

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Happy New Year to everyone across the Murweh Shire. As we step into 2026, my hope is that the year ahead brings prosperity, good health, and opportunity to all who call our region home.

Our communities thrive because of the people who live here, and I'm confident that the spirit of cooperation and resilience that defines Murweh will continue to guide us forward.

On behalf of Murweh Shire Council, I extend heartfelt congratulations to all nominees and especially the winners of the Murweh Australia Day Awards. These awards shine a light on the individuals who give so much of themselves - our volunteers. Their dedication is the backbone of our towns, and without their tireless efforts, our communities simply wouldn't function as efficiently or as warmly as they do.

With the school year now underway, we welcome back our returning teachers, students, and families, and extend a special greeting to those joining us for the first time. To all new families who have recently moved to the Shire, I hope you quickly feel at home. My best advice is simple - the more you get involved, the more rewarding life in Murweh becomes as our community is strengthened by participation.

In the months ahead, I will be travelling to Brisbane and Canberra to continue important discussions around key issues affecting our region, including insurance

premiums and housing availability. These matters remain high priorities, and we are committed to advocating strongly on behalf of our residents.

Thank you for your continued support, your community spirit, and your belief in the future of Murweh. Let's make 2026 a year of progress and pride for us all.

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SUN, SAUSAGES AND CITIZENSHIP - MURWEH SHIRE UNITES FOR A BIG AUSTRALIA DAY SPLASH

Murweh Shire's Australia Day celebrations unfolded under a bright outback sun, with the Charleville swimming pool complex buzzing from the moment the gates opened. Families, long-time locals, and new faces gathered, creating an atmosphere that felt both festive and deeply community-minded.

The morning began with one of the most meaningful traditions of the day, the citizenship ceremony. As each new Australian proudly took their pledge, it was the kind of moment that reminded everyone why Australia Day still holds such emotional weight in small communities.

Attention then shifted to the announcement of the 2026 Australia Day Award nominees and presentation of the richly deserved award recipients. Murweh Shire Mayor Shaun "Zoro" Radnedge took to the microphone, sharing stories of the winners' contributions to their communities.

The 2026 Murweh Shire Australia Day Award recipients are:

Spirit of Murweh (Morven) - McInnerney Family

Spirit of Murweh (Augathella) - Laraine Stedman

Spirit of Murweh (Charleville) - Sandra Richardson

Volunteer of the Year - Barry Walden

Community Event of the Year - Cooladdi Gymkhana

Young Citizen of the Year - Georgia Itzstein

Senior Citizen of the Year - Les "Chappy" Penrose

Citizen of the Year - Jenny Peacock

The Charleville Golf Club kept the crowd fuelled with a free sausage sizzle while spectators gathered along the pool deck to watch the always-popular "Dash for Cash" races. Contestants of all ages hurled themselves into the water, chasing both glory and a bit of prize money, while the crowd shouted encouragement from the sidelines.

As is always the tradition, the community came together as the official Australia Day cake, proudly supplied by Heinemann's Bakery, was cut by our Australia Day Award winners, a sweet finale to a morning built on pride, gratitude, and togetherness. That evening, celebrations shifted to the Charleville Cosmos Centre for an event focussing on Indigenous Astronomy and stargazing.

In true Murweh fashion, this year's Australia Day celebrations felt less like an event and more like a family gathering, stitched together by shared stories and the unmistakable spirit of the outback.

AURORA ESTATE STAGE 2 BREAKS GROUND – A NEW ERA FOR CHARLEVILLE AND THE MURWEH SHIRE

Charleville proudly welcomed the Queensland Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, the Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP, Member for Warrego, the Hon Ann Leahy MP, Murweh Shire Mayor, Cr Shaun 'Zoro' Radnedge, Councillors and distinguished guests to officially turn the first sod of soil at the highly anticipated Aurora Estate Stage 2 development.



This milestone marks the beginning of a transformative project that will deliver 65 new residential blocks, strengthening the future of Charleville and the wider Murweh Shire.

The enabling infrastructure for the Charleville Aurora Estate Stage 2 Project is proudly funded by the

Queensland Government's Residential Activation Fund. These works, which include sewerage, telecommunications, stormwater, water, roads and power, will enable the delivery of 65 residential blocks designed to meet the needs of modern families and individuals, building on the success of Stage 1 and reflecting an ongoing commitment to regional development in western Queensland.

