



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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(Issued on 4 December 2007)

This is our final newsletter for 2007. It has been an eventful year with lots of activities and events conducted throughout the year, a lot of which will be occurring next year as well. If you would like to become involved in any of these events/activities then please contact me at the Shire office and I will give you the contact details of the person organising that event. Thank you to all those that have contributed to this newsletter and look forward to hearing from you in the New Year. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Cheryl Portch

Some Key Council Dates

Ordinary Meeting of Council (December)	19 December 2007
Ordinary Meeting of Council (January)	17 January 2008
Pre-Cyclone Rubbish Pickup (Burketown)	10 December 2007
Pre-Cyclone Rubbish Pickup (Gregory)	12 December 2007
Deadline for contributions to next newsletter	24 January 2008
Council's Annual Breakup	19 December 2007
Council's Return to Work	2 January 2008
Australia Day	26 January 2008

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.

Dog Baiting
Mosquito Fogging
Christmas Closure
Calico Bag Give Away
Australia Day Nomination
Cyclone Season -Be Prepared
Pre-Cyclone Rubbish Pick Up
Fines for Dogs Found at Large
Council Meeting Dates for 2008



RANGER'S REVIEW



Now the mosquito season is fast approaching and with the disease risks mosquitoes can bring we (the Council and Shire residents) now need to be vigilant and have in place a mosquito control strategy. There are three reasons to start a program. Firstly there is state legislation which makes it mandatory for local government to control mosquitoes. Secondly, mosquitoes are a nuisance that have the ability to spoil one's quality of life. Thirdly, and most importantly, mosquitoes are known to transmit debilitating diseases. Local government authorities are responsible for the control and management of mosquitoes in their area but receive no Government funding to provide this service therefore all costs of mosquito control are directly funded by you the ratepayer. So an effective local mosquito control strategy combines a variety of methods which will reduce mosquito-borne disease risk and mosquito numbers, with minimal impact on the environment at large and in the most cost effective manner for ratepayers of the shire.

Burke Shire Councils Mosquito Management Strategy

Burke Shire uses two direct mosquito control methods:-

(i) Larvicide or Mosquito Growth Regulator

This comes in the form of briquettes inserted inside an onion bag suspended in the water so the briquette does not get covered by mud or vegetable matter and will last for 150 days, (it is too cost prohibitive to treat large bodies of water) Larvicides used by the Burke shire are specific for mosquitoes and have a minimal impact on the environment; they target and kill the mosquito larvae before they can develop into adult mosquitoes. (These Briquettes have been now been approved by the Queensland Health to be inserted into drinking (rain) water tanks to control mosquito larvae)

(ii) Thermal fogging – Mosquito Adulticide

A thermal fogger is used to distribute a mix of adulticide and diesel into a fog medium to control adult mosquitoes. This adulticide is effective in the control of mosquitoes but is very expensive and labour intensive to administer. Some disadvantages of using an adulticide are:-

- Treatments are not specific for mosquitoes so non target insects can be effected (that's why we fog before dawn when these insects are not active).
- Treatments may be needed to be repeated at short intervals.
- For maximum effect treatments have to be precisely timed to the mosquitoes active period.
- For maximum effect treatments have to be made when winds are light and when air temperature inversion occurs e.g. usually dusk and dawn.

Equipment used to generate large volumes of insecticidal fog is expensive.

These services are available to rural properties on request but depends on available access to your site.

Residents Control Strategy – what you the house holder can do:-

- * Mosquitoes need water to breed – get rid of surplus water and you may eliminate the problem.
- * Any receptacle that can hold water should be drained.
- * Animal water dishes emptied and cleaned regularly.
- * Drain saucers under pot plants – have sand in them or do away with saucers during mosquito problem periods.
- * Store old tyres so they can't hold water.
- * Keep roof guttering in good repair and clear of leaves.
- * If there is a water tank, make sure it is securely screened with mosquito mesh.
- * If there is fish pond, make sure it is well stocked, preferably with native fish.
- * If there is bird bath, make sure it is drained and cleaned at least once a week.
- * Ensure household insect screens fit tightly and are in good repair.
- * If outside after dark use an insect repellent containing DEET.

Ranger's activities

- **Rubbish bins** are provided in most of the favourite 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 ongoing in problem areas on Council controlled land and Council road reserves.
- **1080 baiting** was carried out throughout the Shire in October, (Carpentaria Shire also baited at this time). If you take the family dog onto one of the properties that have participated in baiting be careful as some of these baits will still be active, also some properties are using commercially prepared baits and are baiting outside our scheduled baiting rounds, those properties that have recently baited will have 1080 signs on all entrances to their property.
- **Burketown cemetery** – working on getting a sign made that has listed the cemetery register and a short history and to be placed in the gazebo at the cemetery.
- **Burke Shire entrances welcome signs** – Design approved now obtaining quotes from suppliers, These Shire welcome signs will be placed at the 5 road entrances/exits to our Shire.

