**Farewell to Jannene and Russel**

After 3 years of loyal service as our Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council’s Chief Executive officer, Jannene Graham and her husband Russel Giles are leaving us at the end of October and returning to their home in Victoria. They are going back to spend time with family and catch up with friends before seeking a new posting.

Russel will spend time working on their home and we dare say Jannene will find time to shop. Mayor O’Keefe, Councillors and staff wish to thank them for their hard work and contribution to Doomadgee Community and wish them well in future endeavours.

**Sai Matainavora**

Our local broadcaster Sai Matainavora attended the 16th National Remote Indigenous Media Festival at Bamaga where he participated in all the activities and was awarded with the ‘Best Emerging Radio Talent’ award for 2014.
New Crib Room for the Outdoor Staff

The new crib room for the Outdoor Staff arrived in August on the back of a truck and was maneuvered into place with a forklift. It was a very delicate operation to get it into just the right spot without incident.

The staff will have use of this building very soon.

NAIDOC Elders Luncheon

On the 23rd of September NAIDOC Elders luncheon was held at the PCYC it was an enjoyable day. All the elders got together enjoyed a lunch that was prepared by Denice Kofoed from the Doomadgee Bakery. The food was amazing and everyone loved it. A few games of Bingo were had and everyone went home with a gift. Thanks you to the PCYC staffs, Dean Jupiter and his crew for their helping hand with the luncheon.

Youth Hub

The Youth Hub is well on the way to being completed it is an exciting new addition to the town. The Youth Hub will cater for the youth aged between 16-25 years of age and we encourage all those in this age group to come along and get involved.

The Youth Hub will be a place to come and participate in programs such as music, art, sport and so much more. Bring along your own ideas and get involved and encourage other.
Art in the Park

Art in the Park was held during the mid year school holidays and fun was had by all. Children proudly taking home their works of art when finished. It was a fun activity for the school holidays.

New Signage in our middle park

You may have seen our new signs at the middle park, these were installed by Dean Jupiter and his team. We will be installing new play equipment again in the coming weeks and it would be nice to see this being looked after and not vandalised as this will not be replaced again.

Library

The Shire Council Front Office holds a good selection of books that can be borrowed and then exchanged for another. Your first book costs $3.00 and after that your books are all free. Come along and browse our selection of children, biographies, fiction books.

Local Radio

KEEP LISTENING TO THE LOCAL STATION FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WHO IS IN TOWN AND EVENTS ARE COMING UP THAT YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING. If you want your special song played give Sai a ring on 47455806 or drop your request into the front office of the Shire Council and he will be only too happy to play it for you. Reminder to all business and agencies in town to have your announcement ready for pick up on each Monday morning and Sai will be around to collect them.
Who do I ask ...

If I didn’t get a Council job and I don’t know why: Make an appointment through Carlene 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 Council office and ask for Scharryne. She will help you. Or call 1300 650 912, the blue phone at the Housing Office is available for you to use.

Remember we do have a good selection of books in our library and new books are arriving again soon.

Council Phone Number:
4745 8351

The Get Ready Program will be starting in October that means starting to think about cleaning up those yards before we get into the cyclone season. Council will be doing its usual pick up of those large unwanted items again this year so if you have old white good, cars, play equipment, broken tree limbs keep listening to the radio for dates when this is going to take place.

DOOMADGE POST OFFICE

has a new computer system in place so you can pay your bills with a post office barcodes using EFTPOS, Money order are done on line now.

POSITIONS VACANT AT COUNCIL

Council advertises any positions vacant at the Council Offices, the Doomadgee Store and the Road House. If you see one of these positions advertised, and you would like to be considered for the position, we encourage you to come in and fill out the application forms. You need to come to the front Reception Desk, ask for the application form, and complete it. If there is anything on the form you are unsure about, just ask our friendly staff and they will be more than happy to help you.

A GENTLE GARBAGE COLLECTION REMINDER

Council Garbage Collectors work around Doomadgee every day, but it can sometimes be a difficult job—dangers such as being chased by dogs are regular occurrences.

It would be really helpful if, when you want your garbage collected, you place it at the front gate before Allan and Dave arrive, so that they know that you need your garbage to be emptied. Garbage bins that are not placed at the front gate will not be picked up. (Just inside the gate or fence is okay)

The Chief Executive Officer of the Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Jannene Graham received a plaque on behalf of the traditional owners of this land the Waanyi and Gangalidda people as well as the Lardil, Mingginda and Garawa people of this area. Ergon Energy is proud to have been apart of the Solar Farm built in 2013 in Doomadgee. The plaque was in recognition of the solar farm.