BOTTLE TREE CONNECT

7 October 2026 edition

Welcome to the October edition of Bottle Tree Connect, Maranoa Regional Council's community eNewsletter!

In this monthly edition, you can catch up on what's happening across the Maranoa including some exciting opportunities to help shape the future of your region through Volunteer Roundtables and Biosecurity Management Plan Workshop Consultations.

Don't forget to keep an eye out on the Maranoa Regional Council Events Calendar, your one-stop destination for everything happening across our vibrant region: maranoa.co/MaranoaEventsCalendar



You're invited: Volunteer Roundtables happening across the Maranoa

During these roundtable sessions, you will have the opportunity to talk about your experiences, challenges and needs across the Maranoa region. This will not only help community groups and organisations connect with others and find solutions over a free dinner and contribute to the development of Council's Volunteer Strategy.

Maranoa Regional Council Mayor Wendy Taylor highly encourages people to attend. "Let's give our hard-working volunteers a better future they all deserve!"

Read more by scanning the QR Code.

COUNCILLOR CORNER

Welcome to the Councillor Update.

There has been plenty happening across the Maranoa in recent months, particularly in the areas of economic development, housing and community events, and I am pleased to share a few updates with you.

A major highlight for me was the launch of Council's "Why Maranoa, Why Now" Investment Prospectus at the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise Evening held in Roma in September. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our region and share the Maranoa story with businesses, investors and industry leaders. We are incredibly proud of our region and proud of the story that has shaped it.

Agriculture, energy, small business and the community have all played an important role in making the Maranoa what it is today. But what I find particularly exciting is that our story is not finished.

There is something really exciting about what the next chapter might look like - how the industries that have served us for generations will continue to evolve, and what new industries and opportunities might emerge in the years ahead.

Council developed the prospectus because we want to make sure that when people are looking for their next opportunity, the Maranoa is part of that conversation. It highlights the strength of our economy, which is estimated at $2.78 billion and supported by more than 2,600 local businesses across industries including mining, agriculture, energy, transport, health care and tourism. It also reinforces that the Maranoa is open for business and ready to work hand in hand with investors and locals to turn opportunity into reality.

Importantly, the prospectus is backed by Council's new Investment Concierge Service, which provides a practical point of contact for businesses and investors wanting to better understand the opportunities available across our region. Whether someone is considering expansion, relocation or a completely new venture, Council wants to be approachable and practical in helping them explore what is possible here.

Council is also continuing work on its draft Economic Development Strategy, which will help guide future business growth, investment attraction and local employment opportunities across the region.

Alongside this, the Draft Maranoa Regional Housing Strategy 2026–2035 has now been endorsed for stakeholder consultation. Housing is a critical part of our region's future, and this strategy will help shape how we support housing supply, liveability and workforce attraction over the coming years.



Council's Community Grants Program is also a really important way we support local groups and organisations doing great things across the Maranoa. Round One of the 2026/27 financial year is now open, with funding available for projects, activities and events across areas such as community development, culture and heritage, sport and recreation, environment and economic development. It is always great to see the variety of projects that come forward, and I encourage community and not-for-profit groups to consider applying for 31 October 2026.

In the events space, applications are now open for Round 4 of Council's Events Assistance Program. Grants of up to $2,000 are available to support local events, and I encourage event organisers with something coming up later this year or early next year to take advantage of this opportunity before applications close on 31 October 2026.

As we head into the final months of 2026, I am sure everyone's calendar is starting to fill up with end of year celebrations.

Planning is well under way for the Maranoa Christmas Street Party, which will be held from 5.00pm to 8.30pm on Thursday, 3 December in McDowall Street, Roma. This year's event will have a fun pool theme in celebration of the opening of the Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre, so think Hawaiian shirts, tropical Christmas, pool toys and plenty of summer fun. There will be rides, live entertainment, Christmas carols, market stalls, food vendors, Santa and the chance to win some local prizes.

Importantly, Council has also supported Christmas events across the Maranoa communities, helping spread festive cheer right across the region.

I look forward to continuing to work with the members of the Maranoa as we close out the year, so if I can be of assistance please reach out.
Until next month, take care.

Your Councillor
Johanne Hancock

COUNCIL MEETING SNAPSHOT



Are you curious to find out what happened in the latest Ordinary Council Meeting that took place on Thursday, 24 September 2026?

The snapshot is out now on Council's website and below, providing you a summary of the key topics discussed and what the outcomes were.

Finalisation of the Environmental Protection Order and Compliance Notice

Council is pleased to share that Council has completed the Environmental Protection Order (EPO) and Compliance Notice issued to Council in January 2024. What this means, is that the work completed by Council has satisfied the EPO and confirms the Department has lifted this order.

Uncovering this serious matter in the early days of the 2024 -2028 term of Council and taking swift action via this terms first budget means our community has not been hit with a $4,837,500 fine.

Thank you to the staff who have implemented a massive change both in infrastructure and operationally. Thank you to our residents, especially those in our regional communities, for their patience, their willingness to adapt and for their feedback throughout the process.