RECAPTURED TAGGED FISH

Report catches of tagged fish to the DPI's Suntag Program. Research programs conducted throughout Queensland use tags to give scientists a better understanding of fish movement, growth and survival rates. If you take a tagged fish PLEASE report the capture on toll free 1800 077 001 or return the tag to the Sunfish Tagging coordinator, Bill Sawynok, PO Box 9793, Frenchville, Qld, 4707, with the following information:-

- The tag number (if the fish has two tags, record both tag details)
- The date and place of capture
- The fork and/or total length
- Details of whether the fish was kept or released



Cricket



Armraynald & Augustus Downs Stations defeated Burketown by 10 runs in a social game of cricket held on 18 November 2007 at the Moungebii oval. A good time was had by all although there were a lot of sore bodies the day after. Dan Lowe from Augustus Downs won "Man of the Match" and received two cartons of beer donated by Burketown Pub & the "Baker" brothers. \$50 donated by Trinity Yanner for the "Classic Catch" was won by Peter Willcocks. There was also \$200 donated by Armraynald Social Club & Brian Gaunt for the first batsman to hit the sign on the full but alas there were no winners, although Col Baker managed to hit the sign on the bounce. The game consisted of 30 overs and the Station team were sent into bat first making 146 runs. Burketown made 136 runs before the last batsman went out in the 29th over. Top batting score was Dan Lowe (Station) on 54 followed by Col Baker (B'town) on 35. Ken Booth & Frank Wylie did a top job of umpiring on the day with only a few mumbles heard from so called "unlucky batters??" Thanks to GSRA for loaning us the pitch and Burke Shire Council, Moungebii, Armraynald, Tonya Booth (scorer), and the Burketown Community for donations and their help in making the day such a success. Considering the amount of interest this match generated I would like to organise a cricket tournament around the same time next year involving, Burketown, Stations, Gregory & Doomadgee. If anyone is interested in forming a committee to do this please contact Cheryl Portch, at the Shire office, ph: (07) 4745 5100.

Action on the field, Stations fielding and Clinton Murray (Mudgy) batting.



Players from both teams with Zac Duff (captain) holding the winners trophy (resurrected) which was last won by Burketown defeating Gregory in the Centenary match held in 1977.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PRE-CYCLONE SEASON CLEANUP

Cyclone awareness is the responsibility of everybody in the community. To assist the residents in making Burketown and Gregory safer in the event of a cyclone during the upcoming wet season, Council will be undertaking a pre-cyclone season cleanup as follows:-

**Monday 10 December 2007 in Burketown; &
Wednesday 12 December 2007 in Gregory**

Items that can be safely lifted by hand by two people should be left on the edge of the road reserve at the front of your property by 7:00am on Monday 10 December 2007 (for Burketown residents) and by 7:00am Wednesday 12 December 2007 (for Gregory residents).

Should you have any larger items that are too heavy to be safely lifted, such as fridges and old car bodies, please contact Col Baker at the Council Depot before 3:30pm Wednesday 5 December 2007 and let them know the details of the items. This will enable alternative collection arrangements to be made.

Please note Council will be limited in what can be collected.

Council's free pre-cyclone cleanup is your chance to get rid of bulky items and reduce the risk to yourself, your family and other community members of flying debris in the event of a cyclone. All residents are therefore encouraged to participate and use this opportunity to cleanup junk that may be lying around their property.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



VMR NEWS

It has been a quiet month in VMR Burketown. Two training exercises were held; one was a night trip on the Albert River and the other was a GPS familiarization at the SES building. The night navigation of the river by radar & GPS proved interesting and highlighted the difficulties of operating in complete darkness. The next night training will be on 5 December 2007. Those members interested please contact Brett Harris.

The GPS training was not as exciting as the night work on the river but was a good refresher for the four members in attendance. The most important lesson learnt about GPS operation is to understand the various menus in the GPS and knowledge on how to navigate yourself round the different functions and understand them.

If you need to dispose of any old EPIRB's they can be given to VMR to dispose safely, never dispose EPIRB's with your household rubbish. Also remember when testing EPIRB's the only time they should be tested is 5 minutes before the hour.

VMR is looking for members to volunteer some time over the holiday period to repaint the old SES flood boat and fit the 40hp outboard. If you can help please contact the President, Brett Harris.

Paul Poole
Training Officer
VMR Burketown



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

RFDS RAFFLE

The Knife made by George Watson
was won by Elvee Portch
\$571 was raised for RFDS

Thank you to all who sold & purchased tickets!



