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Protecting and promoting the environment in our region.
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Welcome to our June newsletter!

This is shaping up to be an incredibly massive month of local action—which is standard for DDEC, but particularly vital for me, as **I will be taking the month of July off** to welcome our first child, expected to arrive in late June or early July. It's an important new chapter for my family, but before I step away for parental leave, we have some incredible initiatives to dive into together.

Here is what's on the radar this month:

- **Escarpment Bushland Estate:** Thanks to watchful eye of community members the Toowoomba Regional council is seriously considering the purchase of the property at **33 Kleve Road, Highfields**—comprising **16.85 Hectares** of pristine land directly adjoining **Highfields Falls**—currently on the open market to expand the Highfields Falls bushland park. Stay tuned!
- **World Environment Day:** Join the community at Lake Annand Park on **Sunday, 7 June** (10:00 am–4:00 pm) to celebrate World Environment Day. I will be delivering a speech on a topic close to my heart: **how we can reimagine democracy and why doing so is essential to protecting the environment**. Our environment suffers when our democratic systems fail to represent the community's voice and allow misinformation and polarisation to spiral unchecked. Let's talk about how we fix it.
- **The Persistence of the Knittinannas:** A massive thank you and shout-out to the phenomenal Knitting Nannas. Rain or shine, they are out there outside our local MP's offices **every Friday morning from 8:00 am–10:00 am**, peacefully but fiercely protesting Coal Seam Gas expansion and dangerous legislative rollbacks. Their tireless grit is exactly what community power looks like.
- **Tech, AI, and the Climate Race:** On a broader note, I highly recommend checking out this critical piece on how **AI companies are completely ignoring energy efficiency** because they are locked in a cutthroat stock market dominance race. As data centers consume unprecedented amounts of power, it's a stark reminder of why grassroots oversight on energy and technology is more urgent than ever. [\[Read the full article here\]](#).
- **DDEC is Hiring!** To help support our growing campaigns and keep our momentum steady (especially while I am on leave), we are thrilled to announce a new paid, part-time position: **Environmental Organising and Administration Officer** (2 days per

week). If you are organized, passionate, and ready to make a local impact, applications close **Wednesday, 3 June**.

- **DDEC Events & Roundtables:** Don't miss our **Six-Monthly Members Roundtable** on Tuesday, 9 June at the Eco Hut—bring a plate to share as we plot out our regional Landcare strategies. We also have our next **DDEC Creek Clean-Up Day** on Saturday, 27 June (complete with the usual pizza and drinks celebration afterward!).
- **Environmental Award Nominations Open:** Do you know an individual, group, or project quietly doing heroic work for nature or climate across the Downs? Nominations for our annual awards are officially open until **31 July 2026**. Let's celebrate our champions at the upcoming AGM!

Looking further ahead, I highly encourage everyone to register for the Queensland Community Alliance **Foundations of Community Organising Training** on July 25 and August 1. It is highly valuable for anyone wanting to learn the tools of relational power and effective community advocacy.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Eco Hut, at Lake Annand, or out by the creek this month. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to our beautiful region.

For Nature,
Ahri Tallon Coordinator,
Darling Downs Environment Council

DDEC Events

Qld Community Alliance: What a Night! Next Steps for Toowoomba's Listening Action





1 - Be Part of Building a Toowoomba Alliance

There is an ongoing conversation about whether and how to build a Toowoomba team or presence of the Qld Community Alliance. Last week we held a listening event with over 65 people where we shared food and told stories about our experiences and the issues facing the community.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 2nd June, 1-2:30pm

2 - Get trained up!

Learn the tools of community organising at a 2-day training session:

**Saturday 24th July and Saturday 1st August at Multicultural Australia in Toowoomba.
8:45 am - 4:30pm both days.**

It's a free training which equips leaders to be more effective public actors - both within their own organisation, in the Alliance and beyond. This training is a necessary next step in the local conversation about how we use Relational Power in the public sphere to take action together.

3 - Discernment

The word "discernment" means to choose wisely. In our organising, it is about collective decision-making that takes in reflection and value judgement.

The action in Toowoomba is just one of more than a dozen listening actions across Qld. In the first week of August, we'll come back together with people involved in listening all across the state to sort what we heard, test for energy, and work out what we do next.

There will be a face to face gathering in Brisbane, with opportunity for us to go there, or maybe to host something locally and connect with Brisbane via zoom - stay tuned for more!

[Resigster for Training](#)

Six Monthly DDEC Members Roundtable

Join us at Buru Dain Dan Eco Hut, 1A Heller St, Rangeville, for our upcoming Darling Downs Environment Council (DDEC) Member Gathering on **Tuesday, 9th of June**. This will be an opportunity to reconnect, share updates across the network, and discuss key strategic initiatives shaping our work in the region.

