



# Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

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## Well Done on 20 Years of Service

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council proudly acknowledges **Mr Stewart Karkadoo** for his 20 year service and commitment to working with the Doomadgee Community Council and now the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council. Stewart started with the council once he completed school and has been with us since. He is a very respected and valuable member of our council team. Mayor Fred O’Keefe publicly congratulated Stewart, at the opening of Middle Park, acknowledging that Stewart is a positive role model to all younger people in the community. The Council presented Stewart with a plaque and watch in honor of the long period of time he has given service to the people of Doomadgee.



## Congratulations to Doomadgee’s New Councilor

A bi-election was held in Doomadgee on Saturday 9 November in order to fill a vacancy on the elected council. As a result of this, Doomadgee welcomes to its team a new Councilor, **Councilor Vernon Ned**. Councilor Ned took his oath of office on Tuesday 12 November and has proven to be a valuable new addition to Council.





## Welcome to our most recent Apprentice— Preston Johnny

Congratulations to Preston Johnny who has recently signed his Apprenticeship papers with the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council.



Preston is working towards his Certificate III in Carpentry with Russell Giles as his on-site supervisor.

Preston has been very busy since he commenced working on several jobs including the veterinary clinic, upgrading the BRACS building, Middle Park upgrade and the office upgrade.



## New Houses Arrived in AACAP Site



15 new houses have arrived in June, and have residents living in them. There are to be 9 more coming in by December. If you have been looking around the AACAP site you will have seen the nine new houses waiting to be put on their new

sites.

New street names have been in place around the AACAP site. We now have Cairns Drive which is the horseshoe shaped

drive through the residential area, and Douglas Street which is the street running at the front of AACAP site. The street running between the Rodeo Ground and the AACAP residential site is called Potter Street. The road out the back of potter street which is situated along the airport road is called Pascoe Road. And the one behind Pascoe Road on the same street airport road is called Castick Road

*“New street names are in place around the AACAP residential site”*



One of Doomadgee’s New houses,

## New Community Crew—Open Spaces



Community (Open Spaces) Crew members

Doomadgee is very excited by their new crew headed by Vaughan Daylight. The crew will be responsible for keeping all the open spaces in the community clean and looking good. They will be looking after our parks, riverfront, nature strips and laneways. This team is very

important to Doomadgee for the health and safety of the town. We are sure that the community will notice a difference in the beauty of Doomadgee once this crew has been on the job.

The team members of the Community (Open Spaces) Crew are Bradley Cairns,

Claude Daylight and the newest member Renaldo Moreland, led by Vaughan Daylight.

We can all get behind the work done by this crew, and help by keeping our streets clean and tidy after they have cleaned your part of town.



## Premier visit to Doomadgee



## Doomadgee awarded for school excellence

The Member for Mount Isa Robbie Katter has congratulated the Doomadgee State School staff and students for winning two regional sections in the Showcase Awards for Excellence

in Schools. "These awards are the Queensland Government's highest accolade for state school education programmes, and the Doomadgee State School is one of 74 winners this year.

"The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools gives Queensland state schools the chance to shine in the spotlight and the opportunity to share in more than \$370,000 in development grants,"

Congratulations from Doomadgee Council to the Doomadgee State School Principal and Staff

Well done everyone !!!! We have won the Regional Showcase Excellence in Inclusive Education - Nutrition Program and Showcase Excellence in Leadership - Profiling

This is an outstanding result and we should be proud of this achievement. I thank you all for your great work.

Richard Barrie  
Principal  
0409206982  
Doomadgee State School  
OLPC XO Ambassador  
President QASSP Mount Isa Branch

## Town Streets

Doomadgee now has sealed road from start of the road house on the main highway to achieved with NDRRA funding. For this job to be completed in a reasonable time frame some sub-contractors will be engaged plus dry hired equipment Council has also employed an additional two full time staff members. Council often receive comments from people outside

the community about the excellent quality of our roads in the DOGIT and this is due to the professional team we have working on our roads. Our Road Gang is led by Kenneth Ned and his team is Dwayne O'Keefe, Mark Murray, Shane O'Keefe, Gavin Ahwing, Lewis Ah Fat, Thanks to this dedicated team of men for a job well done.







### Animal Management Clinic



Honorable Bob Katter, Councilor Cairns and The vet Staff

The Animal Management Clinic is now completed and has been used 3 times by the visiting veterinary staff and they are finding the facility very satisfactory to conduct clinics in. The clinic includes a reception and waiting room, consultation and surgical area along with a hydra bath for the dog washing.. The Clinic was officially opened by Honorable Bob Katter on the 28th of November at 11pm .

This project had funding input from the Federal Department of Regional Australia, Local Government, Arts and Sport.

State Government Department of Local Government , Community Recovery and Resilience plus funding and labor from the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council.



### New hearse



A new hearse arrived in early July and is a wonderful new addition to the community. It is sad to see the old one put out to retirement after many years of faithful service

**RJCP PARTICIPANTS**  
**IMPORTANT**

RJCP (MY PATHWAYS) will be closed between 24 December and 2 January 2014. Notices will be given to each RJCP Participants regarding their participation requirements over the Christmas break.

