



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

Edition 18– Oct/Nov/Dec 2008

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It is now the tail end of the tourist season and we are looking forward to quieter times as we prepare for the wet season. Due to the lateness of this newsletter, this edition will also incorporate December so the next newsletter will be issued mid January. Please get articles to me no later than 8 January 2009.

I hope you all have a safe & happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Cheryl Portch

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Some Key Council Dates

Ordinary Council Meeting

18 December 2008

Council Break Up

19 December 2008

Deadline for contributions to next newsletter

8 January 2009

Council Return

5 January 2009

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

Cyclone (Be Prepared)

Calico Bag Give Away

Changes to MacAir Agency

Fines for Dogs Found at Large

Burke Shire Council
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Barry Evans

Raised in Mackay, Qld, I have worked in local government more than 30 years in the north and far north of the state. I have 3 grown children and have always enjoyed boating, fishing and outdoor sports including basketball and tennis. I have traveled extensively through out the world experiencing different cultures and getting ideas. The Burke Shire has so much potential so my goal is to develop this potential to the extent that the

council & community wish and drive the delivery of good council services.....*and of course to catch the odd barra.*

Burke Shire Council – Barramundi Growout Facility

On the 5th December 30,000 Barramundi fingerlings were collected from the Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association in Karumba and successfully transported back to our newly built Barramundi Growout facility here in Burketown using our new insulated live fish transporting tank. There were only 27 fatalities. The fish range in size from 25mm to 40mm (all from the same hatching). The large ones had to be sorted out into a separate Growout tank otherwise they would eat the smaller ones if placed into the same tank together.

All babies have settled in well, if anyone wants to come out and have a look at our Burke Shires Barramundi Growout facility – and feed the fish, contact the Ranger at the Shire Office and a suitable time will be arranged for a tour of our facility.

The Barramundi fingerlings will grow at a rate of up to 1mm a day and they will be ready for release into the Albert River around the middle of January, at this time the Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association in Karumba will have another 30,000 fingerlings to collect – providing the roads are trafficable.

The Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association has a permit to hatch and release up to 100,000 fingerlings into the Albert River each year.

Russell Cunningham
Burke Shire Ranger



Have Your Say

To the Editor

Killing of Crocodile

I would like to enlighten the people of Burketown my true values of my hometown, spiritually, culturally, traditionally and historically. I preach to anyone who will listen about the tragedy that took place in September that was caused by the amount of campers and boats in and around our waters. Would you like to be awakened by the sound of a motor boat going over your head every day of the week. No you would probably complain to the law about the noise.. When you smell food cooking, do you say "Gee that smells nice, I will have to try that someday", well how do you think the croc feels when food is being prepared so close to them (by these eco-environmentally minded people who choose to smash our river banks with their 4 wheel drives and camper vans, tie their boats to the mangroves and camp very close to the river). I bet the croc says, "I must try that someday".

Mad as you think I am, animals such as these do not need to meet with tragedy such as has happened. I believe if a pay system was introduced then this tragedy would never have taken place. My question is why aren't campers charged a fee? Why aren't signs erected around our river banks indicating to campers appropriate camping sites. Information signs should also be erected at both ends of town (I am sure there is funding available). The signs should read "First Point of Contact—Burketown Information Centre". The centre should provide appropriate camping site information. We all know, but not everyone knows, how we value our fishing, so finding campers with their camps so close to the water (actually they should have houseboats as they camp so close to the river) tends to get one's blood boiling.

No where to fish! Can't escape the sandflies as the sandfly free zone has been invaded by campers (because they have no idea where to camp). I find this rude and disrespectful, more so towards the departments who are not filtering out this very important information. To be more community minded, people who have caravans should be directed to the Caravan Park. That way you are helping local business as well as each other.

In Spirit

Woods Lake Woman 58



To the Editor

Just a Little Trivia

Does anyone in the community know the history of the date tree outside the information centre which I believe is around 150 years old.?

Did you know that this date tree belonged to an elder known to everyone as Big Granny?

Did you also know that she was the first point of contact when traveling to Burketown through Augustus Downs?

Did you know that when she passed on she was over 100years old?

Did you know that her 100 birthday was not recognized by way of telegram from the queen?

It doesn't matter, the place she was born in forgot her too! How sad, we did not erect a plaque near the date tree in memory of you. Come on Burketown memories are all a lot of us have. Respect is all some of us crave for.

With respect

Woodslake Woman 58

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 give away.
Shredded paper is great for compost, poultry
nesting boxes & artwork. You can pick a bag
of paper up from the Council office in
Burketown during work hours.



*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*



Garbage Collection

*Garbage collection commences at
7:00am Friday mornings.*

*Residents are requested to have their bin at the
edge of the bitumen before 7:00am to ensure
collection.*

**Please note
The rubbish run that falls on
Boxing Day, 26 December
will be postponed to
Monday 29 December.*

**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**



WORLD DIABETES DAY “Blue Print Of Hope”



HAAC clients attended the school on the Thursday 13 November, to interact with the Burketown school kids re “World Diabetes Day”. The theme for this year was “Blue Print of Hope”. Cut out of blue hands were given to the children along with the message of healthy eating habits & exercise.

