



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Edition 11 - August/September
(Issued on 1 August 2007)

We managed to survive the worst of winter and its all sunshine from here for the next few months. Who would have thought we would have so much rain during winter.

We have a busy few months ahead of us again with several events occurring, Please check notice boards and inside this newsletter for details regarding these events.

On a more somber note, locust swarms have been spotted in our Shire so be prepared to protect your plants.

Cheryl Portch

Some Key Council Dates

Ordinary Meeting of Council (August)	16 August 2007
Ordinary Meeting of Council (September)	20 September 2007
Deadline for contributions to next newsletter	24 September 2007
Arts & Craft Show	18 August 2007

CURRENT PUBLIC NOTICES

All public notices are displayed at Nowlands, Burketown Post Office, Burketown Pub, Burketown Health Centre, Gregory Downs, Mounigibi and the Shire Office.

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RANGER'S REVIEW



The Cane Toad

Bufo marinus

The cane toad (*Bufo marinus*) is not a declared pest in Queensland so there is no legal requirement to control them. The original consignment of cane toads arrived for Hawaii in 1935 and released into the cane fields of Queensland. It was hoped that the toad would control Frenchi and Greyback beetles, pests of economic importance to the sugar cane industry. By 1941 however, it had become evident that the cane toad was exerting only limited control over its intended prey. This was because Greyback beetles are only rarely in contact with the ground and Frenchi beetles invade cane fields at a time when toads are absent due to the lack of protective cover.

The cane toad has a wide-ranging and indiscriminate diet, and it was not solely dependant upon its intended prey. The unlimited food source, suitable environment and low rates of predation allowed dynamic reproduction and spread. Toads were recorded in Brisbane only 10 years after release. The cane toads advance is only limited by environmental factors, such as the availability of water for breeding, tolerable temperatures, suitable shelter, and an abundance of food. Toads at the frontier of their range of expansion may be larger than those in established populations. This is most probably due to greater food supply, combined with a lower incidence of disease.

In comparison with native frog and toad species, adult cane toads have a distinctive head and face, and are large and heavily built creatures (adults may grow to 20cm). The hands and feet are relatively small and lack discs at the tips of the digits. Webbing is absent between the fingers but is distinct and leathery between the toes. Colouring on the dorsal (upper) surface may be brown, olive-brown or reddish-brown. The ventral (underneath) surface varies from white to yellow and is usually mottled with brown.. Warts are present on all cane toads, however males possess more than females. Warts are dark brown at the caps.

Mating can occur at any time of the year and is only dependant on available food and permanent water. The mating call is a continuous purring trill that sounds like a running motor. In situations where females are scarce or absent, male cane toads may have the ability to undergo a sex change to become fertile females, however this has not been proved. Both cane toads and native frogs spawn in slow moving or still water, but their eggs can be easily distinguished. Cane toad eggs are laid in long, gelatinous "strings" with the developing tadpoles appearing as a row of small black dots along the length. The strings are unique to cane toad with native frogs laid in clusters, generally appearing as blobs of jelly attached as mounds of foam floating on the water surface. In comparison with the native species, cane toad egg production is dynamic and a single clutch can contain up to 35 000 eggs. Any cane toad eggs found should be removed from the water and allowed to dry out. The cane toad is the only species in Australia that has a pure black tadpole, native frogs have lighter-coloured undersides with a great range of colours and markings. (cane toad tadpoles may turn paler colours to almost transparent at night). The cane toad tadpoles are small and usually congregate in vast slow-moving shoals. This "shoaling" behaviour is uncharacteristic of most native species. Further, unlike cane toad tadpoles native species develop lungs at an early stage and periodically rise to the surface in order to exchange their lung gasses. Thus large groupings of tadpoles which do not break the water surface for air indicate cane toads. *Bufo marinus* produce venom glands occurring in most of the skin on their upper surface. The venom is concentrated in the parotid glands as creamy-white solution, which is released when the animal experiences extreme provocation or direct localized pressure, e.g. grasped by the mouth of a predator. The parotid solution is highly toxic and when ingested it produces drastic acceleration of the heart beat, shortness of breath, salivation and prostration. It is extremely painful if accidentally rubbed into the eye. Ingestion of toads by domestic and most native animals can result in death. In some recorded cases death has occurred within fifteen minutes. All stages of the cane toad are poisonous and most native frog larvae and many aquatic invertebrates are dramatically affected by their presence. Cane toads are voracious feeders that consume a wide variety of insects, frogs, small reptiles, mammals and even birds. Perhaps the only limiting factor to the prey taken is the width of the cane toad's mouth. It has been suggested that the cane toad competition for food and breeding grounds has been responsible for reducing the populations of some native frogs. However many native frogs are arboreal (tree dwelling), and so occupy different niches. Neither do cane toads have the native frog's ability to "shut down" during dry seasons when resources are limited. Cane toads readily eat animal and human faecal material and, in areas of poor hygiene, they have been known to transmit disease such as salmonella. CSIRO are investigating organisms for biological control. However exhaustive testing would be necessary to ensure that viral or bacterial agents are cane toad specific and not harmful to native species. Freezing is a humane form of treatment. As a reaction to cold the toad initiates dormancy, and eventually dies in its sleep.