### Bakery has re-opened

Owen and Trish Ringrose have taken over the Bakery and it has now re-opened. At the moment they are selling take-away food and drinks, bread and milk. The range they will supply will increase over the coming weeks.

### Tired of reading the same old books???

The Council has now opened a book exchange for the community. There are books available for adults, youth and children. If you bring your own book to swap it is a straight

exchange. (book must be in good condition). If you do not have a book to swap, loan of your book is \$3.00. This book can then be exchanged for your next book.



## New Garbage Truck

Council are very pleased with our new Garbage Truck, its great asset as everyone needs there rubbish bins emptied. As you are all probably aware, the garbage truck arrived the very next

morning after our old garbage truck finally stopped working. A timely arrival that meant the garbage service was able to continue uninterrupted.



## Welcome to two new staff members

### Community Services Team have two new staff members that the community will be talking to often.

As our newly appointed Animal Management Officer **Leon Moreland** is here to assist you with any issues you may have with

your animals. Leon can assist if there is a problem with cheeky dogs, sick animals or feral animals. All dog bites need to be reported to either to Leon or Gail at the Shire Office. Once an incident has occurred and if reported we can then act to prevent the dog from attacking again.

Our New Community Services Manager, a **Gail Richardson**, is here to assist in area of community projects. She has been involved in the upgrade of the middle park, as well the other two parks and has done a wonderful job. Many of the elder residents will know Gail from her involvement with NAIDOC Week this year.



Leon Moreland  
Animal Management Officer



Gail Richardson  
Community Services Manager

## CHILD CARE LADIES GRADUATE..

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council would like to acknowledge Eleanor Logan and Wendy Taylor on completing there Diploma in Child Care along with Rebecca Foster who completed her Cert. 3 in Child Care. This is a very big achievement for these 3 ladies and also for the Community We should all be very **PROUD.... Good work ladies!**



### Tractor Slasher arrives in Doomadgee

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council welcomes to its team :

- Kyanne O-Keefe (Customer Service Officer)
- Sherri Moreland (Administrative Officer)
- Ossie Punjaub
- Renaldo Moreland (Noddy) (General Gang)
- Brenton Gregory (Carpenter Team)
- Allan George (General Gang—garbage run)

Our own Allen Gregory (Turkey) has moved from the Garbage run to the General Gang.

The General Gang are excited about the arrival of their new tractor slasher. This is going to make their job much easier when they are looking after the airport, and other areas in town.



Studios women Carlene and Gail ignite

### Training at the Council

Council would like to acknowledge the achievement of our wonderful staff Carlene (Office Manager) and Gail , Community Services Manager for undertaking studies and receiving their Certificate of Achievement for the completion of the Ignite Course. The Ignite Course is a Local Government Association

course aimed at improving in Supervisory and management skills in a Local Government environment.

Gail and Carlene then went on to complete their Certificate IV in Frontline Management. Both ladies have said that they have learnt a great deal from both courses,

and have already put their learnings into effect in the work place.

*Congratulations to Carlene Logan and Gail Richardson on successfully completing the Ignite Course and the Cert IV in Frontline Management.*

### Middle park playground equipment in place



New playground with Children enjoying the play set

Still to come is three barbecue areas under the three shelters that will have a barbecue and seating. The barbecue area will have solar lighting installed in the coming months to make them an enjoyable place to have an evening BBQ . The park is also having a graffiti wall erected that can be used

for anyone who want to write or paint messages or for story telling it yours to use as you wish and from time to time it will be painted over and to give a fresh new space to be creative again

**Bottom Park**— we are looking for inspirational ideas for the upgrade of this park. If you have any ideas for what you like created please see Gail in the Shire Office as I would love to hear from you



## Top park upgrade

Council is planning an upgrade for Top park, the draft proposal has been endorsed by Council to go out to community for comment.

Plans of the proposed park upgrade are available at Council and at various places around town including the shop and the hospital.

