



**Longreach
Regional Council**
Ilfracombe Isisford Longreach Yaraka

Council news

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Yaraka community forum



Connecting COUNCIL & COMMUNITY

We have a variety of channels to provide our community with information which is relevant for you. Choose your preferred channel to stay up to date and in touch with us.

IN PERSON



Come and visit us at any of our branch offices
Ilfracombe: 1 Devon Street
Isisford: 20 St Mary Street
Longreach: 96 Eagle Street

TELEPHONE



(07) 4658 4111, this is the only phone number you need to reach anyone at Council. You can reach us here 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When you call during office hours, our customer service staff will help you lodge an enquiry with the appropriate team within Council.

EMAIL



council@longreach.qld.gov.au, this is the only email address you need to reach anyone at Council. When you email 'council', your enquiry is lodged in our records system and assigned to the appropriate team.

WEBSITE



longreach.qld.gov.au on our website you can find all relevant information in regards to Council including our events calendar to stay up to date with what's happening in the region.

COUNCILLORS



You're welcome to make contact with them as your elected representatives – a full list of our Councillors, along with their contact details, can be found here
longreach.qld.gov.au/elected-members.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow us on our social media channels to find the latest updates.
facebook.com/LongreachRegionalCouncil
linkedin.com/company/longreach-regional-council/mycompany/

OTHER CHANNELS



Monthly newsletter IILY, local newspaper with a regular Mayor's Column and ads, local radio station, posters around the region, letter drops and face-face consultation.

SNAP SEND SOLVE



Spotted something we've missed? Or maybe some damaged infrastructure? Get it fixed quickly and easily using Snap Send Solve. It's free! Find out more by visiting:
www.snapsendsolve.com

Rayner's Rundown

- with Mayor Tony Rayner

Hello and welcome to another edition of IILY, our monthly update into your mailbox, updating you on the work of Council in the community. We distribute IILY via letterbox drop to everyone in our region, and you can view it online by visiting longreach.qld.gov.au/newsletter.

Our Health & Wellbeing Month program for October is starting to take shape. It's going to be a big month of events, under the banner 'Healthy the new Happy'. We're excited to announce the return of last year's very popular 'shape run' competition, and I look forward to seeing all the interesting shapes people create in their GPS trackers. There'll also be lectures, cooking workshops and street side activations. You can find more information in this edition of IILY, or by visiting longreach.qld.gov.au/wellbeing.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our bi-annual community forums in September. At the forums in each of our communities, we've been featuring our new Corporate Plan 2024-2028, our new 2023-24 Annual Operational Plan, and talking about our new Organisational Structure. We also shared details about our budget process, what's in it and how it's been prepared, as well as a general update on projects relevant to each community. We also had updates from each of our executive team and the usual open floor sessions with attendees.

It all made for an exciting first week for our new Director of Works, Andre Pretorius, and he's enjoyed meeting people in each of our communities. If you see Andre out and about be sure to make him feel welcome.

The forums are important, but if you missed them, there so many other ways to ask questions and have your say. There's simply no need to stay in the dark on any issue that's important to you in our region. You can engage whenever you want and however you want to by simply picking up the phone, sending an email, using the independent snap send solve app, giving anonymous feedback on our website, or just talking to one of your Councillors directly - our contact details are on the website and you can reach out to us at any time.

If you or anyone you know have questions about anything happening at Council or in our communities, contact me directly! You can find direct emails and phone numbers for me and for each of my fellow Councillors at longreach.qld.gov.au/elected-members. If you want to know anything at all, reach out to one of us - or contact

Council on (07) 4658 4111 (24hrs), or via email to council@longreach.qld.gov.au.



Mayor Tony Rayner



COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENTS

SES Awards

During SES week 9 to 17 September 2023, three volunteers from the Longreach Region were presented with SES week awards at a presentation ceremony held at the SES base in Emerald.

Awards were presented by the Central Highlands Regional Council Mayor - Cr Kerry Hayes.

Regional Director SES Central Region - Andrew Whyatt ESM, SES Capricornia Area Controller - Cheryl Baartz and SES Longreach Area Controller - Daniel Arthur were also present.



Pictured (LtoR) with Daniel Arthur are the SES week award recipients Robert (Bob) Hay - Isisford Group Leader, Patricia (Pat) Hay - Isisford Deputy Group Leader and Diesel Stenholm - SES Local Controller for Longreach Regional Council area.

The SES week awards were for conferred for:

- ♦ Special contribution to the SES through continued commitment in maintaining an SES operational presence and promoting the SES within the Isisford community and Greater Central West Region.

Another highlight in September; two of our locals Anne Wills and Steve Cavill were presented with a certification of appreciation by Mayor Tony Rayner in recognition of 20 years of valued service to the Longreach Region as a State Emergency Service Volunteer. Thank you for your dedication and service.



Pictured (LtoR) Mayor Tony Rayner, Anne Wills, Diesel Stenholm, CEO Brett Walsh

For information on volunteering with the SES in Longreach, Isisford, Ilfracombe or Yaraka contact the SES Local Controller on 0484 930 116 or email longreachses@gmail.com with your contact details.