Rangers activities

- Rubbish bins are provided in most of the favorite fishing/ camping spots – please place your rubbish in the bins provided or bring your rubbish back to one of the excavated rubbish dumping points and leave the area clean and tidy for the next person.
- Weed spraying (Rubber vine, Calotrope, Mesquite and Prickly acacia) is continuing in problem areas on Council controlled land and Council road reserves.
- 1080 baiting was carried out throughout the Shire in May, If you take the family dog onto one of these properties be careful as some of these baits may be still active.
- Burketown cemetery - recent unmarked graves in the cemetery have been identified and we have now obtained plaques to be placed on these and the remaining graves that just had grave markers on them, these will be placed flush with the ground as in a lawn cemetery and will facilitate easier mowing and maintenance around the sites.
- New directional road signs have been erected at all the major intersections in the Shire.

Arts & Craft Show

on 18 August 2007 in the Shire Hall, Burketown

ENTRY FORMS

for exhibits are now available and can be collected in person from the Burketown Shire Office in Burketown or alternatively can be obtained by post, email, fax or accessed via Council's website.

Categories include:- *Photography; Poetry; Horticulture; Needlework; Painting; Jewellery/Beading; Leatherwork; Pottery; Cooking; Scrapbooking; Metalwork & Woodwork; Best Yard/Garden; Heritage Arts & Crafts; School Projects; Inventions.*

All exhibitors must have their completed entry form submitted by 4:00pm Friday 3 August 2007.

Entry is FREE!

For more information contact Cheryl Portch at the Shire Office on (07) 4745 5100.



BURKE SHIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

4 & 5 August	<u>Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports</u> <i>Contact: Sue Clarke</i> <i>Phone: (07) 4748 5575 Fax: (07) 4748 5670</i>
18 August	<u>Burke Shire Arts & Craft Show</u> <i>Contact: Cheryl Portch</i> <i>Phone: (07) 4745 5100 Fax: (07) 4745 5181</i>
23 September (1 st Sunday of School holidays)	<u>Gregory CWA Horse Sports</u> <i>Contact: Sue Clarke (07) 4748 5575</i>



Burke Shire Library Author Review

Michael Keenan

feature author for August/September

About – Michael Keenan

Michael Keenan is a fifth generation cattle and wheat farmer from the high plains south west of Coonabarabran. He has one of those lean Irish faces and a deeply furrowed brow. Great grandfather James Keenan arrived in Sydney from Ireland in 1825. He was a second son on the family farm, and in those times in Ireland, it was join the priesthood or migrate to America or Australia for those not destined to inherit land. William Wentworth, the colony's famous early settler and explorer soon employed him. Wentworth commissioned James to form pastoral stations in the Macquarie river valley (reference to James Keenan---Australian Men of Mark.) In the 1840's James purchased his own run known as Keenan's Bridge, near Orange. In the 1920's the Keenan family moved 250 kilometers north and acquired two properties---Myall Plains and Biamble, in the Castlereagh River loop. Michael grew up on Myall Plains, rock climbing in the Warrumbungles and riding in picnic races.

Life on the land used to be fun. His mother use to say that he learnt to track before he could talk. Reared in the bush as an only child, Michael rarely saw other children until he was sent away to a little school run by Irish Nuns.

Upon his return from Queensland Michael met Sarah (he's always loved her name) at a Merriwa bachelor and spinsters ball. Always called Sal, he loved her soft voice and zest for life. They danced the night out and Michael visited her in Sydney. When they married Sarah was just 20 and Michael 23.

The love of the land is clear in Keenan's writing. He wasn't an author before, though he'd written two manuscripts, which lay untouched at one publisher or another. The desire to write had been nurtured in correspondence courses but had never bloomed. Shortly after leaving the property to go droving in Queensland, during the mid 1990's drought, he began to keep a diary and was amazed how fate provided an increasing tempo of excitement and real life drama. "The first book simply fell into my lap."