Library News **Christmas holidays**



Come to the Library between
2 pm and 3 pm to help make some
decorations for our Christmas Tree.



I also have stencils to make
snowflakes, paper chains etc.

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



There will be lots of new pictures to colour in.

*Membership for the library and
sports library is free*

Library Hours – 8.15am to 4.00pm weekdays

Children that have their pictures displayed
in the library from the Arts & Craft show can
now come in and collect them

**Jonathon Thurston from the
Cowboys recommends the following
books:-**

“The Legend of Spud Murphy” by Eoin Colfer

“Flytrap” by Meme McDonald and Boori Monty Pryor

“Emily Eyefinger” by Duncan Ball



2007/08 Dog Registration
only \$2.20 per dog.
Registration forms are
available at the
Council office.



Burketown Rainfall
October - 3.6mm
November - 6.6mm

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





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CHANGE IN BURKETOWN MACAIR AGENCY

Please note that effectively from Saturday 1 December 2007 Council will be taking over the Macair Agency from the Burketown Post Office.

From this date all check-ins of passengers and luggage, etc will occur at the Shire Office in Burketown. Check-ins close one hour prior to the scheduled departure time of each flight.

If you require further assistance or have any queries in respect of this matter please contact the Shire Office.

Craig Turnour
Chief Executive Officer
30 November 2007





COUNCIL WORKS RELATED NEWS & ACTIVITIES



MAJOR WORKS RECENTLY COMPLETED

- Sealing of 15kms of Doomadgee East Road
- Sealing of 7kms of Doomadgee West Road
- 20kms resealing sections of Floraville Road, Doomadgee East Road and Doomadgee West Road
- Sealing Burketown Cemetery Road
- Sealing 1.5km Truganini Road
- Widening of Musgrave Street, Burketown
- Flood damage repairs of roads including Bowthorn, Lawn Hill - Doomadgee, Punjaub & Nugaburra
- Sealing extension works around Burketown

CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

- Construction of Gregory Water Supply - final commissioning & plant modifications
- Burketown Sewerage Treatment Plant - complete upgrade works associated with the Blivet unit
- Flood damage repairs of roads from January/March/April 2006 event
- Aquatic facility for Burketown - waiting on security turnstile
- Maintenance works on Wills Development Road, Camooweal Road and Doomadgee East 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 - to be done after upcoming wet season
- Albert River Boat Ramp & Pontoon - to revisit proposal
- New dual lane Albert River Bridge—tender has been conditionally let
- Barramundi Fingerling Growout Facility - concept plan, design & costing currently being finalised
- Kids water play feature for Burketown - subject to funding application
- New Water Treatment Plant for Burketown - concept being developed & tenders being reviewed

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS FOR 2008

Following is a schedule of dates for the Ordinary Meetings of the Burke Shire Council for 2008:-

Thursday 17 January 2008	Thursday 15 May 2008	Thursday 18 September 2008
Thursday 21 February 2008	Thursday 19 June 2008	Thursday 16 October 2008
Thursday 13 March 2008	Thursday 17 July 2008	Thursday 20 November 2008
Thursday 17 April 2008	Thursday 21 August 2008	Thursday 18 December 2008

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.

BURKE SHIRE HOME & COMMUNITY CARE NEWS

Since the last newsletter we have had a Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Church Hall with our clients and their invited guests. We have also been doing art and craft activities. Our Christmas breakup luncheon is being held on Thursday 13 December 2007 at the Church Hall. We continue to have our centrebased day care activities at the Church Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays mornings between 10:00am and 12:00noon.

What's Available at HACC:-

- ♦ **Centrebased Day Care** - Includes group activities such as arts & craft, needlework, cooking, etc
- ♦ **Social Support** - Includes assistance with letter writing, filling in forms, having a chat, keeping in touch with the community, transport to events, transport to & from local businesses for mail, banking & shopping, transport for health reasons, etc. We do not provide an out of hours "taxi service" and this is not funded.

If you would like to join our HACC program or know someone who would like to join or could use our services, please contact Amanda Douglas at the Council office on (07) 4745 5100.

Due to misconceptions that certain members of the community have, we would like to note that the HACC program is funded for 15 clients. Given our current average attendance is only three clients, and it is great to see that at least a few use the service, the total funding cannot legally be spent on just those that attend. It needs to be spent on a pro-rata basis, that is if only three clients attend we can only legally spend 3/15th of the approved funding and only on those services funded for and in accordance with the funding agreement. So if people don't use the service then funding for the number of clients that do not attend needs to be refunded at the end of each financial year.

