Work Program. There are 6 students who have been successful in securing paid training from Walgett Community College, 3 students from Collarenebri Central School and 5 students from Lightning Ridge Central College.



Introduced with the aim of improving employability of high school students in the Shire, while encouraging them to consider a career in Local Government, this program has been operating for the last 3 years, touching the lives of local youth in a more meaningful manner. These 14 students who are currently following the program will act as role models and youth leaders in the community, for their siblings and friends, following the foot steps of their predecessors. The School to Work program pioneered by Walgett Shire Council has already been recognized at State and National level for its positive contribution to youth engagement.

Walgett Community Festival 2010

8th - 14th August

Walgett Community Festival begins on the 8th August with a week long schedule of activities. *Something for everyone* is promised with sporting activities such as the Ricky Walford Shield and Jenny Wright Shield, both of which attract participants from all over the State. History buffs will be entertained with a display by the Walgett Historical Society in their newly refurbished building. An arts & craft competition will showcase diverse local talent including woodwork, visual art and handiwork. The Dharriwaa Elders Group will also be hosting a display during the week.

Three exciting activities have been added to the program this year with puppet making activities set to culminate in a puppet parade during the community BBQ on Friday 13th August. Community members can attend a puppet making workshop, free of charge. This is a great opportunity for those interested in creative arts to learn new skills. Bookings essential – contact Walgett Library 6828 6103.

For those interested in gourmet culinary delights, a Chickpea cooking competition will be hosted. Try your hand at a Chickpea based recipe to be in the running for a prize. Register your interest by contacting Walgett Library 6828 6103.

Continuing along the food theme, those interested in a relaxing afternoon tea will gather for High Tea on Saturday afternoon. Bookings are necessary and the cost is \$5.00–contact Walgett Library 6828 6103.

Activity	Day	Time	Venue	Information
18 Hole Golf Tournament	Sunday		Walgett Golf Course	Contact Sporto
Historical Society Display	Monday-Friday	9am-5pm	Walgett Historical Society	Contact Walgett Information Centre
Dharriwaa Elders Group Display	Monday - Friday	9am - 5pm	Dharriwaa Elders Group	Dharriwaa Elders Group
Art, Craft & Curio Exhibit	Tuesday - Thursday	9am-5pm	Walgett RSL Hall	Contact Walgett Library
Puppet Making Workshop	Tuesday-Thursday	9am-4pm	Walgett Community Centre	Contact Walgett Library
George Rose Jnr, Jenny Wright & Rick Walford Shields	Wednesday		No 1 & No 2 Oval	Contact Walgett Community High
Chickpea Cooking Comp	Wednesday	1pm	Walgett RSL Hall	Contact Walgett Library
Neville Suey Thorne Shield	Thursday		Walgett Sporto	Contact Sporto
Community BBQ & Giant puppet parade	Friday	10am-2pm	Grey Park	Contact Walgett Library
Memorial Bowls Tournament	Saturday		Walgett Sporto	Contact Walgett Sporto - Bill Kennedy
High Tea	Saturday	3pm	Walgett RSL Bistro	Contact Walgett Visitors Information Centre
Walgett Charity Bushmans Campdraft & Rodeo	Saturday	9am	Walgett Showground	Contact Walgett Visitors Information Centre

Summary Key Budget Projects at a Glance

Shirewide projects \$'s Allocated

- Plan scanner to comply with Right to Information GIPA Act \$10,000
- Forward Design – Coonabarrabran – Mungindi Road Upgrade Project \$30,000

Burren Junction

- Burren Junction Cubbaroo Camp draft electricity box \$2,000
- Bore baths works as prioritized by Precinct Committee \$58,000

Carinda

- Update tennis courts at club complex \$25,000
- Carinda pool/sports oval amenities block upgrade \$5,000

Collarenebri

- Lay pavers in Wilson Street \$15,000
- Paint Murals on unused buildings in main street \$1,000
- Install metal tree guards \$7,000
- All weather road to weir and sign \$15,000
- Footpath from Bowling Club to Hospital \$50,000
- Weather proof front of pre-school \$5,000
- Collarenebri tennis courts develop sport area and plumbing \$7,000