In October 2000 Mike was the subject of the ABC television program ---"Australian Story," which focused on the theme of his first book---"The Horses Too Are Gone

The following 4 books will be available for loan in August

*Wild horses don't swim

* Last Horse Standing

* Horses too are gone

* In search of a Wild Brumby

Last Horse Standing

In 1971, bushman Jack Camp went mustering wild cattle - 'cleanskins' - in a vast and isolated stretch of the Kimberly coast. With cattle fetching boom prices, the potential profit would be huge but so were the risks. It was the unpredictable and dauntingly hot wet season, the forbidding region was infested with snakes and crocodiles, and the cattle would have to be swum out across a river notorious for its dramatic tidal surges.

All the above information has been sourced from "www.michaelkeen.com.au"

BURKE SHIRE HOME & COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM HAAC NEWS



Since our last newsletter we have only been doing the Centrebased Day Care activities, this is held at the old Church.

HACC National Standards

We take this opportunity to remind you that **you have the right:-**

- To an advocate of your choice in any negotiations with our HACC program
- To withdraw your consent to receive our service and to consent to the resumption of our service, at any time, without fear of reprisal or unfair treatment.
- To access your personal information
- To be treated with dignity and privacy

If you would like to join our HAAC program or know someone who would like to join please contact Amanda Douglas at the Council Office Ph: 4745 5100



BURKETOWN VMR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SES building 6:00pm Friday 10 August

Council Meeting Minutes

Council meeting minutes are produced within 10 days following each Council meeting and are available free of charge to all rate payers and residents. If you are not on the mailing or emailing list for the minutes and want to be, please contact the Council office and let us know. They are also posted to our website:- www.burkeshirecouncil.com



Library Talk



Come in and have a look at the sports equipment available for Loan

Membership for the library is free

September holidays



Come in and colour in a picture, read a book or watch a DVD.

Library Hours – 8:15am to 4:15pm weekdays

If there are any books which you would like for me to order in, send me a list and I will do my best to get them.

See you in the Library — Jenny

2007/08 Dog Registrations

Only \$2.20 per dog.

Registration forms are available at the Council Office.



Burketown Rainfall

June - - 49.6mm

July - Nil

RECYCLE OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

by putting them in the box provided at Burketown Post Office

TV TIMES

A copy of the TV Times is available to be picked up from the Council office every Friday after 10:00am. Also available on website - www.ourguide.com.au



QLD RECREATIONAL FISHING RULES & REGULATIONS GUIDE

is available at the Council Office and the Tourist Information Centre.

For more information on this guide please contact Caroline Dalton Ph : (07) 3225 1038 or email: Caroline.Dalton@dpi.qld.gov.au

**TIDE TIME CHARTS
ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL
OFFICE OR CAN BE ACCESSED ON
THE DPI FISHERIES WEBSITE**





COUNCIL WORKS RELATED NEWS & ACTIVITIES



CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

Construction of Gregory Water Supply - commissioning is currently underway

Upgrading & sealing of Gregory Airport - now operational - fencing to be completed

Seniors Housing Development - to complete landscaping & fitout

Burketown Water Treatment Plant - complete upgrade works, including desludging of the second pond

Burketown Sewerage Treatment Plant - complete upgrade works associated with the Blivet unit

Flood damage repairs from January/March/April 2006 event

Road sealing - including, 1.5km Truganini Road, Cemetery Road, unsealed shoulders in Musgrave Street and Burke Street extension

Wills Developmental Road upgrading - Main Roads/RoadTek are back onsite to continue working on gravel & then seal section between Running Creek & Barkly Creek

Aquatic facility for Burketown - works commenced

Doomadgee Road East - Gravel resheet & then sealing 15 km from chainage 35km to - 50km west of Wills Development Road

FUTURE MAJOR WORKS & WORKS IN PLANNING STAGE

Gregory - Lawn Hill Road - upgrade and seal some sections (approx. 7 km)

Introduction of a Waste Management Plan, including recycling

Permanent repair of China Wall Culvert on Truganini Road - planned for early September

Albert River Boat Ramp & Pontoon - to revisit proposal

New Albert River Bridge - concept plan & design currently being drafted

Barramundi Fingerling Growout Facility - concept plan, design & costing currently being finalised

Kids water play feature for Burketown - subject to funding application

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS FOR 2007

Following is a schedule of dates for the
remaining Ordinary Meetings of the Burke Shire Council for the year 2007:-