The evening will include:

- **Member group updates** – hear brief reports from across the DDEC network on current projects, wins, and challenges.
- **Greening Toowoomba / Regional Landcare discussion** – a focused conversation on

- **Greening Toowoomba / Regional Landcare discussion** – a focused conversation on the proposed project to establish a coordinated Toowoomba Region Landcare or “Greening Toowoomba” group, including structure, partnerships, and next steps.
- **Coordinator update** – overview of current campaigns, operational priorities, and upcoming opportunities for involvement.
- **President’s update** – reflections on governance, strategic direction, and broader sector engagement.
- **Open discussion** – space for members to raise issues, ideas, and opportunities for collaboration.

This is a collaborative, working-style gathering designed to strengthen alignment across our groups and shape shared priorities moving forward.

Catering:

Please bring a plate to share for a light supper. Tea and other refreshments will be available.

We encourage all member groups and interested participants to attend and contribute to the discussion.

[RSVP Here](#)

Foundations of Community Organising Training

The Queensland Community Alliance is an Alliance of civil society organisations whose mission is to provide our community with a voice to express our common values and aspirations for a fair and just society.

Foundations training is based on the philosophy and practices developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation in over 65 years of successful organising. These ideas are translated to an Australian context to cover the essentials of community organising and how we implement it here in Toowoomba.

This training institute will be held in person on **Saturday, 25 July** and **Saturday 1 August, 8:45 am for a 9 am start to 4:30pm each day**. All attendees must commit to attending all sessions.

- **Day 1:** Sat 25 July, 8:45 am- 4:30 pm
- **Day 2:** Sat 1 Aug, 8:45am-4:30 pm.





Topics at Foundations training include:

- Community Organising: based on the history and tradition of our religious, union and community organisations
- Relational Organising: individual relational meetings, listening assemblies, research, negotiation and action
- Strengthening our Organisations: building a culture that is relational, action-oriented and reflective/learning
- Using Relational Power in the public sphere to take collaborative action on common issues

The training is interactive, thoughtful and made for people with all levels of experience. Concepts worked through include power, our roles as public people and what strong organisations look like. As practical as it is theoretical, we teach the tools to start building public relationships and working through the organising cycle to solve problems in our communities.

There is no cost to attend this training, but we ask for a \$10 donation to cover the costs of lunch.

[Register Here](#)



Join us for DDEC Clean-Up Day and be part of something bigger!

With our last cleanup at the creek, we collected a lot of rubbish. However, it's still not fully restored. Join us on Saturday, 27th June, as together, we can make a real impact, protect our environment and show what community spirit looks like in action. Every small effort counts - can't wait to see you there! 🌱 As always we finish with pizza and drinks at the end.

Equipment will be provided to assist with the clean up 🧤

[RSVP here](#)

DDEC Updates

DDEC is Hiring!



The Darling Downs Environment Council (DDEC) is excited to announce a new paid part-time opportunity to join our growing team!

Thanks to new funding, we are seeking an **Environmental Organising and Administration Officer** to help strengthen our campaigns, community engagement and daily operations. This new role will play an important part in supporting DDEC's work protecting the environment and our Darling Downs Region.



Position: Environmental Organising and Administration Officer



Location: Darling Downs region



Part-time: 2 days per week (paid position)



Applications close: Wednesday, 3 June



Intended start date: 15 June or earlier

Working closely with the DDEC Coordinator, the successful applicant will provide vital operational, administrative and community organising support to advance environmental campaigns and help build DDEC's overall capacity.

We're looking for someone who is organised, community-minded, passionate about environmental advocacy and eager to contribute to meaningful local change.

If you're interested in environmental organising, grassroots campaigns, and supporting positive action for nature and climate, we'd love to hear from you.

Please email Ahri if you have any questions:

info@ddec.org.au

[More Information Here](#)

A Huge Thank You to all our Volunteers!

A heartfelt thank you to all the Darling Downs Environment Council volunteers for your time, energy and dedication throughout the year so far. Your passion and hard work make a real difference to our environment and communities, your efforts are truly appreciated.

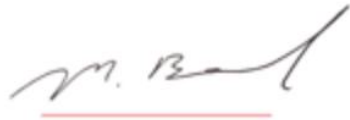
Thank you for everything you do.



Certificate of Appreciation

Members and Volunteers of

**Darling Downs Environment
Council Inc**



Michael Bond CSC and Bar
Chair, Queensland Water and Land Carers



Mark Pearce
CEO, Volunteering Australia



Nominate A Group or Individual for an Environmental Award

We're now inviting nominations for individuals, groups, and projects that have made a meaningful contribution to the environment, climate action, or community well-being across the Downs. Nominations can go into the lifetime achievement individual, annual achievement individual or annual achievement group/project categories.