Get ready for storm season and download the Qld SES Assistance app from Google Play or Apple Store.



Get Ready Week (9-15 October 2023)

This is a chance for all Queenslanders to prepare for the upcoming severe weather season. What's your What-if plan?

Get Ready Queensland
www.getready.qld.gov.au

2023 “My Garden” Competition Winners



Gardening (noun) – the job or activity of working in a garden, growing and taking care of the plants, and keeping it attractive.

We thank everybody who has nominated their garden, our judge was impressed with the quality of each and every one of them. Our winners for the “My Garden” Competition 2023 are:

Best Rural Garden – **David & Clare Walker ‘Riverview’**

Best Use of Native Plants – **Muddy Duck Tourist Park**

Best Corporate or Community Garden – **Muddy Duck Tourist Park**

Best Town Garden – **Deborah Briskey**

Best Flower Garden – **Matt Neuendorf**

Grand Champion: Best Overall Garden – **Matt Neuendorf**

Congratulations to all winners, keep on gardening and we are looking forward to the “My Garden” Competition in 2024.

Welcome to the team

André Pretorius

Director of Works

André, has over 20 years' experience in the design, operations and management of roads, waste, water, waste water and associated infrastructure.



He is actively involved in the future planning and augmentation of schemes, various feasibility studies and business cases, identifying training needs, conflict management and resolution, budgeting, etc. He is also involved in the review of designs and reports done by others. During his career, he has worked in several countries with multidisciplinary teams on a wide variety of projects.

André's project management and coordination skills involves an independent approach, originality and judgment, which together with his broad knowledge in civil engineering adds value to the services that can be provided. With experience in both private and local government sectors, he can bring two worlds together.

André is currently halfway through in completing his Masters Degree in Engineering and has previously completed training in the Australian Business Excellence Framework. Part of this framework identifies process improvements, data capturing, setting realistic targets and to avoid rework.

André is a member of Engineers Australia.



Minutes in a Minute

September 2023 Council Meeting

Council met for its Ordinary Meeting at the Council Chambers in Ilfracombe on 21 September. The meeting:

- ♦ Decided on the naming of several new roads for gazettal
- ♦ Authorised an Animal Management Approved Systematic Inspection Program to commence in November
- ♦ Adopted some minor amendments to the Standing Orders Policy
- ♦ Approved a siting variation for the construction of a shed, and a Development Permit for the Reconfiguration of a Lot
- ♦ Considered a range of sponsorships and community donations.

SPONSORSHIP

Organisation/ Name	Event/Activity	Event Date	Grant Approved
Longreach Scout Group	Longreach Defence Veteran's and Scout's Avenue of Honour	September 2023	Total \$10,000

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Organisation/ Individual	Event/Project Activity	Grant Approved
Longreach Churches Together	Community Carols 2023	Financial \$2,210.50
Longreach Bowls Club	Electrical Upgrade	\$5,000.00
Erika Holland	North West Track and Field	\$350
Jackarra Jones	North West Track and Field	\$350
Jozette Jones	North West Track and Field	\$350
Charlii Baird	North Queensland Rugby League	\$350

The full agenda and minutes of our meetings are available online:
longreach.qld.gov.au/meetings-agendas-minutes

♦ Eagle Street Beautification

On top of their day-to-day maintenance, our Parks and Gardens team have been busy adding more plants along Eagle street. This is a continuous process as we look to increase the natural greenery around our already beautiful region.

♦ New Ilfracombe Multipurpose Court

Request for tender is now underway for a new multipurpose court (tennis, netball, basketball) at the Recreation Centre in Ilfracombe. The court will be fully shaded and will turn the Recreation Centre into the sporting hub of Ilfracombe. The project is supported by the federal Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

♦ Longreach Skate Park

The retaining wall at the skate park has recently been given an upgrade to improve the accessibility for users. Fencing will be removed once the newly laid turf has settled.

♦ Re-sheet Ilfracombe Aramac Road

The Longreach Construction Crew is re-sheeting the gravel on the Ilfracombe Aramac Road. This project is funded under the Main Roads Gravel Re-Sheet Program.



♦ Kerb, channel and pavement rehabilitation project Isisford

The Isisford Construction Crew is working on the kerb, channel and pavement rehabilitation project in St Mary Street. The work is funded through the TIDS program.



Community Forums

In September Councillors and staff visited each community for bi-annual community forums.

At the forums Council outlined its strategic framework, planning, and changes in the organisational structure. The three directors from Finance, Works, and Communities shared updates about their respective departments, and the meeting also received an update on budgeted projects for the financial year.



Council values the forums as one important component in its engagement with the community. We extend a big thank you to everyone who came along to participate, and encourage everyone to continue the conversation by engaging with Council directly.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING MONTH

OCTOBER 2023



- SHAPE RUN
- COOKING WORKSHOP
- MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER
- STREET STALL



FIND OUT MORE







BIG DAY IN

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 2023

Offices, libraries and childcare closed

longreach.qld.gov.au/events

Longreach Regional Council



Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we operate. We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