Come By Chance

- Forward Design – Come By Chance Road Upgrade Project \$30,000
- Come By Chance Tip Upgrade \$10,000

Cumborah

- Community Shed additional funds \$30,000

Lightning Ridge

- Australian Opal Centre \$20,000
- Re-surface netball courts \$20,000
- Tourism Association additional contribution \$14,200
- Water tank for Historical Society \$600
- Exhibition space \$1000
- Relocated older play equipment from Lions to Len Cran Park \$2,000
- Transcultural Community Council \$3,200
- Diving pool operations – additional contribution \$70,000
- Lightning Ridge Urban Expansion Design \$20,000
- Art centre fence, painting and mural \$4,000
- Community Centre support \$10,000
- Development of LR Community Centre \$25,000
- Rent contribution for Men's Shed building \$10,000
- Completion of Diving Pool electrical hook up \$28,000

Rowena

- Rowena Hall capital repairs to roof, guttering, tank and electrical \$20,000
- Rowena sports oval seating and shade \$10,000

Walgett

- Increase library hours \$25,000
- Upgrade Walgett Showground \$35,000
- Main Street program \$60,000
- Drainage issues Warrena and Fox Streets \$70,000
- No 1 & 2 Oval Sprinklers \$10,000

Ongoing Activities for 2010/2011

It is proposed that in 2010/2011 the following activities will be undertaken:

Occupational Health & Safety

- Development of a signs register
- Develop and implement a training program for Council's OH&S committee
- Conduct 2 fire drills
- Provide investigation of incidents training for supervisors
- Organize manual handling training for office and outdoors staff
- Undertake noise risk assessments
- Upgrade current system for chemical/dangerous goods storage, transport and record keeping

Governance & Administration

- Continued development of Council's 10 year Community Strategic Plan
- Development of a 10 year Financial Plan
- Development of an Asset Management Plan
- Development of a 4 year Human Resource Plan
- Partnerships with community organizations formalized
- Continued development and maintenance of a community calendar
- Development of Council's Intranet website and continued development of Council's web site
- Continued development of integrated IT programs to ensure improved efficiencies in financial, asset maintenance and customer service management
- Implement Council's EEO Plan
- Conduct an audit of Council's utilities usage with a view to reducing those administrative costs
- Implementation of the new Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009

Planning & Regulatory

- Continue work towards public exhibition of Draft LEP
- Continue to integrate Geographical Information System (GIS) software with corporate software
- Review urban addressing numbers
- Complete an updated State of the Environment report by September 2010
- Complete an Aboriginal Heritage study
- Trial contaminated soil remediation options for the pesticide residue pit at Walgett Airport

Infrastructure

- Complete flood restoration works including Walgett – Carinda Road
- Completion of replacement of 6 timber bridges
- Successful commissioning of new Plant including bitumen trucks, garbage collection vehicle and stabilisation plant
- Completion of business case for Coonabarabran – Mungindi Road upgrade project
- Business systems improvements for road maintenance
- Forward design for priority road development projects
- Development of a draft Asset Management Plan for Road Transport services

Community & Economy

- Disability Action Plan development
- Submission for economic development funding for Collarenebri
- Development of Ageing Population Strategy
- Commencement of multicultural mapping of Lightning Ridge
- Implementation of Collarenebri residents survey and project development
- Development of Shire wide Safety Plan with funding provided by NSW Department of Attorney General
- Develop White Ribbon Town (Anti Domestic Violence) concept
- Complete Wireless Internet project
- Continued implementation of Walgett Shire Youth Strategy
- Continued implementation of Walgett Shire Tourism Strategy
- Action on Main Street Walgett beautification process
- Action on tourism branding process

Environment

- Street Sweeping Activities Tender to be developed
- Replace the effluent pump station at Collarenebri, to provide continuity of service. Completion of Feasibility Study/Design
- Environmental Assessment and Approvals for a replacement Landfill at Lightning Ridge. Feasibility Study and Design to be developed
- Complete the design and documentation of Walgett Flood Levee refurbishment by October 2010.