NORTH WEST OLD PRIMARY HEALTH CARE NEWS

- **Christmas lunch with HACC:-** Christmas cheer, gingerbread men and Christmas tree decorations were created at HACC with the help of the North West Queensland Allied Health team. Dieticians Lisa Schulze & Katrina Carey and Occupational Therapists Jenn O'Driscoll & Anna Warwick joined the HACC clients on Tuesday 20 November for their final visit to Burketown for 2007. They helped the HACC clients enhance their fine motor skills by making Christmas baubles using material, ribbons, sequins, pins and foam balls. Christmas food was created with the decoration of gingerbread men and other shapes and the Christmas lunch was a feast of ham and roast vegetables followed by a summer berry flummery. Thanks to Carrol, Jessie, Leila and Elva for helping to make the morning a great time!



Jessie Doomadgee & Leila Anderson with their hand-made Christmas decorations.



HACC ladies making Christmas baubles with the Allied Health Team.

The next Allied Health visit to Burketown will be on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 December 2007. This will include a Psychologist, Speech Pathologist and Physiotherapist. If you would like an appointment please contact Di at the Health Clinic or phone: 1800 221 131. Our new itinerary will be posted out by January 2007 and our trips will recommence in late January or early February 2008. We look forward to seeing you all again next year and Merry Christmas! - Lisa, Jenn, Anna and Katrina.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CYCLONE SEASON – “BE PREPARED”

The following is provided on behalf of the Burke Shire Local Disaster Management Group for Burketown residents' information and action during the upcoming cyclone season:-

LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO (OR TV IF AVAILABLE) FOR CYCLONE UPDATES OR RING THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON 4745 5100. PLEASE NOTE THAT A WAILING SIREN BROADCAST ON YOUR RADIO OR TELEVISION MEANS THAT AN URGENT SAFETY MESSAGE IS ABOUT TO BE MADE

IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS DECIDED TO EVACUATE RESIDENTS TO CENTRALISED LOCATIONS THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:-

THE FIRE TRUCK WILL SOUND IT'S SIREN THROUGH THE STREETS TO INDICATE THAT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE FOLLOWING CENTRAL AREAS (IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TO DO THIS PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNCIL OFFICE).

THESE LOCATIONS ARE THE COUNCIL BUILDING, SCHOOL TOILET BLOCK AND THE POLICE “LOCK UP” (IF YOU ARE ON MEDICATION PLEASE GO TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE AS THE HEALTH PERSONNEL AND AMBULANCE WILL BE BASED THERE). DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT THESE AREAS BUT THEY MUST BE ON A CHAIN.

EACH CENTRE WILL HAVE A SUPERVISOR - PLEASE REPORT TO THEM ON ARRIVAL.

PLEASE BRING AN EMERGENCY KIT – IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS CONSIST OF A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, SOME TUCKER (DON'T FORGET BABY FOOD, MILK & DISPOSABLE NAPPIES IF NEEDED), TORCH, BLANKET & ANY TABLETS OR MEDICINE YOU MAY NEED. BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOUSE PLEASE TURN OFF POWER AND GAS.

EACH LOCATION WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND BASIC SUPPLIES, INCLUDING DRINKING WATER.

North West Advocacy Organisation Inc

NWA provides strong independent advocacy for people with disabilities who are in vulnerable situations. We are completely on the side of the person with a disability and will support them where needed. We strongly support cases where an individual has been taken advantage of or their rights have been infringed upon because of their disability. We especially support individuals who may be subject to disadvantage over and above their disability because of race and/or the isolation they often experience within society generally. We are committed to protecting the rights of people with disabilities.