Thursday 16 August 2007

Thursday 20 September 2007

Thursday 18 October 2007

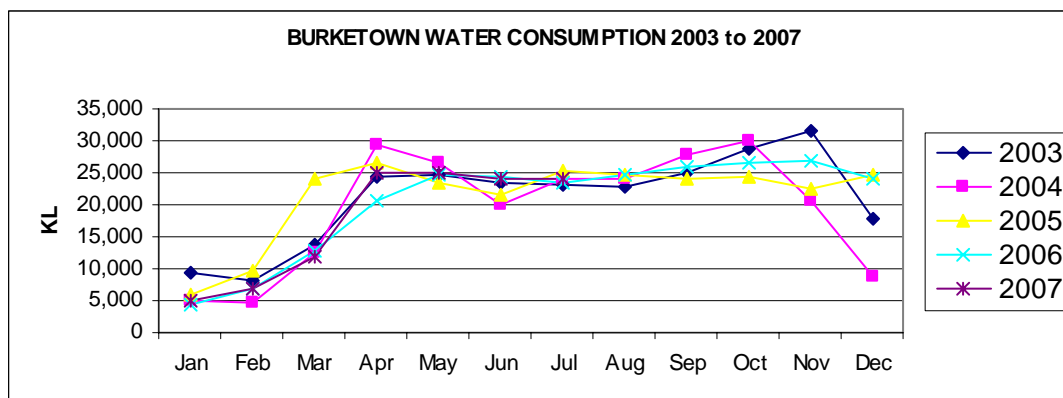
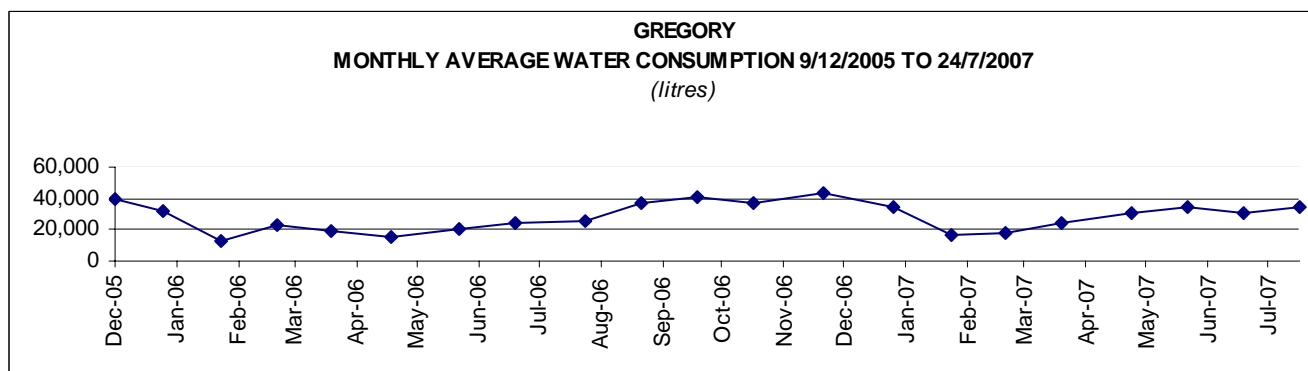
Thursday 15 November 2007

Thursday 13 December 2007

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chamber in the Shire Office, Musgrave Street, Burketown, and are scheduled to commence at 9:00am

GREGORY WATER CONSUMPTION

Date of Reading	Average Daily Consumption Over the Month	Meter Reading
	<i>litres</i>	<i>litres</i>
27-Jun-06	23,630	4,144,225
1-Aug-06	25,943	5,052,241
29-Aug-06	36,766	6,081,675
26-Sep-06	41,214	7,235,668
24-Oct-06	37,297	8,279,981
28-Nov-06	42,889	9,781,079
2-Jan-07	34,533	10,989,721
31-Jan-07	16,224	11,460,205
27-Feb-07	17,491	11,932,455
27-Mar-07	23,997	12,604,379
1 May- 07	30,873	13,877,462
15-May-07	35,821	14,359,597
29-May-07	34,068	14,750,689
26-Jun-07	31,179	15,623,499
24-Jul-07	34,983	16,709,745
Total Consumption		16,699,854
Average Daily Consumption		28,159



BURKETOWN WATER CONSUMPTION (kilolitres)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2003	9,319	8,173	13,696	24,222	24,614	23,518	23,092	22,661	24,888	28,854	31,575	17,894	252,506
2004	5,007	4,700	12,470	29,295	26,660	20,017	23,989	24,081	27,720	29,942	20,591	8,669	233,141
2005	5,923	9,569	24,149	26,580	23,482	21,419	25,317	24,683	24,143	24,295	22,554	24,655	256,769
2006	4,283	6,876	12,879	20,685	24,684	24,267	23,567	24,582	25,796	26,500	26,500	24,000	245,119
2007	5,000	7,000	12,000	25,000	25,000	24,000	24,000						122,000

Consumption since October 2006 are estimates only

GREGORY DISTRICT SPORTING ASSN. INC.

