



# Council Community News

We Value: **Respect** | **Communication** | **Fun & Humour** | **Pride** | **Trust** | **Teamwork**

## Quilpie Shire Council Australia Day Award Recipients for 2019

Outstanding Community Assistance Award ~ *Burrumbuttock Hay Runners*

Community Group Award ~ *Quilpie Diggers Race Club*

Outstanding Achievement Award ~ *Quilpie State College*

*Centenary Committee*

Sport and Recreation Award ~ *Jocelyn Haylock*

Outstanding Community Service Award ~ *Jenny Hewson*

Citizen of the Year Award ~ *David Paulsen*

Certificates of Appreciation ~ *Quilpie Seniors Group & Quilpie Activate Youth Group*



## COCKTAILS & KARAOKE FUNDRAISING EVENT

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Bulloo Park Complex



**FULL BAR 6PM - MIDNIGHT**

\*\*\*FREE ENTRY\*\*\*

**BBQ DINNER FROM 7PM**

**KIDS MOVIE "THE INCREDIBLES 2"**

**7.30PM**

All funds raised go towards Council's annual fundraising initiative. Council match funds raised, dollar for dollar (to the maximum of \$10,000). All funds are then split equally between:

**BOOZE BUS OPERATING 9PM - MIDNIGHT**

**QUILPIE  
HOSPITAL  
AUXILIARY**

**&**



Proudly organised by Quilpie Shire Council staff. For more information contact (07) 4656 0500.

## YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Quilpie Shire Council would like to thank everyone who had any involvement in the recent visit of the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners.

What a wonderfully successful event this was and the Hay Runners were most impressed with the friendliness of the community and the welcome they received!!

Well done everyone... your assistance is very much appreciated.

*Thank You*



## Quilpie Fire Station

***Do you find yourself driven to lend a hand in times of crisis?***

Use that drive to make a difference, as an Auxiliary Firefighter with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.

Auxiliary Firefighters are casual, station-based firefighters who respond to emergency situations when the demand arises. As a member of the QFES team, you will be an integral part of the front-line emergency and disaster response in Queensland.

***The Quilpie Fire Station is looking for suitable persons who are interested in helping their community by becoming an Auxiliary Firefighter.***

***Interested??? ....***

- You could come along and visit the station on our training night - **Wednesdays 5.30pm – 7.30pm**
- Or contact Roger on **0428 561 468** to arrange a time to catch up
- Or visit **[www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment](http://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/employment)**

Country Education Foundation of Paroo Inc

### Wal Dunsdon Memorial Scholarship

Awarded on merit to a student whose home address is in the Paroo, Bulloo, Murweh or Quilpie shires.

The successful applicant will receive a grant to financially assist them to study a full-time, agriculture-based course at an Australian tertiary institution.

Please note that online applications have been extended to 28 February 2019

Apply on-line at  
<https://cef.org.au/foundations/paroo/>

*Hello community members,  
Stu & Kate would like to invite all Quilpie Shire residents to join them at a neighbourhood lunch & gathering at Toompine Hall on Sunday the 3rd March at 11.30 am. This is not a fundraising day, it is simply a chance for us all to get together & have a yarn & a few laughs, meeting new locals & seeing old ones again. Kate and Stu are providing lunch, tea & coffee. Toompine Hotel will have beer, wine & soft drinks available for purchase at the hall during this time.*

*A bus may run from Quilpie subject to demand.*

*We would love you to join us. Please RSVP by 28 February for catering purposes.*

*Stu: 0437551985*

*Kate: 0455020842*

*[merriedowns@hotmail.com](mailto:merriedowns@hotmail.com)*

### **POSITIONS VACANT**

#### **Concreter / MS Plant Operator**

*Closing Monday 25 February*

#### **Labourer (Concrete and Structures Crew)**

*Closing Monday 25 February*

For all the details visit the employment pages of our website at [www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au)

### **ISSUE OF RATES NOTICES**

Please note that rates for the period 01 January to 30 June 2019 **will be issued on the Thursday 28 February 2019.**

You can update your postal details by emailing [admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@quilpie.qld.gov.au).

For any queries please contact Alisha at the Council office on (07) 4656 0500.

### **REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND ROUND THREE**

Interested groups are now invited to apply for RADF Round 3 for 2018-2019. Please note that the closing date for applications is this **Friday 22 February 2019**. RADF information, program Guidelines and Application Forms are located on our website at <https://quilpie.qld.gov.au/about/community/arts-culture/>.

### **JOHN WAUGH PARK OVAL CLOSURE**

Residents are advised that due to the upgrade of the oval at John Waugh Park, this facility will be closed until further notice.