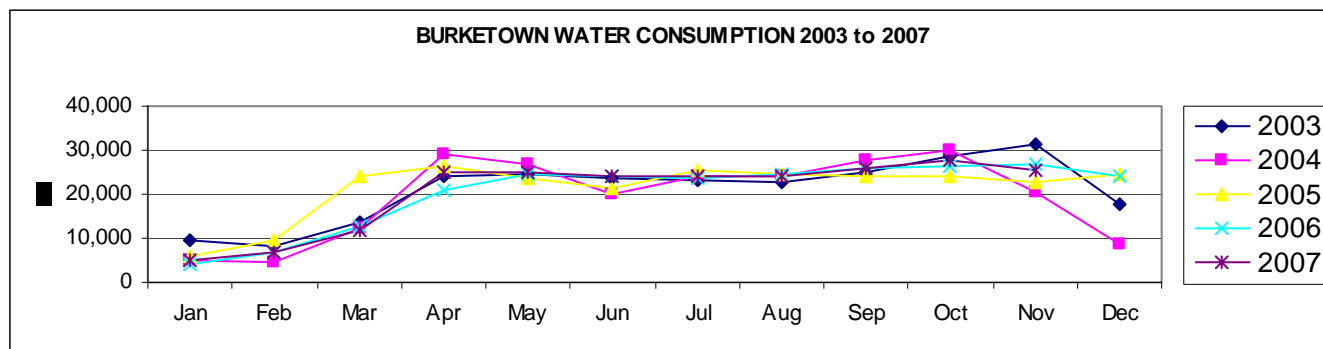
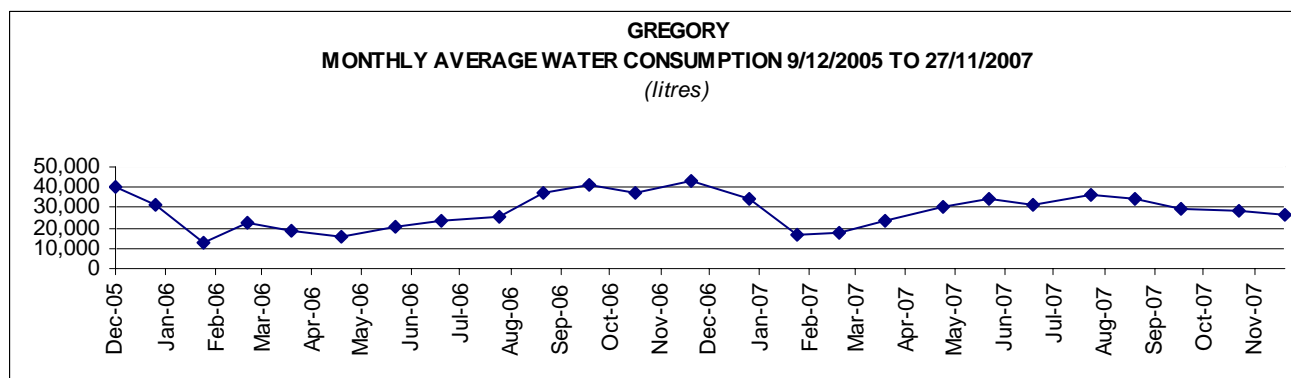
NWA can assist you in the following ways:-

- Employee rights
- Housing
- Medical treatment
- Training and education rights
- Freedom of information and privacy
- Complaints of services
- Access and transport rights
- Adult Guardianship
- Public Trustee

Office Details - 23A Miles Street Mount Isa 4825 Phones: (07) 4749 0022 Fax: (07) 4749 0570
Email: nwacoord@tpg.com.au

GREGORY WATER CONSUMPTION

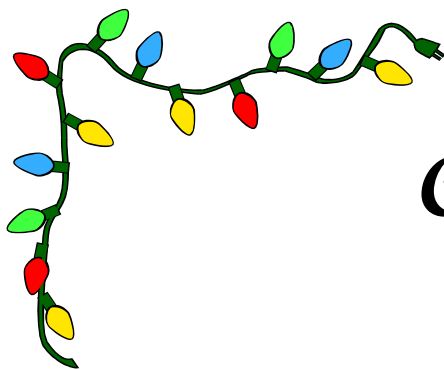
Date of Reading	Average Daily Consumption Over the Month	Meter Reading
	<i>litres</i>	<i>litres</i>
28-Nov-06	42,889	9,781,079
2-Jan-07	34,533	10,989,721
31-Jan-07	16,224	11,460,205
27-Feb-07	17,491	11,932,455
27-Mar-07	23,997	12,604,379
1 May- 07	30,873	13,877,462
15-May-07	35,821	14,359,597
29-May-07	34,068	14,750,689
26-Jun-07	31,179	15,623,499
31-Jul-07	34,983	16,709,745
27-Aug-07	34,066	17,735,595
25-Sep-07	29,872	18,109,136
30-Oct-07	28,386	18,811,092
27-Nov-07	26,667	19,487,907
Total Consumption		19,448,016
Average Daily Consumption		27,086



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	24,000	26,000	27,500	25,400		224,900

Consumption since October 2006 are estimates only



Christmas Lights Competition

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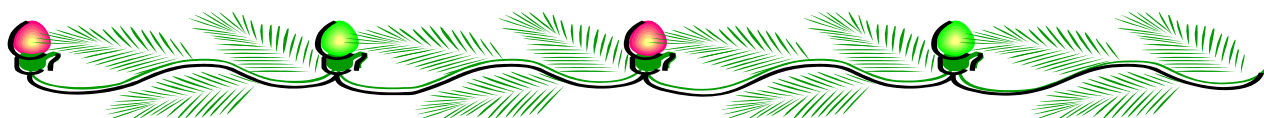
House or Business in Burketown with the best Xmas lights.

1st prize is a Xmas Hamper
filled with prizes including the following:-

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| ◆ Ham | ◆ Xmas Cake |
| ◆ Xmas Decorations | ◆ Xmas Pudding |
| ◆ Wine & Softdrinks | ◆ Biscuits & Crackers |
| ◆ Chips & Pretzels | ◆ Dried Fruit |

Judging will be done by Burketown Children and take place
on Monday December 17 starting as soon as its dark.