Whether it's restoring ecosystems, advocating for nature, leading on climate, or inspiring others — if you know someone who deserves recognition, please nominate them. Everyone nominated will be recognised for their unique contribution, and each recipient will be honoured at the DDEC AGM. T. Nominations close: 31 July 2026

[Nominate here!](#)

Help Save Our Darling Downs

The amazing farmland in the Downs is under threat by Coal Seam Gas and dangerous proposed LNP legislation to water down protections that need increasing. Find out more about the campaign to put a stop to this legislation and take action at www.saveourdarlingdowns.org.au

You can:

- Email your MP to stand up for our water and land
- Order a yard sign to go out front of your house

- Register to attend the No Gas aerial sign event on Wednesday 11th of June at Cecil Plains.
- Join the Knitting Nannas who are outside our local MP's offices every Friday morning 8am-10am



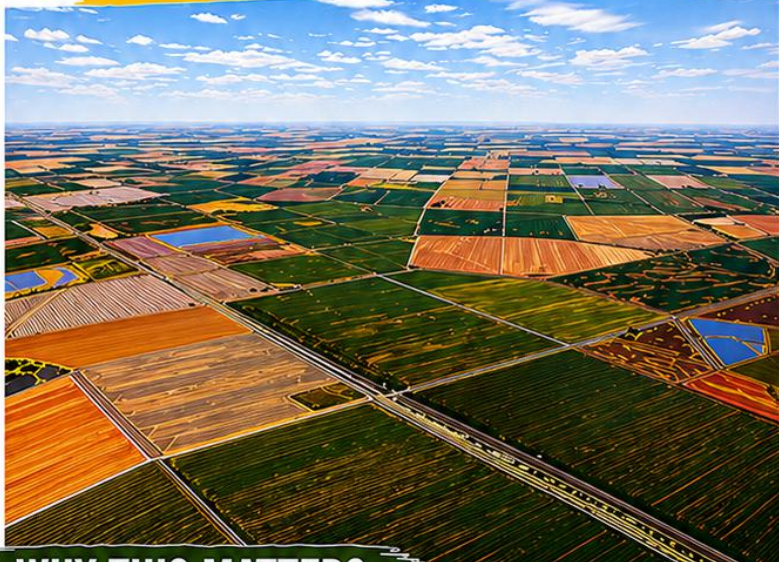
*Our land, Our water.
Our future.*

PROTECT ^{THE} CONDOMINE ALLUVIUM

! Proposed changes to the Regional Planning Interests (RPI) Act will remove critical protections for the Condamine Alluvium area—one of Queensland's most important agricultural and groundwater regions.

💧 If enacted, these amendments will open the door to gas drilling by removing critical risk assessments that protect our finite natural resources and local towns.

👥 These amendments will severely weaken landholder and community rights.



WHY THIS MATTERS



SAFE & RELIABLE GROUNDWATER

Protecting our water for today and generations to come.



PRODUCTIVE FARMLAND

Supporting strong agriculture and food security.



HEALTHY RIVERS & ECOSYSTEMS

Protect floodplain water flows and biodiversity.



THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Supporting healthy, wellbeing, and economic resilience.



LOCAL INPUT

Ensuring locals have their say on proposed developments.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Community input shapes better decisions.

THE CHOICES WE MAKE TODAY WILL PROTECT OUR REGION'S FUTURE.

TAKE ACTION TODAY!

- 1**  CONTACT your local representatives
- 2**  SPEAK UP to OPPOSE the proposed RPI amendments
- 3**  SHARE this information with your network and your community

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

ANN LEAHY – Member for Warrego	warrego@parliament.qld.gov.au
JAMES LISTER – Member for Southern Downs	southern.downs@parliament.qld.gov.au
PAT WEIR – Member for Condamine	condamine@parliament.qld.gov.au
PREMIER DAVID CRISAFULLI	premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au



LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

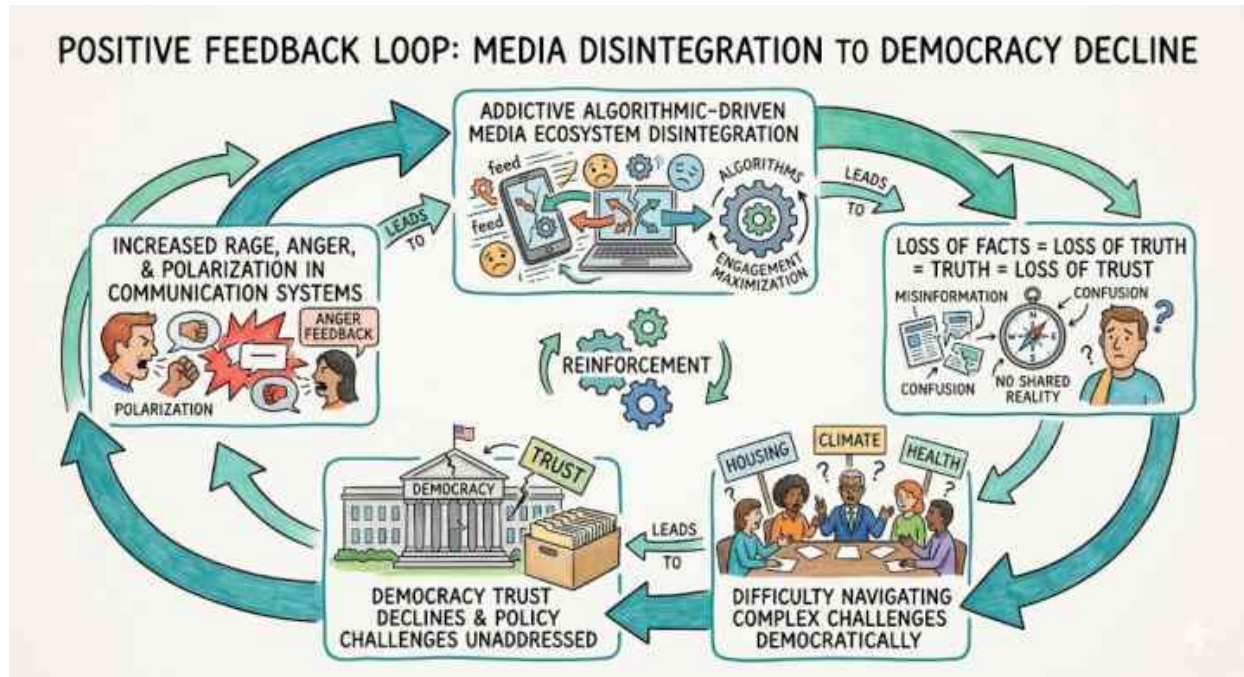
Visit: www.saveourdarlingdowns.org.au

For resources, letter-writing help, and ways to get involved.

IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, WHAT'S AT STAKE? | IF NOT US, THEN WHO?

YOUR LAND, YOUR WATER, YOUR FUTURE.

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Sign the Fix our Feeds Petition Here.

If you missed it a few weeks ago there is a very important petition to turn off social media algorithms being on by default. Along with other causes this is a major cause of the political polarisation and loss of shared consensus we are facing. [For a more expansive analysis on the impacts destabilising democracy and society please view this article.](#)

Community Events

Madeira Weeding Challenge - Can you Help?





Volunteers are invited to help clear rampant Madeira vine from an area in the park which the regular Friends of the Escarpment volunteers are unable to bring under control on their own. Redwood Park is home to many vulnerable species and has great biodiversity.

Registration is essential. Participants must wear a hat, gloves, long sleeved pants and a long sleeved shirt. Please bring some secateurs and a pruning saw if you have them. No chemicals will be used on the day. Bring water and morning tea. The meeting spot is at the Picnic Area of the Warrego Highway section of the park. As you descend the range from Toowoomba to Withcott, turn left just past the 100km sign. The event is not suitable for children

Date: Saturday 6 June 2026 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (UTC+10)

Location: Redwood Park: Warrego Highway | Warrego Highway, Toowoomba Queensland 4350

Can you Help?

Lake Annand Park, Toowoomba - World Environment Day

A vibrant banner for 'LAKE ANNAND PARK TOOWOOMBA WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY'. The background is green with a stylized map of the region. At the top, there's a row of small images showing various community activities. On the right, a blue circle with colorful rays contains the text '1976 - 2026 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS'. The main text 'LAKE ANNAND PARK TOOWOOMBA WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY' is in large, bold, green letters. Below this, there's another row of small images. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the date and time '7 JUNE 2026 10AM- 4PM' in white, and a list of activities: '• Live music • Market stalls • Family fun • Kids activities • Food • Community led'. At the very bottom, a small line of text reads 'A community-run celebration connecting people, local businesses, and ideas that help our region live more sustainably.'

1976 - 2026
CELEBRATING
50 YEARS

LAKE ANNAND PARK
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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

7 JUNE 2026
10AM- 4PM

- Live music • Market stalls • Family fun
- Kids activities • Food • Community led

A community-run celebration connecting people, local businesses, and ideas that help our region live more sustainably.

