



# Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

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## Plant Operation Training

This was an introduction day for those council workers who are interested in furthering or updating their skills in plant operation. The men are busy completing the paper work required to participate in the

training in coming months. Those who complete the course will hold a Certificate III in Civil Construction—Plant Operation.



## Open Day at the School

Mayor welcomed new Principal Chris Erbacher and new and returning staff to Doomadgee

Mayor O'Keefe expressed the importance of education to the youths and to their ongoing success. This was also the message given by the Principal as well. School staff and guests were treated to a welcoming ceremony of dance under the school assembly area followed by a BBQ lunch. The message the school wants the community to know is that they are open for business and welcome all children, parents and community members to the school.





### New Faces at Council



Daniel Chong AKA Barney one of our new worker hard at.

Council would like to welcome our new staff members - **Daniel (Barney) Chong** our gardener, cleaner and general helper around the office. Daniel has already made a great difference with the council grounds around the office and been a welcome addition to the Post Office team.

**Shane Booth** is our newly appointed Environmental Officer. Shane got straight down to work. You may have heard Shane, with a helping hand from Craig Logan, at night with the fogging machine out to



help keep the mossies' away. Shane has been a great help to Leon in dealing with animals as well..

**Murray Walden** is our new trades assistant. His position is to assist Russel with repair and renovaton of Council buildings and general Council maintenance.

**Leon Ned** supervises the mowing of lawns. This is a new service where Council mows lawns for those residents with special needs . The service is a joint effort between My Pathways and the Shire Council.



### Doomadgee Pool



Council was very pleased to have our local pool operating and open to the community over the school holidays with the help of the visiting life savers. These staff provided excellent supervision of all the

children who attend the pool during the holiday period and everybody involved had a lot of fun. Council and the Doomadgee School plan to continue the extended opening of the pool into the future.

**DON'T GO SWIMMING IN THE RIVER AT THE MOMENT AS IT DANGEROUS—YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS TRAVELED DOWN STREAM WITH ALL THE FAST FLOWING WATER**

### Welcome to the new Corporate Services Manager — Tiffany Miller



Tiffany has travelled from South Australia with her two boys Sebastian and Ethan to take up the role of Corporate Services Manager.

Tiffany comes from a background of both Local Government and the private business sector and is looking forward to living in Doomadgee.

Tiffany, Sebastian and Ethan have already taken well to the Doomadgee lifestyle. Sebastian is attending the local school and Ethan is enjoying day-care. They both love PCYC. Ladies, Tiffany is already under the tough exercise regime of Amit—join her if you dare!!!





## Councillor Training

A two day workshop was recently held in Townsville by the Department of Local Government to update the Doomadgee Councillors with the Local Government Act and meet with a number of key representatives from various State Government agencies.

The first day of the workshop focused on Councillors' roles and responsibilities, while the second day concentrated on developing the leadership capabilities of the Mayor and Councillors so that they can better address issues in their community. A number of key

government people from agencies such as Queensland Police Service, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General, Housing and Department of Education, Training and Employment were present on the second day to provide the Doomadgee Mayor and Councillors with an update on the State Government activities. The Minister of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience, David Crisafulli MP attended a portion of the second day.



## Mowing of Lawns by Leon Ned and his band of happy helpers

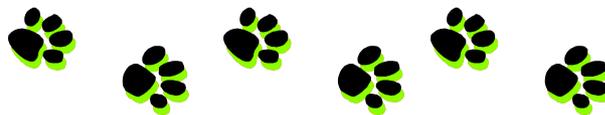
The mowing service started as a concern for some residents who are unable to do their own yards due to age or health reasons. Leon Ned who is employed by Council supervises a

crew of My Pathway workers who are making their way through a list of approved residents who need this service. Leon and his happy band of men will also do your

yards for a fee of \$80.00 which needs to be paid to the Council before your yard can be done. The Council Office will then arrange for the men to mow your yard.



## Animals



**REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE ANIMALS IN YOUR CARE MAKE SURE YOU TREAT THEM WITH KINDNESS, AND GIVE THEM GOOD FOOD AND WATER REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ANIMAL IS LARGE OR SMALL .**

The vet will be coming to Doomadgee again in early April so keep this in mind. If your pets need attention go and see them when they are here.



*Clean Up Australia Day is still going to happen but it has been postponed to a date to be decided on yet due to the unstable*



## 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 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

Are you a confident, motivated person who loves to interview people, knows your music and would like to learn how to operate a radio station.

If this is you, come and see Gail Richardson at the Council Office and talk to her about the BRACS position.

**We are looking for a trustworthy, motivated person to run our radio station 4 hours a day Monday to Friday.**

## 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 Dave 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.**

## General Mowing Of Private Yards—cost \$80.00

**If you wanting to get your yard mowed come up and book at the council office and bring your money. You have to pay before your yard can be mowed.**



## Park Development Update

### BOTTOM PARK

Council would like the residents of the community to give us some feedback on how they would like to see Bottom Park developed .

### TOP PARK

Keep your eye on the Top Park for exciting things that are going to be happening over the next few months

### MIDDLE PARK

Unfortunately Middle Park has seen some damage over the Christmas period. This is sad for us all. We cannot repair this damage until the new budget in July, hopefully it will be fixed before Christmas.

On the positive side the park will have its solar lighting installed once the rivers go down and freight comes in. This lighting will enable community members to use the park in the cool of the evening for BBQ's or just sitting around and yarning . Council hopes it is enjoyed by everybody.