AGRIBUSINESS FORUM



An “Agribusiness Forum” was conducted at the CWA Hall in Gregory on Wednesday October 1 2008. It was hosted by the Department of Primary Industries & Fisheries in conjunction with Burke Shire Council. Approximately 50 people attended the forum and included guest speakers from DPI, NR&W, Southern Gulf Catchments, Gregory Farm & Burke Shire Council . Topics include- Beef Enterprise, Weeds & Ferals, Managing your Grazing Land, Irrigation, Gulf Resource Plan, Mapping your Property, Burketown Barra Growout Facility and finished off with a tour of the Gregory Hay Farm .The forum was deemed an overall success according to the survey that was completed on the day and due to the positive response this may likely become an annual event.



RANGERS REVIEW



Dogs at large

Residents are reminded that pet dogs are not allowed to freely wander the streets and be allowed to cause a nuisance to neighbors and other residents nor are they allowed to bark all night and cause a disturbance.

Council has in place two Local Laws:- Local Law No. 2 Keeping and Control of Animals and Local Law No. 3 Impounding of Animals. The aim of the Local Laws is to regulate the effective management of animal control in the Shire, in particular with dogs:-

- to protect the community against risk of injury and damage;
- to ensure that animals do not create a nuisance, or a hazard to health or safety;
- to prevent pollution and other environmental damage resulting from the keeping of animals and to protect the amenity of the local environment; and
- to ensure that animals are kept and used in a way that is consistent with the rights and expectations of the local community.

Amongst other things the Local Law stipulates the following:-

- A person must not bring or permit an animal to be brought into a public place unless the animal is under the person's effective control;
- If an animal in a public place is not under effective control, an authorised person may seize and impound the animal;
- A person must not bring a dangerous dog into a public place unless the dog is securely muzzled to prevent it from biting;
- A person must not bring a dog that is on heat into a public place;
- If a dog defecates in a public place, the person in charge of the dog must immediately remove and dispose of the faeces in a sanitary way;
- A person who keeps an animal must maintain a proper enclosure to keep the animal on the person's land and prevent the animal from wandering or escaping from the land;
- A person must not keep an animal on land if:-
 - ⇒ the animal causes a nuisance; or
 - ⇒ the animal exposes the health or safety of others to significant risk; or
 - ⇒ the animal creates a reasonable apprehension in the minds of others of a threat to their health or safety; and

A person must not cause, encourage or allow a dog to attack or worry another person or animals.

The failure to comply with the requirements of the Local Laws may result in the impounding of the relevant dogs and the management of this in accordance with the Local Laws

As part of these Local Laws Council has adopted a Local Law policy. The Local Law policy requires:-

- ⇒ the keeper of a dog or dogs within Burketown is to have the dog or dogs registered where the dog or dogs age exceeds three months; and
- ⇒ the maximum number of dogs permitted to be registered and kept per property within Burketown without specific Council authority is two.

All Dogs are to be registered and a copy of the Local Laws and Local Laws policy are available at the Council office.

If a registered dog is impounded the owner can then be identified and can be contacted, but if an unregistered dog is impounded and the owner is unknown the animal is disposed of after 3 days if not claimed.

Pound fees are currently \$33 per animal plus \$2.75 registration fee (if the animal is unregistered) and \$4 per day sustenance) until the animal is claimed (held for a maximum of 3 days).

Remember dogs caught wandering the streets WILL be impounded.

Other Rangers activities

Barramundi Growout Facility

Shed has been completed and is now being fitted out with the Growout tanks, pumps, air & water, pipe work and drainage system – waiting for the electrics to be connected.

Metro Road Traffic counters

During your travels throughout the shire you will notice twin black rubber tubing stretched across the roads at various places at various times, these are to count the number of vehicles that are using that particular road at that particular time, they are also flexible enough to determine what type the vehicle was (car, truck or semi) and at what speed it was traveling. These counters will be regularly rotated through different nominated road locations to assist in the shires traffic volume surveys.



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POSITION VACANT

Burketown State School

Permanent Teacher Aide

Beginning January 27, 2009

Burketown State School has a position vacant for a permanent teacher aide from beginning on the 27th of January, 2009.

Hours of work: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 2.30pm

ROLE OF THE TEACHER AIDE

Contribute to the provision of a quality educational service by assisting and supporting teachers with the preparation/enhancement of learning materials and associated activities.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Possess knowledge, skills and ability to work as a teacher aide in a responsible way.
- Possess knowledge of or ability to learn quickly about classroom activities and procedures, use and maintenance of resources and school policies.
- Demonstrate sound personal qualities of tact, reliability and an ability to work with others both individually and as a member of a team.
- Have basic understanding of occupational health and safety, equal employment opportunity and anti-discriminatory practices and behaviour as applied in a work environment.

Applicants must write to the above selection criteria.

Suitable applicant must also:

- Be willing to undertake specific training to enhance student support as necessary.
- Have or be prepared to apply for a blue card.

Please submit written applications (cover letter, resume and selection criteria) to Eric Gubesch at PO Box 81, Burketown, 4830, by close of business Friday 16th of January 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact Eric Gubesch on 0438 783 035 if you have any queries regarding this position or the application process.

