OCTOBER 2026

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

From the Mayors Desk

With the wonderful success of the dryland grain sorghum crop at Maxwelton this year, Council has agreed to expand the farming area to the north side of the rail line and plough and plant the old dip clearing paddock. This paddock has not been utilised for many years now, with cattle producers choosing to feed hay in the yards rather than put them out in a paddock for 4 days. We burned that paddock recently in preparation for ploughing. The grain sorghum has proven to be a game changer for many, not only the Council. We have been selling to several cattle producers and feed lotters in the Northwest, Longreach and as far away as the Northern Territory. Council should make a net profit of approximately $500 000.00 once it has all been sold. We already have orders for 5000 tonnes for next year. Income like this should hopefully SILENCE the knockers and negative people that have been critical and unsupportive of our attempt to continue to build INCOME STREAMS for our community. CHANGE IS INEVITABLE, SO WE NEED TO LIVE WITH IT.

The upgrades of our streets will continue with more streets being rehabilitated and bitumen seal going down. This is a program that is ongoing so please bear with us. I am sure this work is appreciated by many.

Richmond will have a huge year with construction in 2027. Tenders will be delivered for the construction of the bridge over the Stawell River at the Cambridge Crossing - $25 million. Tenders will also be out for the upgrade of a brand-new airport and runway - $25 million. Roadwork continue on the final seal of the Richmond to Winton Road. Housing initiatives - with a number of houses being built and a new subdivision underway. Strategic Minerals will begin mining gold in 2027/28 on the Woolgar Gold Fields, and the list goes on, so be prepared for activity.

Your Council has donated $5000.00 a year to Lifeflight over the last couple of years to make sure we have the A-139 helicopter in our region to save lives. It is based at Mount Isa. This is a great cause, and we all need to support saving the lives of our own people that live, work and play in our region. This helicopter can do many things that a plane cannot, such as land in the middle of the paddock, or at a vehicle accident on the road somewhere.

However, in saying that, RSC also has supported the RFDS for many years with refunding all our Landing Fees back to them. Council has been doing this for a long time, as we need the RFDS jet/plane also to help transfer patients from our communities to larger hospitals urgently. This year RSC have refunded to the RFDS an amount of $14,583.40. Not bad for a small community. Congratulations Richmond. I doubt if too many councils donate that type of money to our First Responders in saving lives.

This week coming, myself, some Councillors and the CEO, Mr. Peter Bennett will be attending the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Conference in Cairns. This is attended by 77 Councils, sponsors, Government Ministers and Departments both State and Federal, and many other engineering companies and consultants. 600 to 700 people in all. Many motions are debated and some of them can influence Councils like ours if you are not there to put your side across.

Let's all remember at 11.00 a.m. on 11 November as it is Remembrance Day. There will be a service starting at 10.45 am at the Lions Park. At 11.00 am we should all share a minute's SILENCE in memory of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. If you are driving at the time, please take a minute and stop. Let's be a community that cares and recognises our service men and women whether they are alive or passed on. National pride is important.

Cr John Wharton AM



Councillor's Corner

Cr Brown

Celebrating Seniors Month

As you would be aware with the recent letter box drop - October is Seniors Month. It has been a time to celebrate the experiences, wisdom and contributions of our older residents. Richmond Shire Council has been busy hosting many events for those residents of Richmond over 60 years of age. The events were funded thanks to a successful grant application. Richmond Shire Council were one of only 12 successful recipients from 208 applications across Queensland to receive Seniors Month funding from COTA Qld.

Growing older is a blessing that should never be taken for granted. Many of us have family members and friends who never had the opportunity to reach their 50th birthday, much less their 60th, which makes milestones like these all the more meaningful and worthy of celebration. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the morning and reconnecting with friends, both old and new.

Thank you to everyone who participated and to everybody who worked behind the scenes to bring these events to life.

- HACC team for hosting events.
- Moonrock staff and Kronosaurus Korner staff for hosting events.
- Narelle Shaw and her team of staff and horses for their contribution.

The events included morning teas at Kronosaurus Korner, HACC hall and the Cambridge Heritage shed, along with a luncheon.

I was able to attend events at the beginning of the month, but will be unable to attend any held in the last two weeks of the month due to being on leave. While on leave I will be attending the LGAQ conference and spending time with my parents.

It is always wonderful to see our community come together, share in the celebration, share stories and enjoy good company.



LGAQ Conference

The LGAQ conference is being held in Cairns this year. This will be my first time attending and I am looking forward to the program that includes Council show cases, highlighting innovative projects and achievements, panel discussions about challenges, policy issues and priorities shaping the state of local government. There will be an AGM, forum, debate and point on local government motions.

