



Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council



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Mayors O'Keefe Message



To start with myself along with Tony Douglas Deputy Mayor, and Councilor's Jason Ned, Vernon Ned and Elaine Cairns would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their great work over the past 12 months. It has been a great team effort in all areas and so much has been achieved for the betterment of the community in general.

Update of what the council and staff have achieved in the past months:

STAFF

- * We have had minimal changes of staff turnover in the past year and this has allowed a lot of work to be completed in and around the community.
- * We welcome Jannene Graham back as Acting CEO whilst Rod Richardson is away on sick leave.
- * Several outdoor staff have been able to engage in more training to upskill them and giving more confidence to tackle those bigger and more technical jobs.
- * Sai did the community proud again with picking up the Award of Best Radio Broadcaster at the National Remote Indigenous Media Festival held in Lajamanu in the NT in late September.
- * Priyanka is leaving us and we thank her for her hard work at the Youth Hub in assisting the other staff with getting the Youth Hub up and making it an exciting place for the youth to go to. She is not leaving us altogether as next year she will be teaching at Doomadgee State School our loss their gain, and I sure we will see her at the Youth Hub from time to time.

HOUSING

- * 6 new houses handed over just in time for Christmas and our community apprentices have contributed to the building of the houses.
- * This brings a total of 19 new houses for the Ned Street area.
- * 5 new houses are under construction and will be finished in the new year.
- * More new houses to come over the next 2-3 years.

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OUTDOOR WORKS

MAYORS MESSAGE CONTINUES:-

VEHICLES AND MACHINERY PURCHASE

Much of the machinery has been up grade with new purchases plus a few new items as well:-

Telehandler

1 x Mack Concrete Mixing Truck

2 x Small trucks for use around town

1 x 4WD truck for the road gang

3 x Hilux twin cab utes for airport, youth hub and office

2nd Garbage Truck

2 x Generators

3 Trailers for various purposes

plus more

The older big trucks have been sent out to be overhauled and given a new lease of life.

The council fleet will last well into the future with David and Clayton giving the machinery it usual good care.



Installation of the Safety Guard Rail at the Community Store and the concrete needed mixed in our own newly purchased truck



Generator for the Council Office so when power outages occur the Council Office can stay open .

One of the new trucks behind the new tractor





NEW PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY NEXT YEAR

- **NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL**
- **FINAL UPGRADE TO THE WATER PLANT AND COMMUNITY PIPE WORK— so good water pressure can be had all around the community.**
- **MORE NEW HOUSES TO BE BUILT.**
- **MUSIC ROOM TO BE ADDED TO THE YOUTH HUB—producing and recording local music**
- **UPGRADES TO THE RODEO GROUND IN TIME FOR NEXT YEARS RODEO— INCLUDING POWER AND AN ACCOMMODATION BLOCK FOR A CARE TAKER.**
- **NEW BY-LAWS WILL BE IN PLACE EARLY NEXT YEAR**
- **APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR \$480.000 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW WASTE DISPOSAL AREA.**

Another 2.km of bitumen has been done on the Wollangrang Road now making 15k done over the last couple of years.

Cemetery fence being renewed by Council and MY-Pathways



We have gone from bush to flat land cleared by Council Staff to the building of new houses on the same peace of ground. Apprentices and Myumu have assisted in this project.





COUNCIL OPENING HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Who do I ask ...

If I didn't get a Council job and I don't know why: Make an appointment through Mandy 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 Housing Office in the Council Building and see Scharrayne. She will help you. Or call 1300 650 912, the blue phone at the Housing Office is available for you house.

DOOMADGEE COUNCIL OFFICE WILL CLOSE THURSDAY THE 24TH OF DECEMBER. AND OPEN AGAIN ON THE 4th OF JANUARY 2016

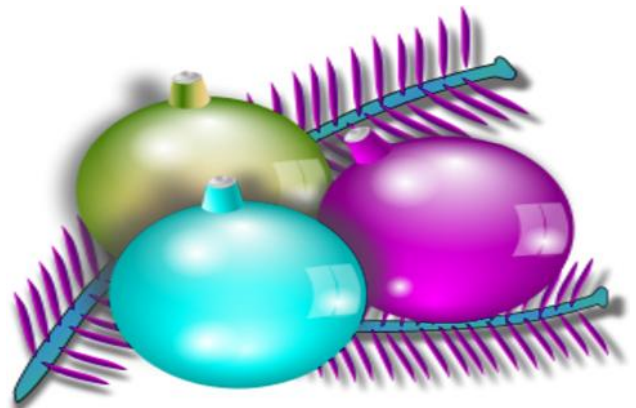
POST OFFICE AND CENTRELINK WILL BE OPEN FROM 9am TO 12noon only Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st December and normal hours will resume on the 4th of January

**Garbage collection will occur up to the 24th of December then resume again for the 29th, 30th, & 31st of December so get your bins early on these days.
Normal service will resume on the 4th of January 2016**



Allan and his offsiders will be on the job between Christmas and New Year to collect your household rubbish so make sure your bins are out nice and early on the 29th, 30th & 31st or they won't be collected.

**WISHING EVERYONE
A SAFE HAPPY
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR**



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