This is an important step, and Council will continue to work through the remaining unresolved issues and implementation of compliant and sustainable waste management operations into the future.

Application through Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program 2026/2027

Council has approved $2,000 through the Regional Arts Development Fund to support a Creative Lampshade Making workshop.

The funding will go to Booringa Action Group as the supporting organisation, on behalf of Mitchell on Maranoa – Friends of the Gallery. It is great to see the Mitchell community being able to access this bespoke craft workshop.

Works for Queensland (W4Q) Housing Project Update | Consideration for Contract Award - Miscamble / Crawford Street Housing Development

In response to the current housing crisis, Council has taken another step towards increasing the housing supply in the Maranoa. Through the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland Program, Council allocated approximately $2 million towards the construction of three new residential dwellings at 2 Crawford Street, Roma.

This project is part of Council's work to increase housing supply, which helps support workforce attraction and retention and the broader growth of our region.

There's more to know!

You can watch the full Council meeting online to stay up to date with everything happening in the Maranoa region by scanning the QR code.

Get Ready Queensland Week: 5-11 October 2026

In Queensland, weather can turn quickly. Being prepared pays off. So this year, don't just get ready, Get Queensland ready!
Get your Severe Weather Checklist via the QR code.



THIS WEEK AT THE ROMA SALEYARDS

Tuesday, 6 October 2026



Over 9,500 head were yarded at Roma Saleyards on Tuesday, 6 October, with numbers lifting on recent weeks at the marketplace of choice.
Find out more by scanning the QR code.

NEWS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

October is Seniors Month



Get ready Maranoa seniors with Queensland Seniors Month kicking off once again across October.

Mark your calendars for these unmissable events:

- REGIONAL EVENT: Seniors Month Luncheon
- Roma Lions Annual Seniors Month BBQ
- Roma Men's Shed Morning Tea
- Morning Tea at Oliver's Cafe, Mitchell
- As Time Goes By exhibition, Surat

There's so much more!
Scan the QR code to find out more.

Local Sporting Achievements Recognised on Roma PCYC Wall of Fame



Council recently celebrated the induction of Ritchie Lucht and Jed Price into the Roma PCYC Wall of Fame, recognising their outstanding sporting achievements and representation at national and international level.Young BMX rider Ritchie Lucht has achieved impressive results, including becoming Queensland Champion in 2025, placing third at the 2025 Australian BMX Championships and finishing runner-up at the 2026 Australian BMX Championships. His success earned him the opportunity to represent Australia at the 2026 UCI BMX World Championships. Jed Price was recognised for his achievements in duathlon, including national success and representing Australia at the 2024 World Triathlon Age Group Multisport World Championships in Townsville, where he became World Champion in the Male 35–39 Sprint Distance Duathlon.
Read more by scanning the QR code.

Roma on Bungil Gallery Named Finalist in State Gallery Awards



Maranoa Regional Council is proud to announce that the Roma on Bungil Gallery has been named a finalist in the 2026 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA), presented by Museums & Galleries Queensland.
The winners of the 2026 Museum and Gallery Achievement Awards will be announced at a presentation event at the Ipswich Art Gallery on Thursday, 8 October 2026.
Maranoa Regional Council congratulates the Roma on Bungil Gallery team and all those who contributed to the success of *The Wealth: Portraits of Maranoa Locals.*
Read more by scanning the QR code.

Applications for Events Assistance Program Round 4 are open now!



Council would like to advise Maranoa event organisers across the region that applications for Round 4 of the Events Assistance Program are open now.

The program has been carefully designed with funding available to suit events of all sizes to help organisations cover costs such as event setup, promotion, equipment hire or venue expenses.
Applications for Round 4 of the Events Assistance Program close on Saturday, 31 October 2026.

For more information and to apply, please contact your Local Development Officer or visit Council's website by scanning the QR code.

Draft Biosecurity Management Plan Update



Council is pleased to share that the Biosecurity Management Plan 2027-2032 has been drafted and are now at the stage where they are seeking community feedback.
Council has released a survey about the Plan, which they encourage residents to complete. The survey is open now to landholders, industry groups and other relevant stakeholders. This survey will close at 5:00pm on Monday, 12 October 2026.
In addition to conducting the survey, Council is also holding community consultation forums in Mitchell, Injune, Yuleba, Surat and Roma in October.
For more information about the Draft Biosecurity Management Plan, survey and community consultation forums, please visit Council's website by scanning the QR code.

New prospectus puts Maranoa's investment opportunities in the spotlight

The development and future-proofing of the Maranoa region was front and centre on Thursday, 3 September, as Maranoa Regional Council launched its "Why Maranoa, Why Now" Investment Prospectus at the Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) Evening.

Against the backdrop of the Big Rig in Roma, Maranoa Regional Council unveiled the new investment prospectus, an essential resource signalling that the Maranoa region is open for business and ready to work hand-in-hand with investors to turn opportunity into reality.

Read more by scanning the QR code.