Aurora Estate Stage 2 represents more than just new housing – it's a cornerstone for local prosperity. With demand for residential land steadily increasing, this development will provide families, professionals, and retirees with modern, affordable options to call Charleville home.



By expanding housing availability, the project ensures that the region can attract and retain skilled workers, support local businesses,

and foster long-term community growth. The project is expected to generate significant economic activity, creating jobs during construction and stimulating local industries. From builders and tradespeople to suppliers and service providers, the project will inject fresh energy into the local economy. Longer term, the increased population will support schools, healthcare, retail, and tourism, reinforcing Charleville's role as a vibrant hub in western Queensland.

Deputy Premier Bleijie, Minister Leahy and community leaders emphasised that Aurora Estate Stage 2 is not just about bricks and mortar, it's about securing a sustainable future for Charleville.

The development reflects a shared vision of growth, opportunity, and resilience, ensuring that the Murweh Shire remains a welcoming and thriving place for generations to come.



MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Murweh Shire Council is pleased to welcome Tony Martin to the team in his new role as Director Communities, Community Services, and Community Infrastructure.

Tony says he's excited to be joining Council and looks forward to getting to know the community. "I'm very excited to be here and working for Murweh Shire Council in this new role, and I look forward to connecting with our community to maintain and create new and exciting opportunities that benefit everyone," he said.

Tony brings extensive experience in tourism, heritage and major visitor

attractions, particularly in regional and remote areas.

Throughout his career, he has led a range of high-profile projects including the Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb, Brisbane's Story Bridge Adventure Climb, and major developments at the Qantas Founders Museum in Longreach. These projects have delivered strong tourism growth and lasting economic benefits for their communities.

With a background as a Chief Executive Officer and a former elected Councillor, Tony has a solid understanding of local government, strategic planning and working in

partnership with community, industry and all levels of government. He has also served on a number of state-wide tourism, museum and gallery boards.

Tony is passionate about heritage, conservation and storytelling, and is well regarded for building positive workplace cultures and supporting staff development.

Council looks forward to working with Tony as he helps shape new opportunities for Murweh Shire, while respecting and celebrating what makes the region unique.



Do you have an event coming up?



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: CHARLEVILLE SHOW 2026 IS COMING!

We know it's only February, but it's time to talk about the Charleville Show 2026.

In just a couple of months, the Charleville Show will be on! Be sure to save the date in your calendar as this event should not be missed!

Dates: Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th of May.

With Shows, there are many moving parts - the pavilions, stock, entertainment, rides, entries and much much more.

One key area is our Volunteers, and without them the Charleville Show would not be possible. The Show Committee would like to say a big thank you to

everyone who has provided support or volunteered in the past.

If you are happy to help again for the 2026 Show or you wish to be involved in some way this year, then please reach out and let us know.

Perhaps having a Stall at the Show, is something you are interested in? We will be reaching out to our community to see if they would like to have a stall at Show.

And how can we have a Show without a representative? That's right - we will also be looking for our 2026 Charleville Showgirl and our 2026 Rural Ambassador.

Over the coming months,

HONKY TONK QUEENS – A CELEBRATION OF COUNTRY MUSIC'S LEGENDARY WOMEN



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Join Amber Joy Poulton for Honky Tonk Queens, a dazzling tribute to the women who shaped the golden era of country music. With her soulful voice and magnetic stage presence, Amber Joy brings to life the iconic sounds of Patsy Cline, Dolly Parton, and Loretta Lynn, taking audiences on a nostalgic journey through timeless classics.

Blending heartfelt performances, toe-tapping tunes, and captivating storytelling, this show is a celebration of country

music's most iconic female voices.

Whether you're a longtime fan or new to the genre, Honky Tonk Queens promises an unforgettable evening of charm, nostalgia, and musical magic. Dancing is welcome!

Charleville Town Hall
Sunday 1 March
7pm
Tickets available at
www.eventbrite.com.au

The audience is welcome to bring their own drinks and food.

BILBY ART TRAIL COMING TO CHARLEVILLE

Charleville is set to gain a splash of colour and creativity with an exciting new public art project celebrating one of our region's most iconic and endangered native animals - the bilby.