Celebrate World Environment Day with the community at Lake Annand Park on Sunday, 7 June 2026, from 10 am–4 pm.

Enjoy a vibrant day of live music, market stalls, family fun, and hands-on kids' activities while connecting with local businesses, community groups, and ideas helping the region live more sustainably. A community-led event bringing people together to inspire a greener future for Toowoomba. 🌿

Black Cockatoo Crisis Screening - right here in Toowoomba!

When: 6:30 pm, Friday, 12 June

Where: Darling Downs Environment Council Eco Hut
1A Heller Street, Rangeville, Toowoomba QLD 4350

Cost: Free!!



As deforestation is destroying critical habitats, including those of the black cockatoo, it becomes clear that our current environmental laws are failing to protect the ecosystems we all depend on.

This screening is part of our campaign to stop deforestation and push for stronger environmental protections that put communities and nature first.

Following the screening, we'll discuss how we can work together to strengthen Australia's environmental laws and ensure that communities have a stronger say in environmental decision-making. This is a critical fight, not just for the black cockatoos, but for all species and future generations that rely on the survival of our forests.

We invite you to be part of this important conversation.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

Limited seats available, so please RSVP today (use the link below) and take action for our environment!

[RSVP Here](#)

Empower Toowoomba: Active Bystander Initiative Training

This pilot program is a unique opportunity to be part of a community-led initiative working together to prevent and respond to domestic and family violence. As a participant, you will join a small, committed cohort and play an important role in building a network of skilled and confident community members who can deliver bystander education across local settings.

The Train the Trainer sessions will be held on **Thursday, 18 June and Friday, 19 June 2026, from 9:00 am–4:00 pm**. Please ensure you are available to attend both full days. Further details about the program and ongoing commitments are outlined in the role description. With only **20 places available**, we are looking for individuals who are motivated to contribute to meaningful, long-term change in the Toowoomba community.

[Register Here](#)

Garden City Mosque Open Day - Toowoomba International



13th Annual GARDEN CITY MOSQUE OPEN DAY
TOOWOOMBA INTERNATIONAL Food Festival
FOOD FUN FRIENDSHIP FAITH

SATURDAY 20th June 2026
10.30am–3.00pm
217 West St.
Harristown Q 4350

FREE ENTRY!

- YUMMY DIVERSE FOOD
- GUEST SPEAKERS
- LADIES ACTIVITIES
- HAND-WRITTEN QUR'AN DISPLAY
- KIDS GAMES & FUN

TOOWOOMBA MOSQUE
Islamic Society of Toowoomba Inc.
www.toowoombamosque.com.au



GUESTS AND SPEAKERS

Opening by Mr Mohamed Ali Kalifullah, President, Islamic Society of Toowoomba

 HON FIONA SIMPSON MP Minister for Women & Women's Economic Security Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister for Multiculturalism, Queensland Government	 DR GEOFF McDONALD Mayor of Toowoomba Regional Council
 PROFESSOR PAUL MAZEROLLE Vice-Chancellor and President University of Southern Queensland	 HON TREVOR WATTS MP State Member for Toowoomba North
 BISHOP KEN HOWELL Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba	 BISHOP CAM VENABLES Anglican Bishop for the Western Region
 MS KELLY HOGAN-BUCKINGHAM Regional Manager, Multicultural Australia	 EMERITUS PROF. SHAHJAHAN KHAN QAM Founding President of Islamic Society of Toowoomba, and Chair, Toowoomba Islamic Charitable Trust
 IMAM DR MOHAMMAD AMINUL ISLAM Imam of Garden City Mosque	

SATURDAY 20th June 2026
10.30am–3.00pm





NATIONAL
Fire Ant Eradication
PROGRAM

Fire ant awareness training

Local volunteers and community members are invited to a practical, hands-on session to learn how to spot fire ants, understand the risks they pose, and take action to safeguard our environment and community.



What you will learn

- Identify fire ants and their nests
- Conduct fire ant surveillance
- Assess risk factors in your area
- Manage and reduce fire ant risks

Event details

- **Date:** Tuesday, 30 June 2026
- **Time:** 10 am to 12 pm
- **Location:** Toowoomba City Library, 155 Herries St

Agenda

Time	Session
10 am – 11:30 am	Understanding fire ants: • See live fire ants up close to learn about their behaviour and characteristics. • Discover why fire ants are dangerous and how to recognise their nests. • Learn about movement risks and controls, and potential carrier equipment and materials. • Participate in a hands-on activity to search for nests in an open area.
11:30 am – 12 pm	Q&A session