NEWS

Burke leads the way

SYDNEY, Melbourne, even China, could learn a thing or two from the Burke Shire when it comes to making less of an impact on the environment.

The North Queensland shire is leading the charge in reducing its carbon footprint without talks of trading schemes or credits.

It has taken a far simpler approach and the community is lapping it up.

The latest development is set to eradicate the thousands of plastic drink bottles the Burke Shire has to get rid of each month.

It is an initiative of the forward-thinking Burke Shire Council to stop the pollution of their shire with the thousands of plastic water bottles that are polluting the waterways, streets, parks and dumps all over Australia.

The Burke Shire is supplying everyone who wants one with a reusable drink bottle supplied by the Southern Gulf Catchments to ward off a pollution problem.

The shire will also provide 200 bottles of treated drinking water at all public functions free of charge.

The Burke Shire has been a 'plastic bag free zone' for the past five years and has won awards for being so.

The council-sponsored cloth bags have become a common sight throughout the towns in the area.

Citizens agree they are way ahead of the Federal Government's carbon trading scheme, and have already stopped the talk and are walking the walk.



Belinda Forshaw, Mark Brady, Nadine Portch, Nicole Forshaw and Adriene Brady with the water bottles set to eradicate thousands of plastic drink bottles the Burke Shire has to get rid of each month.

Burke Shire leads the way in their initiative to reduce the environmental impact of plastic drink bottles by supplying their community with reusable drink bottles (donated by Southern Gulf Catchments). (Excerpt of the Nth Qld Register)



Burke Shire Community Tennis Shield



The "Shield" is in its 3rd year of running and is played between the communities of Gregory & Burketown. Gregory has won the shield for the past two years but it was Burketown's turn this year to have the privilege of displaying the hotly contested shield in their community. Gregory played host to this year's shield held on Friday 28 November 2008 and Burketown will host next year's competition at a date TBA. This year's teams were as follows:

A Team - Debbie Harris & Eric Gubesch (Btown)
def John Clarke & Rachel Arnold (Gregory)
B Team - Aaron Clarke & Hannah Arnold (Gregory)
def Jessica Gray & Brett Harris.

Left To Right

John, Jess, Harry, (Debbie & Eric holding shield), Aaron, Rachel, Ian Forshaw (president Gregory Sporting Committee) & Hannah

Mexican Feather Grass

Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries

Media release

19 November 2008

Swift action to ensure invasive weed stays out of NQ

PUBLIC awareness is important in preventing the spread of an attractive but potentially devastating exotic weed into north Queensland's pastures and native grasslands. The recent detection of Mexican feather grass in other areas of Queensland has prompted a call from Biosecurity Queensland for gardeners, landscapers and horticulturists in the north to keep a sharp lookout for the weed that may turn up in local nurseries. Principal land protection officer Steve Matheson said the weed had the potential to cost Australian agriculture and the environment many millions of dollars if it wasn't detected and eradicated immediately. "It has no grazing value and its spread could make millions of hectares of pasture lands worthless," Mr Matheson said. Biosecurity Queensland has been working closely with the nursery industry to track down other Mexican feather grass plants since an off-duty officer discovered the exotic weed in landscaping works in Brisbane three weeks ago. Mexican feather grass was a densely-tufted low-protein fibrous grass which could grow to 70cm in height. "Mexican feather grass seeds can remain viable in the soil for periods of up to 15 years," Mr Matheson said. "The plant can produce up to 100,000 seeds and up to 20,000 seeds per square metre. "Like spear grass, the seeds will penetrate clothing and hang on easily, making it easy for domestic animals and people to pick it up and spread it further." A native to parts of South America and North America, Mexican feather grass thrives in dry regions. "We are especially concerned that it could readily grow in dry tropical areas like Bowen, the Burdekin, Mareeba and Cape York," Mr Matheson said. "We know that Queensland landscapers and retail nursery outlets have innocently purchased the Mexican feather grass plant for use in landscaping or sale to the general public," Mr Matheson said. An interstate supplier had mistakenly labelled the weed as *Stipa capillata* and *Stipa capriccio* and it was found at locations in Algester, Aspley, Kenmore, Springfield, Redlands, Noosaville, Kawana, Sippy Downs, Gympie, Biloela, Emerald, Goondiwindi, Kingaroy, Longreach, Mackay, Monto, Pialba, Surat, Urangan, Warana, and Yeppoon. "We don't want it to spread north," Mr Matheson said. "We will be visiting nurseries and newly landscaped areas as part of our investigations and information campaign." "It is important for gardeners, horticulturists and landscapers to check if they have bought Mexican feather grass as grass feature plants. "We call on all green thumbs to help us find suspicious plants so we can eradicate them." "If you think you have seen Mexican feather grass, do not move it or dump it. Contact Biosecurity Queensland immediately." Mexican feather grass is a Class 1 declared weed under the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Regulation 2003. It is an offence to introduce, sell, or keep this weed without a permit. "If Mexican feather grass replaces other grasses on a large scale, it could have a significant impact on our environment, lifestyle and economy," Mr Matheson said. John McDonald from Nursery and Garden Industry Queensland said strongly urged industry representatives and the general public to assist in the recovery of the mislabelled plants.