PRESENTS THEIR 28th ANNUAL

[ACA affiliated]

GREGORY CAMPDRAFT

4 & 5 AUGUST 2007

PRIZE MONEY \$8,065.00, PLUS TROPHIES AND SASHES

CATTLE SUPPLIED COURTESY OF AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY

HORSE SPORTS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY

MANY THANKS TO DAVID & TESS ARNOLD AND STAFF, GREGORY DOWNS STATION

**FRIDAY NIGHT - FREE BBQ FOR COMPETITORS.
SATURDAY NIGHT - HOT DINNER*MUSIC* BAR**

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HELP TO MAKE THE WEEKEND THE SUCCESS IT IS.**

PRESIDENT : IAN FORSHAW
NOMINATIONS TO ANNE WEBBER, NARDOO STATION.
PH: (07) 4748 5507 FAX (07) 4748 5531
Nominations close 8:00pm 3 August
Fully paid by 8:00pm 3 August

BURKETOWN RODEO & SPORTING ASSOCIATION

Are seeking volunteers to help carry out some much needed repairs to the Burketown Rodeo grounds and Facilities with a

WORKING BEE

Saturday 18 August

Starting at 7:30am

There will also be a mini gymkhana & novelty games for the kids and a free BBQ

(BYO drinks)

ALL WELCOME!!



TENNIS



This week is the final round for Burketown's Tennis Competition. All those that have games to make up have until the 17 August to play those games. All games that have not been played by that time will be scored as a forfeit. At this stage the Tennis final will be played on Sunday 26 August (depending if finalists are in town) followed by trophy presentation and free BBQ. Following the finals, the winners of Burketown Tennis competition will play Gregory for the Burke Shire Community Tennis Shield.

Normanton held the first ever Communities Tennis Challenge on Saturday 21 July.

Congratulations to the 10 players from Burketown who traveled across to Normanton to participate in this tournament and for bringing the perpetual shield home to Burketown.

Burketown defeated Normanton 141 - 98 and will keep the shield until another Gulf Community challenges us and win.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank GSRA for instigating this Challenge and would like all the Gulf Communities to know that Burketown will not relinquish this shield without a battle.



Jane Stevenson (Normanton) presenting Cheryl Portch (Burketown) with the Communities Tennis Challenge perpetual shield.



TROY CASSAR-DALEY VISITS BURKETOWN

On Wednesday 19 July Troy Cassar-Daley visited Burketown for the day as part of the Gulf tour sponsored by Lagoon Creek. Troy had morning tea and a chat with the Burke Shire Seniors and Councillors where he also gave out hats, signed autographs and sang. He then went to the Burketown State School and conducted a workshop where Gregory Downs & Station children also attended. Troy wrapped up his visit with a free concert held at the Burketown Shire Hall where an estimated 250 people attended.



Troy Carrar-Daley signing hats at the Seniors morning tea held at the Burketown Community Hall.



Frank Wylie & Pan de Joux getting their photograph with Troy Cassar-Daley



Troy Cassar-Daley with school children that attended the workshop.

Police Beat

Police Beat

Welcome to another edition of the Burketown Police Beat. We have two new officers at the station presently, Sergeant Peter Harding from Mornington Island and Senior Constable Chris Mastorgio. Peter is filling in for Paul Griffiths whilst he is on leave. Chris formerly worked at Doomadgee, but is now stationed in Burketown for at least the next three months. Some of you may remember Chris as he worked in Burketown last year for a period of two months. Both Officers are enjoying being in Burketown and look forward to working with the community. To that end Chris will be assisting as the coach of the Burketown Soccer team when they attend Doomadgee this week. We wish all of the children heaps of fun and hope that the Burketown students enjoy themselves and are successful at the carnival.

Now, back to business, police will be available for drivers licensing, registration and weapons licensing etc every Monday & Tuesday between the hours of 9am and 2pm. Unfortunately for the last two weeks police were called away on the regular licensing days. If this occurs in the future, and you are unable to wait for the following week, please contact the station, speak with the police or leave a message and we will make an appointment with you. Also for persons on the stations who may not be able to attend Burketown on a Monday or a Tuesday for licence day, please contact us and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet you.

