



DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL (DASC) NEWSLETTER

We acknowledge the Gangalidda, Waanyi and Garrawa peoples of this place. We also Acknowledge our neighboring tribes. Paying our respects to our old people and those who have gone before us.

Happy New Year

From the CEO's Desk,

Happy new year everyone and welcome to our inaugural Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council newsletter. This is the first of many and Council's way of letting community know what is happening. Firstly, I would like to pay my respects to those who have passed in 2023 and hope that 2024 brings us joy and happiness. Thanks to all who kept the wheels turning at Council and from the newsletter you will see that we are certainly moving in the right direction. We have some exciting things happening in 2024 so keep watching our facebook page, listening to the radio and our public notice boards for these announcements.

With the 2024 election upon us, on behalf of all Council workers I would like to thank our Leaders, Mayor and Councillors, for their support and leadership. I would also like to take the time to reflect on the Leadership of our late Mayor and how we must aspire to continue his vision for Doomadgee.

We also wish everyone the best who is nominating for Council and look forward to the next Leadership arm for the next 4 years. Best wishes to all, and no matter who gets the nod, let us all support the new leadership.

Please stay safe during the wet season.



First of our monthly Newsletters

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Important Reminders:

DASC Council Meeting
18th January 2024

Local Government Election:

12th March 2024

For those who are nominating for Mayor or Councillor, please be reminded to attend the "so you want to be a Councillor" training. 22nd-24th-25th Jan at Council Chambers

Public Holidays

Australia Day

26th January 2024

Easter Holidays

Good Friday 29/3/24

Easter Mon 1/4/24

Council Phone Number:
07 4745 8351

2023 Floods

This time last year we were rushing full steam ahead, into our largest flood many of our generations have ever seen. It was an exciting but also quite scary time for the Lower Gulf. With our neighbours in Mougibi getting the worst of it. Doomadgee was able to assist with the evacuation of the our Mougibi countrymen. Although we're looking forward to our annual flood to bring the awesome Barra, we certainly don't need another scare like that for a while. Our gratitude going out to our Emergency Services crews and our Disaster Management crews, work gangs and other helpers during that time.



Little Easter Egg hunters - April

The littlies had their Easter Egg Hunt out at the Sports and Rec Centre early in the year. All the tiny ones with their Egg baskets and big bunny ears, were all very cute with smiles all around.



Battle of the Gulf—Rugby League

2023 was the first year Doomadgee entered Junior teams to our Battle of the Gulf and also first time to have a Womens' comp installed. It's a major milestone for sports in our community, although a tricky logistical hurdle, to be moving 4 teams instead of one. Results count for everything and we almost had a clean sweep, with our U9s, U12s and A-Grade womens' all winning their comps, our A-Grade mens', missed by that much, we made the grand final and lost out sadly to NTN Stingers. We couldn't have done it without our Sponsors, particularly DASC/CEQ/GREAT & DMD Bakery and the deadly designs of Phyre Apparel and brother at Preston Campbell Foundation. A special mention and Thanks going to all our dedicated volunteers as well and QRL.



Under 9s



Under 12s



A-Grade Womens'



A-Grade Mens'

2023 FLASH BACK S&RC

DASC Sports & Recreation Centre (S&RC)

The S&RC has been on fire with activities last year. Different sports and recreation activities to try and participate in has led to an array of interests, from Tae Kwon Do (TKD) to Rugby tag, back around to volleyball to Blue Light discos and who can forget the Karaoke. But the feather in the S&R Cap for the year has to have been the TKD group. They have gone from strength to strength in numbers and in Belts. There are 5 Grades in TKD before the Black Belt: **White, Yellow, Green, Blue & Red**, then the **Black**. Doomadgee now have 3 White Belts, 2 Yellow Belts, 4 Green Belts and one Blue Belt. Their leader Mr Young has dedicated his time graciously and his unbelievable skills to teach the classes. They knocked the socks of everyone with their demonstration at the School Concert night. Thank You Mr Young and the participants for bringing TKD to Doomadgee and to our S&RC. Thanks to the S&RC team, Sai, Cherrie-Anne, Kyesha, Margaret, Isaiah, Tommy & Ashley. Also a shout out to the Boarding Schoolers and the work experience crew. Make sure to get involved in 2024. Everyone's Welcome!





Volleyball



Blue light



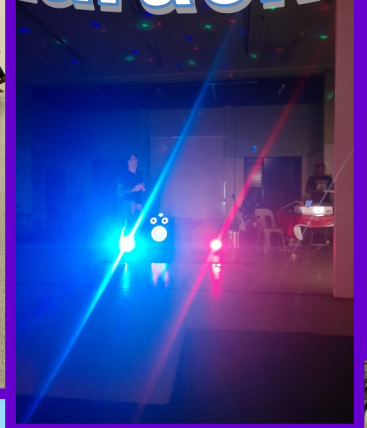
Rugby Tag



Karaoke



Indigenous Hip Hop



Gregory Canoe Races

2023 was the first year ever, that Doomadgee participated in the Gregory Canoe Races. DASC Council workers and youth participants took part over the weekend on the beautiful Bidunggu. The organisers and other canoe enthusiasts all were very welcoming and helpful. Because not only were we the first from the local communities, we were the first full Indigenous/pacific team. Thanks goes to DASC Youth Services and to the North West Canoe Club.