Desex Your Pets - Vouchers Still Available!

Desexing vouchers are still available for responsible pet owners across the Maranoa.

Each voucher is valued at $150, helping reduce the cost of having your cat or dog desexed. There is a limit of one voucher per household, with vouchers redeemable at Maranoa Veterinary Surgery and Roma Vet Clinic.

To apply or learn more, contact Council's Community Safety Team on 1300 007 662 or scan the QR Code.

Sale of Land Auction Notice

Maranoa Regional Council hereby gives notice that unless the rates and charges owing on the land set out in the Schedule hereunder, details of which have already been supplied to the respective registered owner, are paid in full, the said land will be sold by ONLINE PUBLIC AUCTION commencing at 12:30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Wednesday 28 October 2026 at the link below.

Properties include:

- Lot 10 RP 53700, River Road, Mitchell Qld 4465 - reference number: 12035182
- Lot 4 SP 258453, 13 Tyrconnel Street, Mungallala Qld 4467 – reference number: 50979498
- Lot 3 SP 203111, 74 Ann Street, Mitchell Qld 4465 – reference number: 50672617
- Lot 21 RP 30933, 70 Chrystal Street, Roma Qld 4455 – reference number: 12272103

All other queries can be directed to Maranoa Regional Council on 1300 007 662.

SALE OF LAND

AUCTION NOTICE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012

The Maranoa Regional Council hereby gives notice that unless the rates and charges owing on the land set out in the Schedule hereunder, details of which have already been supplied to the respective registered owner, are sooner paid, the said land will be sold by public **ONLINE ONLY** auction commencing at 12:30pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Wednesday 28 October 2026 via the link: https://maranoa.co/SaleofLand

Registered Property Description	Title Reference	Property Location
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Dated at Roma this 25 September 2026

Robert Hayward
Chief Executive Officer

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For any queries regarding the auction process please follow the link via the QR code.

Open Now: Community Grants Program Round 1 for 2026/27



Community and not-for-profit organisations are called to get in quick to help bring that project, event or idea to life by applying for one of the following community grants.
Grant categories include:

- Small Grant (co-funded by Senex Energy): Up to $5,000 (No co-contribution required but favoured).
- Major Grant: $5,001-$20,000 (Up to 50% co-contribution required).

Read more by scanning the QR code.

Reminder: Be a part of Maranoa's Youth Council



The clock is ticking - Expressions of Interest for the Maranoa Regional Youth Council close on Friday, 16 October!

This is not a program to be missed – it will offer the next generation aged between the ages of 12-18 a variety of wonderful opportunities such as:

- Developing their skills, sharing ideas and advocating for their peers
- Learning more about the local government within our region
- Working with Council, council employees and the community to help make a real difference in the Maranoa

For more information, please call Council on 1300 007 662 or visit Council's website by scanning the QR code.

Maranoa Christmas Street Party to return in 2026



The festive season is just around the corner and Maranoa Regional Council is gearing up for one of the most anticipated Christmas events of the year – the Maranoa Christmas Street Party!

This year we're adding a splash of summer fun with a Christmas Pool Party theme, celebrating the reopening of the Roma Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre the following week. Think Hawaiian shirts, tropical Christmas outfits, pool toys and plenty of summer fun. There will also be prizes for the best dressed, so come along in your most festive and creative pool party attire!

The Street Party will feature amusement rides, live entertainment, Christmas carols, market stalls, food vendors, and Santa.
Read more by scanning the QR code.

Christmas Street Party stallholder & food vendor applications open now

With jingling and joy set to sprinkle across McDowall Street at the 2026 Maranoa Christmas Street Party on Thursday, 3 December, Council is calling all local businesses and community organisations to join the magic with stallholder and food vendor applications open now.

Whether you would like to hold a market or food stall, run a fundraising activity, or showcase your community organisation at this fun-filled event, Council would like to hear from you.

Stallholder and food vendor applications close on Friday, 20 November – to book your stall, please scan the QR code.



Nominate an Aussie legend

Guess what, Maranoa? There's still time to nominate someone for a 2027 Australia Day Award!

With nominations closing on 31 October, now is the perfect time to recognise the people in our community who go above and beyond.

This year, let's all aim to nominate at least one deserving person or organisation for an award.

Nomination categories for 2027 include: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Contribution Award, Community Organisation Award, Cultural Contribution Award, Sports Award, Junior Sports Award and the Andrea Murray Memorial Award.

Nominate someone by scanning the QR Code.



Roma Dog Park upgrades get tails wagging at Bark in the Park

Recent upgrades to the Roma Dog Park are giving local dogs and their owners an improved space to exercise, play and enjoy time together.

Delivered in response to community feedback, the upgrades include new turf, irrigation and agility equipment, enhancing the park and providing a dedicated space for dogs to run, play and socialise.

The improvements were showcased at Maranoa Regional Council's annual Bark in the Park event on Saturday, 3 October, with local dog owners and their four-legged companions making the most of the newly upgraded facility.

