



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Edition 17– Aug/Sept 2008
(Issued on 11 August 2008)

Just when we thought we could relax and all was settled, Council has been hit by another bombshell. Our current CEO, Oliver Pring, has resigned and will be leaving on 7 August 2008. In the meantime Dean Kneebone will be Acting CEO until we get a permanent CEO in September. In spite of the turmoil it's business as usual and we have a few big events happening over the next few months including the Arts & Craft Show, Burketown Campdraft, Agribusiness Forum, Burketown v Gregory Tennis Shield, Station/Town cricket match & Gregory Horse Sports. Check inside this edition for more information on these events.

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Some Key Council Dates

RDO	11 August 2008
Ordinary Council Meeting	20 August 2008
Arts & Craft Show	30 August 2008
RDO	8 September 2008
Ordinary Council Meeting	17 September 2008
Deadline for contributions to next newsletter	25 September 2008
Agribusiness Forum	1 October 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
Dog Registration
Mosquito Fogging
Calico Bag Give Away
Changes to MacAir Agency
Fines for Dogs Found at Large



ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

My name is Dean Kneebone and I have come to Burke Shire Council in the role of Acting CEO for a period of 6-7 weeks. Oliver Pring has resigned as CEO and finishes on the 6 August 2008. I wish Oliver all the best for the future. My main aim during my stay in Burketown is to ensure that a highly qualified CEO and Finance Manager is appointed to these position and to assist and maintain the day to day operations of Council. I have been in local government for 31 years of which 27 years have been spent in Queensland (Emerald, Bundaberg, Aurukun, Weipa).

I am currently based in Weipa and operate my own consultancy business. Most of my work is in the Gulf country and Western Queensland local government areas where I have been in senior to middle management relief roles and special project works.

I am married to Gail and have two grown up children, both of which are in the mining industry. Gail and I are looking forward to mid September for a well earned holiday to Ireland, UK and Greece before embarking on traveling and working around Queensland and then the rest of Australia in our caravan early next year.

I must say that it is good to be in Burketown and close to the water and fishing as my last 8 months at Boulia has seen the shire drought declared, cattle either sold or shifted to greener pastures elsewhere. There is no water in the river and rain is something unheard of in that area.

My first impression of Burketown is friendly people, great parks and gardens, good roads and very good water supply. I am looking forward to doing a bit of fishing during my short stay. I look forward to meeting more people whilst here.

Farewell Oliver



Oliver Pring will be leaving us on the Thursday 7 August 2008. He will be taking a well earned rest before he departs overseas to the Philippines to visit relatives. Oliver started with Council 5 years ago as a Finance Officer where he steadily progressed to Burke Shire CEO. Not only did Oliver work beyond the call of duty for Council he also was the Burke Shire IT manager. Oliver spent many of his lunch hours and spare time fixing and helping locals with their computers at no cost. Oliver also was the Tax Agent for many locals either preparing or helping locals with their income tax returns also at no cost. You could always count on Ollie to lend a hand at any function and was a committed member of Burketown VMR. He will be sorely missed in our Shire especially in the Council Office not only as a colleague but as a friend.



North western Queensland Agribusiness Forum

Promoting opportunities to enhance beef enterprise profitability, irrigation options, water management, barramundi stocking and sustainable land management in North western Queensland

When: 1 October 2008

Where: Gregory Downs CWA Hall

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
(Morning and afternoon tea and lunch supplied)

Activities and sessions: Beef supply chain opportunities
Profitable beef herd management options
Best practice grazing land management

Irrigation techniques and cropping options for the tropics

Economics of forage production

Status of the Gulf Catchments Water Resource Plan

Future opportunities for carbon trading

Regional NRM management

Update on the Burketown barra growout facility

Tour of Gregory Farm – grazing and irrigation operations.