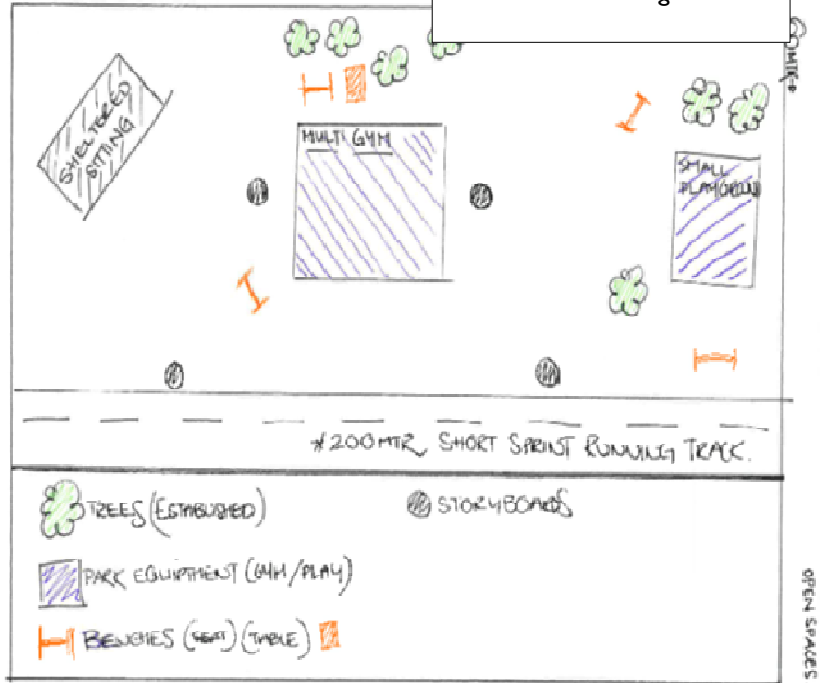
The concept for the park is that of a family activity and fitness area and proposed upgrade is to include an outdoor gym area and a running track with seating, and a small children's play area .

The project is being undertaken by Council,. If you are a community member with community service hours to work, and would like to be included in this project, please contact Gail at the Council office.

If you have any comment to make on the proposed plans for the park, please bring these comments in to Kyanne or Carlene at the Council office and they will note your comments for consideration at the next Council meeting and possible inclusion in the upgrade.

We welcome your input into this plan as it is your park. Comment close on 10 January so that Council can make a final decision and work can commence.

The two main features to be included in this park are an Outdoor Exercise Gym for both adults and children along with a 200 meter running track.



## Welcome to Doomadgee

Doomadgee is having facelifts all over town at the moment, and part of the updates to Doomadgee are the new welcome signs.

People who are entering the DOGIT along the Savannah Way from both Queensland and Northern Territory sides of the DOGIT will be greeted with signs that say Welcome to Doomadgee, followed by a notice to be aware that there are pedestrians and bike riders on the road.

Our other welcome sign is at the corner of Goodeedawa Road and the

Savannah Highway pointing to the Town Centre. This means travellers in need of assistance can find their way to the local shop, the Police station, council and hospital.

In the coming year you will see signs around town pointing people to the shop area so that they do not get lost in the residential areas of town, and signage that says only local traffic only, to also try and reduce traffic that is not Doomadgee residential traffic from the residential areas.



One of three new welcome to Doomadgee signs





## Who do I ask ...

**If I didn't get a Council job and I don't know why:** Make an appointment through Carlene at the office to see the CEO who will talk about it with you.

**If I have urgent repairs to my house to be done outside business hours:** Telephone the Housing emergency outside business hours number: 1800 808 107.

**If I want to get some maintenance repairs done on my house:** Come to the Council office and ask for Scharrayne. She will help you. Or call 1300 650 912, the blue phone at the Housing Office is available for you to use.

**Council Phone  
Number:  
4745 8351**

## POSITIONS VACANT AT COUNCIL

Council advertises any positions vacant at the Council Offices, the Doomadgee Store and the Road House. If you see one of these positions advertised, and you would like to be considered for the position, we encourage you to come in and fill out the application forms. You need to come to the front Reception Desk, ask for the application form, and complete it. If there is anything on the form you are unsure about, just ask our friendly staff and they will be more than happy to help you.

## A GENTLE GARBAGE COLLECTION REMINDER

Council Garbage Collectors work around Doomadgee every day, but it can sometimes be a difficult job—dangers such as being chased by dogs are regular occurrences.

It would be really helpful if, when you want your garbage collected, you place it at the front gate before Allan and Steve arrive, so that they know that you need your garbage to be emptied. Garbage bins that are not placed at the front gate will not be picked up. (Just inside the gate or fence is okay)

The garbage collectors cannot go on to your property to find a bin to be emptied, this takes up too much of their time, and is dangerous for them if they upset your dog.

So remember, to keep our garbage men safe, and to make sure your garbage is picked up when it needs to be, **garbage bins ready for collection must be left at the front gate.**

## Opening hours across Christmas and New Year Holiday period.

**The Shire Office will close at 4pm on Tuesday 24th of December.**

**Limited services to Centrelink and the Post Office from 10pm to 12 midday on the 27th, 30th and 31st of December**

**Normal services resume on the 2nd of January**

## STORMS

**Storm season has arrived.**

Severe thunderstorms are likely to produce damaging winds and heavy rainfall.

When we have a storm approaching people should:

- \* Move your car under cover or away from trees.
- \* Secure loose outdoor items.
- \* Avoid driving, walking or riding through flood waters.
- \* Seek shelter, preferably indoors and never under trees.
- \* Avoid using the telephone during a thunderstorm.
- \* Beware of fallen trees and power lines.

Warnings are also available through Doomadgee Radio broadcasts.

You can also keep an eye on the notice board at the part for reminders on what to do if we have a storm and for updated advice on storms that are coming our way.