A highlight of the event was a live working dog demonstration by Renee Spencer, from the popular ABC series Muster Dogs, along with a range of activities for local dog owners and their pets.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



September school holiday program delivers fun across the Maranoa



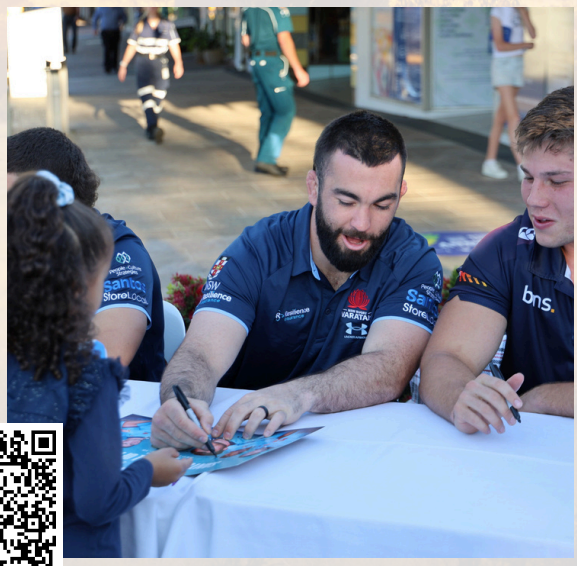
With spring well and truly sprung, the September School Holiday Program was back, keeping Maranoa's young people thoroughly occupied while school was out.
With activities taking place across the region, the program offered a variety of options for young residents to enjoy throughout the holidays.
Councillor John Birkett, Portfolio for Youth, said the program offered a great diversity of activities.
"The program gave people the opportunity to try a variety of things that they might not otherwise have had the chance to do," he said.
Read more by scanning the QR Code.

A Roaring Night of Celebration



It was a night filled with community spirit and celebration as a large crowd of Maranoa residents came together to celebrate the official grand reopening of Lions Park, Roma Friday, 25 September.
The aroma of the Lion's club monthly donuts and fish and chips being cooked up commenced the celebrations before people gathered for speeches and the official plaque unveiling, marking the start of the park's next chapter.
The night continued with people enjoying drinks from Ralphie's coffee van, dessert from Bessie's ice-cream van and free face painting by Susie Klien and her team, before settling down on beanbags, picnic rugs and camp chairs to watch the 2026 release of Minions and Monsters under the stars.
Read more by scanning the QR Code.

Council celebrates a rugby-filled weekend



It was every rugby union fan's dream weekend come true as the grand Santos Festival of Rugby made another epic return to Roma on Friday and Saturday, 18 – 19 September, 2026.
For the first time ever, the festival officially kicked off in a buzzing Street Party down Roma's McDowall Street on Friday night, 18 September.
Footballs, famous rugby players, and a live band fuelled the community's excitement with Roma's main street quickly filling up with people to enjoy the fun on offer.
The party didn't stop there as rugby games from the Queensland Reds, and NSW Waratahs, including their full Super Rugby and Super Rugby Women's squads hit the Roma Gallas Fox Park for a rugby-packed day on Saturday, 19 September.
Read more by scanning the QR Code.

ABBA Tribute Show sings up a good night



The Roma Cultural Centre was the place to be on Friday night, 18 September 2026 as the ABBA Girls Tribute Show took to the stage, bringing out our communities inner dancing queens.
Attendees clapped, sang and danced along to the ABBA hits while enjoying food and drinks from the canteen.
Councillor Johanne Hancock, Portfolio for Events, said Council was proud to support this event alongside the Roma Show Society and the Queensland Government.
"It was great to see attendees dress up, have fun and catch up with one another over a great night of entertainment," Cr Hancock said.
Read more by scanning the QR Code.

Community and Councillors talk annual budget



The Maranoa Region's Councillors had the opportunity to meet with residents to discuss all things related to the 2026–27 budget at the recent Councillor Out and About sessions, held over four days from 29 August to 3 September 2026.
These catch-ups gave residents the chance to connect with their councillors, discuss the 2026–27 budget, ask questions, and raise any concerns they may have.
To find out more information about the past Councillor Out and About sessions, to lodge a Customer Request, or to find out Council Meeting dates please visit Council's website via the QR Code.

RURAL LANDS

Invasive Pest: Wild Dogs



Wild dogs are a category 3, 4, and 6 restricted animals under the Biosecurity Act 2014. Wild dogs have significant impacts on agriculture, biodiversity and community wellbeing by preying on livestock, threatening native wildlife, spreading disease, and causing economic losses for landholders. There are multiple options for controlling wild dogs, including exclusion fencing, trapping, shooting, baiting and livestock guardian animals. Councils bi-annual baiting program runs from 12-23 October 2026. There is also monthly adhoc baiting on the first Wednesday of every month for baiting required outside of the coordinated program.
For more information and control options follow the link below by scanning the QR Code.

