

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

The year has started at the same speed it finished with last year, and I cannot believe we are in March already. Across the Shire, preparations continue to move steadily on the major capital works program we have planned for Murweh. These projects are significant, and they will shape the future of our communities for many years to come.

In Augathella, work is about to begin on the new Sewage Treatment Plant, a long-awaited upgrade that will deliver modern, reliable infrastructure for the town. Alongside this, refurbishment of the Charleville STP is progressing, ensuring our essential services remain strong and sustainable. We are also working closely with Government agencies as we move through the compliance process required to commence bringing soil in for the Aurora Estate Stage 2 subdivision. This development, with 65 new house blocks, represents a major step forward in supporting growth and housing availability in Charleville.

On the events front, we received some very welcome news with Lee Kernaghan joining the QMF Music Trails "Saddle Up" concert taking place at the Charleville racecourse on Friday, April 24. This will be a fantastic prelude to Anzac Day and will make the occasion even more special for our community.

Even better, a partnership between TMR and QMF will see two additional flights added for the weekend, giving more people the opportunity to attend and enjoy the event.

Discussions also continue with Federal and State politicians around insurance challenges, and more funding announcements are on the way to enhance the mitigation measures we already have in place. I have been in Canberra twice in March, representing Murweh and the South West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SWQROC) on these issues, as well as advocating for much-needed improvements to the Charleville Airport.

FROM ROADS TO RESILIENCE - MURWEH SHIRE EMBRACES THE "COUNCILS ARE YOUR EVERY DAY" CAMPAIGN

The new "Councils Are Your Every Day" campaign has a simple message - most of the things that make daily life work smoothly are the result of local government ticking away in the background. For the Murweh Shire Council, that message isn't a slogan so much as a reminder of the work that is undertaken that holds a small community together.

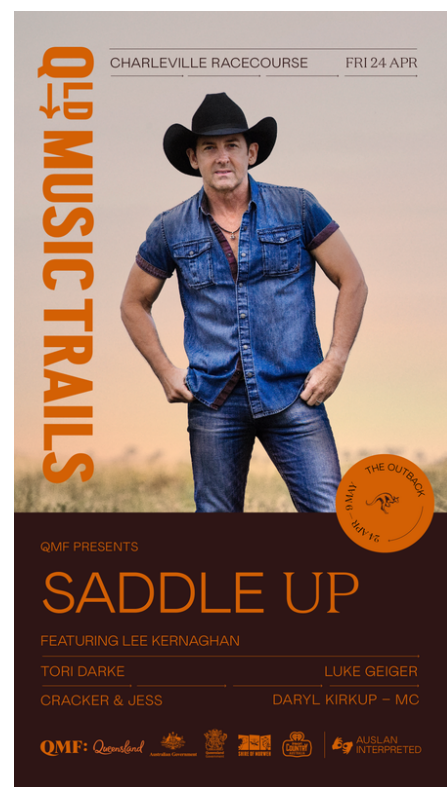
In Murweh, that work stretches across everything from maintaining rural roads to keeping parks usable during long, dry seasons. The Council's work shows up in the reliability of the water supply, the upkeep of community facilities, and the steady coordination required to support local events that bring people together. None of it is glamorous, but all of it matters.

Mayor Shaun "Zoro" Radnedge puts it

plainly, "People shouldn't have to think about council every day, but they should feel the difference when things are done right." His words reflect the campaign's core idea that councils aren't asking for attention, they're asking residents to recognise the quiet consistency behind essential services.

The Murweh Shire Council's role is broad, but its purpose is straightforward. That is to support the community's wellbeing, safeguard local infrastructure, and help the region adapt to changing conditions. That includes planning for long-term water security, strengthening disaster preparedness, and working with local groups to keep our towns vibrant and connected.

Looking ahead, residents can expect a continued focus on resilience.



Take care and enjoy this edition of your Murweh Mail.

Zoro

Council is preparing for the challenges that come with remote living, shifting economic landscapes, and the need to keep younger generations engaged in regional life.

Future projects are likely to centre on maintaining essential services despite rising costs and investing in community spaces that encourage people to stay, participate, and feel proud of where they live.