2023 FLASH BACK



Doomadgee Rodeo 2023

Our biggest and most popular event of the year is our Doomadgee Rodeo. Always a huge hit in the region, where our locals, novices and Station Workers get to compete with the pros from across the North. 2023 was a two-day family focused weekend, with some groovy tunes by the local band coordinated through the Mufassa Music Program for the Youth Hub and with the silky tunes of local elder Chris Logan, Sat night was a blast!

With our very own locally retired PBR competitor, Peter Gregory Snr. And not forgetting a big thanks also to our faithful emcee every year, Elder Mr Clarry Walden. Thanks to our Council Work Crews, My Pathways and Sponsors.

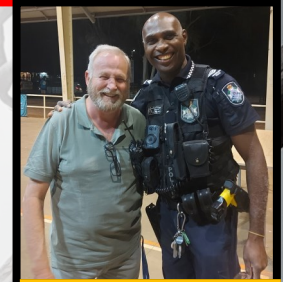


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NAIDOC 2023: For our Elders

"For Our elders" - The gravity and importance of the 2023 NAIDOC Theme was not lost on anyone. Honoring our old people and paying them the respect that they have earned and deserve, has some-what been 'watered-down' over the years, so this was a wonderful way to bring this ancient tradition of our people, back to the forefront where it belongs. We had great turn-out at all our planned events and a huge Thank You to our Council work crews, our sponsors and all of community.



2023 FLASH BACK

Community Consultations - New Doomadgee Heart Hub

WOW! How exciting. Community members were invited to be a part and have input into proposed future growth and development of our hometown. DASC engaged a team from a company called Meridian Urban. Community got to consult on a range of potential projects such as a **Tourism/Visitors and Cultural Centre**, A dedicated **Community Hall**, New **Business Hub**, **Caravan Camp grounds** and our **Riverside walk/cycle way**. Heaps of folks had their say, at all ages, from small children up to quite a few of our community leaders and old people. Looking forward to a future of growth, sharing and building local industry.





LOCAL SHOUT-OUT

DASC Carpentry Team

Our Community now have our very own home-grown Carpentry team. Headed up by Jeremy Wilson, Robert Taylor and Murray Walden make up the three-man team. We always want to promote local employment, training, upskilling and qualifications. Growing our community to be self-sufficient and keeping jobs local, benefits all of our community from economic through to personal growth.



Orange Sky came to town

As a part of the Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD) inquest, DASC, NWHHS and Orange Sky teamed up to bring one of their vans to town. This initiative is a common sense, practical measure to help our families as a preventative tool in the RHD space, providing washing machines and dryer facilities. It is a free service looked after by Miss Erica Peter, the local lady who always has a smile.





DASC Community Christmas Party 2023

The biggest party hands down went to the DASC Community X-mas Gift-Giving and Christmas party. Which doubled with the NAIDOC Elder's gift giving as well. With approx. 500 members of the community joined in and had a lovely big feed courtesy of DASC and the Doomadgee Bakery and Butchers. Special thanks to our dedicated Santa Scotty and all of Santa's Helpers. Thank you also to our Council work crews and all our sponsors of the events.



DASC Cross-Cultural Awareness Workshop

Last Nov was first birthday of the Program's implementation, on November 11th 2022. It has been an extremely successful workshop that has grown and developed even further over those 12 months.

The workshop is available to Businesses working or providing outreach services to our community.

18 workshops all up

- 10 local workshops &
- 8 external workshops

139 Participants all up

- 65 local &
- 74 external.

Our first one for 2024 kicks off on the 31/1/24





Sorry Business

Sadly we lost our Mayor last year, Mr J. Ned. The shock of the loss reverberated around community, around the region and far and wide.

To all his immediate family members, we acknowledge and pay respects to you. To all his extended families are thoughts are with all of you.

We also take this time, to acknowledge and share our condolences to all our families who have lost loved ones in 2023.

They will forever be loved and they will forever be missed

Please note, Funeral Packs are available to families from the Council Office.





COMMUNITY UPDATES

COMING UP SOON

DASC Cross-Cultural Workshop
Where: Council Office
When: 31/1/24 @ 11am

Night Markets
Where: Sports & Rec
When: Thu 1/2/24 @ 5:30pm-8pm

Street sweeping & pot holes repair
Where: Community Streets
When: Daily

Councillor / Mayor candidate training

Where: Council Office
When: Jan 22nd @ 5pm,
24th @ 5pm & 25th 12pm.

Service Provider Meeting
Where: Council Office
When: 17/1/24 @ 1pm

ONE BUSINESS Monthly Wkshops
Where: Sports & Rec
When: Jan 16-19th

Ordinary DASC Council Meeting
Where: Council Office
When: Jan 18th



Youth Employment program
Where: Sports & Rec
When: Jan 23-26th



DASC says "Thank you" to their staff.



Check out the DASC FACEBOOK PAGE for the latest news and updates, LIKE IT, TAG IT AND SHARE WITH OTHERS.