Please stay off the oval surface whilst works are being undertaken. For further information please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (07) 4656 0500.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CRAFT ACTIVITIES**

Council wishes to advise the community of the following changes to the After School Craft Activities Program:

After School Craft Activities at the Library will now be for children aged 5 – 9 yrs only on Mondays from 3.30-4.30pm.

#### **Afternoon Tea provided**

For further information, please contact Health Promotions Officer, Michelle Donohue on (07) 4656 0500.

### **AFTER SCHOOL YOUTH CENTRE ACTIVITIES**

After School Youth Centre Activities are held on Wednesdays at the CWA Hall from 3:15 – 5:00pm

This program is for children aged 10 – 16yrs and afternoon tea is provided.

For further information, please contact Health Promotions Officer, Michelle Donohue on (07) 4656 0500.

### **HEAVY VEHICLE DETOUR**

Due to the ongoing water mains replacement works, Brolga Street between Gyrica and Chipu Streets, Quilpie, will be closed to heavy vehicles from 07 January to 28 February 2019. Works will be undertaken between 6am and 6pm Monday to Friday with the closure affecting all westbound traffic towards Eromanga. A detour will be in place so please observe signage. There may be some interruption to light vehicle traffic on occasion.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

Quilpie Shire Council invites Expressions of Interest for participation in a Strategic Planning Workshop.

This workshop is specifically aimed at Not-For-Profit organisations.

Strategic planning focuses on organisational management processes and is used to set priorities, increase operational efficiency and give organisations a sense of direction.

Hosting of this workshop will be determined by registered community interest.

A fee will be in place for attendance at this workshop and this will be determined when the level of interest from community groups and organisations has been determined.

To register your interest or for further information please contact Council's Customer Service Centre on (07) 4656 0500.

**Dave Burges**

**Chief Executive Officer**

**(07) 4656 0500**

**[www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au)**



**QUILPIE CULTURAL SOCIETY INC**  
P.O. Box 172  
Quilpie 4480



### Quilpie Cultural Society Workshops 2019

26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> January

**Storm at Sea quilt** paper piecing with Louise Hall

Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March

**30 Degree Triangles** quilt with Louise Hall

Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Silversmithing** with Jill Dyer

Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Embroidery** with Marlene Lamberth

Rep Robyn Cherry 0428612566

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Raffle Quilt** with Cheryl Denny

Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Furniture Restoration** with Dean Timms

Rep Josie Martyr 0427036984

31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Cathedral Windows quilt** with Fran Bulmer

Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Upholstery** with Tim Symons

Rep Josie Martyr 0427036984

June date to be determined (*Funding Pending*)

**Ironwork** with Brian Rutledge

Rep Kylie Rutledge 0746564731

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August

**Silversmithing** with Jill Dyer

Rep Jane Mulligan 0428547400

23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August (*Funding Pending*)

**"Judy Niemeyer"** foundation paper piecing and **"By Annie Bag"** with 2 tutors from Fifi's Fabricology

Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 (*Funding Pending*)

**Repurposed Fabric Textiles Collage** with Jennifer Clouston

Rep Jan McConnell 0428562083

#### **RADF Workshops in 2019 with dates yet to be set:**

Lyn Barnes	Pastels
John Morrison	Watercolours
Maxine Thompson	Pastels
Louise Gronold	Photography

*Reminder – 2019 Memberships are due for renewal.*

We are looking for expressions of interest for Millinery and Glass work.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Rep and organising a new and/or different workshop please contact us at [cultural\\_society@hotmail.com.au](mailto:cultural_society@hotmail.com.au)

Or feel free to contact any of the committee:

**President** Jess Gilby 0457 033 900

**Secretary** Gina McConnell 0427 300 021

**Treasurer** Louise Hall 0488 596 540

**The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government and Quilpie Shire Council partnership to support local arts and culture.**



## Drought Wellbeing Service



**Sad is normal.  
Stress is normal.**

**But too much** can affect your health and the health of those around you.



Royal Flying Doctor Service  
QUEENSLAND SECTION

## Drought Wellbeing Service

### 24 hour helplines

- > Beyond Blue 1300 22 4636
- > Lifeline 13 11 14
- > Suicide Call back 1300 659 467
- > Mensline 1300 78 99 78
- > headspace (12-25 yrs.) 1800 650 890



## Talking confidentially to the RFDS Drought Wellbeing Team could help.

We offer a range of mental health services including:

- > Individual counselling sessions
- > Talks, group presentations and training
- > Pit stop health checks

Locations:

- > North West
- > Townsville
- > Central West
- > South West
- > Darling Downs



For further information about DWS services in your area, call Gail Jamieson, Manager Drought Wellbeing Service on 0427 288 432 or email [infodws@rfdsqld.com.au](mailto:infodws@rfdsqld.com.au)

## Do you have an event planned for 2019?

The Visitor Information Centre staff are compiling the 2019 Quilpie Shire Events List and would love to hear from you if you are planning an event for 2019.