UPDATE: DENISE SPENCER AQUATIC CENTRE

Project Update – September 2026

What's Happened This Month

50m Pool
- Cleaning and preparation of the 50m pool commenced ahead of filling in mid-October
- Plant room commissioning works progressed
- Electrical finalisation works continued across the storeroom and grandstand
- Swim Club fit-out progressed, including painting, flooring, ceilings and joinery

25m Pool, Amenities & Entry Building
- Myrtha liner installation progressed across the 25m pool ramp, stairs and internal walls
- Internal fit-out continued across the main building, including wall and ceiling finishes, painting, flooring, glazing and door installation
- Solar installation completed
- Joinery installation commenced
- Fire services and associated infrastructure progressed
- Entry ramp and stair concrete works completed

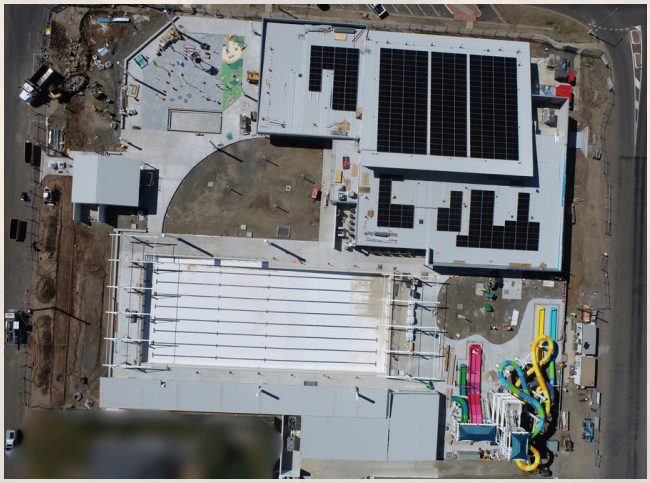
Waterslides, Toddlers Pool & Splash Pad
- Installation of the four waterslides commenced and progressed substantially during September and into October
- Splash pad Lifefloor installation commenced

Around the Site
- Final major concrete works completed
- Landscaping works progressed
- External footpath replacement works commenced
- Facility fit-out planning and procurement continued
- Facility branding, operational readiness and opening event planning progressed

What's Next:
Over the coming month, works will include:
- Installation of shade sails
- Filling 50m pool
- Completion of the 25m pool Myrtha liner
- Continued internal fit out including, painting and floor finishes
- Continued services installation including electrical, data and plumbing
- Pool commissioning works
- Continued operational readiness and facility opening preparations

Spotlight Moment: The Waterslides Take Shape!
After months of preparation, one of the most anticipated features of the new Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre has taken shape during September – the four new waterslides!
Following their arrival in Roma and assembly into larger sections offsite, the slide sections were transported to the Aquatic Centre and carefully lifted into position on the new slide tower.
Throughout September, the colourful sections have progressively connected across the site, with installation now substantially complete and the four slides giving the community its clearest look yet at what awaits when the centre opens.
Reaching up to the 10-metre-high platform, the new attraction includes four different waterslides, offering a mix of experiences for swimmers of different ages and confidence levels.
With the slides now in place, attention turns to the finishing, testing and commissioning works needed to get them ready for opening in December.





WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE MARANOA

October / November 2026

MARANOA & SURROUNDS

Seniors Month



Maranoa Regional Council will be running a wide range of events in honour of Queensland Seniors Month. Keep an eye out on Council's website and socials for the full events program being published soon.

- **Date:** 1 - 30 October
- **Location:** Maranoa

October 1080 Baiting Program



Maranoa Regional Council would like to notify residents and landowners about the upcoming 1080 Baiting Campaign.

- **Date:** 12 - 23 October
- **Location:** Maranoa

Biosecurity Management Plan Consultation Sessions



Council is holding community consultation forums in Mitchell, Injune, Yuleba, Surat and Roma in October

- **Date:** 8 - 13 October 2026
- **Location:** Across the Maranoa

Volunteer Roundtables



Council is calling on all interested and current volunteers and community groups to attend the upcoming Volunteer Roundtables this October.

- **Date:** 8 - 29 October 2026
- **Location:** Across the Maranoa

Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre Grand Opening



You're officially invited to the Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre Grand Opening on 12 December 2026!

- **Date:** 12 December 2026
- **Location:** Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre

INJUNE & SURROUNDS

What's on in the Injune Library



All Maranoa Libraries host a range of events each month for all to enjoy. Check out the full list of events happening in October.

- **Date:** 1 - 31 October
- **Location:** Injune Library
- **Cost:** Free

Taroom Trough Development Plan - Maranoa Community Workshop



An opportunity to get involved early and help shape the conversation around the future of the oil and gas development in the Taroom Trough.

- **Date:** 15 October
- **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00am
- **Location:** Injune Memorial Hall
- **Cost:** Free

Last Aid



Practical knowledge and skills to help you support others during some of life's most challenging moments.

- **Date:** 23 October
- **Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Location:** Injune Memorial Hall
- **Cost:** Free - registration required

Melbourne Cup Spring Time Luncheon



Come along for live entertainment and big screen Melbourne Cup coverage. There will be raffles, sweeps, cent auction and a multidraw.

