



Winter has arrived, were we ready?

Temperatures plummeted across communities of South West Queensland and the heat of summer seems along way off. This is the time for soups, outdoor fires and sunrooms or sitting in a car parked in the sun.

Access to electricity and connectivity are themes across the region. The phase out of 3G is sparking unexpected issues with technology. Have you had or do you have to upgrade your phone or another piece of equipment or are scams troublesome.

Recently, I needed to upgrade my phone, my lack of confidence meant I put the task off. However, online help is available - presented in video, spoken in plain language and for me it worked a treat.

Beconnected is an e-safety program delivered by the Government. It is free learning which build your digital skills, confidence and safety online. I would recommend checking out their extensive **Topic Library**. <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au>

Be Connected is an Australian government initiative committed to building the confidence, digital skills and online safety of older Australians. Whether you want to pick up new skills or dive into a new topic, you can access our free learning resources online or join one of the thousands of community organisations running free computer classes across Australia.

Perhaps a local community organisation could run some free computer classes in your area.

What's On

STATE OF ORIGIN - MENS/WOMENS GAMES

Watch QLD and NSW Rugby League sporting rivalry games.

When: 26 June / 27 June

Where: TV or Your Local Venue

COOL KIDS FIRST AID TRAINING

Balonne area series of workshops for children aged 5-13 yrs.

When: 25-27 June

Where: Hebel, Dirran, Thallon, Bollon & St George

OPEN GOLF DAY

4 ball Best Ball Short Course event
plus evening chipping competition.
Bar & BBQ available on the day

When: 28 June

Where: Jundah

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Shuttle bus service, Bar & Food

When: 29 June

Where: The Lake, Quilpie

BOLLON HERITAGE DAY

Back to Bollon activities

When: 29 June

Where: Bollon

CHIGGY SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOP

One on One & Group Coaching
Demos & Mentoring. Free BBQ &
giveaways

When: 25 June

Where: Cunnamulla

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THE TASTES OF BALONNE

BOOK LAUNCH & DINNER

HEBEL HOTEL

Friday June 28, 5pm - 10pm
\$165* per person - 3 course dinner & drinks

FUN ENTERTAINMENT DINING & DRINKS!

HEATHER EWART

JAMES KAKOVICH

SPECIAL GUESTS

MC: Peter Lewis
Sam Kekovich
Heather Ewart
James Blundell

SAM KEOUGH

Freelance Journalist
The Ambassador
ABC Book Roads
Singer, Songwriter

Join us for the Inaugural Taste of Balonne at the Hebel Hotel!
An evening of action-packed fun, entertainment and culinary delights.

We will kick off 5pm with Heather Ewart's "Great Aussie Road Trips" book launch then its dinner under the stars with local beer and local chef Paul Taylor presenting a 3-course 3-course degustation featuring sourced Three Rivers beef and lamb with Moon Rocks produce.

Meet special guests including local Ambassador Sam Kekovich, Heather Ewart and James Blundell. A special general discussion, MC'd by Peter Lewis, will explore the vagaries of our life with insights from industry leaders Richard Ewart (Q&A President), John Walters (B&B CEO) and Scott McInnes (Q&A Founder and Managing Director of Alliance Airlink).

Entertainment from local talent! country music legend John Blundell and a charity auction for the RTOG and Rural Aid raised such a truly unique collection. A night to remember!

COMPLIMENTARY RETURN COUNTRY BUS

5pm	Depart Australias Hotel, St George
6pm	Depart Dreamland Pub, Barrow

FOR TICKET BOOKINGS:
www.hebelhotel.com.au or Hebel Hotel & General Store Facebook page



*You're invited to
the official opening of*

SCULPTURES OUT BACK

3PM - SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2024

The opening will commence at
3pm at the Sculpture Park,
Warrego Highway, Roma
(eastern approach of town).