For further
information or
RSVP please contact:

Morgan Gronold DPI&F
Phone 4651 2997 or
0407 125 765



**BURKE SHIRE
COUNCIL**



Queensland Government
Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

ARTS & CRAFT SHOW 2008

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST
at the
BURKETOWN SHIRE HALL

12noon: Open to the public

5pm: Wine & Cheese Presentation + Auction

Exhibits include :

Cooking	Horticulture	Needlework	Jewellery & Beading	Metal & Woodwork
Pottery	Papercraft	Leatherwork	School Projects	Painting & Drawing
Poetry	Inventions	Photography	Decorated Bike	Heritage Arts & Craft

Novelty stalls on the day including Devonshire Tea.

All welcome!

If you would like to enter an exhibit in the Arts & Craft Show, you can obtain a program & entry form from Burke Shire Council office. Contact Cheryl Portch PH:47455100 for more information.



Peoples Choice Award 2007 went to Greg Portch for his invention of the "Bent Billy"



Picture of a sea eagle made out of corks won 3rd prize 2007 entered by Lee Davies of Sweers Island



BURKETOWN AQUATIC CENTRE



Burketown Aquatic Centre is now opened to the public. If you would like to access the pool then please call into the Council office and fill in an application form for a Access Card. Following are the charges for pool access:-

***Please note - \$20 deposit is required on receiving "Access Card" which will be reimbursed on return of card.**

Type	Local Fee	Visitor Fee
	\$ (incl GST)	\$ (incl GST)
Adult/family – per day access	n/a	4.00
Adult/family – one week's access	n/a	20.00
Adult/family – one month's access	20.00	50.00
Adult/family - three month's access	35.00	n/a
Adult/family – six month's access	75.00	n/a
Adult/family – annual access	150.00	n/a



VMR News



VMR held their AGM on Friday 1 August. Office bearers elected in is as follows:

President - Brett Harris
Vice President - Clinton Murray
Secretary - Amanda Wilkinson
Treasurer - Cheryl Portch
Training Officer - Paul Poole
Zone Reps - Brett & Clinton

The VMR boat is still in Karumba where Jones Marine is fitting the new 250HP Yamaha motors that have upgraded the previous 225HP Yamaha motors (see "For Sale" ad in this newsletter). This should be completed by mid August in time for the Zone meeting and SARS (search & rescue) exercise held in Karumba on Friday 19 September. Members please express your interest to the President if you want to attend.

Brett Harris

Hairdresser

Gloria will be visiting Burketown on Sunday 24 & Monday 25 August 2008 .

If you would like an appointment please ring Mob: 0488 913820



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

RECYCLE OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

by putting them in the box provided
at Burketown Post Office

MOBILE MUSTER

Obsolete mobile phones can be left at
Council office to be sent away for
recycling.

SHREDDED PAPER

Council has shredded paper to givaway.

Shredded paper is great for com-
post, poultry nesting boxes & art-
work. You can pick a bag of paper
up from the Council office in
Burketown



Fathers Day

Sunday 7 September



Cheryl Portch will be conducting Active After School Care from 5pm to 6pm every Wednesday at the tennis courts. All school aged children are welcome to attend. For more information contact Cheryl Portch - Ph: 07 4745 5100

2008/09 Dog Registration
only \$2.20 per dog.

Registration forms are
available at the
Council office.



Have Your Say!

This will be a regular addition to our newsletter. We welcome your comments & views. Please address your item to "The Editor" Burke Shire Newsletter and can be sent via the following:-
Email: burkesc@bigpond.com
Fax: 07 4745 5181
Post: PO Box 90 Burketown 4830.
or over the counter at the Council Office.
Please note all articles printed will be at Editor's discretion.

Cheryl Portch

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





RANGERS REVIEW



With a stag Chital deer being found in the area it is timely to provide information on this newly found shire resident, although it is not a declared animal under Queensland legislation. This species of deer was first introduced into Queensland by William Hann (his brother Frank Hann started off Lawn Hill station), In the 1860's One stag and two does were brought over from Sri Lanka and released on his property Maryvale Station north of Charters Towers where he jealously guarded his mob of deer from poachers and would be buyers. In later years this mob had increased to around 1400 head and with natural migration over the years have started to spread across Cape York into the western watershed.