- **Date:** 3 November
- **Time:** 10:30am
- **Location:** Injune Memorial Hall
- **Cost:** $40 for two course catered meal. Takeaways available $35

SURAT & SURROUNDS

What's on in the Surat Library



All Maranoa Libraries host a range of events each month for all to enjoy. Check out the full list of events happening in October.

- **Date:** 1 - 31 October
- **Location:** Surat Library
- **Cost:** Free

Regeneration by Borderline Regional Arts Association



This exhibition showcases the talent and unique perspectives of artists from along the southern QLD and northern NSW borders.

- **Date:** 5 September - 18 October
- **Location:** Surat on Balonne Gallery
- **Cost:** Free

Last Aid



Practical knowledge and skills to help you support others during some of life's most challenging moments.

- **Date:** 21 October
- **Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Location:** Surat Shire Hall
- **Cost:** Free - registration required

As Time Goes By Exhibition Opening



Join us for the exhibition opening as we celebrate the faces, stories and valuable contributions of our local seniors.

- **Date:** 24 October
- **Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Location:** Surat Shire Hall
- **Cost:** Free - registration required

Sticks, Fibres + Found Things Weaving Workshop



Join artist Claudia Williams from Ilani Creative for a workshop playing and experimenting with weaving using sticks, fibres, fabric, wire and found materials.

- **Date:** 1 November
- **Time:** 10:00am - 3:00pm
- **Location:** Surat Shire Hall Supper Room
- **Cost:** $15

YULEBA, WALLUMBILLA & SURROUNDS

What's on at the Yuleba, Wallumbilla and Jackson Libraries



All Maranoa Libraries host a range of events each month for all to enjoy. Check out the full list of events happening in October.

- **Date:** 1 - 31 October
- **Location:** Yuleba, Wallumbilla and Jackson Libraries
- **Cost:** Free

Taroom Trough Development Plan - Maranoa Community Workshop



An opportunity to get involved early and help shape the conversation around the future of the oil and gas development in the Taroom Trough.

- **Date:** 13 October
- **Time:** 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Location:** Yuleba Memorial Hall
- **Cost:** Free

MITCHELL & SURROUNDS

What's on in the Mitchell and Mungallala Libraries



All Maranoa Libraries host a range of events each month for all to enjoy. Check out the full list of events happening in October.

- **Date:** 1 - 31 October
- **Location:** Mitchell and Mungallala Libraries
- **Cost:** Free

Wangarra Mandana (One Mob) Exhibition by Ash Mitchell



A moving exhibition by local artist Ashley Mitchell, celebrating the stories, culture, and enduring connections of Gunggari Country.

- **Date:** 12 September - 24 October
- **Location:** Mitchell on Maranoa Gallery
- **Cost:** Free

Mitchell Races



The Mitchell Races is one you don't want to miss, come along for a great day out filled with action.

- **Date:** 17 October
- **Time:** 12:00pm - 11:55pm
- **Location:** Mitchell Racecourse
- **Cost:** $15

Last Aid



Practical knowledge and skills to help you support others during some of life's most challenging moments.

- **Date:** 19 October
- **Time:** 10:00am - 2:00pm
- **Location:** Mitchell Shire Hall
- **Cost:** Free - registration required

Bricolage Exhibition



Held during National Recycling Week, Bricolage invites artists, makers, and creatives to reimagine the everyday.

- **Date:** 31 October
- **Location:** Mitchell Library & Gallery
- **Cost:** Free

Mitchell Outreach Clinics



True Relationships and Reproductive Health offer reproductive & sexual health services to all clients at no cost.

- **Date:** 20 November
- **Time:** 8:00am - 5:00pm
- **Location:** Mitchell Medical Practice
- **Cost:** Free

ROMA & SURROUNDS

What's on in the Roma Library



All Maranoa Libraries host a range of events each month for all to enjoy. Check out the full list of events happening in October.

- **Date:** 1 - 31 October
- **Location:** Roma Library
- **Cost:** Free

Roma on Bungil Gallery Presents - Roaming Exhibition



Featuring works by Skye McKenny, Jude McBean, Bruce Zietsch, and Max Powell.

- **Date:** 21 August - 24 October
- **Location:** Roma on Bungil Gallery
- **Cost:** Free

C&K Maranoa Community Kindergarten Presents - I am me and together, we are kindy!



Be sure to check out the amazing artworks by the littlest members of our community.