Footpath Rehabilitation Program

Council has completed concrete footpath construction in certain areas of Euroka and Pitt Streets in Walgett, as part of a Shire wide long term rehabilitation program.

With the new allocated budget of \$400,000, more footpath improvements are expected to be completed within 2010/2011 financial year.

Urban Infrastructure staff are currently assessing footpath areas that need improvement within each town and village in the Shire.



Footpath in Euroka Street alongside Council's Administration office

Health Services in Walgett Shire

This information is a general guide, and may be subject to change without notice.

For all medical emergencies, dial 000

WALGETT				
Provider	Modality/ Clinic	Frequency	Referral Needed	Contact
Walgett Health Service	Paediatrician	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6828 6000
	Ophthalmologist	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6828 6000
	Ear Nose & Throat	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6828 6000
	Hearing Clinic	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6828 6000
	Surgical Consultant	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6828 6000
	Chiropractor	Monthly	Yes	6828 6000
	Mental Health	Weekly	No	6828 6000
	Sexual Health	Weekly	No	6828 6000
Provider	Modality / Clinic	Frequency	Referral Needed	Contact
Walgett Doctor's Surgery	General Practitioner	Mon - Sat	No	6828 2133
	Practice Nurse	Mon - Fri	Yes	6828 2133
	Immunisation Nurse	Weekly	No	6828 2133
	Antenatal Clinic	2 nd Weekly	No	6828 2133
	Physiotherapist	Weekly	Yes	6828 2133
	Speech Pathologist	Weekly	Yes	6828 2133
	Psychologist	Twice Monthly	Yes	6828 2133
	Podiatrist	Monthly	Yes	6828 2133
	Dietician	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6828 2133
	Exercise Physiologist	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6828 2133
	Diabetes Clinic	Fortnightly	No	6828 2133
Provider	Modality / Clinic	Frequency	Referral Needed	Contact
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Co-operative Ltd	General Practitioner	Mon - Fri	No	6828 1611
	Practice Nurse	Mon- Fri	No	6828 1611
	Immunisation Nurse	Tuesdays	No	6828 1611
	Antenatal Clinic	Tuesday	No	6828 1611
	Speech Pathologist	Monthly	Yes	6828 1611
	Psychologist	Weekly	Yes	6828 1611
	Podiatrist	Monthly	Yes	6828 1611
	Dietician	2 nd Weekly	Yes	6828 1611
	Exercise Physiologist	2 nd Weekly	Yes	6828 1611
	Diabetes Clinic	Tuesday afternoon	No	6828 1611
	Drug and Alcohol Service	Mon- Fri	No	6828 3592 6828 3957
	Midwifery Service	Mon- Thur	No	68283602
	Goonimoo Kid's Health Education	Mon-Fri	No	68283369
	Eye Health	Mon-Fri	No	68281611
	Ear Health	Mon-Fri	No	68281611
	Dental	Please ring for date	No	68282249
	Mental Health	Mon-Fri	No	68281611
	Social & Emotional Wellbeing	Every Second Week	No	68281611
	Counselling	Monthly	Yes	68281611
	Obstetrician / Gynaecologist	Monthly	Yes	
	Cardiologist	Monthly	Yes	
	Dermatologist	Please ring for date	Yes	6828 1611
	Respiratory specialist	Please ring for date	Yes	6828 1611
Provider	Modality / Clinic	Frequency	Referral Needed	Contact
Rae Cochrane	Massage Therapy Reflexology Emmett Technique	Mon – Fri	No	0428 281 588

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COLLARENEBRI				
Provider	Modality / Clinic	Frequency	Referral Needed	Contact
Collarenebri Health Service	Registered Nurse	Daily	No	6756 4888
	Early Childhood Nurse		Yes	
	Diabetes Educator		Yes	
	Women's Health Nurse		No	
	Sexual Health Nurse		No	
	School Health Nurse		Yes	
Ochre Health	General Practitioner	Mon - Fri	No	6756 4830