Chital (axis) deer

'Chital' is a Hindi word meaning spotted.



General Information

Chital (*Axis axis*) (sometimes known as axis deer) are native to the Indian sub- continent and Sri Lanka. They are a relatively small species of deer.

The established chital range in Queensland is the area north of Charters towers, where they were released in the late 19th century. Although chital deer is not a declared animal under Queensland legislation, its control is recommended.

Scientific Name *Axis axis*

Impacts

In urban areas damages agricultural crops and gardens, hazardous on urban roads and major highways and threatens the environment.

Description

Stags stand about 86 cm at the shoulder and weigh up to 90 kg

Habit and distribution

Live in large herds consisting of many females and their young, together with two or three stags, breeding is non seasonal however most chital stags are in hard antler in the first half of the year and the majority of the calves are born in the second half of the year. Adult hinds give birth after a gestation of about 234 days, twins even triplets are not uncommon, potentially causing rapid population growth. Chital are a tropical or subtropical species that prefers woodland, forests, and clearings near waterways, presence of permanent water is essential to chital and has a major influence on the extent of their range.

Control

Chital can cause damage to agricultural crops and gardens on outer urban areas and a growing hazard on suburban roads and major highways and large numbers of deer also pose a threat to the environment.

Declaration Details

Chital are not a declared animal under Queensland legislation but may be declared under local government law. For further information contact the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries, Ph 13 23 25

Rangers Activities

- Barramundi Growout shed is progressing, the flooring slab will be finished when weather permits, all equipment is on site so construction will speed up once the shed is completed by contractors.
- Coordinating alternative savannah way road signage (7) to be placed along new Lawn Hills station yards bypass road. Completed first round of Burke Shire 1080 baiting – 15 of the 22 station properties in the shire have participated in this baiting program. 4,210 kg of baits have been used so for the next 3 months dog owners should be wary of taking their pets onto properties that have 1080 signs placed on their roadways.

New Albert River Bridge

THE PROJECT:-

The new Albert River bridge is being constructed with prestressed concrete piles, prestressed Super'T' beams, with a concrete overlay deck wearing surface. The bridge is 126m long, 9m wide with 2 lanes.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER:-

The bridge building contractor is 'Nelmac Pty Ltd' from Yackandandah, Victoria. Nelmac Pty Ltd is a family operated company and has built over 400 bridges in Victoria & New South Wales.

THE BRIDGE APPROACH ROAD WORKS:-

The new approach roadworks to the Albert River Bridge is being constructed by Burke Shire Councils roadworks crew, the new alignment is approx 650meters long, 9 meters wide, 2 lane bitumen surface with access roads to the river fishing spots

THE WORKS CONSIST OF:-

Part 1

The PSC piles are lifted into place by a 50tonne crane. The driving hammer weighs 4tonne and is fitted to the 50tonne crane with a guide frame. The operation for the hammer is controlled in the crane cab. After the PSC piles are driven to a depth of approx. 10m they are saw cut to the required height with a diamond edge blade. The remaining concrete above the saw cut line is "broken back" with a jackhammer (weighing 40kg) by 2 very strong workers until the steel reinforcing is exposed which incorporates the next stage of the construction.

Stay tuned for Part 2 in next newsletter edition .