The Bilby Art Trail, an initiative of the Charleville & District Cultural Association Inc, will see a series of uniquely painted bilby sculptures installed throughout the Charleville township, finishing at the Charleville Bilby Centre.

Each sculpture will be individually designed by an artist, showcasing bold colour, creativity and distinctive style.

Bilbies will be placed in key locations around town, creating a fun, engaging experience for locals and visitors. Each artwork will include a QR code linking to information about bilbies, fun facts, and the story behind the artist and their inspiration.

Businesses, individuals and families will have the

opportunity to sponsor a bilby, supporting the project and helping the trail grow across Murweh over time.

Artists interested in painting a bilby can request an information package by emailing cvilledistculturalassocinc@gmail.com or contacting Project Co-ordinator Carmel Williams on 0488 978 855.

Stay tuned – bilbies are about to bring colour and character to Charleville!



A concrete bilby with a unique artistic twist, built to withstand the outdoors



CHARLEVILLE'S FORECAST FOR SAFETY AS EX-METEOROLOGY SITE TRANSFORMS INTO DISASTER COORDINATION CENTRE

A new chapter is unfolding for Charleville!

With the generous assistance of the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund, the old Bureau of Meteorology building, long silent beside the Charleville Airport runways, is set to be reborn as a specialised Murweh Shire Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC).

The Mayor of Murweh Shire Council, Cr Shaun 'Zoro' Radnedge said, "For decades this building served as a hub for weather observation, its instruments tracking storms and droughts across South West Queensland. Now, its purpose is expanding. It will become a centre where preparedness meets resilience, serving as a lifeline and command point during floods, bushfires,

and storms, and coordinating responses across the expansive Murweh Shire Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) region".

The project addresses a critical gap in resilient disaster-coordination infrastructure and establishes a permanent, fit-for-purpose location for disaster operations.

Locating the Murweh Shire LDCC to a flood-free zone directly responds to the risks of location, power, and communication failures that regularly occur during heavy rainfall and flood events, as well as other issues that can affect all emergency services agencies based in the Charleville town centre.

This purpose-built facility, with upgraded systems, will support whole-of-agency

response operations and ensure continuity of essential services during disasters. Mayor Radnedge went on to say, "Strengthened disaster coordination will improve response efficiency across all emergency services and reduce disruption and recovery impacts. The Murweh Shire LDCC will also provide economic co-benefits, including reduced business downtime, more reliable delivery of essential services, and potential insurance premium reductions due to improved hazard mitigation and increased investor confidence".

When the LDCC opens this year, the former Bureau of Meteorology building will



carry its legacy forward, not just forecasting the weather, but shaping the future of disaster resilience in outback Queensland. In Charleville, where resilience is part of daily life, the Murweh Shire LDCC will stand as a beacon of preparedness, resilience and confidence, ready to meet the management of any natural disasters Murweh Shire may encounter.

QCWA PUBLIC RURAL CRISIS FUND REACHES A CRITICAL LOW AND CALLS FOR DONATIONS

The Queensland Country Women's Association is urging Queenslanders to support their Public Rural Crisis Fund as communities face increasing hardship with cost-of-living pressures, isolation, natural disasters, and unexpected financial shocks continuing to impact families across Queensland.

The Public Rural Crisis Fund helps support those most in need, providing direct, immediate financial assistance to Queenslanders experiencing hardship. The fund offers help with essential items such as food, clothing, fuel, household supplies, accommodation needs, education support, and urgent bill relief. This approach ensures families receive exactly what they

need, when they need it, while also supporting local businesses through the use of store cards, credits, and payments made directly to suppliers.

The QCWA works closely with local branches, councils, service providers, and volunteers to ensure assistance is fair, prompt, and targeted to those who have lost stability or are facing urgent hardship. Funds from the Public Rural Crisis Fund are used to support people dealing with unexpected medical or travel expenses, rising cost-of-living pressures, impacts of weather events or natural disasters, food and fuel insecurity, urgent household needs, temporary housing or accommodation pressures along with children's school essentials and family needs.

You can support the Public Rural Crisis Fund by donating online at www.qcwa.org.au/Donate

Donations are tax-deductible, and every contribution goes directly toward assisting individuals and families experiencing crisis.