LIGHTNING RIDGE				
Provider	Modality / Clinic	Frequency	Referral Needed	Contact
Ridge Medical Centre, Ochre Health	General Practitioner x 2	Mon - Sat	No	6829 1188
	Practice Nurse		Yes	6829 1188
	Ante Natal Clinic	Fortnightly	Yes	6829 1188
St George Family Practice	General Practitioner	Mon - Fri	No	6829 1911
	Ante Natal Clinic	Fortnightly	Yes	6829 1911
Lightning Ridge Community Health	Hearing Clinic	Quarterly	Yes	131 797
	Cardiologist	Quarterly	Yes	6829 9900
	Dentist	Weekly	No	0409 381 380
	Diabetes Educator	Weekly	No	6829 9900
	Dietician	Monthly	No	6829 9900
	Exercise Physiologist	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6829 9900
	General Practitioner, Women's Health	Monthly	No	6829 9900
	General Practitioner	Weekly	No	6829 9900
	Immunisation Clinic	Weekly	No	6829 9900
	Occupational Therapist	Quarterly	No	6885 8999
	Ophthalmologist	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6829 9900
	Optometrist	2 nd Monthly	No	6829 9900
	Palliative Care Nurse	Weekly	Yes	6829 9900
	Podiatrist	Monthly	Yes	6829 9900
	Psychiatrist	Monthly	Yes	6829 9900
	Speech Therapist (Child)	Quarterly	No	8966 8500
	Ultrasound	Fortnightly	Yes	6829 9999
	Paediatrician	2 nd Monthly	Yes	6841 2471
Murdi Paaki Drug & Alcohol Network	Counsellor	Monthly	Yes	6829 9900
	Drug & Alcohol Information Group	Monthly	No	6829 9900
Outback Division of General Practice	Smoking Cessation	Mon - Fri	No	6829 1800
	Healthy Weight	Mon - Fri	No	6829 1800
	Exercise Programs	Mon - Fri	No	6829 1800
Natural Therapies				
Sharon Cleaver	Massage Therapy Orthotic Consultant	Mon - Sat	No	0413 022 298
Francisca Mitchell	Bowen Therapy	Mon - Sat	No	6829 0890

Council Meeting Dates 2010

Want to know what's going on in your community? Council's What's On calendar can tell you. In Addition residents can attend Council meetings held at 10.00am on the fourth Tuesday of each month, other than the month of January.

To find out what's up for discussion, download Council's Business Papers at www.walgett.nsw.gov.au or view a copy at the Administration Centre, Walgett and Lightning Ridge Libraries, Collarenebri Agency and Council's Depots at Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Collarenebri.

Below are Council Meetings details for the remainder of 2010:

MONTH	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
August	24th	10.00am	Walgett
September	28th	10.00am	Carinda
October	26th	10.00am	Walgett
November	23rd	10.00am	Burren Junction
December	21st	10.00am	Walgett

Bus Shelters for Walgett and Lightning Ridge

Walgett Shire Council received grant funding from the Country Passenger Transport Infrastructure Grant Scheme for the amount of \$23124 (GST exclusive) for the installation of two bus shelters at Walgett and Lightning Ridge. Both sites for the bus shelters are existing bus stops for Countrylink Bus services with the provision of wheelchair access for the disabled.

These bus shelters are already installed and most welcome by the Countrylink passengers, friends, relatives and residents of the community especially during these winter months.