**Please join us afterwards for the Awards
presentation.**

WHERE: Echidnas Rugby Club,
Gallias Fox Park, Warrego Hwy, Roma
TIME : 4pm - 6pm
To purchase tickets **SCAN HERE** ➔
COST: \$25pp - Bookings essential




For further information please visit romaonbungi.com.au or email sculpture@romaonbungi.com.au

South West Sub-Chamber Awards Dinner



DIRRANBANDI
SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024



<p>JUNIOR/NOVICE ABCRA AFFILIATED ICOMPETE</p>	<p>SATURDAY IS PINK DAY PLEASE WEAR PINK TO SUPPORT BREAST CANCER</p>	<p>FULL POINTS ABCRA AFFILIATED ICOMPETE</p>
<p>RODEO</p> <p>ENTRIES OPEN: 4TH JUNE 2024 SATURDAY 12PM SUNDAY 8AM</p> <p><i>Feature Event Saturday Only</i> \$500 JUNIOR STEER RIDE 11-U14 <i>Entry Fee: \$50, Add back: \$5, 1 Round & Final</i></p> <p>\$300 NOVICE BULL RIDE <i>Entry Fee: \$55, Add Back: \$20</i></p> <p>\$500 NOVICE SADDLEBRONC <i>Entry Fee: \$55, Add Back: \$20</i></p> <p>\$300 NOVICE BAREBACK <i>Entry Fee: \$55, Add Back: \$20</i></p> <p>\$300 NOVICE BARREL RACE <i>Entry Fee: \$36, Add Back: \$20</i></p> <p>\$100 JUNIOR BARREL U11 <i>Entry Fee: \$15, Add Back: \$5</i></p> <p>\$100 JUNIOR BARREL 11-U14 <i>Entry Fee: \$15, Add Back: \$5</i></p> <p>\$100 JUVENILE BARREL 14-U18 <i>Entry Fee: \$15, Add Back: \$5</i></p> <p>\$100 JUNIOR STEER RIDE 8-U11 <i>Entry Fee: \$35, Add Back: \$5</i></p> <p>\$100 JUNIOR STEER RIDE 11-U14 <i>Entry Fee: \$35, Add Back: \$5</i></p> <p>\$100 JUVENILE STEER RIDE 14-U18 <i>Entry Fee: \$35, Add Back: \$5</i></p> <p>\$100 JUNIOR BULL RIDE 14-U18 <i>Entry Fee: \$35, Add Back: \$5</i></p>	<div data-bbox="967 1254 1160 1453"> </div> <p>SATURDAY 22ND & SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 2024 <i>Weengallon Recreation Grounds</i></p> <p>BAR & FOOD AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND</p> <p>DINNER SATURDAY NIGHT</p> <div data-bbox="949 1626 1185 1702"> <p>CONTACT LISA SOUTHERN: 0427 259 646 ANGUS RIGNEY: 0427 259 655</p> </div>	<p>CAMPDRAFT</p> <p>ENTRIES OPEN: 28TH MAY AT 10AM</p> <p>SATURDAY 8AM</p> <p><i>Saturday 8am - Novelty Events Barrel/Bending/Flag Races</i></p> <p>\$200 ASSOCIATE DRAFT 17-U21 <i>Entry: \$37, Add back: \$5, 2 Run Limit</i></p> <p>\$200 JUVENILE DRAFT 13-U17 <i>Entry: \$39, Add back: \$5, 2 Run Limit</i></p> <p>\$150 JUNIOR DRAFT 8-U13 <i>Entry: \$37, Add back: \$5, 2 Run Limit</i></p> <p>SUNDAY 11AM</p> <p>\$150 JUNIOR DRAFT 8-U13 <i>Entry: \$37, Add back: \$5, 2 Run Limit</i></p> <p>\$200 JUVENILE DRAFT 13-U17 <i>Entry: \$39, Add back: \$5, 2 Run Limit</i></p> <p>\$200 ASSOCIATE DRAFT 17-U21 <i>Entry: \$37, Add back: \$5, 2 Run Limit</i></p>
<p>HELMETS CAN SAVE LIVES</p> <p> Stallions must be collared and yarded. No glass. No BYO. No Dogs. Committee not registered for GST. All prizemoney inclusive of GST where applicable. Paid out 1st to 5th. Payouts via Committee on the day. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or to alter the programme.</p>	<p>CAMPDRAFT</p> <p><i>Riders under the age of 18 must wear a helmet at all times whilst mounted. Encouragement riders must wear a helmet whilst competing. Failure to notify of scratching's 7 days prior to event commencement will forfeit entire entry fee. Entry fee includes \$20 stock levy, \$2 trophy levy, \$2.50 first aid levy & \$1.10 cattle reserve fund levy.</i></p>	<p><i>Cash only no EFTPOS, Limited money please bring Generator.</i></p>

South West Calendar

Do you want to keep up to date with upcoming events?