RSVP

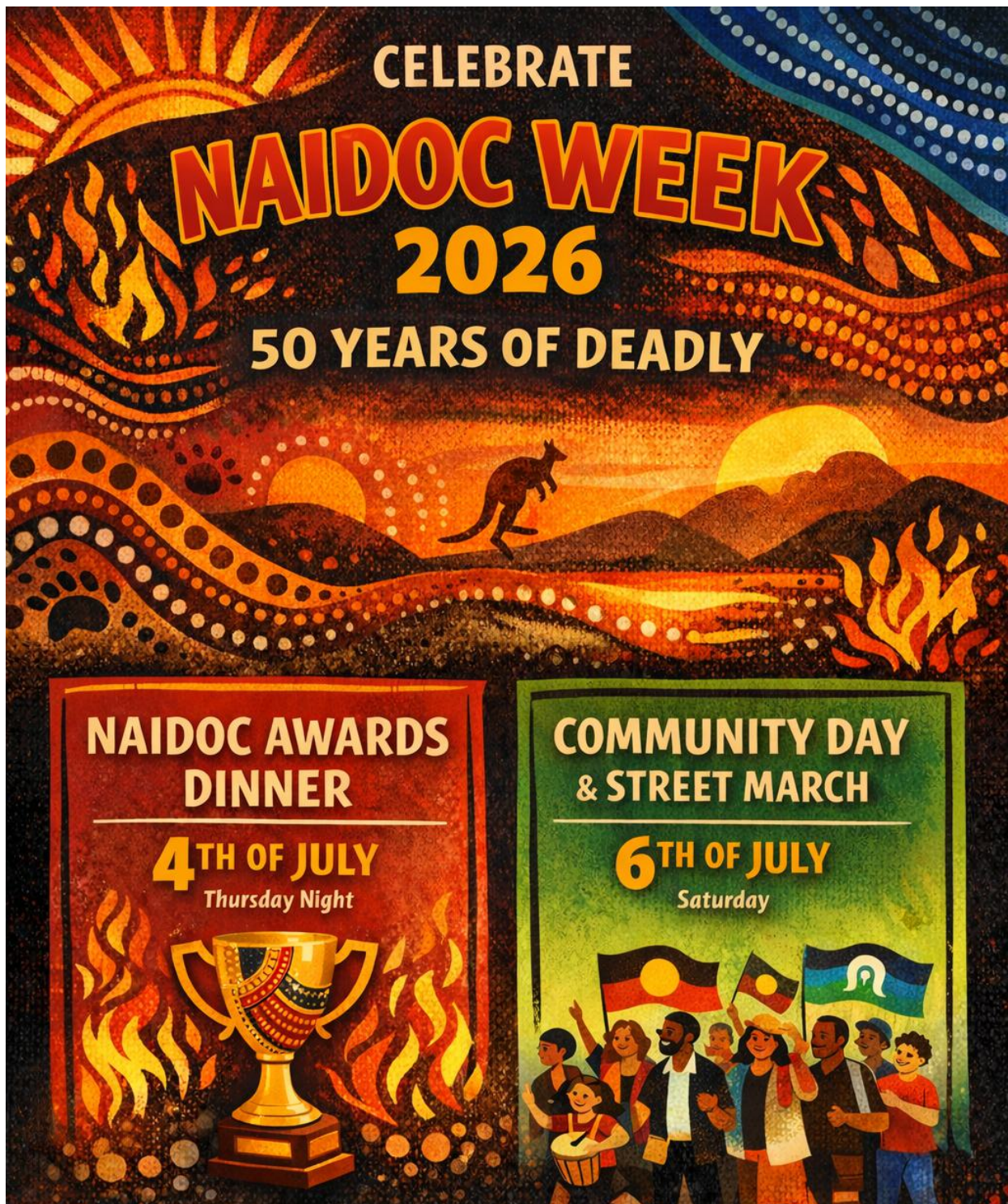
RSVP by completing the [form](#) or emailing us at fireants@daf.qld.gov.au by 5 pm, Monday 25 May 2026.



