



BOTTLE TREE CONNECT

2 September 2026 edition

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

In this monthly edition, you can catch up on some of the things that's been happening across the region including some major upcoming events, Council's new planning platform, bin day changes, a facility upgrade in Surat and more!

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



YOUTH COUNCIL

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OPEN NOW
AND CLOSE ON 16 OCTOBER 2026**

For more information, please visit Council's website:
maranoa.co/MaranoaRegionalYouthCouncil

Maranoa Regional Youth Council Expressions of Interest are open now!

Council is pleased to announce that expressions of interest for the exciting new initiative, the Maranoa Regional Youth Council (MRYC), are open now.

The establishment of the Youth Council is driven by Council's desire to ensure that the younger members of our community are represented. Council is excited to welcome the next generation into the Chambers and provide them with an opportunity to share their ideas, raise issues and contribute to local decision making.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



COUNCILLOR CORNER

Welcome to the Councillor Update.

It's that time of year when winter turns to summer experiencing a short period of fantastic weather. From my portfolio point of view, it also sees the winding down of the winter sports season and the start of the summer seasons. Netball and rugby league finals are in full swing with presentation days occurring over the next few weeks.

It would be remiss of me not to mention in this update the rates notices have been issued due for payment by 18 September, 2026. If you are having difficulties with any aspect of your rates notice don't hesitate to contact Council by visiting your local Customer Service Centre or call 1300 007 662.

Councillors are currently Out and About discussing Budget and regional matters including rates with communities across the region.

The entrance to the town of Roma, already abuzz with tourists and locals visiting the must-see Sculptures Out Back display (through to end of September), will become even busier with the Santos Festival of Rugby on 18-19 of this month. Council is supporting this event and the new look Street Festival on the Friday afternoon featuring Radio Club Band on the main stage. Saturday will see the rugby action culminating in the Reds v Waratahs (men's and ladies matches) at Gallas Fox Park. On another note, works to the Sculptures Out Back precinct and the RDCA Colts cricket venue have been approved for upgrades. Both these upgrades will brighten up the entrance to the town of Roma.

From the Sport & Recreation perspective, the Council is excited that four Maranoa region projects have been listed for the next stage of the QLD Government "Games On" funding projects. The four projects are the Injune BMX track project as part of the Gwydir Laycock Park upgrade, the Roma Clay Target upgrade to an International Standard complex, Roma Touch Football lighting upgrade to their facility to enhance summer sports at the complex and Cities Rugby League Football have submitted new lighting project to enhance their second oval and cater for the increase in junior activities on that oval. Council staff are working with these organisations to give them every opportunity to progress to the next funding stage.

All sporting organisations seeking to upgrade their facilities are reminded that Round 127 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund is now open, with applications closing on 28 September.

Contact your Local Development Officer or our Sport & Recreation Officer Dee Schafer for further details or visit the website for further information.



September, October, November is race meeting Cup time with the Surat Cup on 12 September, Mitchell Booringa Cup on 16 October, and Roma Cup on 21 November.

While the racing is always first class, each event has a fantastic "Fashions on the Field" promotion for the fashionistas to add to a great social atmosphere. Our Surat and Injune clubs will benefit from recent Racing Queensland Infrastructure Grant upgrade announcements and Injune have again been awarded a Battle of the Bush race to complement their Injune Cup program in June 2027. A big thank you from the industry for the work of Injune Race Club President Keith Chandler who at the recent AGM stepped down after over 20 years in the role.

Horse sports have been very much to the fore with campdrafts at Injune and Surat having outstanding support from competitors alongside local community organisations organising activities and catering.

The Wallumbilla/Yuleba area has not been idle either with Council offering support for design upgrades to the Showground Complex, something that the community and Council have been trying to ascertain funding for many years now. The Yuleba Blue Light shed gym project has also received funding and will complement the very popular Water Play Park and pump track that were opened last year.

The Roma Saleyards has been a hive of activity to start this financial year with massive numbers being put through the yards as well as the September Bull selling season. The Saleyards receiving national recognition for the record turnover in 2025/2026 financial year. Currently works are taking place on bituminising the truck parking area, a bit of short-term pain for a massive, long-term gain for the trucking industry that will alleviate the dust problem that has been evident in recent dry times.

Until next month, enjoy the weather, stay safe and remember to keep 12 December in your diary – the opening day of the Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre – see you there at a momentous event for this region.

Your Councillor
Peter Flynn.

COUNCIL MEETING SNAPSHOT

Are you curious to find out what happened in the latest Ordinary Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday, 25 August 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.