The "Councils Are Your Every Day" campaign doesn't ask for applause. Instead, it invites people to notice the everyday foundations that make Murweh feel like home and to understand the steady, often unseen work that keeps those foundations strong.



LEE KERNAGHAN SADDLES UP -
COUNTRY ICON TO IGNITE
CHARLEVILLE RACECOURSE
THIS APRIL

The announcement that Lee Kernaghan will join the artist line-up for the “Saddle Up” event at the Charleville Racecourse on Friday, April 24, has sent a ripple of excitement across the outback. As part of the Queensland Music Festival’s 2026 Outback Trail, the Charleville show will kick off this year’s journey with a bang, and few artists could ignite that spark better than the “Boy From The Bush”.

A titan of Australian country music, Kernaghan has spent decades shaping the sound and spirit of the bush. His anthems, from the foot-stomping “Boys from the Bush” to the heartfelt “The Outback Club” and the soaring “Flying with the King”, have become woven into the cultural fabric of regional Australia. His presence at “Saddle Up” is a homecoming to the communities that have championed his music from the start.

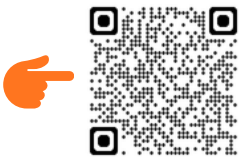
Joining Lee is a stellar line-up of artists including Tori Darke, the dynamic Luke Geiger, Charleville’s own Cracker & Jess with Daryl Kirkup returning to MC this unforgettable event.

The 2026 Outback Trail aims to celebrate the resilience, creativity, and character of Queensland’s remote towns, and Lee Kernaghan’s inclusion sets the tone for a festival built on authenticity and heart.



As Charleville prepares to welcome visitors from across the state, anticipation is building for a night of music that honours the land, the people, and the stories that bind them.

For tickets and event details, visit qldmusictrails.com or scan the QR Code.



2026 AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR KATHERINE BENNELL-PEGG TO TOUCH DOWN IN CHARLEVILLE

Katherine Bennell-Pegg’s appearance in Charleville on Thursday, March 19 and Friday, March 20 is shaping up to be a landmark moment for the region, as locals prepare to welcome one of Australia’s most inspiring modern trailblazers. As the 2026 Australian of the Year, Bennell-Pegg has become a national symbol of ambition, resilience, and the power of dreaming boldly.

Born in Sydney in 1984, she nurtured her fascination with space from childhood and went on to build an extraordinary career as a space engineer and astronaut. Her academic path took her through engineering and science degrees at the University of Sydney, followed by advanced studies in Europe, laying the foundation for a career defined by technical excellence and visionary leadership.

Her breakthrough came in 2024 when she graduated from the European Astronaut Centre’s Basic Astronaut Training program, becoming the first person to qualify as an astronaut under the Australian flag and the first Australian woman to earn professional astronaut wings. Selected from more than 22,500 applicants, she carved a path that had never existed for Australians before, opening doors for future generations.

Beyond her technical achievements, Katherine Bennell-Pegg has become a passionate advocate for Australia’s space future, regularly engaging with students, industry leaders, and communities to spark curiosity and expand opportunities across the nation.

Her visit to Charleville promises to be more than a public appearance. It’s an invitation for locals to connect with a pioneer whose journey

reflects the very best of Australian aspiration and hear firsthand from a woman who turned a childhood dream into a national milestone.

**At the time of this story going to print, we were preparing for Katherine Bennell-Pegg’s visit. A full story covering her visit to Charleville and related images will be published in the April issue of the Murweh Mail.*



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Month	Date	Location
March	Saturday 21 st	Welcome to Charleville
	Wednesday 25 th	Augathella
	Thursday 26 th	Morven
April	Wednesday 15 th	Morven
	Thursday 16 th	Augathella
	Friday 17 th	Charleville
	May	
May	Wednesday 6 th	Augathella
	Thursday 7 th	Morven
	Friday 15 th	Charleville Show

Augathella Morven Charleville

SOARING BACK TO CHARLEVILLE – DON’T MISS “WINGS ON THE WARREGO” THIS SEPTEMBER

Charleville is getting ready to soar once again, and this year the call to save the date feels even more exciting! On the 12th and 13th of September, “Wings on the Warrego” returns, building on the momentum of its standout inaugural event in 2024. What began as a bold regional celebration of aviation has quickly become a signature gathering for innovators, industry leaders, and community members who share a passion for flight and the future of technology.