For more information and photographs of Mexican feather grass, visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au or call the DPI&F on 13 25 23.

DPI&F Media contact: David Anthony: Phone (07) 4057 3676



GREGORY CWA HORSE SPORTS - 2008

<u>BARRELL - Lead</u>	1st	Jesse Toomby	32.08	1st	Sam Lyttle	1st	Erin Imeson	<u>FIGURE OF 8 - UNDER 6</u>	1st	Patrick Gleeson / John Clarke	<u>FOOT RACE - 7 - 9 yrs</u>
	2nd	Kathryn Fisher	34.13	2nd	Adrienne Brady	2nd	Kate Lyttle		2nd	Luke Murray / Paul Everingham	
	3rd	Beau Lyttle	47.10	3rd	Roy Fisher	3rd	Rachel Arnold / Blair Taber		3rd	Sophie Kennedy	
<u>BARREL - 6 & Under</u>	1st	Erin Imeson	24.96	1st	Wendy Brady	1st	Billy Kennedy	<u>BILLY CAN RACE - OPEN</u>	1st	Patrick Gleeson	<u>FOOT RACE - 10 - 13 yrs</u>
	2nd	Kate Lyttle	31.10	2nd	Rachel Arnold	2nd	Mark Brady		2nd	Rachel Arnold	
	3rd	Mark Brady		3rd	Blair Taber	3rd	Molly Lyttle		3rd	Hannah Clarke	
<u>BARREL - 7 - 9 yrs</u>	1st	Molly Lyttle	25.98	1st	Paul Everingham	1st	Jack Clarke	<u>SACK RACE - 10-13yrs</u>	1st	Bridget Clarke	<u>FOOT RACE - Gents</u>
	2nd	Billy Kennedy	34.42	2nd	John Clarke	2nd	Roy Fisher		2nd	Katie Rathmel	
	3rd	Mark Brady	37.77	3rd	Merg Kennedy	3rd	Bridget Clarke		3rd	Natasha Camp	
<u>BARREL - 10 - 13 yrs</u>	1st	Roy Fisher	19.19	1st	Harry Kennedy	1st	Wendy Brady	<u>SACK RACE - 7-9yrs</u>	1st	Billy Kennedy	<u>FOOT RACE - Ladies</u>
	2nd	Sam Lyttle	20.81	2nd	Haydn Low Mow	2nd	Rachel Arnold		2nd	Sophie Kennedy	
	3rd	Adrienne Brady	23.07	3rd	Sarah Kennedy	3rd	Jodie Fisher		3rd	Mark Brady	
<u>BARREL - Ladies</u>	1st	Wendy Brady	17.53	1st	Erin Imeson	1st	Aaron Clarke	<u>STEPPING THE DISTANCE</u>	1st	Hannah Clarke	<u>BRUSH THROW - 10 - 13yrs</u>
	2nd	Jodie Fisher	16.67	2nd	Kate Lyttle	2nd	Luke Murray		2nd	Jack Clarke	
	3rd	Rachel Arnold	19.77	3rd	Blair Taber	3rd	Erin Imeson		3rd	Bridget Clarke	
<u>BARREL - Gents</u>	1st	Merg Kennedy	18.75	1st	Billy Kennedy	1st	Kate Lyttle	<u>HOP,STEP, JUMP - GENTS</u>	1st	Patrick Gleeson	<u>BRUSH THROW - Under 10</u>
	2nd	Alan Webber	18.97	2nd	Mark Brady	2nd	Erin Imeson		2nd	Mark Brady	
	3rd	Luke Murray	19.93	3rd	Molly Lyttle	3rd	Harry Kennedy		3rd	Harry Kennedy	
<u>FLAG RACE - Lead</u>	1st	Kathryn Fisher		1st	Roy Fisher	1st	Billy Kennedy	<u>HOP,STEP, JUMP - LADIES</u>	1st	Bridget Clarke	<u>BROOM THROW - Gents</u>
	2nd	Maddison Arnold		2nd	Jack Clarke	2nd	Molly Lyttle		2nd	Merg Kennedy	
	3rd	Haydn Low Mow		3rd	Harry Kennedy	3rd	Adrienne Brady		3rd	Dave Lyttle	
<u>FLAG RACE - Under 6</u>	1st	Erin Imeson		1st	Beau Lyttle	1st	Adrienne Brady	<u>WALK, TROT, LEAD - 10-13 yrs</u>	1st	Bridget Clarke	<u>BROOM THROW - Ladies</u>
	2nd	Kate Lyttle		2nd	Jack Clarke	2nd	Jack Clarke		2nd	John Clarke	
	3rd	Haydn Low Mow		3rd	Jodie Fisher	3rd	Amy Rathmel		3rd	Leanne Imeson	
<u>FLAG RACE - Ladies</u>	1st	Kate Lyttle		1st	Jodie Fisher	1st	Bridget Clarke	<u>3 LEGGED RACE - Child/Adult</u>	1st	Bridget & Hannah Clarke	<u>FOOT RACE - 6 & Under</u>
	2nd	Hannah Clarke		2nd	Hannah Clarke	2nd	Adrienne Brady		2nd	Adrienne Brady / Aaron Clarke	
	3rd	Alan Webber		3rd	Sam Lyttle	3rd	Molly & Dave Lyttle		3rd	Sue Clarke	
<u>FLAG RACE - Gents</u>	1st	Merg Kennedy		1st	Erin Imeson	1st	Adrienne Brady	<u>WALK, TROT, LEAD - 10-13 yrs</u>	1st	Patrick Gleeson	<u>FOOT RACE - 7 - 9 yrs</u>
	2nd	Alan Webber		2nd	Beau Lyttle	2nd	Jack Clarke		2nd	Luke Murray / Paul Everingham	
	3rd	Luke Murray		3rd	Jodie Fisher	3rd	Bridget Clarke		3rd	Rachel Arnold / Blair Taber	