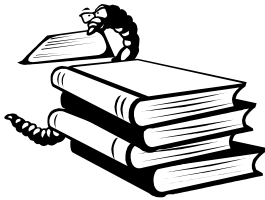


PSC piles being driven in by 4t hammer

Sam cutting the pile off to required height



Jackhammering concrete to expose reinforcement for the next stage



Library News

June/July holidays Colouring in Competition

This was won by Dakota Major, who
Received Movie Tickets to see kungfu panda



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

Due to the increase in
internet usage bookings
now need to be made to
use the internet



Library Hours

Open 8.15am

Close 4.15 pm

Weekdays

Membership is

'Order of the Outback' Masquerade Ball

Burke Shire Order of the Outback Masquerade Ball was held on the 5 July 2008. It was well supported with 145 people in attendance. The "Order of the Outback" was awarded to Dr Don Bowley from Mount Isa RFDS. The masquerade theme was very popular and nearly all patrons participated wearing their masks. Prizes were given out for Bull, Matron, Beau, Belle, Colt & Filly of the ball as well as prizes for the best masks. A disk is available with photos taken on the night for \$10:00 and can be purchased at the Council Office in Burketown. Thank you to all those who donated towards this event including, Cr Ernie Camp, Burketown Pub, Mansworld, Atlas Superstore, Pat McEvoy, Di Dillon, Pam de Joux & Burketown Nursery. Also a big thank you for all those volunteered their time & skill to make this event such a success.



The ladies from Wernadinga Station enjoying a night out on the town.



Lenore Camp enjoying her night with her grandchildren, Natasha, Aidan, Zara & Shannon.

HACC News

Since our last Burke Shire Newsletter our HACC clients have been on a trip to Karumba where we visited the Barramundi restocking farm & also did a tour of the town. We then drove back to Normanton where we did some shopping and went on the Gulflander train for the Billy tea & Damper trip.

We also had a visit from Kaye at Frontier Services.

We went to the Burketown state School where we met two team members of the NQ Cowboys rugby team.

We have our centrebased day care activities at the old church on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday mornings at 9:00am to 12noon. If you would like to join our HACC program or know someone who would like to join please contact Amanda Douglas Ph: 07 4745 5100



Leila with Mat Bowen & Jacob Lillymen from NQ Cowboys

National Tree Day

Burke Shire Council along with Burketown State School participated in National Tree Day on Thursday 31 July. Four trees were planted by the Burketown School children assisted by Council workers Col Baker & Jaidine Bligh. BoonjeeTamarind, Tuckeroo, Tamarind & Lychee trees were planted one of which was donated by Burketown Nursery. .



Gregory Educational Facility conducted their National Tree planting day on Friday 8 August. Acting CEO Dean Kneebone helps the Gregory School kids plant trees around the school yard and the school house yard to help celebrate National Tree Week. The trees that were planted will assist in shading the new swings and climbing frames that are being built at the school. Front: Nicole Forshaw, Adrienne & Mark Brady, Acting CEO Dean Kneebone



Front: *Nicole Forshaw, Adrienne & Mark Brady, Acting CEO Dean Kneebone*
Back: *Teacher's Aid Kimberley Arnold, Head of Campus Meegan Brown & P&C President, Ashleigh Brady*

ART WORK SHOP & EXHIBITION

Through RADF funding, Pam de Joux is conducting art workshops & exhibition for Burke Shire residents. The workshops so far included several classes in Burketown & 1 class at Wernadinga Station. Still to come is 1 class at Floraville Station and 2 classes at CWA hall at Gregory. All together approx. 45 people will have attended these workshops. An exhibition of students work thus far was held at the Burketown Shire Hall on 5 August 2008. The exhibition was a very successful with approx. 50 people attending to view the displayed artworks painted done by none other than our local talent. Another public exhibition featuring the rural students will be conducted at a later date.