Community Events Assistance Round 3

Council approved Round 3 of the Events Assistance Program, supporting a great mix of local events across the region.

Congratulations to the successful recipients:

- Muckadilla Rifle Club for their 2026 Sporter Challenge
- Noonga Community Association for their two-day Tennis Tournament
- Roma State College Parents and Citizens Association for their State School Fete
- Injune Campdraft Association for their Injune Golden Bit Campdraft
- Mitchell Rodeo Association for their Annual Event.

It's great to back the community events that bring people together.

Queensland Government Notice of Extension to the Regulation Passenger Transport Contract - Roma to Brisbane (Central 1 Route)

Council has been informed that the Queensland Government has extended the regulated air service into Roma through to Friday, 31 December 2027 meaning the State's regulated aviation service contract is pushing to now extend beyond Council's existing partnership agreement with Rex Airlines, which is due to expire on Thursday, 31 December 2026.



Click the image above to watch the action and discussion had during the latest Council Meeting.

As a Council, we will continue to keep strongly advocating for the next tender process to start by December 2026 so there's certainty for our community and no further extension is considered.

Development Application - Material Change of Use "Caretaker's Accommodation" - 90-92 Chrystal Street, Roma

Council has approved a development application for caretaker's accommodation at 90-92 Chrystal Street in Roma. The application went through the required public notification process, no submissions were received, and it was assessed as generally consistent with the Planning Act and the Maranoa Planning Scheme.

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

Council has approved \$1,200 through the Regional Arts Development Fund to support the Bymount Creative Circle workshop with Ruth McAllister set to take place from Friday to Monday, 25-28 September this year. It's great to back local creative opportunities like this and support arts activities in our community.

Reminder: Australia Day Awards Open Now

Who in the Maranoa has made an outstanding impact this year? Honour them and celebrate their achievements by nominating them for an Australia Day Award before Saturday, 31 October. 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.



THIS WEEK AT THE ROMA SALEYARDS

Tuesday, 1 September 2026

Just over 7,100 head were yarded at Roma Saleyards on Tuesday, 1 September, with numbers lifting on recent weeks at the marketplace of choice. Read more by scanning the QR Code.



NEWS FOR OUR RESIDENTS

Roma & Surat: Bin Day Change

Maranoa Regional Council advises that bin collection days will change in Surat and parts of Roma from Monday, 28 September 2026. A new timetable will apply, and residents should check the maps provided to confirm their collection day. The changes, introduced following a trial by Council's service provider JJ Richards, aim to improve efficiency through revised collection zones and routes. Residents are reminded to place bins out by 5.00am on collection day. For assistance, contact Council's Waste Team on 1300 007 662 or email council@maranoa.qld.gov.au.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Updates to Waste Collection Days

Roma & Surat



You're invited: Grand Reopening for Lions Park, Roma

Maranoa, mark your calendars for the official reopening of Lions Park, Roma as we celebrate the completion of major upgrades in conjunction with Council's School Holiday program and Lion's monthly Fish and Chips night. Taking place on Friday, 25 September from 4:00pm, it will be an unforgettable night with the plaque unveiling, a free outdoor movie screening of the 2026 Minions and Monsters (with beanbags onsite), free face painting, the iconic fish and chips, donuts and ice cream.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Save the Date! Bark in the Park is Back!

Pawsitive news for Maranoa's dogs and their owners! We're thrilled to announce the return of Bark in the Park on Saturday, 3 October 2026 at the newly upgraded Roma Dog Park!

Get ready for a tail-wagging day filled with fun, local stalls, exciting competitions, and a working dog demonstration by star of ABC's 'Muster Dogs' program and agricultural influencer Renee Spencer (@Brownhatttt).

It is sure to be a celebration of our furry friends! Cr Amber Davis, Portfolio for Community Safety, says: "Bark in the Park is a fantastic event, not just for your pets, but for owners too. We're excited to showcase the upgrades to the Roma Dog Park and create a space where our dogs can exercise, play, and enjoy the outdoors in an off-leash environment."

If you wish to hold a stall, please submit an expression of interest or call Council on 1300 007 662 by 11 September, 2026.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Aussie icon Renee Spencer will be at this year's Bark in the Park event.

Surat Shire Hall upgrade delivers year-round comfort for community

Surat's much-loved Shire Hall is now a more comfortable place for community events and activities following the completion of a major air-conditioning upgrade.