Upcoming events are listed on the South West Calendar page, which you can access here <https://southwestcalendar.com.au/> or by scanning the QR code.





NSW Ambulance

Kristofer Markworth Memorial

WHERE
Kristofer Markworth House, 42 George Street, Mungindi NSW 2406

WHEN
Saturday, 22 June 2024 at 12:00 pm

DRESS CODE
NSW Ambulance staff: Formal uniform with ribbons or operational uniform
non-uniformed guests: Corporate attire

RSVP
Thursday, 20 June 2024 at 4:00 pm
Gregory.Powell@health.nsw.gov.au

CONTACT
Greg Powell, 0407 958 514

Light refreshments provided



Monday 24 June @ 9.30am

Mourilyan Garden Day

Please bring a chair,
morning tea & a plant to
swap

DOUBLE RISE WEEKEND

EUMAMURRIN
Saturday June 22, 2024

1pm Start
• 100pr Double Rise

SURAT

Saturday June 22, 2024
• 25pr Double Rise
State Night Championship
Sunday June 23, 2024
• 100pr Double Rise

COACHING AVAILABLE
Saturday & Sunday

Contact:
Geoff Moore 0427 265 505
Corie Pukallus 0417 690 080



ST GEORGE

Women in League Day

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024 11AM

ROWDEN PARK

\$25 PER PERSON

WITH COMPLIMENTARY DRINK ON ARRIVAL

PRIVATE BAR AT BAR PRICES

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE

FOOD & SWEETS AVAILABLE

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT
ST GEORGE LIFELINE SHOP AND FLORIST

PLEASE PAY BY MONDAY THE 17TH OF JUNE
FOR CATERING PURPOSES



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Toompine Polocrosse Carnival 22nd & 23rd June 2024

Toompine Polocrosse Grounds - PIC # QBQP0152

- AUCTION on Saturday Night - Including Stallion Service Fee & More!
- Tinderry Happy Hour - 1/2 Price Drinks!!
- Paulsen Bros Novelty Shootout - CASH PRIZE

A, B & C Grades (Numbers Permitting) and Mini Juniors
Friday night BBQ by the Club, BAR and Catering all Weekend!!
Player fees - Adults \$20, Juniors \$10

CLUB CONTACTS: President - James Bignell 0429497720
Secretary - Annie Rutledge 0448686869

Nominate via the Database

All nominations to QPA by 9am Thursday 20th June 2024.
www.polocrosse.com.au For any Database nomination problems please
contact the QPA office 07 46323045 or admin@polocrosse.com.au

SPECIAL CONDITIONS / INFORMATION:

1. NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS as per PAA Ruling
2. QLD AMBULANCE WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE both days
3. NO ELECTRIC TAPE as per PAA Ruling
4. NO riding without a helmet as per PAA Ruling
5. All A & B grade games must have two umpires as per PAA Ruling
6. Please bring own long-sleeved shirts/whistles/Hoses

cool kids FIRST AID TRAINING

• Hebel Community Hall
40-50 William Street, Hebel
June 25th
9am - 11am

• Dirranbandi Civic Centre
32 Kirby Street, Dirranbandi
June 25th
2pm - 4pm

• Thallon Community Hall
41-43 William St, Thallon
June 26th
9am - 11am

• St George Cultural Centre
112 Victoria Street, George
June 26th
1pm - 3pm

• Bollon Tennis Club
1-3 Wallam Street, Bollon
June 27th
9am - 11am

• St George Cultural Centre
112 Victoria Street, George
June 27th
1.30pm - 3.30pm

CHILDREN AGED 5-13 YEARS

- ✓ How to recognise an emergency and call '000'
- ✓ How to put a person into recovery position
- ✓ Basic bleeding control
- ✓ Basics about asthma and anaphylaxis
- ✓ An introduction to DRSABCD (CPR) principles of first aid

For more information, contact us:
info@coolkidsfirstaid.com 0491 763 476

The Best in Country Music, Bush Poetry, Food, Drink, Camping, Fishing, Friends & Country Hospitality

Jamies Yellowbelly COUNTRY MUSIC Festival

In Memory of Keith Jamieson OAM

24-30 JUNE 2024

A great week of country music right on the banks of the Balonne River!
St George Showgrounds Qld

Cost: Walkups Mon to Fri Free, Friday night \$10pp, Saturday \$30pp, Sunday \$25pp
Week Passes - \$60pp plus camping fees