GULF HOCKEY

Roneece Cupitt has been with us for the vacation care period working with the children in Normanton and Karumba week 1 and in Burketown for the second week. We are in full swing for the Karumba Festival of Sport and would like to wish all schools/teams the very best for the upcoming competition. And for those who are hoping to be selected into the 2009 Gulf Hockey Squad for the under 13 girls and boys good luck, play well, have fun.

Word from “Coach Cupitt”: I was happy to return to the Gulf once again, and pleased with the number of children participating in the hockey sessions.

At the end of each week I have seen most of the children gaining some skills, through others a lot more skills and game sense was grasped. Karumba topped the centres in number of children “having a go!” but at each centre, the children gave a big effort. I know they had a lot of FUN!

I did work that bit extra, with any children that would be participating in the Karumba Festival of Sport. We definitely did hot weather conditioning, fitness, endurance work, along with hockey skills and game tactics. At Karumba, one child bravely put on the Goalkeeper’s gear and I was able to do some goalkeeping coaching with him. He certainly had hot weather training too.

Burketown prove to be the “little dark horse”, Their interest in hockey, was seen Thursday last week. I was amazed to see children turn up to play a game, that I had mainly scheduled for the adults to play. And on the scheduled time of 6pm. They played for 1 hour and even we had spectators!!

Also we finished Friday, with a game of basketball to warm up and then a 40 minute game of hockey. Topped off the day with a BBQ with parents.

The children should go into the Festival, with some extra knowledge and confidence.

Parents, Teachers and Community members you all can be proud of the children who participated in my hockey program, because they have endured playing up to 4 - 5 hours not only in one day, but for 2 – 5 days.

TERRIFIC EFFORT AND WELL DONE

GULF OF CARPENTARIA KIDS!

MEDIA RELEASE

October 2008

Expressions of Interest in employment with Southern Gulf Catchments

Southern Gulf Catchments is a community-based organisation tasked with strategic and sustainable natural resource management (NRM) planning and implementation in the southern Gulf of Carpentaria region of Queensland. This area covers 195,000 square kilometres and comprises the catchments of the Flinders-Cloncurry, Leichhardt and Gregory-Nicholson Rivers, Settlement Creek and Morning Inlet, plus the Wellesley Islands group.

Expressions of Interest are being sought from people who have qualifications, experience or an interest working in the natural resource management field.

We are interested in hearing from people with some or all of the following attributes:

- ⇒ Positive communication skills with many different groups and stakeholders relevant to community engagement and consultation
- ⇒ Large and/or small Project Management skills including report writing
- ⇒ Experience and skills in GPS, Computer Mapping, GIS, ideally ArcGIS/ArcView.

Your details will be kept on file for 12 months for future full-time, part time or temporary opportunities as they arise. Please feel free to update your information throughout the year.

Please phone 1800 676 242 or 47431888 or go to www.southerngulf.com.au for information on Southern Gulf Catchments

To express your interest please send a brief letter outlining your experience and why you are interested in working in the natural resource management field and a succinct resume addressed to Mr Donald Coventry, Chief Executive Officer:

Mail: PO Box 2211
Mount Isa QLD 4825

THE 2008 BURKETOWN CAMPDRAFT

The 2008 Burketown Campdraft and Bull Ride was held over the 29th, 30th & 31st August. It was the first we've held in 3 years and went off with a bang, with competitors travelling from far and wide to display their skills in the hope of picking up some great prizes. There were some wonderful raffles, music & dancing, a bar service and fantastic food provided all weekend that contributed to the success of the event.

Friday night hosted the Mougibi Open Bull Ride. Armraynald Station supplied some excellent bulls and the riders worked hard to pick up a place. The kids also got into the swing of things with a poddy ride and greasy pig contest that proved to be a big hit with the kids and the spectators. Campdrafting began early on Saturday morning with a long line up of competitors in all of the drafts. Saturday was also the kids day with a junior gymkhana and juvenile and mini drafts. The campdraft finals were held on Sunday morning with a presentation to winners and place getters being over lunch.

The Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association would like to thank all of the greatly appreciated sponsors and the volunteers that gave up much of their time to make the weekend such a success. We've begun planning and are looking forward to next years event which we hope to make even bigger & better than this years. For further information on the Burketown Campdraft you can contact the secretary Tonya Murray on 0427 112 035 or alternatively Ken Booth on 0427 455 107.