The project has delivered a new reverse-cycle air-conditioning system throughout the Hall, providing improved heating and cooling and ensuring the facility can be comfortably used by the community throughout the year.

The new reverse-cycle system has been carefully installed to minimise impacts on the character and heritage requirements of the building.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Development searches now easier

Maranoa residents now have an easier way to view and access local development information with the launch of Council's new online planning platform. The new local development search, Development.i, provides residents with an online, self-service portal, allowing access to past and current development application details and basic property information for the Maranoa Local Government area.

This information has always been available to the public, but the new portal will provide easier access to that information for residents.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Maranoa's youth mark their artistic flair

Roma's Adungadoo Pathway just got better thanks to a youth-led mural.

A group of 27 inspired teenagers with a zest for art showcased their artistic flair in the community, reaching beyond the Chaos Art Club windows. With this dream and passion, the decision to beautify the Adungadoo Pathway Arthur Street underpass with a mural was born.

Council was proud to support the Chaos Art Club with this initiative in the Thursday, 11 June 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Make, create and explore these September holidays!

Looking for something creative to do these school holidays? Council has a great mix of activities planned across the Marano, with opportunities to make, create, learn and have some fun along the way. Find your rhythm at an African Drumming Workshop, get hands-on at our Clay Making Workshop, or learn how to capture the perfect shot at a Photography Workshop.

Young photographers can also enter our competition for the chance to win a prize and have their work displayed as part of the Walk of Art in Roma and at the Surat on Balonne Gallery. And that's not all! Our libraries have plenty more happening throughout the September school holidays. Keep an eye on Council's website for dates, times and locations, and start planning your school holiday adventures.



Maranoa's youth enjoying Council's last school holiday program.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Saleyards partners with LifeFlight in support of Cash Cow Campaign

Roma Saleyards was proud to welcome LifeFlight Australia to the facility during the month of June as the organisation conducted its LifeFlight Cash Cow Campaign. Through the support of generous donors, a total of \$58,000 was raised.

Twenty-six donors contributed to the campaign by donating a beast, giving a fixed amount or donating a percentage of their sales.

In support and promotion of the life-saving cause, the Saleyards waived the fees on donation lots throughout the month of the campaign.

"Council was proud to play a role in the LifeFlight Cash Cow Campaign and to support LifeFlight Australia as it continues to provide lifesaving care for regional South West Queensland," said Mayor Wendy Taylor. Read more by scanning the QR code.



Street Party to kick off 2026 Santos Festival of Rugby

The Santos Festival of Rugby will be bigger and better than ever with the event kicking off on Roma's McDowall Street on Friday, 18 September 2026 with a free Street Party.

Serving as the curtain raiser the street party will kick off at 4:30pm with food trucks, extended opening hours for some of our local businesses, live entertainment, and last but not least, over 100 male and female players from Queensland Reds and NSW Waratahs.

Across the following super Saturday, the Festival of Rugby will have plenty of football action for the whole community.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Roma Saleyards backs RFDS charity sales this September

The Roma Saleyards is pleased to announce it will welcome back the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) (RFDS) charity sales in September 2026.

The RFDS provides aeromedical retrieval services, along with primary and preventive healthcare services, to regional, rural and remote Queenslanders.

Throughout September, Council is encouraging the community to help keep the RFDS flying across regional southwest Queensland by:

- donating a beast
- giving a fixed amount
- donating a percentage of a sale

Read more by scanning the QR Code.

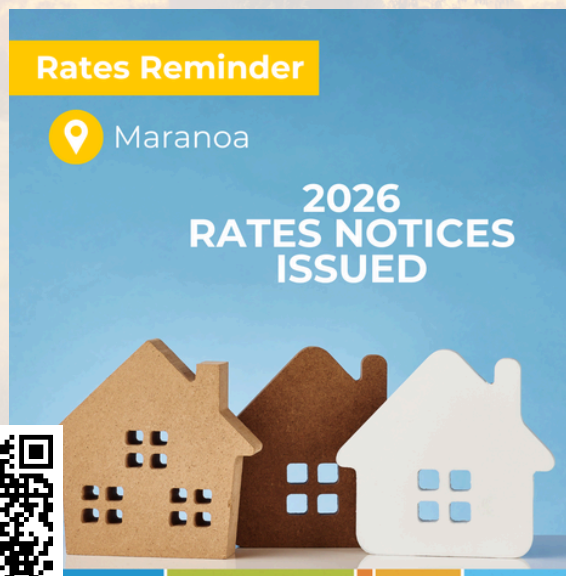


Rates notices reminder

Maranoa residents should now have received their 2026 rates notice, covering the period from 1 July to 31 December 2026. If you have not yet received your notice please contact Council as soon as possible. A 5% discount on general rates applies where all rates, charges and arrears are paid in full by Friday, 18 September 2026. Residents can also choose to receive future rates notices by email by completing Council's Request to Receive Rates Notices Electronically form online. When making payments electronically or by mail, please allow enough time for processing so you don't miss the discount deadline.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, contact Council to discuss available payment arrangement options.