Of concern, particularly in the last week, has been the number of persons dealt with for drink driving related offences. It must be noted that these persons were not members of the Burketown community and were from out of town. However it is timely to remind everyone of the dangers of drinking and driving, with the possible consequences being severe. At best you may lose your licence, at worst be involved in an accident, where someone is seriously hurt or worse. Please, if you are going to drink, have a sober licenced driver with you or don't drive.

There have also been incidents recently of stealing of fuel from vehicles working out of town. If you know of anyone who may be involved or have any information on any matter you may wish to pass on to police, please feel free to contact either Peter or Chris. All information will be treated confidentially. Also if there is any issue that you think police may be able to assist you with, please come and speak with the Officers.

Until next time, stay safe, we wish you an enjoyable second half of 2007.

Peter Harding
Sergeant
Burketown Police

FIRE OFFICER

Public Notice to the Community of Burketown.

The Burketown Rural Fire Brigade will be conducting Hazard Mitigation fires around the community for the next month with most of the fire work happening on week nights to limit the smoke around the town with the occasional fire during the day mainly on the weekends.

The temperature during the day is starting to rise so it will help give more intensity to any fires in which will make them spread faster. So I hope everyone has now cleaned up around your fence lines by removing long grass and or have placed in mineral earth breaks to stop the spread of fire leaving or entering your properties.

Cheers

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Woodslake Restoration Project

As previously advised, the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation prepared an application for funding through the NHT programme for the restoration of Woodslake to its previous natural ecological conditions. The project aims to increase the depth of the lake system by excavation of the lake bottom; prevent further siltation via runoff from upstream waterways transporting sediment into the lake; revegetate the foreshore; eradicate any weeds adjacent to the lake; fill erosion areas and revegetate and fence off the lake to prevent stock and feral animals entering the lake itself.

The application is still be assessed by the Federal Department of Environment and Water which processes NHT applications. A response is expected shortly.

The project is being heavily supported by Burke Shire Council who has pledged to assist with the provision of machinery and operators to conduct the excavation works.

The Envirofund programme is designed to encourage volunteer community participation and we hope to see many of you lend a hand when the opportunities arise. In particular those with fencing experience will be more than welcome as it is estimated that there will be 23km of fencing required.

Already many individuals throughout the community have offered to volunteer their time for this worthwhile project.

For further information in regards to this project, or to volunteer your time, please feel free to contact Kelly Gardner of the CLCAC on Ph: (07) 4745 5132.

Burketown Health Centre **WOMEN'S HEALTH CLINIC**

Dr Rowena Hallows

(General Practitioner)

Will be conducting a clinic at

BURKETOWN HEALTH CENTRE

TUESDAY 14 AUGUST

9:00AM - 12:30PM

Women's Health Clinics offer a professional, confidential and informal service in a friendly environment. **ALL WOMEN WELCOME.**

Please remember your Medicare Card.

Drop by the hospital or **Phone: (07)4745 5148** to make an appointment

NORTH & WEST QUEENSLAND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

PHONE: (07) 4749 4615

FREE CALL: 1800 221131

August 6 & 7	Speech Pathologist	Occupational Therapist	Psychologist
August 30 & 31	Dietitian	Podiatrist	Physiotherapist
September 20 & 21	Speech Pathologist	Occupational Therapist	Psychologist

BURKETOWN AQUATIC FACILITY

The construction of the Aquatic Facility in Burketown has commenced. The construction phase will take about 12 weeks. The facility will be constructed on a section of the former Burketown State School oval.

Once completed the community will have a great facility for swimming and water activities.

A plan of the facility can be viewed at the Shire Office in Burketown.

The aquatic facility includes a number of prefabricated fibreglass pools of different sizes. These will be available for different uses. If you want to swim there is a lap pool. If you want your toddlers to play in the water, there is a toddler's pool. If older kids want to muck around in the water then there are dedicated pools for them to do so without being a nuisance to others.

Kids that cannot swim will now have the opportunity to learn.

The concept of these pools was devised based upon need, potential use and the most cost effective way for Council to fund and manage the pools. Some people may want a large 25m pool but who pays for the construction of this?; who pays for the significant cost of operating and maintaining a larger pool?; and the soil in Burketown is not conducive for a large concrete pool - in a few years time the concrete will be cracking and tiles falling off and this will then become a cost burden on the ratepayers.