Top—Left to Right: Sage Marshall in the poddy ride, Murradoo Yanner presenting to the winners of the Mougibi Open Bull Ride, Noel Henderson & Quentin Jerd. Bottom - Left to Right: Bar Staff at work – Norm, Paul & Pete, Hayley Booth, Ben Hall accepting one of his prizes

VENT	WINNERS
Open Bull Ride	1 st Quentin Jerd, 2 nd Terrence Nimble, 3 rd Steven Bethel, 4 th Ronnie Whitehead
Poddy Ride	1 st Eddy Mawson, 2 nd Sage Marshall, 3 rd Billy Kennedy
Kids Gymkhana	U/15 - 1 st Hayley Booth, 2 nd Adrienne Brady, 3 rd Billy Kennedy, 4 th Nicole Forshaw U/8 - 1 st Jaiden Hill, 2 nd Charlie Wockner, 3 rd Darcy Wockner, =4 th Lane Doyle & Mark Brady U/4 – 1 st Erin Imeson, 2 nd Chloe Townes, 3 rd Hayley Doyle, =4 th Cody Wockner & Hope Doyle
Maiden Draft	1 st Ben Hall, 2 nd Wendy Wockner, 3 rd Ben Hall, 4 th Cameron Coleman
Open Draft	1 st Shane Templeton, 2 nd Ben Hall, 3 rd Carolyn Templeton, 4 th Ben Hall
Ladies Draft	1 st Kim Acton, 2 nd Jackie Hill, 3 rd Carolyn Templeton, 4 th Malin Lestander
Novice Draft	1 st Ben Hall, 2 nd Evan Acton, 3 rd Evan Acton, = 4 th Evan Acton & R. Francis
Stockmans Workout	1 st Hayley Booth, =2 nd Leeusha Green & Steph Lee, 4 th Patrick Gleeson
Juvenile Draft	1 st Hayley Booth, 2 nd Hayley Booth, 3 rd Aiden Barton
Mini Draft	1 st Jaiden Hill, 2 nd Adriene Brady, 3 rd Charlie Wockner, 4 th Lane Doyle

Carpentaria Land Council Dugong & Marine Turtle Project

The Carpentaria Land Council is a partner to NAILSMA (the North Australian Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance) and has been part of a joint dugong & marine turtle project (DMTP) rolling out across Northern Australia since 2006. As part of the DMTP rangers based on Mornington Island (the Wellesley Island Rangers) and in Burketown (the Gangalidda/Garawa Rangers) have been participating in activities that include conducting patrols to locate & identify dugong & turtle species types and population numbers, locating turtle nesting sites and identifying possible threats to the nests, mapping seagrass beds within the Wellesley Island region in conjunction with DPI & F, collection and identification of ghost nets and delivering community awareness. They have also undertaken training in boat licensing, outboard maintenance, feral pig eradication & conservation & land management.

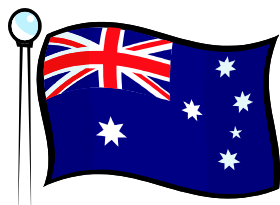
Over the life of the project to date the rangers have worked with scientists to place placing satellite tracking devices on sea turtles to monitor them and have been taking biopsy samples of dugongs to determine whether scientific theories about dugong genetics are correct. In the future we hope to work closely with James Cook University to conduct further research on dugongs & marine turtles. We have a number of new activities planned for the second phase of this project and will provide updates as we progress.

The Gangalidda/Garawa rangers recently had a field trip that involved the collection of ghost nets and foreign debris from our coastal strips between Old Doomadgee & Massacre Inlet, recording sea turtle nesting sites along the beaches, recording sea turtle & dugong sightings in the waters and dugong biopsy samples were also taken. The rangers from Mornington Island also participated in patrols around the islands and mainland coastlines. While the rangers were out on country they split into work crews and also conducted some rubber vine eradication and controlled burning.

If you would like further information on the Dugong & Marine Turtle Project you can contact Tonya Murray at the CLCAC office on (07) 4745 5132 or visit the NAILSMA website www.nailsma.org.au.

(Photos: above& below left – Wellesley Island and Gangalidda/Garawa Rangers on patrol, above right – sea turtle nest, below right – Billy Jackson removing a small piece of ghost net)





2009 Australia Day Awards

Call for Nominations

Council invites interested persons and organisations to submit nominations for the 2009 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 "2009 Australia Day Nomination" must be received at the Burke Shire Office by 4:00pm Monday 5 January 2009. 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 18 December 2008.

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.

Barry Evans
Chief Executive Officer
27 November 2008

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please donate your old Christmas Cards to 'The Little Darlings Support Group'.

This is a non profit organisation set up for carers who look after a child with a physical, Intellectual or behavioral disability.

Cards are used for collages, cards & posters.

Darlene Vincent
Little Darlings Support Group
10 Cedar Wattle Close
ABERGLASSLYN NSW 2320





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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.

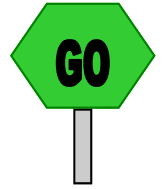
If you require further assistance or have any queries in respect of this matter please contact the Shire Office.