Your generosity makes a real difference and together, we can support rural and regional Queenslanders and help rebuild strength, stability, and hope.



For when you're feeling down, stressed or overwhelmed.

If you're not sure where to go or who to speak with, please give us a call.

Medicare Mental Health | 1800 595 212

Branch Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month.

Contacts: Judy Connolly (President) 4654 2274 or Jill MacDonald (vice President) 0488 169 805

HOW CHARLEVILLE'S MEN'S SHED BUILDS MORE THAN PROJECTS BY HAMMERING OUT FRIENDSHIPS

In Charleville, the local Men's Shed buzzes with the sound of hammers, laughter, and conversation. What looks like a simple workshop behind the Charleville Scout Den is a lifeline for many. The Shed isn't just about building projects or repairing furniture, it's about building connections with men from all walks of life having found common ground here.

Volunteers play a vital role in keeping the Shed alive by organising projects, welcoming newcomers, and ensuring everyone has a place at a workbench. Their efforts transform the Shed into more than a workspace - it becomes a hub of belonging. For men who often struggle with isolation after retirement or personal loss, Men's Shed offers purpose with volunteers not only giving their time, but also providing hope, reminding others that they matter.

Like many volunteer organisations, Charleville Men's Shed's impact on mental health is profound. In a society where men can find it difficult to talk

openly about struggles, the Shed provides a safe, informal space. Conversations flow naturally over shared tasks, easing loneliness and lifting spirits.

The team from Charleville Men's Shed also give back to our community by attending numerous events around the Shire, offering a hearty meal served with plenty of smiles and conversation. Call in and find out more! They're open regularly every Wednesday and Saturday from 9.00am to 11.00am with everyone welcome to attend. Additional volunteer opportunities are also possible with full details available on the Queensland Men's Shed Association Inc website at qmsa.org.au

Charleville Men's Shed has become a symbol of resilience. It shows that healing doesn't always happen in clinics or counselling rooms, it can happen in the simple act of working side by side. For the community, the Men's Shed is more than timber and tools, it's a sanctuary of friendship, purpose, and wellbeing.



Murweh Shire – Stay Informed! Opt-In to Our New Messaging System

Council has launched a new community messaging system to deliver important updates - including emergency alerts, community news, water notices, events, and more. To keep receiving these messages, you'll need to opt-in through our Disaster Dashboard.

How to Opt-In (Quick Guide):
Visit the Disaster Dashboard: disaster.murweh.qld.gov.au or scan QR code
Select "Opt-In Notifications" (above the map)
Register your details and verify your mobile number
Check your inbox and verify your email
Sign back in
Go to the Subscriptions tab and turn on the notifications you want:
• **Emergency News** (flooding, storms, disaster info)
• **General Community News** (water notices, events, rates, etc.)
Click Save Changes

Steps 4, 5, and 6 are essential - without completing these, you will NOT receive messages.

You can update your preferences anytime by signing back in.

Stay connected. Stay prepared. Stay informed.
Thank you for helping us keep our community safe and supported.



MOTHERLAND VILLAGE - CONNECTING RURAL MUMS BEYOND THE FENCE LINE

Motherland Village is Australia's first online rural mothers group program, created to connect and support women raising children in rural communities. In rural Australia, where neighbours can be hours away and services scarce, motherhood often feels like a solitary journey. That's why Motherland Village was born.

Over six weeks, participants are matched into small, private groups of around ten mums. Guided by trained facilitators, they meet virtually through Zoom calls, share stories, and engage in activities that explore the realities of motherhood. Topics range from the mental load of parenting to self-love and empathetic relationships, ensuring every mother feels seen and supported. Whether your kids are newborns or teenagers, there's a village for you. Motherland is a national charity founded to eliminate the crippling isolation many rural mums face. Motherland's mission is simple yet profound - to create a community where everyone feels supported

and connected. Through initiatives like the Motherland podcast, online support networks, Motherland Connect - an online health services directory, events and advocacy, the organisation has become a lifeline for women on the land, even offering scholarships to mums experiencing financial hardship so they can join Motherland Village or attend their events for free.

Motherland itself was born from lived experience. Its founder, after battling her own mental health challenges and isolation, recognised the urgent need for connection among rural mothers. Today, Motherland stands as a voice for women across the bush, championing their stories and providing tangible support.