Thank you to the following for their support:-
Burke Shire Council, Nowlands Engineering, Post Office, Burketown Pub,
Savannah, Caravan Park, Burketown Nursery & Burketown Community.



Carol Singing
In Burketown Church Hall
On Sunday 16 December 2007
at 7:30pm
Light sticks will be provided



(no candles)





Burketown Vacation Care



Held from
10 December to
21 December 2007
{Closed for lunch}

*Located at the
Shire Hall*

CRAT. GAMES. PARTIZB. WORT

Jordan, Matt
and Linda will be
back with you
these holidays
and Chris and
his band the
“Loaded Dice”
are coming to
teach you all
about music on
Tuesday 11th
December

**Don't miss the
evening concert!**



CONCERT IN THE PARK



Visiting band “**Loaded Dice**” will perform in the Morning Glory Park from
6:00pm till 8:00pm on Tuesday 11 December 2007.

The concert is free & everybody is welcome to come along and
enjoy the music. Sausage sizzle & softdrinks will be on sale on the night.

Don't forget to bring a blanket or chair to sit on.



Gregory raises over \$2,000 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation!

Women from around the Shire gathered at the Gregory Downs Hotel on 18 October to share brunch & raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The brunch was hosted by Becky Loechte & Megan Brown. More than \$2,000 was raised thanks to the generosity of people from around the local area. Ejay Construction and the Burke Shire Council generously donated \$500 each. The Gregory Pub's owner, Jo Start, donated pink champagne which was sold throughout the morning. Pink cupcakes and lamingtons were made and sold courtesy of the ladies from Gregory Downs Station. A raffle was organised which was very well supported. First prize was a pearl necklace made and designed by Megan Brown, which was won by Gabe Kennedy. Second prize was a native plant & bottle of wine kindly donated by Hannah Crisp, and was won by Majella Lyons. Third prize was an Absolute Natio Gift Pack won by Jenn O'Driscoll. 'Guess the Number of Lolly Snakes' was won by Brad O'Brien. Money was also raised through the sale of Pink Ribbon merchandise.

A great day was had by all. Thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic cause!

Megan Brown & Becky Loechte



Attendees at the brunch



School Concert & Christmas Tree

Burketown State School concert & award night was held on Friday 30 November at the Burketown Shire hall. Awards were presented to the school children from various members of the Council & Community. Santa arrived in the fire truck and was a huge hit with the children especially when he produced his sack of presents.

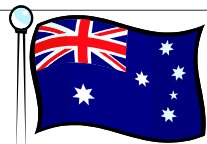
Santa giving presents to the children



Principal Sharon Hawkey & Teacher Jacque Weller presenting graduates Dakota Major & Clinton Taylor with their graduation certificates & gifts.



Cr Ernie Camp presenting Shakhiah Douglas with "Literacy Award".



2008 Australia Day Awards

Call for Nominations

Council invites interested persons and organisations to submit nominations for the 2008 Australia Day Awards (Local Government Section). Expressions of interest are also being sought from individuals to represent the community on the awards judging panel, which will reflect the various interests and constituencies of the community.

The three award categories for this year are: *Citizen of the Year*; *Young Citizen of the Year*; and *Junior Sports Award*. The awards are part of a family of awards coordinated through the National Australia Day Council.

The *Citizen of the Year* awards are presented to individuals whom have made a noteworthy contribution to the community during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years. Whilst the awards recognise outstanding personal achievement they also celebrate the remarkable contributions individuals are making to their community.

The *Junior Sports Award* is presented to an individual who has made a noteworthy record of achievement in sport or has made a significant contribution to sport as a coach, official or administrator.

Award nomination forms may be obtained from the Burke Shire Office, Musgrave Street, Burketown:- telephone (07) 4745 5100, facsimile (07) 4745 5181 or e-mail:- burkesc@bigpond.com. Nominations marked "2008 Australia Day Nomination" must be received at the Burke Shire Office by 4:00pm Monday 7 January 2008. Nominations can be hand delivered, mailed, faxed or e-mailed.

For those members of the community that may be interested in judging the awards, please provide an expression of interest by 6 December 2007.

Weather permitting the awards will be presented at the Council's Australia Day BBQ which will be held at the Shire Hall in Burketown on 26 January 2008. In the event of inclement weather the presentations will be incorporated with Council's Anzac Day function on 25 April 2008.



Burketown Aquatic Facility



The main construction phase of the Burketown Aquatic Facility is now completed but as yet it is not officially opened to the public. Before this happens the security turnstile has to be installed. This is scheduled to be in by Christmas but is dependent on the contractor and weather permitting.