Some of the artwork displayed at the exhibition



Jennifer Hetherington working on her painting at workshop in Burketown



Class of 2008 with teacher Pam de Joux , students of Art Workshops held in Burketown

BURKETOWN CAMPDRAFT

29TH – 31ST AUG 2008

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

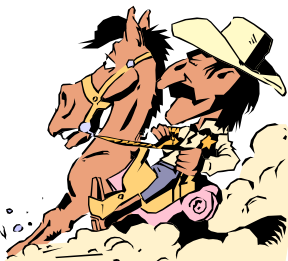
DATE/TIME	EVENT	OTHER INFORMATION
Friday 29th August		
7pm Start	Moungibi Housing Open Bull Ride \$2000.00	Entry Fee \$60.00 Nominations close 6:30pm
	Poddy Ride \$100.00 Sponsored by Col Baker	No Entry Fee
Saturday 30th August		
7am	Curley's Transport Maiden Draft \$800.00 Highest Cut-out	Entry Fee \$18.00
During Lunch	Kids Gymkhana – Sponsored by the Burketown Pub	Nominations Close 9am Sat
During Lunch	Jackpot Barrel Race	Entry Fee \$20.00
	Nelmac Open Draft \$1500.00 Highest Cut-out	Entry Fee \$30.00
	Stocklick Trading Ladies Draft \$500.00 Highest Cut-out	Entry Fee \$15.00
Sunday 31st August		
7am	Nowland Engineering Novice Draft \$1100.00 Highest Cut-out	Entry Fee \$20.00
	Versatile Helicopters Juvenile Draft \$200.00	13-17 years Entry Fee \$7.00
	Forshaw Contracting Mini Draft \$100.00	7-12 years inclusive Entry Fee \$3.00
	Peter Dowling Stockmans Workout \$500.00	Entry Fee \$10.00
	All Finals will be held starting with the Maiden, Novice & Open	

The BRSA committee reserves the right to alter the Program without notice. All riders compete at their own risk.

FOOD & BAR FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND

NOMINATIONS TO KEN BOOTH, PH: 0427 455107 FAX: 4745 5059
Nominations close 8:00pm Monday 25/08/08
To be fully paid by 7:00pm Friday 29/08/08

For more info contact Ken on 0427 455107 or Tonya (secretary) on 0427 112035.



The Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association
would like to thank all sponsors and
supporters of our campdraft

ACA MEMBERSHIP
 Adult Annual \$55.00
 Couple Annual \$104.00
 Family Annual \$132.00
 Juvenile Annual \$22.00
 Adult Casual \$22.00
 Juvenile Casual \$5.50

Fire & the CLC Rangers

Once again it is that time of year that the grass fuel loads around the Gulf are 70% cured and the strong winds from the S/E have arrived. If you haven't already had the chance to secure your property with fire breaks you should look at doing it as soon as possible. Make sure you protect your home by cleaning out the gutters of leaves and making sure you have slashed grass or have green grass around any infrastructure in your yards. You should also make sure that your local fire brigade has safe and easy access around your properties in case of a fire emergency.

The rangers from the Carpentaria Land Council are currently conducting hazard mitigation fires around Cliffdale and Westmorland to help protect them from hot late season fires. The properties are situated in what's been classified as a wild fire hot spot and as many people will remember last year the properties had large wild fires which burnt 75% of there standing feed. So this year the rangers along with the property owners and Burke Shire Council put together a fire management plan to make sure the chances of late season wild fires are reduced.

The rangers have also carried out rubber vine eradication around Burketown and coastal areas and have had some great success. They have also conducted coastal patrols as part of the NAILSMA Dugong & Marine Turtle Project that is being run through CLC.

If you would like any information on our projects please contact the CLCAC office on Ph: 4745 5132.



Billy Jackson on dugong & marine turtle coast patrol



Terrence Taylor creating fire breaks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NIGHT GOSPEL MEETINGS BURKETOWN CHURCH

Dates

- 3 August
- 17 August
- 14 September

Times

Sunday School 9:30am
Night Gospel 7:30pm

Contact

Doug & Faye Jones
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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





Old Phones New Trees - 75,000 Trees - Landcare projects

MobileMuster with the assistance of Landcare groups across Australia is planting and maintaining 75,000 native trees – one native tree for every mobile phone handset received in the “Old phones, new trees” campaign between 21st May and 30th June 2007.