Contact us on 4656 0540 or via [tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@quilpie.qld.gov.au) to have your event included on the list.



Individuals, families, farms and communities in the Quilpie Shire can access a range of services and support to help them manage during times of drought and prepare for future conditions.

For more information and to apply for assistance visit

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought>

# QCWA Amateur Photography Competition 2019

**You don't have to be a member to enter!**



Love your camera, and taking shots of just about everything?

Why not enter the QCWA Photography Contest?

Members, non-members and children up to 15 years are welcome to enter.

There are 11 categories, with one of the categories being in two parts for children up to nine years and children 10 to 15 years inclusive. Each year, one of the categories reflects the current United Nations International Year.

## **CATEGORIES:**

1. Black and White or Sepia – any subject

2. QCWA – At Work

3(a) Photograph by a child up to and including the age of 9 years

3(b) Photograph by a child from 10 years to and including 15 years

4. Wildlife – Animal, Bird or Insect – May be Close Up

5. Landscape – May include land, sky and or water

6. Animals in Action

7. Creative and Manipulative (*Only this category can be digitally enhanced by computer editing programmes.*)

8. QCWA Building or Buildings

9. Signpost or Signposts

10. People – Single, group or Crowd - At an event or function

11. Plants, Part of a Plant or Fungi

12. Special Category- Primary Product of the Year – Honey



**Photos must be rectangular in shape up to the maximum size of 5"x7" (12.7 cm x 17.8 cm), mounted on A5-sized black cardboard (which is ½ of an A4 size sheet)**

**The special category photographs are judged by coin donation. A 50 cent entry fee per photo.**

**Photos need to be in by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**For more information, please contact:**

**Michelle Donohue 0428 673 301 or Valerie Stevenson 0428 434 665**

## VISITING HEALTH SERVICES

### Body Alignment Therapy

Body Alignment Therapist, Lois Fernandez offers pain relief and functional support to those who have issues such as sciatica, sore backs, stiff necks, stress related conditions as well as conditions in children. To book for an appointment please ring 0419 657 408.

### Dental Services

The Dental Truck will be visiting Quilpie on a regular basis.

The next scheduled visit is:

Thursday 21 to Friday 22 March 2019

To make appointments please call 0400 473 441 or [truck@thedentalstation.com.au](mailto:truck@thedentalstation.com.au)

### CWAATSICH

Quilpie Health Services - please contact CWAATSICH directly on 4656 1391.

### Quilpie Hospital (South West Hospital & Health Service)

A range of allied health and medical specialists visit Quilpie Hospital on a regular basis. For further information and dates contact the Quilpie Medical Centre directly on 07 4656 1158.

Dental Services (South West Oral Health Clinic)– will be providing Oral Health Services at the Quilpie Hospital Dental Clinic. To make an appointment call: 1300 215 659

Visiting Allied Health Services requiring referral:

*Speech Pathologist* – 26 February 2019

*Occupational Therapist* – 26 February 2019

*Dietician* – 26 February 2019

*Physiotherapist* – 28 February 2019

*Social Worker* – 11 March 2019



## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND SENIORS PROGRAM

Michelle Donohue: Health Promotions Officer  
Phone: 4656 0500 Mobile: 0427 243 055



## February 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 10.30am St Matthews Hall Bingo	2	3
4 9.00am Aqua with Alina	5 2.00pm CWA Hall Craft & Conversation	6 10.30am CWA Hall Tai Chi	7 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	8 10.30am St Matthews Hall Hoy	9	10
11 9.00am Aqua with Alina	12 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Craft & Conversation	13 10.00am Men's Group Gyrca Gardens	14 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds	15 10.30am St Matthews Hall Bingo	16	17
18 9.00am Aqua with Alina	19 2.00pm CWA Hall Craft & Conversation	20 10.30am Library I-Pads	21 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm CWA Hall Healthy Minds	22 10.30am St Matthews Hall Jumble Sale	23	24
25 9.00am Aqua with Alina	26 12.00pm Imperial Hotel Seniors Luncheon	27 10.30am St Matthews Hall Relaxation Session	28 9.00am Aqua with Alina 2.00pm St Matthews Hall Healthy Minds			



# What did you do in the Holidays



The Festival of Workshops presented by Top Choice Entertainments was held at the Quilpie Shire Hall during January. The workshops were very well attended by children of all ages and even some Mums and Dads who joined in with the fun! The workshops included Balloon School, Uke Workshops and DrumWorkz. The final activity was creating Quilpie's largest caterpillar which was more than impressive!!!