Craig Turnour
Chief Executive Officer
30 November 2007





COUNCIL WORKS RELATED NEWS & ACTIVITIES



MAJOR WORKS RECENTLY COMPLETED

- Gregory - Lawn Hill Road – upgrade from 7 -12 kms - seal complete
- 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
- Upgrading to seal 5km of Doomadgee Rd - west of Walford Jump Up
- Construction of the new bridge by NELMAC completed, approved earthworks by Council in progress
- Barramundi Grow Out Facility has been completed
- Upgrading to seal 10 km of Doomadgee Road East– east from the Nicholson Causeway completed
- Permanent repair of China Wall Culvert on Truganini Road - completed
- Widening of Nicholson River causeway on Doomadgee Road -completed

CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

- Improvements to boat ramp at Truganini - In progress
- Burketown Sewerage Treatment Plant - complete upgrade works associated with the Blivett unit & modifying pond - In progress
- Flood damage repairs of minor roads from January/March/April 2006 flooding 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
- Maintenance Grading of Doomadgee Rd East
- Albert River Bridge bitumen sealing

FUTURE MAJOR WORKS & WORKS IN PLANNING STAGE

- Introduction of a Waste Management Plan - including recycling - In progress
- 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

RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday Fortnightly

December 11th

North & West Qld Primary Health Care – Gregory Visits every 3 months

Ph Mt Isa Office for more details Ph:4749 4615 Free call 1800 221 131

Psychologist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Therapist
Dietitian
Podiatrist
Physiotherapist

Gregory School News

- ⇒ Gregory School is off to Mt Isa for the school camp. The kids will be attending Sports for Bush Kids on Monday & Tuesday, and then visiting Riversleigh Centre & Museum. This will be followed by Ten Pin Bowling. Sports for Bush Kids is generously funded through PCAP.
- ⇒ Christmas Break-up is this Friday 28th November.
- ⇒ School finishes on Friday 6th December

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 47485584)

Gregory SES

To join please see/ring Ian Forshaw Ph: 47485521



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

Police Beat

Police Beat

As this is my first article I wish to introduce myself, my name is Robert HOLLINGSWORTH and I am a Senior Constable of Police currently stationed at the Burketown Police Station where I will be for the next two years.

As some of you may not know me already I was born and bred in Mount Isa where I played a bit of Rugby League for the Wanderers Rugby League Club. I also have cultural family ties in the Burketown and Doomadgee areas being of Gangalidda descent. My family and I then moved to Cairns and in 2000 I joined the Queensland Police Service having been inducted through the Townsville Police Academy.

My Policing career included general duties in Cairns, Kowanyama, Bamaga and Yarrabah and Juvenile Aide Bureau duties in Cairns.

As I will now be stationed here in Burketown for the next two years and maybe beyond I hope to get out into the community both individually and professionally and make my stay a memorable one. Barring weather, I'm hoping to eventually meet those people in outlying properties and establish a good working relationship with all community members within the Burketown Shire and outlying divisions.

At this present time we have Sergeant Rohan MANNING-JONES here performing the Officer In Charge duties and he will be with us until December and then the new Officer In Charge, Sergeant Trevor MILLS will take over.

In the mean time both Rohan and I encourage everyone to come and speak with us at some point in time as we are both very approachable people having both lived and worked in isolated country areas.

The police station, as you probably know, is situated in Gregory Street. Attached to the police station are two residences, one in Gregory Street and one in Sloman Street. Please direct any inquiries to the police station by attending the front door or by using the telephone. The police station phone number is 4745-5120, or in an emergency 000. I ask that people do not walk down the side entrance to the station or enter the residences in Gregory or Sloman Streets, as they are private property. In some instances the police station may be unattended for operational reasons. If this is the case please phone the above number and we will respond to you as soon as we can.

For all Queensland Transport matters such as licensing and registration please come to the station between: 9am-12pm Monday and Tuesday. Consideration will of course be given to residents and workers on properties and stations. Outside these times are by appointment only please.

In the up and coming months I hoping to kick start some initiatives here in Burketown and look forward to working with you and maybe creating some further ideas.

As for the Burketown Police in general we intend to provide a regular article for the council newsletters to keep you up to date with police and community related issues and hope to be of assistance to you in the near future.

Robert HOLLINGSWORTH
Senior Constable
Burketown Police

AUSTRALIA, GULF OF CARPENTARIA - KARUMBA

LAT 17° 30' S LONG 140° 50' E
TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

2008

TIME ZONE +1000

NOVEMBER

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2 1109 1.02 2213 3.73 SU	17 1133 0.52 2231 4.06 MO
3 1147 0.93 2250 3.83 MO	18 1229 0.47 2321 4.30 TU
4 1236 0.85 2325 3.84 TU	19 1321 0.51 2345 3.68 WE
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14 0934 1.02 2011 3.83 FR	29 1003 1.04 2054 4.07 SA
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DECEMBER