The trees are planted where they will deliver long-term environmental benefits such as restoring biodiversity; protecting the habitat of Australia’s endangered wildlife; reducing soil salinity and erosion and improving water quality.

The number of trees planted in each state is directly proportionate to the phones collected in that state. The trees are planted at the optimal time for their survival in the cooler months and to take advantage of seasonal rainfall.

MobileMuster has partnered with Landcare Australia to plant and maintain the trees. Only native and site appropriate species will be planted.

QUEENSLAND

Innisfail

The tropical sites chosen for planting were extensively damaged by Cyclone Larry.
Trees: 10,000

Environmental Outcomes: The planned rehabilitation will re-establish the habitat of many native birds, reptiles and animals including the endangered Cassowary.

Burketown successfully returned 5 mobile phones between 21st may and 30th June 2008 lets see if we can hand in more next time. All phones can be handed in at the Burke Shire Office.

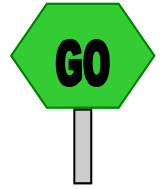
Come on Burke Shire, hand in those old mobile phones

BURKE SHIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

30 August 2008	Burke Shire Arts & Craft Show 2008 <i>Contact: Cheryl Portch Ph: 07 4745 5100</i>
30 August 2008	Burketown Campdraft <i>Contact: Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5107</i>
8 – 12 September	Gregory Mini School <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>
21 September <i>(1st Sunday of school holidays)</i>	Gregory CWA Horse Sports <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>
1 October 2008	Agribusiness Forum—Gregory CWA Hall <i>Contact: Annie Clarke Ph: 4748 5517</i>



COUNCIL WORKS RELATED NEWS & ACTIVITIES



MAJOR WORKS RECENTLY COMPLETED

- 6km's of seal completed on the Lawn Hill Rd
- Grading from DASC Boundary to the Northern Territory Boundary

CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

- Gregory - Lawn Hill Road – upgrade from 7 -12 kms and seal
- New Water Treatment Plant for Burketown - plant is finished with some minor site works and electricity upgrade yet to be completed
- 3 more units at Pensioners Complex. Landscaping will commence shortly
- Burketown Sewerage Treatment Plant - complete upgrade works associated with the blivet unit & modifying pond
- Flood damage repairs of minor road roads from January/March/April 2006 event
- Wills Development Road maintenance grading continues to repair & maintain the road during construction of the next bitumen section between Brookdale and Barkley Creek
- Installation of 3 new flood lights to Burketown Aerodrome apron
- Construction of the new bridge by NELMAC and earthworks by Council
- Maintenance Grading of Doomadgee Rd East
- Barramundi Grow Out Facility has commenced construction

FUTURE MAJOR WORKS & WORKS IN PLANNING STAGE

- Introduction of a Waste Management Plan - including recycling
- Upgrading to seal 5km of Doomadgee Rd - west of Walford Jump Up
- Upgrading to seal 10 km of Doomadgee Road East– east from the Nicholson Causeway
- Permanent repair of China Wall Culvert on Truganini Road - tender for this work has been let and works are planned to commence in August
- Albert River Boat Ramp & Pontoon - to revisit proposal
- Widening of Nicholson River causeway on Doomadgee Road - tender for this work has been let - commencement planned for August
- Improvements to boat ramp at Truganini - Queensland Transport are calling tenders for this work
- Extension to the General Aviation Parking area and construction of new general aviation taxiway at airport.
- New water main to Burketown Airport
- Shoulder Repairs to approx 22kms of Wills Development Rd east of Gregory
- Planning for upgrading Lawn Hill Rd west of Century Feeder Road.
- Shoulder upgrade & sealing at Gregory



GREGORY GRAPEVINE

North & West Qld Primary Health Care – Gregory Visits

Ph 4749 4615 Freecall 1800 221 131

Team Leader	Katrina Carey	Ph 0729 303 117
Psychologist	Carmen Southam	Ph 4749 4615
Occupational Therapist	Anna Warrick	Ph 0437 340 503
Speech Therapist	Melissa Kuhl	Ph 0437 554 609
Dietitian	Lisa Schulze	Ph 0428 455 903
Podiatrist	Catherine Willett	Ph 0427 678 713
Physiotherapist	Katie Sheridan	Ph 0709 483 518