Thank you to all who supported this program and attended the workshops!

Thanks also to Michelle Donohue and the QCWA ladies who provided morning tea each day.



*Proudly presented by Quilpie Shire Council and Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors Community Drought Support Funding Program.*



**Queensland  
Government**

## The Dental Truck is returning to Quilpie

### **What services will we provide?**

The Dental Truck will be offering all the general dental services which include: general checkups/ cleans, fillings, dentures, crowns and bridges, extractions, teeth whitening, root canal therapy, orthodontic treatment

### **Important:**

If you have a pension card or health care card, you can call 1300 552 626 to seek a dental voucher from the Roma office.

### **When is our next trip?**

March 21st-22nd 2019

### **How can you make an appointment?**

We prefer all appointment enquiries to be made using our website.

**[bit.ly/trucknp](http://bit.ly/trucknp)**

**Alternatively you may call us on**

**0400 473 441** or email us at

**[truck@thedentalstation.com.au](mailto:truck@thedentalstation.com.au)**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

## FROM THE CEO DESK FEBRUARY 2019

Council held its Ordinary Meeting on Friday 15 February 2019. As is customary all Councillors provided an overview of activities they have undertaken since the last Council meeting.

In addition to a wide range of meetings and activities attended by Councillors during the month, all Councillors met with Mr Robert Prestipino (Vital Places) together with Department of State Development representatives Mr John Bird and Mrs Jody Dare in relation to the Wellspring project.

Council has been allocated \$1.09 million under the Works for Queensland 2019/2021 program. Council resolved to undertake the following works under the program:

John Waugh Park exclusion fencing \$140,000;

- Eromanga Tennis/Multi-purpose court \$120,000;
- Road Infrastructure \$480,000;
- Ricky Milosevic Memorial \$130,000;
- Grid renewals \$100,000; and
- Concrete footpaths Quilpie \$120,000.

Council were provided with information on the options available to rectify the ongoing issues being experienced with the Eromanga television transmission. A decision on this matter will be made at the March Council meeting. Also to be considered at the March meeting is options for Council to coordinate a container exchange scheme for the shire.

Council approved the request received from the Adavale Sports & Recreation Inc. Committee to sponsor the cost of the Ambulance Service to be present at the 2019 Stockman's Challenge, Rodeo, Gymkhana and Bikekhana.

It is a requirement under s167 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that a local government must prepare and adopt a long-term asset management plan. As such, Council reviewed and adopted the updated Water Supply Services Asset Management Plan and Sewerage Services Asset Management Plan.

An application has been lodged for a new bore under the 2019/2021 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP). Council ratified a second application for the South West Regional Road and Transport Group for funding the Regional Asset Management Strategy.

Council has been advised that Real Energy has made application for a Petroleum Pipeline Licence (PPL) to the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. Real Energy intends to construct a raw gas transmission pipeline from its Windorah Gas Project into the Santos operated PL141 where it will tie in to the existing Mt Howitt facility. The proposed pipeline will be approximately 15km in length, and lie entirely within the "Plevna Downs" property.

Cr Mackenzie left the meeting while this matter was discussed and voted upon where it was resolved that no submission on the application would be made.

Amnesty International have requested that Council give consideration to adopting a Refugee Community Sponsorship Program.

Council supported the adoption of a Refugee Community Sponsorship Program and will write to Federal members requesting that they:

Adopt a more affordable visa structure for the Community Support Program (CSP) to make it more affordable to sponsors, including community organisations, families and businesses;

- Make the cap on the CSP additional to our current humanitarian intake, in order to recognize the generosity of our communities and businesses, rather than shifting both the costs and responsibilities to them;
- Provide adequate support and services to assist with resettlement and community integration; and
- Ensure people in need of protection are prioritised to settle in Australia.

Regional Development Australia Darling Downs and South West (RDA DDSW) has invited Council to nominate one key issue and one reserve issue to be discussed and progressed at the upcoming "Five Issues Forum" being held in Cunnamulla on 07 March 2019. The forum will be attended by representatives from local, state and federal government together with other relevant stakeholders for the purpose of nominating priorities for the region. Council nominated population decline and zonal tax rebates as key issues.