An operational and management plan of the new aquatic facility is currently being put together. Once finalised this will provide how the facility will be operated, including access and cost of use. A main portion of this plan is to make adults responsible for kids that use the pools.

TRASH & TREASURE MARKET

**8:00am Saturday
25 August 2007
Morning Glory Park - Burketown**

Buyers & Sellers wanted!

This is a non profit Community event.

If you would like to turn your **“trash/treasure”** to \$ then come along and either set up a stall or sell from your car boot/trailer. All traders that sell from their vehicles must do so from Sloman Street.

To register your interest & for more information please contact -

Cheryl Portch - Ph: 4745 5100 (Work) Ph: 4745 5271 (AH) Ph: 0428 578442 (Mob)



Gregory Grapevine

RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health)

Doctor Clinic is from 9am onwards

Blood Collection (Nurse) 9am - 9:30am & 1pm - 2pm

Baby Clinic (Nurse) 9:30am - 12:30am

- July – Thursday 26
- August – Thursday 23
- September – Thursday 20
- October – Thursday 18
- November – Thursday 15
- December—Thursday 13

Child Health Clinics – Gregory

The Child Health Clinic Nurse only – The Nurse can do weight/measurements/talk – but no immunizations as a Doctor isn't present. Clinic starts at 8:30am

- August – Thursday 9
- September – Thursday 6
- October – Thursday 4
- November – Thursday 1 & 29
- December -Thursday 27

North West Queensland Primary Health Care – Gregory - 8 August 2007

- Speech, Occupational Therapist & Psychologist

For further information please ring Rebecca at Gregory School on Ph: (07) 4748 5652

.Social Tennis – Thursday Night

- Starts around 6:30pm every Thursday night.
- Bring along meat/bread to share on the BBQ

CWA – Gregory Branch

How Many Grids To Gregory cookbooks are available for sale - \$8 each of for local Burke Shire residents and business a discount of 20 books for \$120 (a saving of \$2 per book)

contact either Sue Clarke (Ph: (07) 4748 5575 or Tess Arnold (Ph: (07) 4748 5584

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Burketown State School *volunteers required* Variety Bash 13 August 2007



As you may be aware there will be a variety bash coming through Burketown on Sunday 12 August 2007. The school will be providing breakfast as well as a packed lunch to the members of the Variety Bash on Monday 13 August 2007. As there are over 380 people coming through, we will require as much help as possible on the day. If you are able to assist in any way please contact the school and let us know as soon as possible. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

Burketown State School Ph : (07) 4745 5124

Gregory Grapevine Cont.

Gregory School News:

At the end of last term the students held Charity Markets at the Gregory Hotel. They were well attended by the community and the students showed professionalism and enthusiasm the way they conducted their market stalls. Thank you to Jo Start for allowing the school to use her hotel grounds and the prize donated for the raffle. We are pleased to announce that our amazing students raised the following amounts:-

The MS Society \$250
Rainforest Rescue \$320
RFDS \$200
Wildlife Rescue \$200

Well done to the students who went to Burketown for the NQ Gulf Sports Tour and the Troy Cassar-Daley Workshop & Concert

- **Tombla Stall** - The Gregory School P&C will hold a "Tombla" stall at the Burke Shire Arts & Craft Show to fundraise. WE NEED YOUR HELP to collect 100 jars and donation of goodies to go into the jars.
- **Family Relations Support Program** - We ill be held at the Gregory School Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th August – ring Rebecca on Ph: (07) 4748 5652 for more information.
- **No School** - Ministeral Holiday Friday 14th September
- **School Holidays** - Commence on Saturday 22nd September to Sunday 7th October. School recommences on Monday 8th October.

Gregory Active After School Community Playgroup - Wednesday

Every Wednesday from 2:30pm to 4pm

All children welcome from birth to 12 years old.

Healthy afternoon tea provided

Supervised fun, arts & craft and sports.

Ring Meegan Brown (Yeldham Stn) Ph: (07) 4748 5525 or Gregory School Ph : (07) 4748 5652 for more nformation

School Lunches – 50c per piece of fruit, \$2 per day or \$6 per week or \$50 per student per term. See Rebecca to organise.

VMR NEWS



G'day all,

VMR is going from strength to strength with new members participating in meetings and also on the water, but we can always use more active members so if your interested come and see me anytime.

We are now opening at 6.30 pm every Friday. The Sunday night Barbie starts at 6.30 pm with Lenny and Di putting on an excellent feed.

As every one out there is boating safely we have not had any callouts this month but we need to remain alert as you never know what may happen.