RFDS Clinic Gregory

(Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday Fortnightly

August 7 & 21

September 4 & 18

October 2, 16 & 30th

Social Tennis – Friday Night

Starts around 6:30pm every Friday 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 or 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 47485575) or Tess Arnold (Ph 4748 5584)

CWA Horse Sports & Family Fun Day – to be held the first Sunday of the September school holidays Sunday 21– Last year the CWA had to cancel the day (first time in over 40 years) due the horse flu epidemic. A teastall with sandwiches, hot dogs, ham & salad rolls and cold drinks will be available. To help the environment the Gregory CWA will not be selling bottle water this year, instead you will be able to purchase a water bottle and fill it up with FREE cold water. If you have your own water bottles please bring them along. everybody welcomed for a fun family day.

At present the CWA country of study is Mongolia, and we were very lucky to have a group of international students traveling though the Burke Shire in late July. As a special treat they stopped off at Floraville Station and Bayer from Mongolia gave a talk to the CWA ladies about his homeland. He was telling the ladies how the men like to wrestle, do archery and ride horses, whilst the ladies are doctors and solicitors and are very mental like you ladies. He actual meant intelligent, and once he was told what his translation meant, he was very embarrassed. We all got a good laugh about it though.

Kylie Camp (President GCWA) presenting Bayer from Mongolia with a few CWA mementos.



President, Kylie Camp and Sectary Tracy Forshaw of Gregory QCWA hand over a cheque \$1382-20 to RFDS Dr Don Bowley. The CWA raised the money by holding a Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

Gregory Grapevine cont.

Gregory Education Facility new Vege Garden.

Acting CEO, Dean Kneebone, Cr Tracy Forshaw helping the children plant trees on National Tree Day.



Gregory School News

Gregory School now has their own veggie garden. The garden was supplied with the help from Southern Gulf Catchments and Gregory Landcare. The Environment and Healthy Eating are very important issues that the kids have been studying. We are now eating lovely lettuces and tomatoes from the healthy food garden. The Gregory School has been made into a Band 5 school, and it was just announced that Meegan Brown (Yeldham Station) is now our permanent teacher. Congratulations Meegan!

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



P&C President Ashley Brady congratulates Meegan Brown on becoming Gregory School's permanent teacher/head of campus.

Police Beat Police Beat

Tourist season is upon us once again, which sees more than average vehicular traffic in and around Burketown and our waterways. Of late there have been a couple of incidents whereby people are having breakdowns, either car or boat. With limited mobile phone coverage, please make sure you let someone know where you are going in your travels, as this makes it easier for us to search for you and help you out.

The road upgrade between Burketown and Gregory Downs is still ongoing. The council have erected a number of detour signs for this development. I will ask all travelers on this road to refrain from driving around the detour signs and onto the smooth road base surface. Many work hours are spent by the road crews to prepare the base for it to be sealed and if people destroy this surface it causes more work for the guys out there. It is also a costly way to travel; disobeying a road sign carries a \$90 penalty and the loss of three points off your licence.

While on the topic, I am available for licence renewing/Rego payments etc. on Monday and Tuesday between 9am and 12pm. These times are listed on the front of the Police Station for your reference. If you cannot make it in these times, feel free to call to arrange a time. If you have any other queries or questions come in and I'll do my best to resolve them.

As of recent, the Officer in Charge of Burketown Tim Feckner has been transferred to Cloncurry station due to personal reasons. For those of you who met Tim you would all be aware of how much he will miss Burketown and the Albert River! As you know there is not too much fishing to be done in Cloncurry. Keep an eye out for his name though....I believe he is still near the top of the footy tipping ladder at the Pub!