- **Date:** 2 October - 13 November
- **Location:** Roma on Bungil Gallery
- **Cost:** Free

Just a Farmer Community Screening



As part of Queensland Mental Health Week 2026, you're invited to a FREE screening of the award-winning Australian film *Just A Farmer.*

- **Date:** 11 October
- **Time:** 5:30pm - 9:30pm
- **Location:** Roma Cultural Centre
- **Cost:** Free

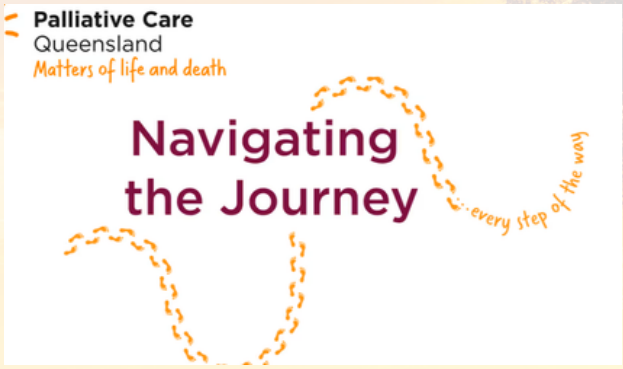
Taroom Trough Development Plan - Maranoa Community Workshop



An opportunity to get involved early and help shape the conversation around the future of the oil and gas development in the Taroom Trough.

- **Date:** 14 October
- **Time:** 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Location:** White Bull Tavern, Roma
- **Cost:** Free

Navigating The Journey



Gain practical knowledge and confidence to support loved ones, plan ahead, and help build a compassionate community.

- **Date:** 24 October
- **Time:** 10:00am - 3:00pm
- **Location:** The Club Hotel, Roma qld
- **Cost:** Free - registrations essential

Dads of Girls



An informal and practical event for dads, stepdads, grandfathers and other male carers who want to better understand and support the girls in their lives as they grow.

- **Date:** 7 September
- **Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm
- **Location:** Roma Men's Shed
- **Cost:** Free

Maranoa SU Chaplaincy Moonie River Beef Challenge Fundraiser and Birthday Dinner



Celebrate 25 years of SU School Chaplaincy in the Maranoa in conjunction with the Moonie River Beef Challenge

- **Date:** 24 October
- **Time:** 6:00pm - 9:30pm
- **Location:** Roma Gun Club
- **Cost:** $75 adults, $30 children 7-12, under 7 years old are free - registrations essential

Dr Douyere returning to Roma this month



Dr John Douyere is returning to Roma to provide confidential healthcare appointments for local doctors, nurses and healthcare professionals.

- **Date:** 26 October
- **Location:** Maranoa Medical Centre

I Love a Sunburnt Roma - Zarabella Bambling art exhibition



Join us for the opening of I Love a Sunburnt Roma, a vibrant exhibition by local artist Zarabella Bambling.

- **Date:** 31 October
- **Time:** 5:00pm
- **Location:** Roma on Bungil Gallery
- **Cost:** Free

Workforce Attraction and Retention Forum



Helping businesses become employers of choice and strengthen the regional workforce.

- **Date:** 4 November
- **Time:** 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- **Location:** Roma Explorers Inn
- **Cost:** Free

Queensland Volunteering Two-Day Conference - Roma Satellite Event



An opportunity for local volunteers, community organisations and people involved in supporting volunteers to connect, learn and share ideas.

- **Date:** 5 - 6 November
- **Time:** 8:30am - 4:30pm
- **Location:** Roma Cultural Centre
- **Cost:** Free

LAC in Community



Learn about options available to support your National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) journey.

- **Date:** 23 - 24 November
- **Time:** 12:00pm - 4:30pm
- **Location:** Country Universities Centre, Maranoa
- **Cost:** Free

Coming up later in the year...

Maranoa Christmas Street Party: 3 December 2026
MoneyMinded Coach Training: 8 December 2026
Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre Grand Opening: 12 December 2026

Do you have an upcoming event you want promoted in the eNewsletter?

Simply reach out the Council's Corporate Communications team at communications@maranoa.qld.gov.au
Terms and conditions apply.

Advertise your event for no cost by scanning the QR Code.

Maranoa Community Groups: What's On!

Roma & Surrounds

- **Roma Community Men's Shed:** Every Monday & Thursday 8:30am - 12:30pm
- **Crescendo Choir (119 Currey Street):** Every Monday 5:20pm - 6:30pm
- **Roma & District Family History Society (Roma Historical Lodge):** Every Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am - 12 noon & every Saturday 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- **Roma Card Group (CWA Rooms):** Every Tuesday & Thursday 1:30pm - 4:30pm
- **Roma Patchwork & Crafters (Studio 6 Community Arts Centre):** Every Tuesday 9:00am - 7:00pm
- **Roma Butter Factory Museum:** Every Tuesday 11:00am - 2:30pm, every Wednesday and Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm (if volunteers available)
- **Maranoa Music Rehearsal (RSC Middle Campus):** Every Tuesday 5:30pm - 7:00pm
- **Roma Apex Club Meeting (White Bull Tavern):** Every second Wednesday 6:30pm
- **Free Community Kitchens Dinner (Anglican Church):** Fourth Wednesday of the month 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- **Youth Group (Term 4 Grade 6 - Grade 12) (Life Church, Roma):** Every Thursday in the school term 6:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Roma Toastmaster Meet (Roma RSL):** Every first, third & fifth Thursday 7:00pm
- **Roma Monthly Coffee Catchup (rotating):** Last Friday each month
- **Roma QCWA Meeting (QCWA Hall):** Every first Saturday
- **Roma Lapidary Club Rooms Open:** Every first & third Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm
- **JP Signing Centre Open (Roma Library):** Every Saturday 9:00am - 11:00am
- **Roma Park Run:** Every Saturday 7:00am
- **Multicultural Meet & Greet (Big Rig Parklands):** Last Saturday of each month 11:00am - 1:00pm
- **Roma and District Aeromodelling Club (Near Campbell's Dam):** Saturdays / Sundays depending on club members availability.
- **Roma Showground Markets:** First Sunday of each month 8:00am - 12:00pm
- **Bendemere Garden Club (rotating):** First Sunday of each month