Read more by scanning the QR Code.



Desex Your Pets - Vouchers 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.



LIBRARY CORNER

September brings with it a timely reminder to celebrate the people in our lives — and to make time for the conversations that matter.

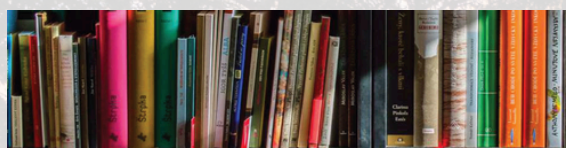
Father's Day – Sunday 6 September is an opportunity to celebrate dads, grandads, stepdads, carers and all the special people who encourage us, teach us, make us laugh and help shape our stories. Whether your dad is an adventurer, a storyteller, a backyard tinkerer, a champion joke-teller or simply the person who is always there when you need him, our libraries have plenty of stories to share together this Father's Day.

Later in the week, R U OK? Day – Thursday 10 September reminds us of something equally important: sometimes one simple question can make a difference.

You don't need to be an expert to check in with someone. Taking the time to ask "Are you OK?", listen and genuinely connect can help someone feel supported and remind them they don't have to navigate a difficult day alone.

Libraries are places for stories, connection and community.

This September, we encourage you to pick up a book, spend some time with someone important to you, start a conversation — or simply check in.



LIBRARY CORNER

SEPTEMBER

A MONTH FOR THE PEOPLE WHO MATTER

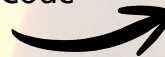
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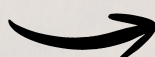
Celebrate your people. Share a story. Ask the question. Stay connected. Pop into your local Maranoa library this September and discover what's happening in your community. Scan the QR Code for more.



RURAL LANDS

Invasive Plant: Mother of Millions

Mother of millions is an invasive succulent plant that threatens grazing land and native ecosystems. It is highly toxic to livestock and declared a category 3 invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act 2014. It grows up to 1m tall sometimes taller and produces distinctive orange/red bell-shaped flowers during winter. Mother of millions commonly invades roadsides, fence lines, woodlands, grasslands and disturbed areas. It spreads through floodwater, animals, machinery, vehicles, and dumped garden waste. If you see this plant, please call Council's Biosecurity Team on 1300 007 662. Read more by scanning the QR Code.



UPDATE: DENISE SPENCER AQUATIC CENTRE

Project Update – August 2026

What's Happened This Month

50m Pool

- Tiling and concourse works completed
- Deep and shallow end shade sail columns installed
- Grandstand construction completed
- Swim Club steel framing, roofing, internal linings and glazing completed

25m Pool, Amenities & Entry Building

- Hob tiling & stainless steel handrail installation underway
- Bathroom fit-outs commenced
- Tiling substantially completed across amenities, kitchens and concourse showers
- Internal and external ceilings and roof sheeting nearing completion
- Painting commenced in key areas
- Preparation for floor finishes commenced
- Glazing installation substantially progressed

Waterslides, Toddlers Pool & Splash Pad

- Installation of splash pad water play features commenced
- Waterslide assembly substantially progressed offsite
- Waterslide support columns completed and run-out slabs poured
- Preparations underway for onsite waterslide installation from early September

Around the Site

- Fit-out planning and procurement underway
- Facility branding and opening event planning underway

What's Next:

Over the coming month, works will include:

- Completion of remaining concreting works
- Installation of the 25m pool Myrtha liner
- Painting, floor finishes and final ceiling works
- Pool commissioning works
- Installation of the waterslides
- Continued operational readiness and facility opening preparations

Spotlight Moment: Colour Takes Centre Stage

There has been plenty of action – and colour – onsite this month, as some of the Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre's most distinctive features have started to take their place.

Two large cranes have been busy across the site in the last two weeks, lifting shade sail columns and structures into position around the 50-metre pool, while installation has also commenced on the bright new water play features within the splash pad.

These are some of the finishing touches that will give the new centre its character, transforming the construction site into the vibrant, family-friendly aquatic facility the community will soon enjoy.

