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BUSH COUNCILS CONVENTION

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26 – 28

JULY 2022

**Barcaldine
Town Hall**
71 Ash Street,
Barcaldine

Program



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Welcome to the LGAQ's Bush Councils Convention 2022



The 2022 LGAQ Bush Councils Convention is an all-too-rare chance for Queensland's rural and remote councils to come together and share what they've learned, as they strive to enhance the vibrancy and vitality of many communities across Queensland.

Our host this year is Barcaldine Regional Council Mayor, Sean Dillon, who is very much looking forward to welcoming you to a region that is as renowned for its natural beauty as it is for the quality of its sheep and cattle production – and for its warm welcome from friendly locals.

If this is your first visit to Barcy, you will quickly see why it's called the 'Garden City of the West'!

The world has changed considerably since we were last together at the corresponding event in 2019, and how we've managed and adapted will be an important undercurrent to many of our conversations in Barcaldine.

The 2022 Bush Councils Convention will be the first conducted with the Rural and Remote Councils Compact in place, and we will hear a progress report on the Compact and consider the next steps for this pioneering accord.

We will take an in-depth look at regional media, and where councils might look for ways to ensure your stories are being heard – not just locally, but that they are also amplified to the 'corridors of power' – and, as always, hear compelling and timely success stories of how our bush councils are able to innovate in order to get things done.

I'm particularly looking forward to the sessions exploring better infrastructure, healthcare and tourism outcomes, and also hearing from a panel of experienced and highly regarded local government leaders as they consider 'Creating Communities: Attraction, retention and economic development'. Tim Fynes-Clinton's session on developments in navigating Conflict of Interest concerns for you and your council is a most welcome addition to the program.

The Bush Councils Convention also gives us a golden opportunity to hear from – and hopefully spend some time with – representatives from the State Government and Opposition and, as always, we welcome the chance to hear how they are planning to better support rural and remote councils and the communities they serve.

Of course, our event program provides numerous opportunities for you to catch up with your council colleagues from other parts of the state, to share experiences and insights, and to spend some time with our valued trade partners as well.

Finally, and following the postponement of last year's scheduled event, this Bush Councils Convention will be the only one for this local government term, so I urge you to make the most of being in beautiful Barcaldine and in the company of the great men and women of our mighty rural and remote councils.

Mayor Mark Jamieson
LGAQ President
Sunshine Coast Council

Optional Pre-Event

Monday
25th July

TIME	SESSIONS
4:00–5:30 pm	Optional workshop: ensuring a resilient, responsible and sustainable resources industry with the Resources Industry Development Plan
6:00 pm	Trivia night at Galilee Gallery, The Globe Sponsored by LGMS

Day One

Tuesday 26th July

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am	Acknowledgement of Country
9:15am	LGAQ Welcome Mayor Mark Jamieson, Sunshine Coast Council
9:20 am	Welcome to Barcy, the Garden City of the West Mayor Sean Dillon, Barcaldine Regional Council
9:35 am	Official opening Nikki Boyd MP, Assistant Minister for Local Government
9:50 am	Policy Executive Q&A: Rural and Remote Councils Compact progress report and next steps Mayor Jane McNamara, Flinders Shire Council Mayor Paul McVeigh, Western Downs Regional Council Cr Robyn Fuhrmeister, Balonne Shire Council Mayor Robbie Dare, Diamantina Shire Council
10:35 am	A word from our partner: Brighter Super
10:40 am	Morning tea
11:10 am	Regional media in focus: still telling stories as mastheads vanish Craig Johnstone, Editor, InQueensland Daniel Prosser, Breakfast Presenter, ABC Western Queensland Harry Clarke, Founder, Country Caller
11:40 am	Campaign showcase: how we sealed the deal – Outback Way Mayor Rick Britton, Boulia Shire Council Helen Lewis, Outback Way
12:30 pm	Lunch

Continue Day One

TIME	SESSIONS
1:30 pm	If I were mayor for a day: young voices on the future of our rural and regional communities Barcaldine Prep-12 State School
2:00 pm	A word from our partner: Hastings Deering
2:05 pm	Peak Services Butch Lenton Award showcase
2:30 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:00 pm	A word from our partner: Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
3:05 pm	Workshop: keeping tabs on Conflict of Interest (COI) Tim Fynes-Clinton, King and Company Solicitors
3:30 pm	Is the spirit of the Bush waning? Brent Sweeney, Chief Executive Officer, Head Yakka – Outback Futures Peter Whip, Chairperson, Head Yakka – Outback Futures Mayor Sean Dillon, Barcaldine Regional Council
4:15 pm	Close of day 1
6:00 pm	Welcome BBQ and drinks Barcaldine Rec Park Sponsored by GBA Consulting Engineers

Day Two

Wednesday 27th July

TIME	SESSIONS
8:00 am	Experience Barcaldine and brekky Under the Tree of Knowledge
9:00 am	Lights, camera, action: film friendly councils Gina Black Head of Physical Production and COVID Liaison, Screen Queensland
9:45 am	A wide-open road: tourism in rural and remote Queensland Brett Fraser Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Tourism Industry Council
10:30 am	A word from our partner: LGMS
10:35 am	Morning tea
11:00 am	You bet your life: better healthcare for the bush Gabrielle O'Kane PhD, MPH, AdvAPD, CEO, National Rural Health Alliance
11:30 am	Creating communities: attraction, retention and economic development Morgan Gronold, Senior Regional Development Manager, RAPAD Cr Cameron O'Neil, Chair, Country Universities Centre, Maranoa Mayor Tony Rayner, Longreach Regional Council Mayor Samantha O'Toole, Balonne Shire Council
12:25 pm	A word from our partner: Telstra
12:30 pm	Lunch

Continue Day Two

TIME	SESSIONS
1:30 pm	Future-proofing water networks: Winton's SCADA journey Mayor Gavin Baskett, Winton Shire Council
2:00 pm	Building and bolstering our regions: infrastructure update Paul Hope, Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water
2:30 pm	Feast or famine: what is the future for agriculture? Mayor Tanya Milligan, Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mayor John Wharton AM, Richmond Shire Council Mayor Kerry Hayes, Central Highlands Regional Council
3:15 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:45 pm	Local Government staff housing issues and solutions Mayor Frank Beveridge, Charters Towers Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto, South Burnett Regional Council
4:15 pm	Biosecurity Queensland: Emergency animal disease update David McNab, Biosecurity Queensland, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
4:30 pm	Close of day 2
6:30 pm	Convention dinner Barcaldine Showgrounds Sponsored by King and Company Solicitors

Day Three

Thursday 28th July

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30 am	Registration – Tea and coffee on arrival
9:00 am	LAWMAC: Our journey and vision for our future Cr Neil Fisher, Deputy Mayor, Rockhampton Regional Council
9:15 am	The mother of invention: DIYing everything from beer to boating in the bush Mayor Andrew Martin, Blackall–Tambo Regional Council, Blackall Woolscour Mayor Sean Dillon, Barcaldine Regional Council, Barcaldine Rec Park
9:45 am	State Opposition update Ann Leahy MP, Shadow Minister for Disaster Recovery, Shadow Minister for Volunteers, Shadow Minister for Local Government
10:00 am	Morning tea
10:30 am	Regional waste plans – opportunities for rural and remote councils
11:00 am	Rising above the pack: lessons in overcoming from a sporting great Alastair Lynch, AFL icon and sports commentator
11:30 am	Close

Registration

Full registration \$990
Corporate registration \$1,600

Optional Functions

Welcome BBQ and drinks \$50 per person
Dinner registration \$130 per person

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