Motherland Village is more than a program - it's a revolution in rural motherhood. It proves that even across the expanse of Australia's outback, connection is possible. For every mother who has felt alone, it offers companionship, a safe space, and a reminder - it truly does take a village to raise a child.

To enrol in the 2026 Motherland Village groups, including the May intake, or to find out more information, visit motherlandaustralia.com.au

Are you a member of a local community or sports group, government organisation or local business? Do you have a story to tell or an important message to share with our community? Contact the Murweh Mail! This is your monthly publication, distributed to all residents throughout the Murweh Shire, so let us help get your message out. Contact daryl_kirkup@murweh.qld.gov.au



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SOUTH WEST DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FORUM UNITES COMMUNITIES IN CHARLEVILLE

The Charleville Racecourse Complex recently played host to the South West Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Forum, bringing together a diverse network of professionals, advocates, and stakeholders committed to addressing domestic and family violence across rural and remote communities.

This two-day event, held in Charleville for the first time, was a vital opportunity for collaboration, learning, and strategic action. Attendees included representatives from DFV community services, law enforcement, health care, education, and local government, all working together to share insights and strengthen support systems for vulnerable individuals and families in the South West region. The Forum featured keynote speakers and interactive workshops focused on the unique

challenges faced by rural and remote communities, including service accessibility, cultural considerations, and interagency coordination. Participants explored innovative approaches to prevention, intervention, and recovery, with a strong emphasis on community-led solutions. To foster connection and celebrate the strength of the region, a networking dinner was also held at the Charleville RSL Club, offering a relaxed setting for attendees to build relationships and reflect on discussions held during the Forum. This event would not have been possible without the invaluable support of the Murweh Shire Council, Charleville RSL, 54 Reasons, QPS (South West District), WorkUP Qld, FRRR - Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal, Aboriginal Family Legal Service Qld, CWAATSICH, DFV Prevention Council, Lifeline (Darling Downs and South West



Qld) and Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health with thanks extended to these partnering agencies. The South West Domestic and Family Violence Forum left behind more than just conversations - it planted seeds of hope, strength, and unity. By bringing together voices from across the region, the forum shined a light on the power of community to stand against violence and to champion safety, respect, and healing. The spirit of collaboration and determination shared here ensured that the message will echo far beyond these two days. Together, we can build a future where every individual and family is free to thrive in peace and dignity.

“KIDS KORNER” - FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE! ❤️

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Match the scrambled word to the correct word

SGUH	HEART
INETNLEVA	LOVE
ETLAOCCHO	HUGS
EOLV	KISSES
RSEFWLO	VALENTINE
KSEIS	CHOCOLATE
RETAH	FLOWERS

Find these words in this word search

What do you call a very small valentine?
A Valentine

What do you call two birds in love?
Tweethearts

Word Search

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THE LITTLE GRAVE BY QUILBERRY CREEK

In the red dust country west of Charleville, a poignant piece of outback history centres on the once-forgotten grave of Vera Tighe, born in 1905 in Goodooga, NSW before her family settled in the Cooladdi district. Life was harsh, and in March 1914, tragedy struck. Eight-year-old Vera died from Typhoid, far from hospitals and from the world that might have saved her.

Her father, John Frederick Tighe, hand-carved a simple headstone and fenced the grave near Quilberry Creek, hoping it would endure in the lonely landscape. But time and weather are relentless. The timber aged, the wire rusted, and the headstone slowly deteriorated until it was no longer safe to remain in the open.

Eventually, it was taken to the Charleville Historic House Museum for preservation, where it is proudly displayed to this day.

For decades, Vera's grave sat quietly in the bush, visited only by the occasional traveller who stumbled upon it. Then, more than a century after her death, locals and descendants began piecing together her story. The discovery of the original headstone sparked a renewed effort to honour her memory with Eromanga resident, Rob Savory, founder of the group "Keepers of the Outback Graves", instigating the restoration of Vera's final resting place. Over time, flood waters had caused significant erosion along two sides of the grave with



the floods of March 2025 resulting in further erosion.

Following discussions with Councillor Robert Eckel, the Murweh Shire Council provided sufficient rock to install erosion control works that will last for at least another 50 years.