This year’s event promises to be bigger, bolder, and even more immersive. With a renewed focus on career pathways and technological innovation, “Wings on the Warrego” aims to strengthen the bridge between aviation professionals, drone specialists, and the agricultural partners who keep the region thriving. The foundations laid in 2024 have sparked a growing sense of ownership and excitement across the community, and organisers are anticipating an even stronger local presence.

From drone workshops and aviation career pathways to sky shows, science experiences and next-generation ag-tech demonstrations, “Wings on the Warrego” invites all ages to look up, learn, and be inspired. It’s where Queensland’s outback community gathers to celebrate our skies, past, present, and the limitless future ahead.

Mark your calendar, spread the word, and get ready to be inspired. Charleville’s skies are calling.



MAJOR AVIATION HERITAGE COLLECTION RELOCATES TO CHARLEVILLE’S WWII SECRET BASE

When the Caboolture Warplane & Flight Heritage Museum closed, the future of their collection was uncertain. Built over decades by passionate people who gave a lot to preserve that history, it deserved somewhere worthy to land. As it turns out, that somewhere is Charleville.

A committee member from the Caboolture Museum had previously visited the WWII Secret Base and seen what we were building out here. When the time came to find a custodian for their collection, they thought of us. We're honoured by that, and we're not taking it for granted.

Over 150 items have made the 700km journey west, and a big thank you to Zac Scott at Warrego Motors for getting them here safely!

The items coming into our care aren't replicas or reproductions. They're original pieces, and we're excited about what they add to the experience. We often hear from guests that they want more physical items they can get up close to. These original pieces deliver exactly that. They'll enhance our existing displays while opening the door to new stories and lay the foundation for a

brand-new educational tour. We'll be rolling the collection out gradually throughout the year, so there will always be something new to discover on your next visit.

There's a perception that if you want a quality museum experience, you go to the city. We've always tried to prove that wrong, and now we've got the collection to back it up. By demonstrating that we can care for and showcase a collection like this properly, we're building the kind of reputation that opens doors. The goal is for the WWII Secret Base to become the sort of institution that bigger museums can trust with their items, bringing even more significant and exclusive pieces to Charleville down the track.

Real history happened here in outback Queensland. We've always tried to do it justice, and this collection is the next step in doing exactly that.

Follow along for sneak peeks of the collection and updates on when each display will be unveiled.

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www.wwiisecretbase.com.au/



GIRL GUIDES AND SCOUTS LEND A HAND FOR CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Local Girl Guides and Scouts rolled up their sleeves for Clean Up Australia Day in March 2026, taking to the streets to help keep their community tidy.

Members walked from the Guide Hut to the showgrounds and back again, collecting rubbish along the way. Their efforts were supported by four community volunteers: Deb, Michelle, Christie-Anne and Marianne, whose help on the day was greatly appreciated.

While most of the rubbish collected was typical litter, the group also came across some unusual finds during their clean-up. Among the discoveries were lengths of pipe, tent pegs, mouthguards, money and

even a pair of shoes!

Clean Up Australia Day is an opportunity for people across the country to work together to care for their local environment, and the Guides, Scouts and community volunteers were proud to play their part.

The local Scout group is also currently seeking a second adult helper and encourages anyone interested in volunteering to get in touch. Those interested can contact Karl via email on: 293989@scoutsqld.com.au

Scouts meet on Sunday afternoons during school terms at the Scout Den in Baker Street.



MURWEH WOMEN'S WEEK – FILLING THE CUP

Murweh Women's Week 2026 was a wonderful success, with a series of events held in Charleville, Augathella and Morven across the week, bringing women together to connect, learn and take time to focus on their own wellbeing. This year's Murweh theme, "Filling the Cup," recognised the many roles women play in our communities.

Women are often the ones pouring into everyone else – our families, colleagues, community groups, schools, and sporting clubs. We give a lot of ourselves every day. The message behind the theme was simple but important: if we don't stop to refill our own cup, eventually there is not much left to pour.