Council Auction



32 Euroka Street, Walgett
Onsite, 11am Friday 27th August

Prime Investment Opportunity
Located on a large corner block with great access

- 3 single bedroom flats, kitchen lounge & bathroom
- Reverse cycle airconditioning, built-ins
- Shared Laundry, pergola, double carport
- Close to schools, shops & town centre
- Well situated on a tree lined street

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Water Restriction Notice

Effective 16th December 2009

Sprinkler use is prohibited other than between the following times:

Residential Premises:

Mornings 5:00am - 9:00am
 Evenings 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Commercial Premises:

Between 7:00am and Midday Monday to Friday

Public Parks, Sports Fields & School Grounds with Fully Automated Sprinklers

Midnight to 7:00am - Monday to Friday

Public Parks, Sports Fields & School Grounds with Non-Automated Sprinklers

Between 7:00am and Midday - Monday to Friday

Use of hand held hoses is recommended at all times. Residents who disregard this notice may incur penalties under the Local Government Act 1993 (Section 637-Waste or Misuse of Water). A fine of \$220.00 applies per Breach of Restriction.

What's On in Walgett Shire

AUGUST			
1 st August 2010	Opal Festival - Opal Queen Ball	Lightning Ridge Bowling Club	Angela Myers 0407 455 413
7 th -14 th August 2010	Walgett Community Festival – Ricky Walford Shield Jenny Wright Cup Neville Thorne Trophy Arts, Crafts, Curio Exhibition	Various Venues in Walgett	Lianne Tasker 6828 6107
7 th August 2010	Grawin Ball	Grawin Club In The Scrub	Angela McGeough 6829 3810
To be advised	Kookaburra Court Country Fair	Kookaburra Court, Walgett	Supervisor 6828 1966
14 th & 15 th August 2010	Walgett Rodeo, Junior Rodeo and Campdraft	Walgett Showground	Shawn Burke 0428 282 799
15 th August	Grawin Show	Grawin Club In The Scrub	Angela McGeough 6829 3810
SEPTEMBER			
1 st Weekend September	Burren Junction Flower Show	Burren Junction School of Arts	
4 th September	Grand Opening Dinner for Walgett Bulldust to Bitumen Art Show	Walgett Showground	Marilyn Collins 6828 1264 Annie Murray 6828 9330
5 th September	Open Day Walgett Bulldust to Bitumen Art Show	Walgett Showground	Marilyn Collins 6828 1264 Annie Murray 6828 9330
6 th September	Walgett Golf Open Tournament	Walgett District Sporting Club	Walgett District Sporting Club 6828 1271
9 th September	Te Mania Angus Bull Sale	Walgett Saleyards	Richard Roughley Elders, Walgett 6828 1044
12 th - 13 th September	Cubaroo Campdraft	Burren Junction Sports Ground	Chris Radford "Ibon" Rowena Ph: 6756 2017 Fax: 6756 2277
9 th & 10 th September 2010	Black Opal Classic Prelude Pairs	Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club	Tara Smith 0439 752 372
11 th & 12 th September 2010	Black Opal Classic Prelude Fours	Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club	Tara Smith 0439 752 372
11 th – 15 th September 2010	Black Opal Classic	Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club	Tara Smith 0439 752 372
25 th September 2010	Lightning Ridge Police Bush Safari		LR Police 68 299 799
25 th September 2010	Come-By-Chance Picnic Races	Come-By-Chance Racecourse	Naomi Barrett AMS 68 281 611 Ken Waterford 6824 3232
To be advised	Lightning Ridge Arts & Crafts Exhibition	Lightning Ridge Arts & Crafts Centre	Marie Wilde 6829 0446
OCTOBER			
To be advised	Opal Princess Ball (Micro & Mini Prince and Princess Ball as well)	Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club	LRDBC 6829 0408 LR Pre school 6829 0626
Saturday – October Long Weekend 2nd October	Fishing Competition	Walgett District Sporting Club	Don Lillyman 6828 1747
Sunday - October Long Week-end 3rd October	Walgett Tennis Tournament	Walgett District Sporting Club	Darryl Cooper 6828 1271
Second week-end in October and third Sunday in October	Open Garden Day	Mansfield Garden, 9-Mile	Margaret Mansfield 6829 1081
1 th - 16 th October 2010	Black Opal Classic Fours Bowls	Lightning Ridge District Bowling Club	Tara Smith 0439 752 372
17 th October	Walgett Quilters Club Bi Annual Quilters Show 10am	Corner of Montkeila and Peel Street Walgett	Coleen Edgar

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