Mitchell & Surrounds

- **Friends of the Gallery Meeting (Mitchell on Maranoa Library/Gallery):** Every second Monday 12:00pm
- **Mitchell Hospital Auxiliary Meeting (Mitchell Hospital):** Every third Monday 3:00pm
- **Booringa Blokes Men's Shed (Old SES Shed):** Every Wednesday 9:30am. During December - February there is a meeting in addition to the Wednesday meeting at 5:30pm to 9:30pm
- **Mitchell Book Club (Mitchell Library):** Last Wednesday of the month 10:30am
- **Booringa Action Group Meeting (BAG Cottage):** Every third Thursday 5:30pm
- **Kenniff Country Quilters Meeting (Mitchell State School Home Ec Room):** Second Sunday of each month, 9.00am – 4.00pm. Travellers, visitors and new members always welcome.
- **Mitchell Social Bowls (Mitchell Bowls Club):** Every Thursday and Saturday 4:00pm
- **Mitchell Art Group (Mitchell on Maranoa Gallery):** Every third Sunday of the month 2:00pm

Injune & Surrounds

- **Book Club (Injune Library):** First Thursday of every month at 5:00pm
- **Creative Injune (Art House):** Every second Sunday of the month 10:30am
- **Injune Golf Club:** Every Sunday
- **Injune Mens Shed Meet:** Every Sunday 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **Injune Churches Together:** Every second and fourth Sunday 4:00pm
- **Bymount Dingo Club (Bymount Community Hall):** First Friday of the month 6:00pm

Yuleba, Wallumbilla & Surrounds

- **Container Pickup in Yuleba, Wallumbilla and Jackson:** Every second Tuesday
- **Social Cards (The Arts Cottage, Yuleba):** Every Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm
- **Yuleba Development Group (The OId CWA Building, Creek St**): Second Tuesday 6:00pm (February, April, June, August, October & December)
- **Jackson CWA Host a BBQ:** Last Sunday of every month at 12:00pm May - August and at 4:00pm September - April
- **Wallumbilla Handy Craft (CWA Hall, College St):** Every Tuesday 9:30am - 10:30am
- **Wallumbilla Town Improvement Group (The Wheat Shed):** Every third Wednesday 6:00pm (January, March, July, September & November)
- **Wallumbilla Men's Shed:** Every Wednesday 9:00am

Surat & Surrounds

- **Surat Bridge Player Meet (The Hub):** Every Tuesday 9:00am
- **Free Counselling and Pastoral Service (Surat Hospital):** Every Tuesday 10:00am - 3:00pm
- **Music Mornings (Surat Hall):** Every third Tuesday 9:30am - 12:00pm
- **Surat Library Book Club (Surat Library):** First Tuesday of every month 6:30pm
- **Men & Women Cards Meet (The Hub):** Every Friday 9:00am
- **Dinner Service at the Bowls Club:** Every Friday 6:00pm - 8:00pm
- **Surat Memorial Park Run (River Walk Park):** Every Saturday 7:00am
- **Patchwork and Craft Group Meet (The Hub):** Every second and fourth Sunday 1:30pm
- **Catholic Church Mass (Catholic Church):** Every second Sunday of the month 4:00pm
- **Inter Denominational Worship Service (The Hub):** Every fourth Sunday of the month 5:00pm

Have a local community group meeting coming up, or had a change of date?

Reach out to communications@maranoa.qld.gov.au to update or add a meeting.

Maranoa Moments

Have you been to an event, tourist attraction, or just had a great experience that's worth sharing? Are you a community group wanting to share your events wrap up?
Send your story through to us by emailing: communications@maranoa.qld.gov.au for the chance to be featured in the next eNewsletter edition.

Council's Commitment to You

As a Council, we are dedicated to working with the community to work towards a better tomorrow by being transparent in every area possible.
We are always open to feedback and want to hear from you and keep you in the loop.
There are many ways you can have your say and hear what Council is doing:

- To report or provide feedback on a Council service, you can fill out a Customer Request Form.
- Find out what decisions are being made in the Council Chambers by watching the videos online, attending in person OR wait for the Council Snapshots released within 48 hours of the meeting.
- Stay tuned to Council's Have Your Say surveys.
- Attend the next Councillor Catchup sessions.

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