The HOPE Program team partnered with several organisations to deliver the week's activities, including Murweh Shire Council and the Charleville Neighbourhood Centre, along with a range of local

and regional service providers. Community members had the opportunity to visit information stalls and speak with representatives from organisations including South West Hospital and Health Service, Wellness My Way, Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service, Anglicare, Acacia Country Practice, Services Australia, the World Wellness Group, and CWAATSICH.

Staff from Southern Queensland Rural Health (SQRH) also supported the week by providing informal health checks and running gym sessions at the Augathella and Morven gyms, encouraging women to prioritise their physical health as well as their wellbeing.

A highlight of each event was the ever-popular Bingo sessions hosted by Donna Mitchell from Far West Indigenous Family Violence Service, which proved to be a real drawcard and brought plenty of laughter

and friendly competition to the gatherings. Events in Augathella and Morven were expertly MC'd by Councillor Teri Sommerfield, helping create a welcoming and engaging atmosphere. Generous catering was provided by the QCWA and the Morven Progress Association, whose support helped make the events feel truly special for those attending.

The week also featured guest speakers from Women's Health and Equality Queensland, who shared insights into initiatives focused on improving mental health and wellbeing outcomes for women and girls.

Dr Lexie Prokopuk, from the Australian Women and Girls' Health Research Centre, spoke about her work as Principal Project Coordinator of the MadeHER Study, highlighting research aimed at better understanding and improving health outcomes for women and girls.

Murweh Women's Week once again demonstrated the strength of community collaboration across the region. By creating opportunities for women to come together, access services, share experiences and take a moment to focus on themselves, the week truly reflected the spirit of "Filling the Cup."



MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF WELLBEING WEEK – SUPPORTING A HEALTHIER WORKFORCE

Murweh Shire Staff Wellbeing Week continues to grow, with 2026 marking its third successful year. The week focuses on promoting health and wellbeing through practical activities and information, culminating in a Health Expo featuring presentations, interactive displays and free health checks for staff. This year, more than 100 staff members participated across the week, showing strong support for workplace wellbeing.

The program was delivered through a partnership between HOPE, the Primary and Community Care Team and South West Queensland Rural Health (SQRH). Student nurses provided free health checks including blood pressure, heart rate and general health screenings, giving staff valuable insight into their health.

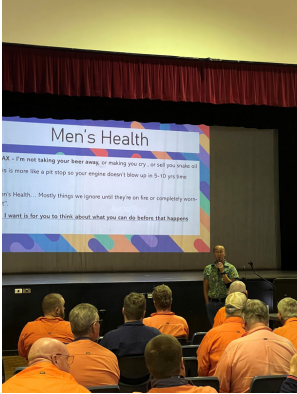
A range of interactive stalls focused on preventative health and wellbeing. Activities included non-alcoholic drink tastings and a “beer goggles” simulation highlighting the effects of alcohol on coordination, sun safety

education, and information on Quitline, Gambling Help and Wellness My Way programs. Grip strength testing also proved popular, sparking friendly competition while demonstrating the importance of muscle strength for overall health.

One of the most engaging activities was the “Sugar in Drinks” challenge, where participants guessed the sugar content in common beverages, prompting discussions around hidden sugars and everyday choices.

The week also included practical presentations from the Allied Health team covering workplace injury prevention, musculoskeletal health, foot health, nutrition for energy and focus, and support for smoking cessation.

Murweh Shire Staff Wellbeing Week highlights the value of collaboration in delivering accessible preventative health initiatives, with strong staff participation reflecting a shared commitment to building a healthier workforce across the region.



THE HEART OF THE MURWEH SHIRE BEATS AT THE 2026 CHARLEVILLE SHOW

Every May, the Charleville Showgrounds come alive, but in 2026, something special is in the air. Excitement is already building as preparations begin for one of the highlight events of the show, the Grand Parade, taking place on Friday, May 15.

It's the moment when the entire region steps into the spotlight. Businesses, community organisations, sporting clubs, schools and cultural groups, every thread of the Murweh Shire community, are invited to take part and show the town what makes them shine.