Camping Available
\$20 powered site (first in best dressed)
\$15 unpowered site per night
Must stay for duration of event

SHOW & CAMPING TICKETS AVAILABLE AT GATE

FEATURING TOP AUSTRALIAN COUNTRY MUSIC ARTISTS:

- Jeff Brown • Reg Poole OAM • Caitlyn Jamieson & Alisha Smith
- Dianne Lindsay OAM & Peter Simpson OAM • John & Christine Smith
- Bec Hance & Pete Wilson • Buddy Thomson & Lynne Bennett
- Bush Poets with Gary Fogarty, Ray Essery

• WALKUPS ALL WEEK • MAIN SHOWS SATURDAY & SUNDAY
• FOOD AVAILABLE • PETS ALLOWED • LOCAL TOURS AVAILABLE

For Event Information, contact:
Alisha - Ph: 0407 302 059
Marilyn - Ph: 0439 130 617

For tourist information contact the
St George Region Information Centre on 07 4620 8877

JUNDAH CAMEL RACES

PROUDLY SUPPORTING CAMEL RIDES

ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE
DIFFERENTIAL SECTION
PURCHASE TICKETS HERE
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/jundah-camel-races-tickets-776019113057>

SATURDAY 29TH OF JUNE 2024

FREE CAMPING

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY NIGHT TILL LATE

Sausage Dog Races

KIDS ACTIVITIES

MOVIE NIGHT

WHEN Friday 28th June
6pm arrival, 6:15pm start

WHERE Visitor Information Centre
Outdoor Big screen

PRICE \$5 per person
Popcorn & Lolly bags available for purchase

BYO Blankets & Pillows

For more information or to pre-book tickets, visit or contact the
Visitor Information Centre on 46 56 0540



Featured jobs this month

ALL LISTINGS FOR SWHHS South West QLD	Join the Health teams across South West Queensland. South West Health and Hospital Service has a listing in Employment with daily updates on opportunity in Management, Medical, Allied Health and Admin and support teams.
MC TRUCK DRIVER Thallon, QLD	Miskin Enterprises Transport operates Kenworth T659 Prime movers with bulk tipping from farm and silos across grain growing areas of eastern Australia. Contact Nick on Mobile 0427 795 756 or Email office@miskinenterprises.au
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Thargomindah, QLD	As the executive assistant to the Bulloo Shire Council CEO, Major & Councillors, you will play a pivotal role in providing exceptional professional and highly confidential administrative support. Please contact the HR Officer 07 4621 8000
SEASONAL WORK St George, QLD	Queensland Cotton are seeking EOI from reliable, hardworking individuals to work at our Beardmore Cotton Gin (Processing facility) during the cotton ginning season. Apply online: https://www.atlamgroup.com/job/2024-seasonal-work-cotton-ginning-beardmore/
TOURISM OFFICER Cunnamulla, QLD	Paroo Shire Council is offering a role to provide frontline Tourism services at the Cunnamulla Fella Centre, to work as part of a team to plan and deliver events within the local community and promote businesses and attractions within the shire. For more information contact the HR Officer 07 4655 8400
CARETAKER/ RANGER Dig Tree, QLD	Do you have a passion for teaching others about history, and do you want to play an important role in educating and hosting visitors to this unique outback environment near Nappa Merrie Station on the Cooper Creek? EOI to kim@morellaag.com.au
LEADING HAND AND CARPENTERS Roma, QLD	H H Builders are seeking carpenters for FI & FO work in western Queensland. All expenses covered ex Brisbane. If you're looking for an experience, please apply with resume to harley@hhbuilders.com.au

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Hi - I'm Liz Hill, I can help you promote your events, jobs, stories, business, districts and towns. Access the social media Facebook Pages and Join the Facebook Groups. Share these in your feeds to assist others to connect into the South West QLD community.

Connect South West Qld is social enterprise with websites and social media facilitating online information hubs to support our vibrant Communities. Connecting people with community. Featuring Employment, Events and Local information within the region.

Commenced as a small town website in 2005, now a regional business to address connectivity and communication needs.

Connect Southwest manages the following social pages and groups:

- JOBS SOUTH WEST QLD
- CONNECT SOUTH WEST QLD
- SOUTHWESTQLD NOTICEBOARD
- THALLON NOTICEBOARD
- MUNGINDI NOTICEBOARD
- BOLLON NOTICEBOARD
- STGEORGE NOTICEBOARD