Outside School Hours Care

All staff at the OSHC have had to complete more child safety education through the GECCKO portal - Get Early Childhood Compliance Knowledge Online. As OSHC is a part of my portfolio, I too was invited to complete the extra course. It is recommended that a member of the organisations' leadership team also completes the training. I have completed three of the five courses. Thank you to the OSHC team: Teena, Anastacia and Lorna, who are committed to ensuring that they remain up to date with their learning, being able to deliver a program that is certainly comparable to any OSHC within the state of QLD.

Remembrance Day

Richmond Shire Council will host a small event commencing at 10:45am on November 11 in Jack Brown Park. Remembrance Day is a Memorial Day observed by Australia and countries previously or currently connected to the British empire. The day commemorates when the hostilities ended at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918. The Council host this event as Richmond no longer has an active RSL committee.

Australia Day

Richmond Shire Council have invited members of the community to host the annual Australia Day event. This is a great way to fundraise for your club. Council is also inviting community members to actively take part in the selection process of the 2027 Australia Day award recipients.

For more information, please contact Angela Henry on 4719 3377

Cr Judy Brown

GYM MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Gym members are reminded to check their membership expiry dates ahead of the upcoming Christmas and New Year closure.

The Council Office will close at 5:00pm on 23 December 2026 and reopen at 8:20am on 4 January 2027.

If your gym membership is due to expire during this period, please visit the Council office before the closure to ensure your renewal is processed in time.

We encourage all members to renew early to avoid any interruption to gym access.

GET READY RICHMOND – PREPARE FOR THE WET SEASON

With the storm and wet season approaching, Richmond Shire Council is encouraging residents to take the time to prepare their homes, families and properties for potential severe weather events.

Living in North West Queensland means we are no strangers to heavy rainfall, flooding and unpredictable weather. Being prepared can make a significant difference in keeping yourself, your family and your property safe.

Residents are encouraged to review their emergency plans, prepare an emergency kit with essential supplies, secure loose items around their properties and ensure they have adequate food, water and medications in case of prolonged road closures or isolation.

It is also important to stay informed by monitoring weather warnings, local road conditions and Council updates throughout the wet season.

Remember, if it's flooded, forget it! Never attempt to drive through floodwaters, regardless of how familiar you are with the road.

For more information, helpful checklists and practical tips on preparing for severe weather, visit the Queensland Government's Get Ready Queensland website at www.getready.qld.gov.au.

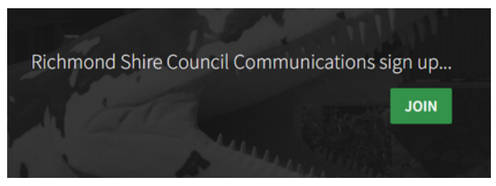
A little preparation now can make a big difference when severe weather arrives.

STAY CONNECTED, STAY INFORMED AND HELP US KEEP OUR COMMUNITY PREPARED!

Are you new to Richmond or recently moved to a rural property within the Shire? Richmond Shire Council encourages all residents to stay connected and ensure their contact details are up to date.

Register for Council Communications

Don't miss out on important Council notices. Residents can register for our Council communications email database through our website at www.richmond.qld.gov.au.



Moved to a Rural Property?

If you have recently moved to a rural property within Richmond Shire, please email stephanief@richmond.qld.gov.au to request a Richmond Shire Rural Properties Emergency Planning and Response Form. This information assists Council with emergency planning and response, particularly during severe weather events and the wet season.

Need to Update Your Details?

Have you changed your phone number, email address, emergency contacts or property details? Please get in touch via phone 4719 3377 so we can ensure our records are up to date.

Do You Follow Us on Facebook?

Stay in the loop with what's happening across the Shire!
Follow Richmond Shire Council on Facebook.
Stay connected, stay informed and help us keep our community prepared!

SCAN ME

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for your next job? We have exciting opportunities waiting for you!

EMPLOYMENT

SCAN HERE

NOTICE OF 2026 MEETING DATES

Council Meetings start at 10:00am
Location: 65 Golding Street

17 November
8 December

ROAD ADVISORY

Road Condition Reports

Can be accessed by scanning the QR Code below.

ROAD REPORT

SCAN HERE

SWIMMING POOL

Council would like to advise the community of updated operating hours for the Richmond Pool.

Monday - Friday
6:00am - 9:00am
2:30pm - 6:30pm
Saturday & Sunday
7:00am - 10:30am
3:00pm - 6:30pm

Council encourages all residents and visitors to familiarise themselves with the updated schedule when planning their visits.