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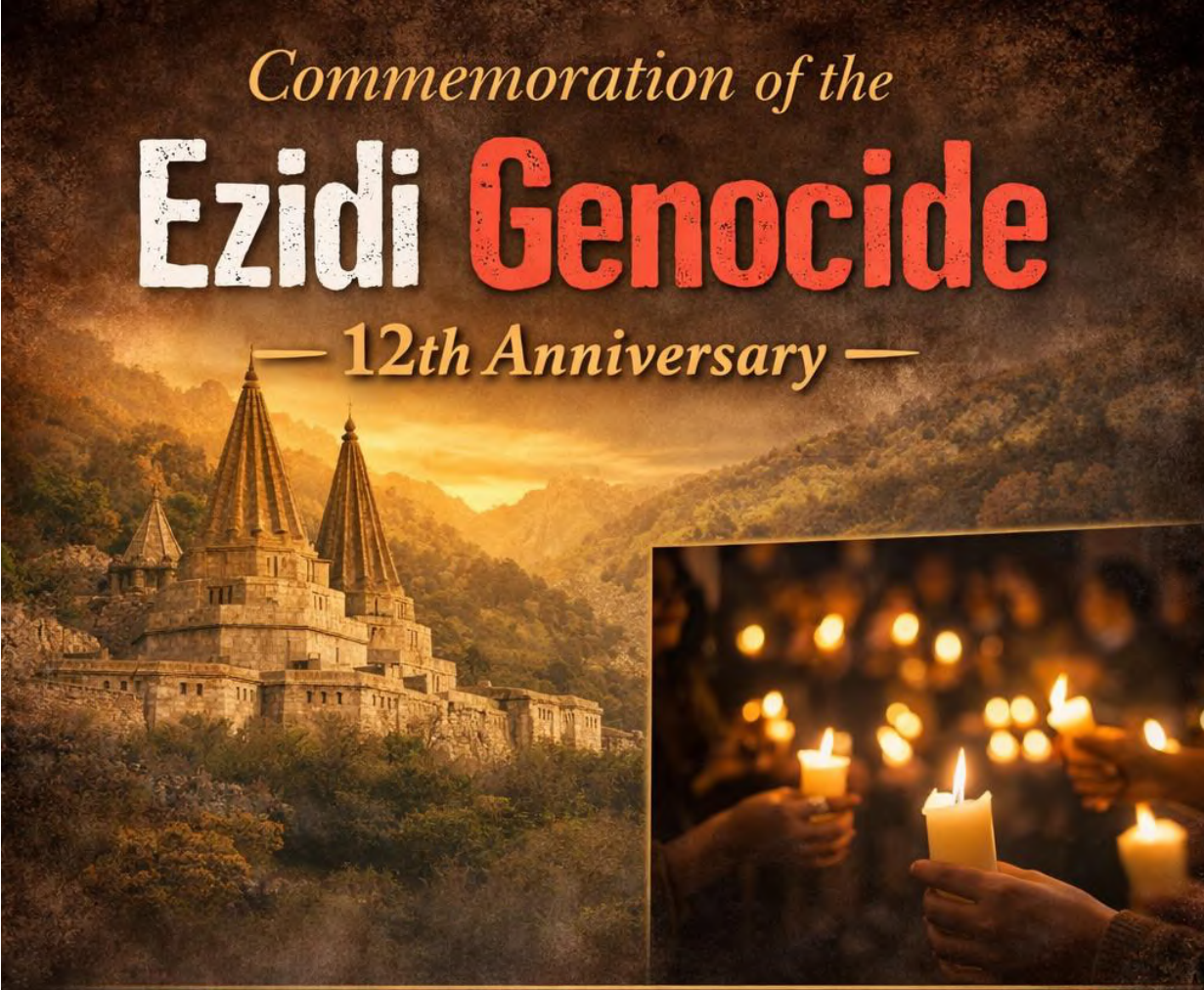
NAIDOC Week - July 2026



3RD - 10TH JULY 2026

Ezidi Genocide Commemoration

Commemoration of the
Ezidi Genocide
— 12th Anniversary —



Date: Monday 3rd August 2026
Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Venue: HumeRidge Church of Christ
Location: 461 Hume Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350

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Community Updates

Koala Rehabilitation and Soft Release Proposal

The Darling Downs Environment Council is helping to advocate for a highly strategic, low-impact conservation initiative proposed by the Gomaren & Doctors Creek Catchment Landcare Group in February 2026. The group is seeking approval to establish a temporary koala rehabilitation and soft-release facility at Harths Road Open Space in Goombungee. The subject site (Property AG3966/101) encompasses approximately 7,489 square meters (1.8 acres) at 0 Harths Road. It is currently transitioning from the ownership of the Toowoomba Regional Council back to the Queensland State Government. This administrative transition provides your respective departments with a unique, time-sensitive window to support a project completely aligned with Queensland's broader koala protection strategies without complicating long-term land tenure.

Please email back if your group wants to sign onto this proposal to send to local MP's.

[Read the proposal here](#)

Yes2Renewables Toolkit





A practical guide to going from feeling alone in your support for renewable energy to becoming a confident, connected member of a growing community — ready to speak up and take action!

Use it your way: dip into the sections that matter most, or follow the step-by-step roadmap to build momentum from start to finish. Whether you're starting a new climate or pro-renewables group, strengthening an existing one, or just figuring out where you fit, you'll find real stories from community organisers, proven case studies, and clear, practical resources to support you at every stage of the journey.

