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Windorah Community Forum Update

26 August 2026

Barcoo Shire Council held a community forum in Windorah on Wednesday 26 August 2026 to hear from residents about local priorities and provide updates on Council projects, services and activities. This update summarises key matters raised and actions underway or completed.

Town Presentation and Maintenance

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Trim tree branches obscuring signage on the Visitor Information Centre fencing. • Continue regular street sweeping. • Provide an opportunity for residents to access private tree-lopping services when Council's arborist is in town. • Remove three stumps near the Windorah Entry Sign. • Crown lift trees in Rabig Park by removing lower branches. • Repair the gate at Rabig Park.	• Tree branches obscuring the VIC signage were trimmed on Friday 28 August, two days after the forum. • First street sweeping round completed in July, with the next planned for mid-to-late September. • Working towards a three-monthly street sweeping program. • Arborist expected in Windorah around October. Once confirmed, Council will advertise the visit and provide contact details so residents can arrange private works directly. • Rabig Park gate repairs and crown lifting of trees have been identified for action. • Removal of three stumps near the Windorah Entry Sign has been identified for action.

Water Infrastructure

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Continue improving the reliability of Windorah's water supply and infrastructure. • Provide an update on Currareva and Murkin water supplies.	• Currareva has operated independently on its Variable Speed Drive for approximately three months without failure. • Installed new switchboards at Currareva and Murkin. • Progressed preparations for flow meters at both sites.

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	• Murkin remains available as a backup supply while an algae bloom is present. • Installed new hydrants on Cecil Street and near the school. • Successfully implemented the Windorah mains flushing program.

Windorah Airport

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Minimise disruption to flights while permanent taxiway repairs are undertaken.	• Working closely with REX Airlines to ensure no flight cancellations or disruptions occur during school holiday period while permanent taxiway repairs occur.

Roads and Access

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Continue road maintenance and flood damage repairs. • Maintain access during upcoming Windorah events. • Improve access to the Cooper Creek scenic road. • Continue discussion with DTMR regarding road signage.	• Flood damage repair and maintenance works underway across Davenport Road, Jundah-Winton Road, Lochiel Road, Windorah-Bedourie/Birdsville Road, Arrabury Road, Jundah-Quilpie Road and Haughton Vale Road. • Delayed works at the Windorah entrance to avoid access issues during upcoming festivities. • Completed grading of the Cooper's Creek scenic road. • Facilitated discussion with DTMR regarding road signage and provided information to the community.

Housing and Planning

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Support opportunities for additional and more diverse housing in Windorah and across the Shire. • Make better use of existing land and infrastructure. • Ensure planning responds to current information, including flood risk.	• Secured State Government Scheme Supply Funding to progress housing and planning work. • Residential Precinct Plans will be prepared for Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge to identify opportunities for new housing, redevelopment and better use of existing land and infrastructure.

	• A Planning Administration Framework will be developed to improve the clarity and consistency of Council's planning processes. • Targeted Planning Scheme amendments will be progressed, including incorporation of updated flood information. • The work will help position Council to facilitate development and pursue future housing and infrastructure investment.

Community Health, Wellbeing and Local Organisations

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Support the long-term sustainability of local community organisations. • Continue investing in community health, wellbeing and resilience. • Recognise local communities and their stories.	• Secured $66,000 through Queensland Health for the Tackling Regional Adversity through Connected Communities (TRACC) program. • Healthy Outback Communities (HOC) will support delivery. • The program will provide practical governance and sustainability support for community organisations, develop a Shire-wide Health and Wellbeing Plan, and deliver public art/community recognition projects in each township. • Community involvement will help shape priorities and activities.

Windorah Anzac Memorial

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Ensure the future of the Windorah ANZAC Memorial reflects its significance, local history and community expectations.	• Planning community consultation on the Windorah Anzac Memorial. • Seeking feedback on what the community values about the existing memorial and any improvements or changes that should be considered. • Community feedback will inform any future work on the memorial.

Disaster Management Planning

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Ensure disaster management arrangements reflect recent flood experiences and the realities of responding in remote communities. • Develop practical resources that can be used during an event, rather than plans that simply sit on a shelf.	• Progressing a comprehensive review of Council's Local Disaster Management Plan and supporting Sub-Plans. • The review will incorporate recent flood experiences, current risks and operational arrangements. • A strong focus will be placed on practical operational tools to support decision-making and response during events. • Procurement is being finalised to engage specialist consultants. • Consultation will include Council, emergency services, relevant agencies and communities before the updated plans are finalised and adopted.

Places of Refuge

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Ensure suitable places are available for residents and travellers who may be isolated, displaced or need a safe location during disasters and emergencies. • Consider the practical needs of each community rather than applying a one-size-fits-all approach.	• Progressing a Shire-wide Places of Refuge project covering Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge. • Potential sites will be assessed for suitability, capacity, access, power, water, communications and other infrastructure requirements. • The project will identify infrastructure gaps and priorities for each township. • The outcome will be a practical, investment-ready strategy to support future funding applications and implementation.

Yabby Race Day

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Ensure appropriate traffic and parking arrangements are in place for Yabby Race Day.	• Progressed the road closure permit application. • Arranged No Parking signage and site delineation by Council staff. • Police to be notified to support compliance with No Parking areas.

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Kerbside Collection and Waste Disposal

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Provide an opportunity for residents to dispose of bulky household items, particularly where transporting items to the waste facility is difficult. • Improve signage at the Windorah dump point and check the suitability of the nozzle size for water supply.	• Planning a kerbside collection for October 2026. • Exact dates and collection information will be advertised in the Barcoo Banter. • Council will review dump point signage and check the nozzle size for water supply at the location.

Windorah Town Common

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Provide an update on management of the Windorah Town Common.	• Town Common mustering scheduled for Friday 28 and Saturday 29 August 2026.

Community Information and Noticeboard

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Provide a community noticeboard in a prominent location in Windorah.	• Council will investigate suitable locations and options for a community noticeboard in Windorah.

Industrial Land

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Provide information about industrial blocks available for sale by tender.	• Council will provide information on the availability and tender process for industrial blocks.

Wire Yabby and Tourism

YOU SAID	WE DID
• Provide an update on installation of the Wire Yabby and its official opening.	• Installation of the Wire Yabby is planned for mid-September.

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	• An official opening will be held, with the artist to be invited to attend.

Thank you

Council appreciates the constructive feedback and participation of the Windorah community. Community forums provide an opportunity to raise local priorities directly with Council, share information and, importantly, turn practical issues into action.

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