And the fun doesn't stop there – with the waterslide supports now complete and the slides being assembled offsite, installation of the four new waterslides is set to commence from early September. Watch this space!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE MARANOA

September / October 2026



MARANOA & SURROUNDS

2026 Selective Inspection Program

**2026
SELECTIVE INSPECTION
PROGRAM**

MARANOA REGION | 1 SEPTEMBER - 30 NOVEMBER

maranoa
REGIONAL COUNCIL

2026 SEPTEMBER							2026 OCTOBER							2026 NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Inspections will occur between the hours of 7:30am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday, or at such a time depending on the circumstances of the householder.

- **Date:** 1 - 30 November
- **Location:** Across the Maranoa

October 1080 Baiting Program

**October 1080 Baiting
Campaign**

12 - 23 OCTOBER 2026

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

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

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

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 September.

- **Date:** 1 - 30 September
- **Location:** Injune Library
- **Cost:** Free

Injune Carnarvon Golf Carnival



Injune Carnarvon Golf Carnival is a 2-day event which is held yearly, on the first weekend in September.

- **Date:** 5 - 6 September
- **Time:** 9:00am - 11:00pm
- **Location:** Injune Golf Course
- **Cost:** \$20 Saturday, \$50 Sunday

Injune Cattle Dog Trials



The 2026 Injune Cattle Dog Trial will be held in conjunction with the QLD Working Dog Trial Championships showcasing some of QLD and NSW elite working dogs!

- **Date:** 18 - 20 September
- **Location:** Possum Park, Injune

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 September.

- **Date:** 1 - 30 September
- **Location:** Surat Library
- **Cost:** Free

Regeneration by Borderline Regional Arts Association



Featuring works inspired by regeneration, 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

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 September.

- **Date:** 1 - 30 September
- **Location:** Yuleba, Wallumbilla and Jackson Libraries
- **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 September.

- **Date:** 1 - 30 September
- **Location:** Mitchell and Mungallala Libraries
- **Cost:** Free

Mitchell Outreach Clinics



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

- **Date:** 11 September
- **Time:** 8:00am - 5:00pm
- **Location:** Mitchell Medical Practice
- **Cost:** Free

You Played Where!? at Great Artesian Spa



A night of country music with local artists and a headline set by Laura Frank. Every show features a line dancing workshop before the music starts, open to absolutely everyone.

- **Date:** 11 September
- **Time:** 5:30pm - 9:00pm
- **Location:** Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell
- **Cost:** Prices Vary

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:** 16 September
- **Time:** 4:30pm
- **Location:** Mitchell on Maranoa Gallery
- **Cost:** Free

The Stories That Shape Us — Memoir Writing Workshop



A practical memoir-writing workshop with Queensland author and memoir-writing educator Natalie Stockdale.

- **Date:** 23 September
- **Time:** 10:00am - 3:00pm
- **Location:** Mitchell Library and 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

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

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 September.

- **Date:** 1 - 30 September
- **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 - bookings preferred

Anh Do - The Happiest Refugee Live! Roma



When one of Australia's most talented comedians delves deep into his own life's joys and sorrows, the result is an unforgettable night...

- **Date:** 2 September
- **Time:** 7:30pm - 9:00pm
- **Location:** Roma Cultural Centre
- **Cost:** \$69.90 - \$74.90

2026 TSBE Roma Enterprise Evening



Join business leaders, industry innovators, government representatives and regional stakeholders.

- **Date:** 3 September
- **Time:** 5:30pm - 8:30pm
- **Location:** The Big Rig, Roma
- **Cost:** \$145

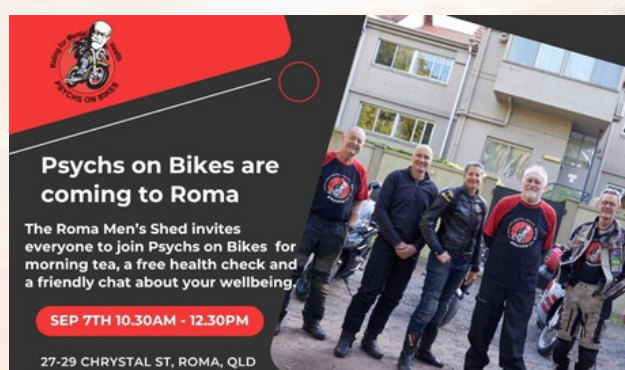
Common Grounds - FREE Business Networking



Common Grounds is a relaxed monthly coffee catch-up for business owners, professionals and anyone working in or around Roma business community.