A business can showcase its personality and connect with locals in a way no advertisement ever could, and sporting clubs can rally new members and show off their team spirit. Cultural groups can share traditions, colours, and creativity while community organisations can highlight the work they do and the people they support. Taking part in the Grand Parade is just the beginning.

Businesses, clubs, organisations, schools and cultural groups can also host a display or stall at the Charleville Show. It's a perfect opportunity to share what you do, sell products, recruit new members, run demonstrations and connect with locals and visitors.

Schools across the Murweh Shire are warmly invited to join the excitement by taking part in the Grand Parade and hosting a stall or display. Your involvement gives students a chance to shine in front of the whole community. Whether it's showcasing school projects, celebrating student achievements, or simply marching together in the Grand Parade, your presence helps highlight the vital role schools play in shaping the region's future. A stall or display also offers a wonderful opportunity to share your school's story, connect with families, and inspire young minds.

The Charleville Show thrives when our schools are involved, and we'd

love to see every one of them represented this year.

This year, the Royal Flying Doctor Service is bringing something truly special to the Charleville Show, the RFDS Flight Simulator. Kids absolutely love it, climbing inside and imagining themselves soaring across the outback skies. It's hands-on, it's exciting, and it's a brilliant way to celebrate one of the most important services in the region.

The Charleville Show is one of the biggest gatherings of the year, so why not make the most of it? BUT it won't be complete without the people who make Murweh Shire what it is. Whether you're a business owner, a club member, a volunteer, a school or part of a cultural or community group, the Grand Parade and the Show are your chance to shine.

This is your invitation. This is your moment. This is your show. Find out more by emailing info@charlevilleshow.com.au

THE ART OF COMMUNITY – CHARLEVILLE’S CREATIVE SPACES TRANSFORM A TOWN

Charleville is quietly, confidently transforming into a creative hub in South-West Queensland, powered by a growing network of artists, makers, and imaginative spaces that are reshaping the town’s cultural identity.

The latest to join this movement is Karen Mayo’s Number 9 Gallery on Wills Street, a vibrant showcase of regional talent and a welcoming home for exhibitions that celebrate both emerging and established artists. Nearby, Christine Anne Art and Design adds its own colourful energy, offering a space where creativity feels both personal and boldly expressive.

The Charleville Art Studio has become another cornerstone of this artistic revival, giving locals a place to learn, experiment, and connect through workshops and community projects. Meanwhile, The Glazed Lamb brings ceramics to life with charm and character, proving that clay,

community, and creativity make a perfect trio.

Complementing these individual studios is the wonderful Made in Murweh initiative, which champions locally crafted goods and highlights the region’s artistic diversity. The Charleville Cultural Centre rounds out this creative network, providing a central gathering place for performances, exhibitions, and cultural events that bring the whole community together.

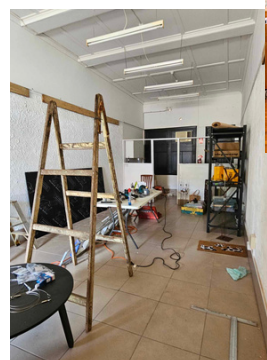
Having these creative outlets in Charleville means more than just having places to make art - it means fostering pride, connection, and opportunity. They give residents a chance to express themselves, learn new skills, and support local talent.

They attract visitors, spark collaboration, and help build a thriving,

resilient community where creativity is not just encouraged but celebrated.

Charleville’s artistic momentum is growing, and with each brushstroke, clay piece, and handmade creation, the town is shaping a future as colourful and inspiring as the people who call it home.

A welcome face will always greet you at the Charleville Art Studio.



When open, the Number 9 Gallery & Studio will offer a welcoming environment to create and showcase paintings, sculpture, hand-thrown pottery, and more

BILBY TRAIL SET TO SHAPE CHARLEVILLE’S NEXT ATTRACTION – SPONSORS SOUGHT

The Charleville Bilby Art Trail is set to become one of the most vibrant and imaginative additions to the town’s cultural landscape. Inspired by the iconic and endangered bilby, this project will see a series of artist-designed bilby sculptures placed throughout Charleville, each one telling a unique story about the bilby, the artist and their inspiration behind their artwork and sponsors acknowledgements.

Visitors will be invited to wander through the town, discovering each sculpture like a treasure, turning Charleville into an open-air gallery that celebrates both art and conservation.

