You Said, We Did

Windorah Community Forum Update

14 May 2026

Barcoo Shire Council recently held a community forum in Windorah to hear directly from residents about local priorities, communication, infrastructure, tourism and community wellbeing. This update provides a summary of key discussion points and actions already underway or completed.

Communication and Community Engagement

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Improve two-way communication between Council and the community. • Reduce rumours and misinformation. • Make community meetings more accessible and community-friendly. • Improve the functionality of Barcoo Banter emails.	• Continued use of multiple communication channels including Facebook and email updates. • Identified the need for a stronger 'single source of truth' approach for key community information. • Investigated practical improvements to Barcoo Banter email attachments and accessibility. • Committed to exploring online feedback opportunities and pre-circulated meeting agendas.

Disaster Management, Flood Recovery and Resilience

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Continue improving disaster response coordination and communication. • Ensure practical support is available during flood isolation events.	• Established the Windorah Disaster Sub-Group. • Undertook fuel resupply and flood resupply operations. • Activated DRFA and Emergency Hardship Assistance support. • Provided daily flood communication updates and SES training activities.

Economic Development and Local Business Support

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Support local business growth and tourism opportunities. • Continue advocacy for infrastructure and economic development priorities.	• Provided grant and development application support for businesses. • Continued Buy Local campaign activities. • Advocated for tourism and pool infrastructure investment. • Prioritised approximately $2.4 million in gravel road works west of Windorah.

Infrastructure Investments

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Continue improving essential infrastructure and community facilities. • Address water infrastructure and operational reliability issues.	• Installed upgrades to water and pump infrastructure. • Completed Windorah playground improvements. • Undertook Water Treatment Plant safety upgrades. • Progressed aviation fuel and taxiway improvements at Windorah Airport.

Big Yabby and Tourism Opportunities

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Support the Big Yabby concept while carefully considering safety and location. • Encourage visitors to stop, park and explore the town safely.	• Commenced advocacy discussions regarding the Big Yabby concept. • Identified tourism infrastructure funding opportunities. • Recorded community feedback regarding parking, safety, lighting and interpretive signage.

Thank you

Council appreciates the honest and constructive feedback provided by the Windorah community. Community forums are an important opportunity to hear local priorities directly from residents and continue improving services, communication and long-term outcomes across the Shire.

"We'll keep the conversation going. Small town. Big opinions. Exactly how it should be."