REFUSE TIP HOURS

Council would like to advise the community of the Refuse Tip hours.

Monday - Sunday (excluding Wednesday & Public Holidays)
7:00am - 6:00pm daily
Wednesday
7:30am - 3:00pm

The gates to the Refuse Tip will be locked outside these hours and Public Holidays.


REMEMBRANCE DAY
11 NOVEMBER • WEDNESDAY
JACK BROWN LIONS PARK
GOLDRING STREET
Lest We Forget
SERVICE COMMENCES
10:45AM
JACK BROWN LIONS PARK
GOLDRING STREET
REGISTER WITH COUNCIL IF YOU REQUIRE A WREATH
CONTACT:
07 4719 3377

Expression of Interest to Host AUSTRALIA DAY 2027

Celebrate our community!

Richmond Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from Local Clubs to host the 2027 Australia Day Awards.

COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE

- $1000 Donation.
- All food for the free community event.
- Chairs; tables etc.

CLUBS WILL PROVIDE

- A venue and an Australia Day activity for the community.
- Volunteers to serve the food at the free community event.

Clubs are welcome to conduct further fundraising activities at the event.



For more information or to submit an EOI:
Please contact Angela Henry
(07) 4719 3377
angelah@richmond.qld.gov.au

Expression of Interest close:
Friday,
6 November 2026
at 9:00am

Together we celebrate what makes our community great!

Australia Day AWARDS 2027

CELEBRATING THE PEOPLE
WHO MAKE OUR SHIRE GREAT

Nominate Now

SHINE A LIGHT ON A LOCAL LEGEND

Recognise an individual, group or event that has made an outstanding contribution to our community.

AWARD CATEGORIES

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
An outstanding individual who has made a significant contribution to our community.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
A young person (under 18) who has demonstrated leadership and made a positive impact.

SENIOR SPORTSPERSON
A person 18 years or older with a noteworthy record of achievement in sport.

JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON
A person under 18 with a noteworthy record of achievement in sport.

SPORTS ADMINISTRATOR
An individual who has made a significant contribution to organising, managing or developing local sport.

SARUS CRANE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Recognising efforts to protect and enhance our natural environment.

ARTS AND CULTURAL AWARD
An individual or group who has made an influential contribution to the arts and culture.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD
A local group, individual or organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

COMMUNITY EVENT AWARD
The most outstanding community event held within the Richmond Shire during the preceding 12 months.

RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL

NOMINATIONS CLOSE
TUESDAY
1 DECEMBER 2026
AT 9:00AM

Nominate today!

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO FIND OUT MORE AND
SUBMIT A NOMINATION.

See something, Snap something

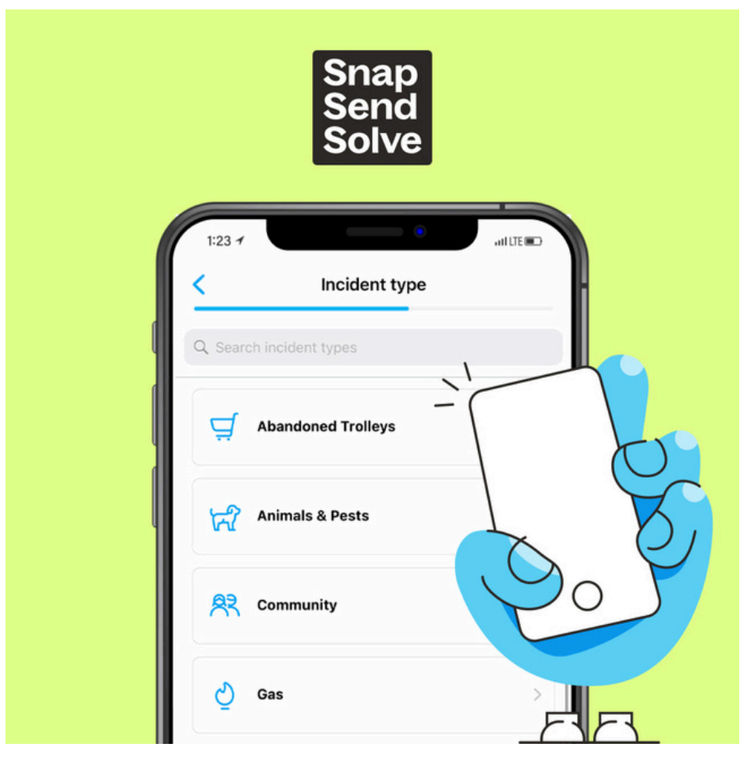
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