Our new replacement will be Andrew Irvine from Cloncurry. He will be here for at least a month. Andrew was here earlier this year, around Anzac Day and enjoyed his time here so has decided to come back again.

So until next time, travel safe and enjoy the upcoming Burketown Campdraft.

Chris Mastorgio
A/S/Constable
Burketown Police Station

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TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

2008

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SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
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* 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

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Tribute to Coley

(Townsville Bulletin)

Last of a legend



RIDE 'EM COWBOY ... Ken Coleman makes an elegant exit from a bucking bronc at the Cloncurry Merry Muster in 1980

By JOHN ANDERSEN

Tribute for famed rodeo rider

ONE minute's silence at Cloncurry's Merry Muster Rodeo today and tomorrow and at the Mount Isa Rodeo next weekend will mark the passing of Australian rodeo legend Ken Coleman who died on July 17.

Ken Coleman for much of the 1960s, 70s, and 80s was the top ranked name in the Australian Rough Riders Association, now known as the Australian Professional Rodeo Association. The APRA was, and its successor the APRA remains, the premier rodeo body in Australia, attracting full time professionals to the sport.

Cloncurry will hold one minute's silence during the Grand Entry on Saturday evening and again on Sunday. Mount Isa will hold its silent tribute to rodeo's star of stars on Sunday.

Ken Coleman, with his matinee idol looks and a grin that wouldn't quit, had a lifestyle straight out of Augustus McRae in *Lonesome Dava*. Kenny Coleman was the bohemian cowboy, the athlete who had it all, but never really knew it.

For 'Coley' life was an-



Ken 'Coley' Coleman was a prolific winner at rodeos

other rodeo down the road, another bronc, another town, another set of whatever happens, happens. No matter how imminent the danger, no matter how worn and torn he was, there was always the Coley grin.

He could burst into action at a moment's notice. No warning. Nothing. Broke, busted, hungover, bruised from a fight the night before and looking as though there was nowhere to go but



further down the greasy pole, he'd pull himself together, win the bronc ride, win the girl and take off for the next rodeo with a bunch of mates in a station wagon loaded with swags, saddles, bareback rigging, bull ropes, and cartons of beer bought on the back of placings.

Winnings were spent on three things: petrol to get to the next rodeo, nomination fees and beer. And if there was a bit left over,

hamburgers, tinned corned beef and SAO biscuits.

It was a tribal lifestyle based on mateship and trust and those in the money shared with those who had missed out. In Mount Isa, when Ken Coleman was riding, that 'next' rodeo was always in Darwin.

Getting to Darwin was always a problem if no one had placed in Mount Isa. No placings meant no money. No money meant no petrol. No petrol meant no Darwin. But there was always a ticket to Darwin in the form of a siphon hose in someone's kit. Petrol kindly 'donated' via 'the hose' got many a rodeo rider to Darwin.

Ken Coleman was the APRA saddle bronc champion, the best without a doubt in Australia, in 1969, 1970, 1976, 1978 and 1979. Another great champion of Coleman's era Steve Hodge wrote in a story in 1980, which has been reproduced in the current edition of the APRA's *Rodeo News*, that

Ken Coleman was one of the finest saddle bronc riders Australia has ever produced.

He noted that when Coley started out on the circuit in the early 1960s he had plenty of promise, but wasn't winning enough to fill the demands of his party-going lifestyle.

To make ends meet, in between rodeos he took casual work at the expense of his party life. Asked to describe his work, Coley, whose wit is known far and wide, replied 'very casual,' Steve wrote.

Coley competed in America and Canada where he amassed enough points to qualify for the Canadian saddle bronc title, but that came unstuck when the Canadians discovered a rule stating that non-Canadians could not qualify.

Steve said Coley was a feared competitor on the American circuit and that after one of his many successes in the arena that country's elite professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association described him in its magazine as 'the only successful cowboy who trained on a carton a day.'

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