However, storms that hit the region late last year advanced the erosion to the point that the western fence was about to be breached, so a short-term erosion control structure was installed.

In January, Carol Yarrow and Jo Cornel from the Fox Trap in Cooladdi mustered help from the local community to install a retaining wall, guaranteeing defence against floods, at least in the short-term, before Council and Work Camp complete final works ensuring long-term protection.

Today, Vera's grave stands not as a relic of hardship, but as a testament to remembrance. In the vast stillness of Cooladdi, her story continues to be told, proof that even the smallest life can echo across generations.



SCHOOL ZONE - Charleville State High School

Congratulations to all our 2025 Year 12 students on completing 13 years of schooling. You did it! Your passion and determination have brought you to this milestone.

Here's to new adventures, new opportunities, and a bright future ahead!



THE NEW YEAR SKY HAS ARRIVED



You have likely noticed the nights are starting to shift. While the heat is still here, the "New Year Sky" is officially in full swing at the Cosmos Centre. January and February bring some of the clearest, most brilliant views of the Milky Way, and we're making the most of it!

For those looking for a late-night adventure, the Milky Way Core is just starting to peek back into view in the early morning hours. By mid-February, the galactic center—the densest part of our galaxy—begins its return, rising in the southeast before dawn. It's the perfect time to see the "Emu in the Sky" constellation begin its annual journey across our outback horizon. The "big hitter" this month is undoubtedly Jupiter. It's dominating the evening sky, shining brighter than any star.

If you join us for a night session, our powerful 14-inch telescopes will give you a crystal-clear look at its famous cloud bands and the four Galilean moons—it's a sight that never gets old.

Whether you want to hold a real meteorite during the day or experience the beauty of space at our outback Stargazing tours, the 2026 season is just getting started. Grab the family and come see what's happening above your head!

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP WITHIN THE MURWEH SHIRE

Murweh Shire Council is updating its dog registration database and reminding owners of their legal responsibilities when keeping dogs within regulated town areas.

Dog ownership is governed by the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 and Murweh Shire Council Local Laws. Recent legislative changes respond to increased dog attack incidents across Queensland.

Key requirements for dog owners include:

- Duty of care: Owners must provide appropriate food, water, shelter, veterinary care, and proper handling.
- Registration: All dogs in town areas must be registered within 14 days of moving to the region and must wear a registration tag.
- Microchipping: Mandatory for all dogs between 8-12 weeks of age.
- Desexing: Not compulsory, but strongly encouraged and incentivised.
- Public places: Dogs must be on a lead and under effective control at all times unless in approved circumstances.
- Regulated dogs: Declared dangerous or menacing dogs have additional state requirements and annual inspections.
- Breeding: Dog breeders must be registered unless exempt as working dog breeders on rural land.



For more information or assistance, contact Council's administration offices in Charleville, Augathella or Morven, or visit www.murweh.qld.gov.au.

WORKING TOGETHER TO MANAGE WASTE AT THE CHARLEVILLE FACILITY

On entry to the Charleville Waste Facility, Proterra site staff collect details on the type and approximate volume of waste being delivered by each user. This ensures that they can provide direction as to where your waste is to be disposed, so that accurate recording of waste received on site can be monitored.

This process assists in:

- the management of waste at site
- keeping this site clean and tidy
- ensuring recycling streams are clean from other waste contamination
- providing pertinent information for completion of the annual report – a requirement of the licence.

Council is seeking information from commercial users of the Charleville Waste Facility to assist with its annual reporting of waste delivery to the site. Council is required as part of its license, to provide information to Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) regarding the waste streams and amount of waste delivered to its registered waste facility. As part of this report, an annual volumetric survey must be conducted and submitted.

The information recorded ensures that waste generated and delivered to site is coming from within Murweh Shire. The collation of this information also enables Council to develop a list of commercial waste users, enabling ease of access to businesses, and to assist with local waste management.

Please assist the site staff in maintaining the waste facility, by providing them with the required information upon request. This in turn allows Council to meet its environmental licensing requirements.

MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL
WELCOME TO
CHARLEVILLE FETE
Saturday 21st March
at the Racecourse Complex
Gates open 5pm
Fireworks display
Food, Bar, Raffles, Market Stalls,
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