Toolkit



2026

QUEENSLAND

LANDCARE AWARDS

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Nominations are now open for the 2026 Queensland Landcare Awards!

There are some terrific entries in already. Don't miss out on celebrating the great work of a group or individual who deserves recognition.

Nominations are due by July 31...it's not really that far away!

What are the categories?

- Australian Government Landcare Innovation Award
- Australian Government Sustainable Agriculture Landcare Award
- Australian Government Individual Landcarer Award
- Australian Government Community Partnerships Landcare Award
- Coastcare Award
- First Nations Landcare Collaboration Award
- Women in Landcare Award
- Junior Landcare Award
- NextGen Landcare Award

[Read More on 2026 QLD Landcare Awards](#)

Check out LUCI Quarterly Newsletter!



Catch up on some of LUCI members' stories about their visions for their land, progress on their projects, interesting visitors to our landscape, and lots more.

[Read the Newsletter Here](#)

Engaging Australia's Energy Transition with Confidence

The transition to renewable energy depends on strong community trust and transparency. The Developer Rating Scheme helps landholders, councils, and local communities make informed decisions by providing independent ratings and detailed profiles of renewable energy developers, including 5-star community engagement scores before projects begin.

The Renewable Energy Register also allows users to search for independently assessed renewable energy businesses across Australia, supporting more confident and informed project and landholder decisions.



[Search the Register](#)

Qld Museum Shell Sponsored Climate Misinformation

QLD Museum need your assistance to help stop the undermining of education of Queensland school children, some as young as nine, because of the extraordinary actions of the Queensland Museum.

An investigation by the climate communications charity, Comms Declare, has revealed that since 2015, the Queensland Museum has accepted more than \$10 million in funding from the fossil fuel giant, Shell, which has resulted in misleading information being sent into Queensland schools.

The Queensland Museum has been sending Shell-branded teaching materials into schools, which systematically downplays or omits fossil fuels as the primary driver of climate change, despite all evidence to the contrary.

This move by the Queensland Museum not only undermines children's education, it's impacting a generation of school kids, ultimately harming Australia's civic and policy capacity. It also puts the Queensland Museum's scientific integrity at risk and is already destroying

people's trust in the institution.

[Read the Letter](#)

Rewiring Australia - Home Battery Survey



If you've got a home battery or you're thinking about getting one, we need to hear from you.

In just one year, over 360,000 Australian households have installed a home battery - storing around 10 GWh of energy and putting rollout way ahead of schedule. Combined with grid-scale storage, these solar sponges are already powering our suburbs through the evening.

It's a momentous shift in how our grid works. And we want to know: where are you on the battery journey, and what have you learnt along the way?

Take Rewiring's four-minute home battery survey:

[Take the Survey](#)

Reclaiming Democracy Together

This paper presents the vision, guiding principles, and practical roadmap behind *Reclaiming Democracy Together* - a national initiative focused on strengthening democratic participation across Australia

across Australia.

It explores the growing decline in public trust and engagement in democracy, while highlighting the core values of liberty, equality, and mutual responsibility that support a healthy democratic society. The paper also outlines four key pillars essential to sustaining democratic life: education, civil society, a fair economy, and international cooperation. Included is a three-stage, seven-year plan aimed at building long-term democratic capacity and meaningful institutional reform.

At its heart, the initiative is designed as a collaborative, community-driven effort that connects people across diverse backgrounds and empowers citizens to actively shape the future of their communities and country.

We encourage you to read, reflect, and share. Click the image below:





Queensland Developer Donations Rise after Political Ban Lifted



Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie oversees state government agency Economic Development Queensland. (ABC News)

Since Queensland's LNP government lifted the eight-year ban on developer donations in March, more than \$170,000 has been donated by property developers and related companies, mostly to the LNP. This includes a \$50,000 donation from developer David Trask for a lunch with Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie.

Several donors are linked to projects overseen by Economic Development Queensland (EDQ), the state agency responsible for fast-tracked priority development areas. Developers connected to projects in Waraba and North Harbour have made significant donations, while industry fundraising events with costly tickets have become more common.

Governance experts warn that the property sector poses a high corruption risk because developers regularly seek government approvals on zoning, planning, and infrastructure. Gabrielle Appleby from the Centre for Public Integrity said there is a "real and perceived risk"

that should be addressed through bans on developer donations at both local and state levels. The LNP defended lifting the ban, saying it was an election commitment supported by voters, while Labor, despite previously opposing developer donations, has indicated it will now operate “in line with the legislation.”

Read the full article here by ABC News, investigative reporter Liam Walsh:

[Read More](#)[Donate & Support](#)