Our boat was surveyed on the 16 July 2007 and passed with only requiring replacement flares. The Annual General Meeting will be on the 10 August 2007 at 6.00 pm at the SES building so any active members seeking a position on the committee please let me know. It only costs \$3.50 per year to become a member so come and join in and remember our motto "Drinking for a Cause".

Hooroo
Brett Harris
President
VMR Burketown

GOVERNOR'S VISIT



On 23 May 2007 the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Quentin Bryce, visited Burketown. Included in her visit was accommodation at Adel's Grove, morning tea with the Shire Community, tour of Burketown, picnic lunch at Leichhardt Falls and a session with School of the Air at Floraville Station.

Her Excellency Quentin Bryce enjoying a picnic lunch with Mayor Annie Clarke.

Jarrold Smith from Burketown State School showing his school work to Her Excellency, Quentin Bryce.



Murrandoo Yanner presenting Her Excellency, Quentin Bryce with the Burketown State School Rugby League Polo Shirt

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NIGHT GOSPEL MEETINGS BURKETOWN CHURCH

Dates

- 12 August 2007
- 26 August 2007
- 9 September 2007

Times

Sunday School 9:30am
Night Gospel 7:00pm - Winter

Contact

Doug & Faye Jones
Ph: (07) 4745 5058

GREGORY BRANCH OF Q.C.W.A

HORSE SPORTS and FAMILY FUN DAY

SUNDAY
23 SEPTEMBER, 2007
Starting 8.00am

HORSE EVENTS

1. 6 & Under Barrel Race
2. 7 – 9 yrs Barrel Race
3. 10 – 13 yrs Barrel Race
4. Ladies Barrel Race
5. Gents Barrel Race
6. 6 & Under Flag Race
7. 7 – 9 yrs Flag Race
8. 10 – 13 yrs Flag Race
9. Ladies Flag Race
10. Gents Flag Race
11. 6 & Under Bending
12. 7 – 9 yrs Bending Race
13. 10 – 13 yrs Bending Race
14. Ladies Bending Race
15. Gents Bending Race
16. 6 & Under Figure of 8
17. 7 – 9 yrs Figure of 8
18. 10 – 13 yrs Figure of 8
19. Ladies Figure of 8
20. Gents Figure of 8
21. 6 & Under Musical Chairs
22. 7 – 9 yrs Musical Chairs
23. 10 – 13 yrs Musical Chairs
24. Under 14 Boots & Hat Race (riding boots be worn)
25. Open Guzzler's Race
26. Open Gretna Green (Restricted to 15yrs & over)
27. Open Billy Can Race

TRACK & FIELD EVENTS

- 1 T 10 to 13 years Sack Race
- 2T 7 -9 years Sack Race
- 3T 6 & under Sack Race
- 4T Gents Hop, Step & Jump
- 5T Ladies Hop, Step & Jump
- 6T Adult/Child (U/14) 3 Legged Race
- 7T 6 & Under Foot Race
- 8T 7 - 9 years Foot Race
- 9T 10 – 13 years Foot Race
- 10T Gents 100 yard Foot Race
- 11T Ladies 75 yard Foot Race
- 12T 10 to 13 years Dustpan Brush Throw
- 13T Under 10 Dustpan Brush Throw
- 14T Ladies Broom Throw
- 15T Gents Broom Throw
- 16T Open Stepping the Distance

RIDERS ENTER ALL EVENTS AT OWN RISK
MINORS TO BE ENTERED BY A PARENT
RIDERS MUST WEAR RIDING BOOTS
ALL COMPETITORS UNDER 18
MUST WEAR A HELMET
ALL EVENT WILL BE RUN IN ORDER
OF PROGRAMME

HAVE A GREAT DAY

NOMINATIONS:- ADULT \$5.00 CHILDREN:- \$2.00

Nominations will be taken on the day
For further details or to nominate please contact President:
Tracy Forshaw on Ph: (07) 4748 5521 Fax: (07) 4748 5527
Rose-marie Newton on Ph: (07) 4745 3526
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BURKE SHIRE ARTS & CRAFT SHOW ENTRY FORM

NAME.....

Phone.....

ADDRESS.....

Age (if under 15).....

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School Year Level.....

CATEGORY	ENTRY NO.	NUMBER OF ENTRIES

I hereby request that you will enter, subject to Conditions of the Show Committee the aforementioned exhibits for your Show, I will accept and will abide by the conditions of entry and recognize the Judge's decision will be final and legally binding.

Signature.....

Date.....

Signature of Guardian if under 15.....

Please insert below any special instructions for Stewards regarding this entry.

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