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Jan 2009

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2219	3.88

Fri 2	
Time	Ht
1208	1.29
2235	3.70

Sat 3	
Time	Ht
1140	1.50
2247	3.47

Sun 4	
Time	Ht
0937	1.66
2243	3.22

Mon 5	
Time	Ht
0736	1.59
2205	3.00

Tue 6	
Time	Ht
0727	1.49
1817	2.98

Wed 7	
Time	Ht
0715	1.35
1712	3.44

Datum of Predictions is Lowest Astronomical Tide

* Denotes extra Tides

Moon Symbols

● New Moon

○ First Quarter

○ Full Moon

○ Last Quarter

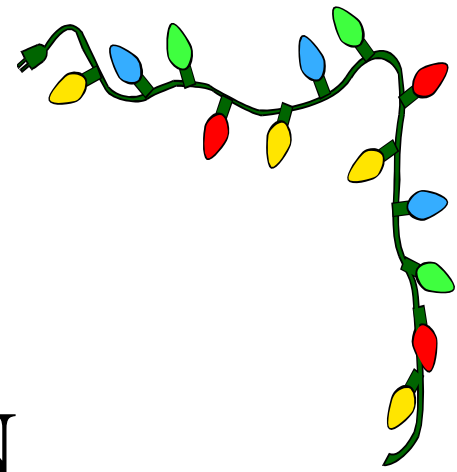
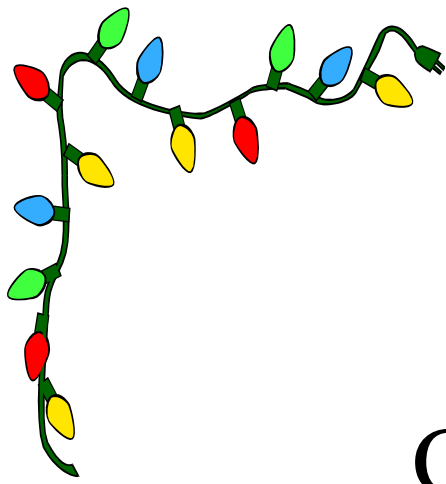
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For Burketown Tide times add the following

AND BOATING

1 hour mouth of Albert River
4 hours for Jetty
5 hours for bridge

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Christmas Lights

COMPETITION

for

House or Business in Burketown with the best Xmas lights.
Please ring Cheryl Ph:47455100 or Mob:0428 578442
if you would like to enter this years competition.

Entry is free

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

Ham

Softdrink

Chips

Xmas Decorations

Nuts

Turkey

Wine

Lollies

Pudding

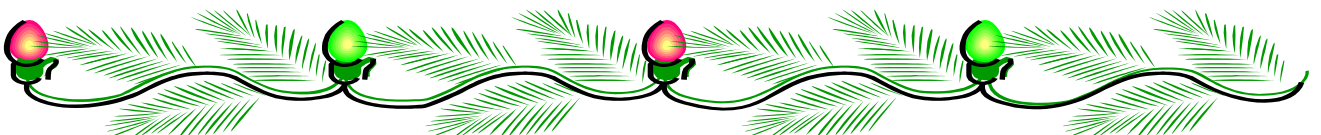
Glance fruit

& more

There will also be a small hamper for runners up. The goods for these hampers were donated by the following:

***Nowlands, Caravan Park, Burketown Nursery, Post Office,
Burketown Pub, Savannah Aviation & Burketown Community.***

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



Put yourself in this picture and come to Vacation Care these school holidays!



Vacation Care is held at the Shire Hall. All school children are welcome to attend free of charge. Activities include, sport, swimming, cooking, crafts, movies, games & more. If you would like your child to attend then please fill out the form (next page) and give it to the staff at vacation care.

Because of the unavailability of obtaining local staff to run vacation care, GSRA will no longer obtain funding for vacation care program due to the expenses involved in transporting & accommodating outside staff.

PERMISSION FORM FOR VOCATIONAL CARE

Date:		
Name :		
Address:		
Contact Phone Number: Home:		
Mobile:		
Medicare Number :		
Date of Brith:		
Medical Conditions Attach details :		
Swimming Ability (Please tick): Beginner:		
Learn to Swim:		
Stroke Correction:		
Accomplished Swimmer:		
<p>Beginner: No swimming experience at all, has fear of the water, can't float. Learn to Swim: has the ability to float, limited if any fear of the water, no strokes at all. Stroke Correction: Floats, no fear of the water, can do Freestyle over limited distance, backstroke and breaststroke are known. Accomplished swimmer: can swim freestyle, back-stroke and breaststroke with Butterfly attempted. Distances of 50m. For freestyle none stop with 25m of the other strokes.</p>		
Hockey Ability : Beginner:		
School Team :		
Regional squad:		
(Please tick which ability level for your child.)		
Lunch: Go home for Lunch		
Bring to program:		
(Please` tick).		
Favourite Pastime /Activity:		
Parents whereabouts during the Program:		
Contact phone number:		
Signature Parent/Guardian:		
Vacation Program for your Community:		
<p>Please advise the organizers the extent of your need of the program. Indicate in the table below on which days your child or children would be attending the program. This is an exercise in determining the number of staff required, the amount of equipment needed to give your child an interesting Vacation Care Program.</p> <p>At this point in time there will be no charge to the parent unless there is a special excursion or activity. These aspects of the vacation care program will be planned well in advance for the benefit of all concerned.</p>		

V.C.Program	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Dec - 12 Dec					
15 Dec - 19 Dec					
5 Jan - 9 Jan					
12 Jan - 16 Jan					
19 Jan - 23 Jan					
Tick the required box for each particular day required.					