Children from Burketown State School, Gregory School & Burketown Kindergarten have been given the opportunity to use the pools during a trial period. Whilst we wait for the formal opening, the Aquatic Facility may be opened from time to time under adult supervision by some of our Council employees on a voluntary basis.

Burketown School children enjoying a swim in the lap pool



Police Beat

Sadly this will be my last letter for the Burke Shire newsletter. I am moving to Blackwater and my last day in Burketown will be 13 December 2007. May I just say that it has been my greatest pleasure to work with and for the Burketown community. The time has come for me to be with my family again and that is what is of the most importance to me. To all the community members in town and in outlying stations I thank you for your friendliness, especially those for whom I have dropped in on at meal times!

I would also like to express my best wishes and thanks to the community of Gregory. You have all probably seen a lot more of me than my wife and kids in the last two years but I have always felt welcome and thoroughly enjoyed working with and for you all.

Over the Christmas period Sgt Kylie Rigg and Constable Matt Tathem from Mount Isa will be relieving in Burketown. I will attempt to get around town and introduce them to as many people as I can. Chris will be on leave over December and back early January. Sgt Tim Feckner will be taking my position mid January 2008, after spending time in Cloncurry.

As always with the holidays coming upon us, as well as the wet season, road safety is paramount. Please take extra caution when driving on the roads and be aware there will be more police on the roads.

Chris and I extend to you all our best wishes for Xmas and the New Year. Many thanks for the past two years I have thoroughly enjoyed it and will never forget the positive experiences gained in Burketown. If you are ever in Blackwater please look me up. As you know I am partial to a social drink!

Stay safe

Paul GRIFFITHS

Sergeant

OIC Burketown Police



BURKE SHIRE COMMUNITY TENNIS SHIELD



Burke Shire Community Tennis Shield game was held on 20 October 2007 at the Burketown Multipurpose courts. Gregory defeated Burketown in two sets:- 7-6, 6-1. Representing Gregory was John Clarke and his daughter Holly and playing for Burketown was Amanda Wilkinson and David Booth. (David filled in for David Marshall due to illness). The game was followed by a BBQ and presentation to the winners of the Burketown Tournament and the Shield.

Keep an eye on notice boards for start of rounds for Burketown Tennis Tournament 2008!



Amanda, Holly, John & David with their trophies & the Shield

Winners of Burketown Tournament as follows:-

Men's Doubles

Laurie Portch & Col Baker

Women's Doubles

Kelly Gardner & Katrina Rex

Mixed Doubles "A" -

Amanda Wilkinson & David Marshall

Mixed Doubles "B"

Cindy Holman & Bruce Thomas

2008

TIME ZONE -1000

AUSTRALIA, GULF OF CARPENTARIA - KARUMBA

LAT 17° 30' S

LONG 140° 50' E

TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

2007

TIME ZONE -1000

DECEMBER

Time m	Time m
1 1334 0.72 SA ●	16 1306 0.94 SU 2330 3.89
2 0010 3.91 SU 1407 1.00	17 1325 1.21 MO 2343 3.63
3 0024 3.62 MO 1411 1.38	18 1254 1.60 TU 2342 3.32
4 0029 3.34 TU 1113 1.63	19 0853 1.70 WE 2315 3.04
5 0012 3.10 WE 0928 1.46 2310 2.98	20 0809 1.50 TH 2044 2.96
6 0930 1.25 TH 1945 3.17	21 0755 1.24 FR 1747 3.45
7 0933 1.13 FR 1930 3.53	22 0805 0.99 SA 1816 3.96
8 0930 1.09 SA 1942 3.81	23 0829 0.79 SU 1856 4.35
9 0930 1.06 SU 2001 3.99	24 0900 0.65 MO 1945 4.59
10 0944 1.04 MO 2027 4.10	25 0941 0.55 TU 2035 4.69
11 1010 1.00 TU 2059 4.16	26 1026 0.50 WE 2125 4.68
12 1044 0.93 WE 2133 4.19	27 1110 0.52 TH 2210 4.56
13 1122 0.85 TH 2209 4.20	28 1149 0.63 FR 2247 4.34
14 1200 0.80 FR 2243 4.17	29 1222 0.84 SA 2309 4.05
15 1236 0.81 SA 2310 4.07	30 1243 1.17 SU 2312 3.76
	31 1215 1.56 MO 2309 3.50

