You Said, We Did

Jundah Community Forum Update

29 July 2026

Barcoo Shire Council held a community forum in Jundah on Wednesday 29 July 2026 to hear directly from residents about housing, communication, economic development and community priorities. This update provides a summary of key discussion points and actions already underway or planned.

Housing, Planning and Future Growth

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Increase housing availability and affordability. • Explore opportunities for residential land development. • Investigate relocating older houses into town. • Consider Rent to Buy models and ways to support ageing in place. • Address barriers to home ownership and development.	• Expanded the Scheme Supply Fund project to include Residential Precinct Plans for Jundah, Windorah and Stonehenge. • Commenced a Planning Scheme Review to identify opportunities for housing growth and streamlined planning processes. • Preparing an Economic Development Strategy to support population growth, investment and long-term sustainability. • Housing challenges identified through the forum will help inform future advocacy to State and Federal Government.

Communication and Community Engagement

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Continue improving two-way communication. • Facebook and email remain the preferred communication channels. • Hold community forums at times that suit local residents. • Improve Barcoo Banter and include more local information.	• Community Forums will continue across the Shire. • Council will continue using Facebook, email and Barcoo Banter to share updates. • Future forums will consider preferred meeting times, including after school pick-up where practical. • Council will investigate opportunities to expand Barcoo Banter with more community and business content.

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Local Business and Economic Development

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Promote the positives of living in Barcoo Shire. • Support local businesses and improve promotion of services. • Investigate opportunities for commercial advertising in Barcoo Banter. • Explore local resources such as clay-based industries.	• Continued promotion of local businesses and community initiatives through Council communication channels. • Intent to develop an Economic Development Strategy identified in Council's Operational Plan including objectives to identify opportunities for business growth and investment. • Council will investigate options for expanded business promotion within Barcoo Banter.

Community Wellbeing

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Community groups need support to remain sustainable. • New residents would benefit from access to basic household items when moving to town. • Consider an Opportunity Shop or Transition Box.	• Council recognises the important role community organisations play in community wellbeing and resilience. • Council will continue working with community organisations to strengthen local capacity. • The Opportunity Shop/Transition Box concept will be explored with interested community groups and stakeholders.

Information and Community Updates

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Provide more context around major projects and road works.	• Community members received updates on Council's 2026–27 Budget, flood recovery program, Local Resilience Action Plan, community facility upgrades, Census 2026, water security projects and other major initiatives. • Council will investigate including maps or location references in future road works updates to improve understanding.

Thank you! Council appreciates the thoughtful and constructive feedback provided by the Jundah community. Community Forums provide an important opportunity to hear local priorities directly from residents and ensure future planning reflects the needs of our communities.

"We'll keep the conversation going. Small town. Big ideas. Stronger Barcoo together."

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