- **Date:** 7 September
- **Time:** 9:30am - 11:00am
- **Location:** Royal on Ninety Nine
- **Cost:** Free

Psychs on Bikes visit Roma



You are invited to come meet our group of volunteer Psychs on Bikes at the Roma Men's Shed.

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

Child Protection Week 2026



Come together to support the safety, wellbeing and voices of children and young people in our community.

- **Date:** 10 September
- **Time:** 2:00pm - 5:00pm
- **Location:** PCYC Roma

Learning and Development Day, Roma



Advance your professional development in the Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) sector here in Roma.

- **Date:** 12 September
- **Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm
- **Location:** Roma Cultural Centre
- **Cost:** \$49 - bookings essential

Roma Duathlon 2026



ROMA DUATHLON 2026
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12

A great day of action for competitors and spectators alike

SPRINT: 14+ Male, Female & Teams	ENTICER: 12+ Individuals/ Teams	BUSINESS HOUSE CHALLENGE 3 Person Relay	KIDS 7-9	KIDS 10-12
5KM	2.5KM	2.5KM	250M	500M
20KM	6KM	6KM	2KM	4KM
2.5KM	1.5KM	1.5KM	250M	500M

The Roma Triathlon is back for 2026 but with a twist (again), we will be hosting a Duathlon.

- **Date:** 12 September
- **Time:** 11:00am - 5:00pm
- **Location:** Big Rig Parklands
- **Cost:** Free

You Played Where!? at Roma Saleyards



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- **Date:** 12 September
- **Time:** 5:30pm - 9:00pm
- **Location:** Roma Saleyards
- **Cost:** Prices Vary

ABBA Girls Tribute Show



ABBA GIRLS
TRIBUTE SHOW
LIVE!

Presented as part of the
WESTERN TOURING CIRCUIT 2026

Friday, 18 September
Roma Cultural Centre
\$15 per adult
Doors open 6:30pm for 7:00pm

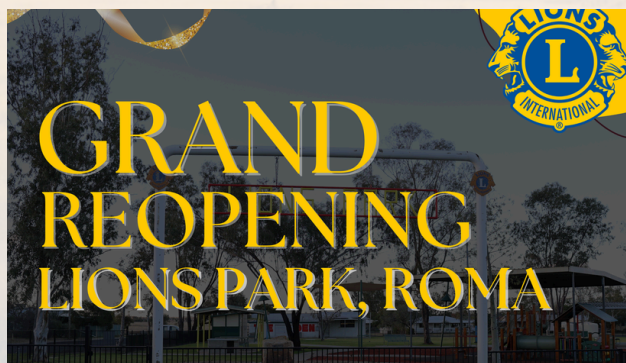
Get your tickets here

Food and beverages available for purchase

Get ready for a night of dancing, singing and classic hits as the ABBA Girls Tribute Show brings the magic of ABBA to Roma!

- **Date:** 18 September
- **Time:** 6:30pm - 9:00pm
- **Location:** Roma Cultural Centre
- **Cost:** \$15, children under 8 free

You're invited: Grand Reopening for Lions Park, Roma



Celebrate the completion of major upgrades in conjunction with Council's School Holiday program and Lion's monthly Fish and Chips night.

- **Date:** 25 September
- **Time:** 4:00pm - 8:30pm
- **Location:** Lions Park, Roma
- **Cost:** Free

The Stories That Shape Us — Memoir Writing Workshop



A practical memoir-writing workshop with Natalie Stockdale.

- **Date:** 28 September
- **Time:** 10:00am - 3:00pm
- **Location:** Roma Library
- **Cost:** Free

Bark in the Park



We're thrilled to announce the return of Bark in the Park on Saturday, 3 October 2026 at the newly upgraded Roma Dog Park!

- **Date:** 3 October
- **Time:** 10:00am - 12:30pm
- **Location:** Roma Dog Park
- **Cost:** Free

Roma Red Cross Chelsea Flower Show



Enjoy an afternoon filled with fun, entertainment, and delicious afternoon tea.

- **Date:** 3 October
- **Time:** 1:00pm - 4:00pm
- **Location:** Roma Cultural Centre
- **Cost:** \$10, 14yo and under free

Coming up later in the year...

Queensland Volunteering Two-Day Conference - Roma Satellite Event: 5-6 November 2026

Roma Butter Factory Twilight Markets: 7 November 2026

LAC in Community: 23 November 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.

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):** Every 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 Old 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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