Following requests for deputations to various ministerial representatives, Quilpie Shire Council has been invited to meet with Deputy Prime Minister Hon Michael McCormack MP, Federal Member for Maranoa and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Hon David Littleproud MP and the Minister for Energy Hon. Angus Taylor MP on a range of issues. Crs Mackenzie, Hewson and Hall were authorised to attend the meetings in Canberra.

As usual a range of other administrative matters were also discussed. The full minutes of the most recent and previous meetings are available on Council's website at [www.quilpie.qld.gov.au](http://www.quilpie.qld.gov.au) (About Council / Meetings).

I am happy to meet with anyone that would like further information on any meeting outcomes. Members of the community are also reminded that all Councillors are happy to speak with you on any issue.

Regards,  
Dave B.



# Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March

## The Outback Comedy Gala is back in 2019!!!!

Featuring some of Australia's funniest home-grown, seasoned to perfection talent, the Outback Comedy Gala is a one-stop show of side-splitting, funny-bone tickling laughs.

**This is a night out not to be missed!**

Further details to follow

*Proudly presented by arTour, Quilpie Shire Council and RADF*



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### **RADF FUNDED WORKSHOP**

### **PATCHWORK WORKSHOP – LOCAL TUTOR LOUISE HALL**

### **'30 DEGREE TRIANGLES'**

**SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019**

*This "30 Degree Triangles" workshop is designed using a 30 degree ruler, to crosscut strips of beautiful fabric to form the triangles, then turning into square units. This workshop will challenge the mind with precision cutting and matching of seams.*

*Local tutor, Louise Hall is a skilled & creative teacher, so come along & create a cushion cover or table runner or a quilt with this stunning "30 Degree Triangles"*

*Encouraging & supporting local tutors is a wonderful achievement for our "Unique" Shire. Beginners welcome & encouraged to attend our workshops.*

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS WORKSHOP – Contact Jan McConnell 0428 562 083 for bookings & Requirement Lists.**

**Daily Workshop Fees – Members \$30.00, Non-Members \$55.00, Pensioners \$25.00.**

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## HEART of AUSTRALIA

**WE WILL BE VISITING QUILPIE DURING MARCH 2019**

The mobile clinic will offer the current services:

- Cardiology specialist consultation
- Stress echocardiograms
- Telehealth sleep consultation
- Exercise stress testing
- Echocardiograms
- 24 hour holter monitoring
- 24 hour blood pressure monitoring
- ECG
- Sleep Studies and CPAP support
- RFT
- Endocrinology specialist consultation *coming soon*
- Psychiatry specialist consultation *coming soon*

Bookings for Consultations and tests can now be made through [Heart of Australia](http://www.heartofaustralia.com)

To download a Referral Form visit: [www.heartofaustralia.com](http://www.heartofaustralia.com)

Phone: 07 3162 5310  
Fax: 07 3077 7153



**Caring for Carers: a new program to reach carers for people with dementia**



The *Caring for Carers of People with Dementia Project* links carers of older people with dementia to other carers living in regional and rural Australia. The chat-based group program allows carers to chat with other carers in similar circumstances. Carers join a weekly group videoconference meeting from their home and connect with other carers in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Carers have the opportunity to share information, experience and skills. The program is available to primary carers of a person with dementia.

The project team is keen to hear from carers who would like to participate. To register or find out more, please contact the project by email [carers@cqu.edu.au](mailto:carers@cqu.edu.au) or phone Karen Nixon on 0427 812 156 or Kristen Forster on 0437 579 695. You can also register your interest online at [cqu.edu.au/caringforthecarers](http://cqu.edu.au/caringforthecarers)

# The National Disability Insurance Scheme (also called the NDIS) is the new way of providing disability support.

The NDIS will provide all Australians under the age of 65 who have a permanent and significant disability with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.



The NDIS will help people with disability achieve their goals. This may include greater independence,



As an insurance scheme, the NDIS takes a lifetime approach, investing in people with disability early to improve their outcomes later in life.



The NDIS also provides people with disability, their family and carers with information and referrals to existing support services in the community.



By 2019, the NDIS will support about 460,000 Australians with disability.



## Can I access the NDIS?

**To become an NDIS participant a person must:**

- ✓ Have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities;
- ✓ Be aged less than 65 when they first enter the NDIS;
- ✓ Be an Australian citizen or hold a permanent visa or a Protected Special Category visa; and
- ✓ Live in Australia where the NDIS is available.

**Can I still receive support if I do not meet the access requirements for the NDIS?**

A person does not have to be an NDIS participant to receive support from the NDIS. The NDIS will connect people with disability, their families and carers, including people who are not NDIS participants, to disability and mainstream supports in their community.

**To find out more call or visit  
Council's NDIS Support  
Coordinator, Chris Houghton on  
0436 816 827**