JANUARY

Time m	Time m
1 0920 1.67 TU 2309 3.31	16 0715 1.73 WE 2145 3.11
2 0810 1.48 WE 2200 3.14	17 0703 1.55 TH 1900 3.04
3 0818 1.33 TH 1822 3.28	18 0646 1.32 FR 1629 3.50
4 0820 1.27 FR 1808 3.63	19 0653 1.06 SA 1702 3.99
5 0804 1.22 SA 1826 3.93	20 0721 0.84 SU 1752 4.38
6 0801 1.11 SU 1851 4.16	21 0803 0.68 MO 1849 4.63
7 0828 0.99 MO 1923 4.32	22 0851 0.58 TU 1947 4.74
8 0914 0.89 TU 2000 4.41	23 0938 0.56 WE 2041 4.70
9 1003 0.83 WE 2040 4.43	24 1022 0.65 TH 2127 4.54
10 1048 0.83 TH 2120 4.39	25 1100 0.84 FR 2204 4.28
11 1127 0.91 FR 2155 4.27	26 1128 1.15 SA 2226 3.98
12 1157 1.05 SA 2219 4.10	27 1127 1.53 SU 2218 3.67
13 1215 1.26 SU 2232 3.87	28 1037 1.87 MO 2215 3.39
14 1213 1.54 MO 2236 3.61	29 0646 1.90 TU 2204 3.14
15 0947 1.81 TU 2226 3.33	30 0636 1.68 WE 2010 3.02
	31 0646 1.52 TH 1602 3.30

FEBRUARY

Time m	Time m
1 0645 1.42 FR 1617 3.62	16 0511 1.13 SA 1516 4.00
2 0635 1.31 SA 1646 3.89	17 0550 0.89 SU 1617 4.26
3 0644 1.17 SU 1724 4.09	18 0644 0.75 MO 1724 4.41
4 0715 1.04 MO 1806 4.22	19 0740 0.70 TU 1830 4.45
5 0806 0.94 TU 1849 4.30	20 0830 0.75 WE 1930 4.37
6 0900 0.89 WE 1933 4.32	21 0915 0.90 TH 2021 4.18
7 0948 0.92 TH 2016 4.26	22 0951 1.15 FR 2100 3.89
8 1030 1.05 FR 2056 4.12	23 1016 1.48 SA 2119 3.56
9 1102 1.27 SA 2127 3.88	24 1008 1.86 SU 2055 3.24
10 1124 1.55 SU 2143 3.57	25 0723 2.20 MO 0849 2.21 0910 2.21 2055 2.97
11 1133 1.89 MO 2141 3.23	26 0445 2.03 TU 1339 2.72 1625 2.65 1913 2.73
12 0543 2.12 TU 2108 2.92	27 0500 1.85 WE 1330 3.05
13 0533 1.93 WE 1527 2.76 1727 2.73 1940 2.78	28 0507 1.72 TH 1340 3.35
14 0532 1.71 TH 1345 3.20	29 0444 1.57 FR 1401 3.61
15 0505 1.43 FR 1424 3.64	

MARCH

Time m	Time m
1 0420 1.38 SA 1433 3.80	16 0353 0.81 SU 1430 4.14
2 0436 1.19 SU 1517 3.94	17 0500 0.71 MO 1535 4.13
3 0527 1.05 MO 1608 4.00	18 0603 0.71 TU 1643 4.05
4 0630 0.97 TU 1701 4.02	19 0700 0.83 WE 1745 3.88
5 0731 0.95 WE 1752 3.99	20 0747 1.07 TH 1834 3.64
6 0827 1.02 TH 1838 3.89	21 0823 1.41 FR 1904 3.33
7 0915 1.20 FR 1919 3.71	22 0833 1.78 SA 1902 3.02
8 0957 1.48 SA 1955 3.43	23 0512 2.14 SU 0650 2.15 0756 2.15 1904 2.73
9 1035 1.83 SU 2019 3.07	24 0245 2.05 MO 1101 2.57 1519 2.42 1856 2.47
10 0409 2.27 MO 0712 2.31 1125 2.21 * 2018 2.67	25 0258 1.91 TU 1102 2.90
11 0346 2.16 TU 0953 2.65 1623 2.37 1805 2.40	26 0305 1.82 WE 1117 3.19
12 0347 1.98 WE 1059 3.08	27 0025 1.62 TH 1137 3.43
13 0119 1.64 TH 1146 3.48	28 0049 1.38 FR 1202 3.63
14 0159 1.29 FR 1236 3.82	29 0131 1.18 SA 1234 3.77
15 0251 1.01 SA 1330 4.04	30 0226 1.02 SU 1314 3.84
	31 0329 0.91 MO 1359 3.85

Datum of Predictions is Lowest Astronomical Tide

* Denotes extra Tides

Moon Symbols

● New Moon

○ First Quarter

○ Full Moon

○ Last Quarter

Note !!! For Burketown Tide times add the following

AND BOATING

1 hour mouth of Albert River

4 hours for Jetty

5 hours for bridge