Beyond its artistic charm, the trail promises to bring meaningful benefits to the community. Increased foot traffic will support local businesses, from cafés and shops to accommodation providers. Families, tourists, and school groups will have a new reason to explore Charleville, helping to boost the local economy while strengthening the town’s identity as a destination that values creativity and wildlife preservation. The project also offers opportunities for local artists to showcase their talent, fostering pride and participation across the region.

To bring this vision to life, community support and sponsorship are essential. Each sculpture represents not just an artwork, but an investment in Charleville’s future, an opportunity for businesses and individuals to be part of something lasting and uplifting. Sponsorship ensures the trail can be completed to the highest standard, allowing the project to reach its full potential and continue inspiring visitors for years to come.

By supporting the Charleville Bilby Art Trail, sponsors help create a legacy that celebrates the town, protects an iconic species, and enriches the community in a truly memorable way.

Sponsorship “Expressions of Interest” close on June 30 with the artist painting period closing on July 31. The official launch of the Bilby Art Trail project is set to take place in September this year.

To find out more, contact Allison Edwards at the Charleville and District Cultural Association via email at cvilleddistculturalassocinc@gmail.com



Are you a man aged 50 and over, or under 50 and have an increased risk or family history of prostate cancer?

Heart of Australia and It's A Bloke Thing Foundation are bringing Prostate Cancer Testing to Charleville!



Did you know **1 in 5** men are diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime?

**A free, simple blood test could save your life.
No GP referral or appointment needed!**

If you haven't been getting regular checks with your GP, or you're unsure of when your last test was, give the Heart of Australia team a call or visit the clinic for a walk-in appointment.

Upcoming clinic dates:

Saturday, 28th March: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday, 29th March: 7:30am - 4:00pm

Find us parked at the Charleville Showgrounds (Partridge St)

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POLICE BEAT



Increasing Home Security

Most property offences like burglaries and car thefts are crimes of opportunity. Offenders often look for easy targets like homes or cars that appear unattended, unsecured, or poorly lit. A few small habits can make a big difference.

At home:

- Lock doors and windows every time you leave, even if it's just a quick trip to the shops.
- Use outside lighting at night, particularly near doors, driveways, and side access points.
- Keep gates, sheds, and garages locked.
- Avoid leaving keys, wallets, or handbags visible near doors or windows. Never leave keys in obvious sites like the kitchen bench - it is the first place an offender will look.
- If you're away, ask a neighbour to collect mail and keep an eye on the property.
- Prior to going to sleep each night, a quick perimeter check of doors and windows will ensure your home is safe.
- Don't leave objects such as wheelie bins beneath your windows - offenders could use them to climb on.

With vehicles:

- Always lock your car and take the keys even in your own driveway. Many car thefts occur because keys were left in the car.
- Never leave valuables in view, including bags, tools, or spare change. A visible wallet or purse is an invitation for thieves.
- Park in well-lit areas whenever possible.
- If your vehicle has an immobiliser or alarm, make sure it's activated.
- Don't leave keys in the car while unloading or "just for a moment".

Everyday awareness:

- Get to know your neighbours and look out for each other.
- Report suspicious behaviour early and don't assume someone else will.
- Trust your instincts; if something doesn't feel right, it's worth letting police know.

These steps don't require expensive security systems to work, just consistent attention. A locked door, a light left on, or a watchful neighbour can be enough to send an offender elsewhere. If you see suspicious activity, call 131 444 or Charleville Station directly on 4650 5500 during business hours. In an emergency, always call Triple Zero (000).

Stay safe and thank you for helping keep our community strong.

SCHOOL ZONE

Charleville State High School

We are so proud to be partnering with CWAATSICH to deliver the Young Men's Program for 2026. The program has been designed to enhance engagement of young Indigenous Students currently enrolled at CSHS whilst connecting them with a range of organisations and businesses within the Murweh area.

Not only do students get the opportunity to connect with positive community role models, but they also get to learn about career pathways for their future.

Since the program has begun, students have visited CWAATSICH, Queensland Police, SES and Queensland Fire Services. We have been impressed with the engagement of CSHS students and look forward to continuing to support our young people.

A big thank you to Robbo and Warren from CWAATSICH and Brad Lines and Chappy from CSHS for your contributions to the program.



Charleville School of Distance Education

From 2nd - 5th February, , the Charleville School of Distance Education hosted a lively Kickstart Conference, bringing students and home tutors together for a week of learning, fun and connection.

Students enjoyed a mix of activities including swimming lessons with Eileen and Jay Lindsay, basketball with Own the Rock Academy, laser tag with Buddy Peacock and a colourful finale with the much-loved Colour Run and BBQ.

While students took part in activities, home tutors attended professional development sessions including pottery at the Glazed Lamb, a LifeFlight workshop with Tim Hair, AI in Education with Sam Owczarek, Mindful Expressions with Jed Owen, School Management with Cassie Kitani and many more.

The week was a great way for students and tutors to begin the year feeling connected, refreshed and motivated.



COSMOS CENTRE LIGHTS UP TOURISM SEASON WITH SEVEN-DAY RETURN

Big news for April! The Cosmos Centre will be open 7 days a week, from 10am through to the final tour each evening. More days, more stars, more memories!

April brings the Easter school holidays, making it the perfect time to bring the whole family out for a night of stargazing. We strongly recommend booking ahead, spots fill fast during the holidays, and we want to see you there!

We're also expanding our popular Sun Viewing Tours, now running **THREE TIMES DAILY** at 10:15am, 2pm and 3pm. It's one of our most loved experiences, and we're thrilled to offer more opportunities to catch our nearest star in action. Exciting changes are also coming to our Planetarium, with fresh new films on the way, perfect for families looking for an out-of-this-

world experience. We can't wait to share what's coming!

April also brings the Lyrid Meteor Shower, peaking on the night of April 22-23 under beautifully dark, moonless skies. One of the oldest recorded meteor showers in history, the Lyrids are not to be missed.

Whether you're planning an Easter school holiday adventure or simply looking for a unique family outing, April is a fantastic time to visit. Murweh Shire locals, don't forget your **LOCAL20** promo code for 20% off most tours. See you under the stars!



WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

The library has had a busy start to the year. In January, children explored building and coding with LEGO SPIKE, supported by Anglicare and Digital and You. February saw the return of the popular Blind Date with a Book, helping "lonely" books find new readers. March has been lively, beginning with a creative Paint and Sip tote bag workshop. Regular programs are also back, including First 5 Forever on Wednesday mornings, Lego Club on Wednesday afternoons, and Writing Saturday every second Saturday, hosted by Vanessa. Coming up, the library will hold an indoor Easter egg hunt and Easter craft activities for children to enjoy. See you there!

BRIGHT BEGINNING TO THE GALLERY YEAR

Mulga Lands Gallery welcomed its first exhibition of 2026 last night with the opening of "My Journey So Far" by Cunnamulla artist Julie Stone.

A small but appreciative crowd attended the opening, enjoying the relaxed evening and Julie's vibrant collection of works inspired by the landscapes, waterways and wildlife of outback Australia. While it was difficult for many to choose a favourite, "Flossy" the Galah quickly became the crowd favourite.

Julie's work celebrates the colour, personality and quiet humour of the natural world, using bold colours and expressive forms to capture the character of birds, animals and native flora.

Julie is based in Cunnamulla at The Retreat Cunnamulla (formerly the old RSL). More information about her work can be found at www.theretreatcunnamulla.com.au.

"My Journey So Far" will be on display at the Mulga Lands Gallery until 24 April. Entry is free through the library during opening hours.

EASTER IN AUGATHELLA!

Easter in Augathella is set to deliver a full weekend of classic outback fun!

Kicking off with Easter Saturday with the Augathella Diggers Rodeo from 2 pm, featuring bulls, broncs and barrel racing, followed by a bar, canteen and DJ into the night.

On Easter Sunday, Annie Street turns into the track for the Billy Cart Races, with junior and open categories, cash prizes and racing from 1 pm, finishing with fireworks.

The action wraps up Easter Monday with horse racing, making Augathella the place to be for a long weekend of country sport and community spirit.

This Easter, point the car west! All roads lead to Augathella.

