



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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(Issued on 20 February 2009)

Again I have to apologise for the lateness of this edition but I'm sure you will all agree that it has been a pretty hectic year so far. Disaster Management & resupply has occupied a lot of my time and the end is still not in sight. But in saying that we must be grateful that our situation is no where near as bad as other Shires in our state or in country Victoria.

If the wet season is keeping you idle then now is the time to think about starting those craft projects for this year's Arts & Craft Show.

RADF funding will be available soon so start thinking of which workshops/artists you would like to visit our Shire. Keep an eye on notice boards for flyers regarding the closing dates for available funding.

Don't forget our regular events starting with the '32nd World Barramundi Fishing Competition' held in Burketown over the Easter weekend 10, 11, & 12 April 2009. (see inside for details).

Cheryl Portch

Some Key Council Dates

Ordinary Meeting of Council (February)	24 February 2009
RDO Council Depot	23 February 2009
Deadline for contributions to next newsletter	25 February 2009
Ordinary Meeting of Council (March)	16 March 2009
RDO Council Depot	16 March 2009
Good Friday	10 April 2009
Easter Monday	12 April 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
Mosquito Fogging
Property Valuation
Calico Bag Give Away
Changes to Air Services
Cyclone Season -Be Prepared
Fines for Dogs Found at Large



Zoe Belz

Corporate Services Manager

My partner Mick and I would like to thank the community for their warm welcome to Burketown. I am originally from Rockhampton and Mick spent most of his childhood in or around Mt Isa, including 3 years on Lorraine Station as a boy. Both of us enjoy hunting & fishing and can't wait till the weather settles so we can try our hand at catching the ever elusive barra. We look forward to many rewarding years with Council and involving ourselves in the Community.

Public Notice

Property Valuation

Herron Todd White, Property Valuers, will be in Burketown on
Wednesday 25 February 2009.

Any residents wishing to engage their services should contact them directly
on the phone number or email listed below:

Leal Kerr
Herron Todd White
Townsville
Ph: 4724 2000
Email: leal.kerr@htw.com.au

Woodslake Restoration Project

Well it's been a long time since this project has been mentioned so it's about time we kick things off. The CLCAC will be hosting a public consultation to discuss the particulars of this community project, in particular the fencing component. We need your opinion on where this fence needs to be erected.

This meeting will be held on the front deck at the CLCAC office in Musgrave Street
Wednesday
25 February 2009. At this meeting we will also need to elect a community steering committee to oversee the various components of the project.

The meeting will start at 5:30pm sharp and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information please phone Kelly Gardner on 4745 5132.

AUSTRALIA DAY

We had few less people attend from last year but given the weather conditions and the roads being cut all in all was a pretty good attendance. Approximately 60 to 70 people attended. The CEO, Barry Evans gave a welcoming address and Cr Tonya Murray gave a short speech acknowledging how great our country is, as well as a reflection on Australia's history & its effect on Aboriginal people. There were no recipients of Australia Day Awards this year.

The day consisted of games and novelty events for adults & children including piñatas, tug a war, ironman races, balloon races, face painting, golf putting, lure casting, celebrity heads and trivia quiz etc. BBQ lunch was provided and several locals chipped in with home made desserts. Special mention is made to Pam for spending the morning helping the CEO to make home made pies, some in the shape of Australia. Thanks to Fuzzy Bob who engineered an "Australia" pastry cutter to do the job. Council would like to thank the many who helped out on the day which made the day the success that it was. The day finished with a game of Kanga Cricket in the multi purpose courts till sundown.



The winning tug a war team in the adults section



Celebrity heads was played over the BBQ lunch break.



A pie in the shape of a crocodile (complete with barra in its mouth) baked by the Ceo, Barry Evans with Pams help.



Kids line up for their instructions for the Iron Kid race.



Tyrone Cooling, blindfolded, lining up the home made Pinjata (toad fish) for a big hit.



Shamiah Yanner getting her face painted by resident artist Pam de Joux



Now the mosquito season is here, 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 rate payers of the shire.

Burke Shire Council's Mosquito Management Strategy

Burke Shire uses two direct mosquito control methods -

- *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)

- *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

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, P.O.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

BARRAMUNDI GROWOUT FACILITY UPDATE

From this size



To this size in 6 weeks



The Barramundi Growout Facility collected our 30,000 Barramundi fingerlings on 5 December 2008 from the Gulf Barramundi Restocking Association in Karumba and were 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 ranged 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 fish have been successfully grown out to 75 mm and the majority released into the Albert river between floods. We have kept about a dozen in each growout tank to further monitor growout rates and water quality effects.

If anyone would 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.

We were to collect another 30,000 fingerlings from Karumba on the 3rd January but the wet had arrived and access was not possible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NIGHT GOSPEL MEETINGS BURKETOWN COMMUNITY HALL

Dates	Times	Contact
• 22 February 2009		
• 08 March 2009	Sunday School 9:30am	Doug & Faye Jones
• 22 March 2009	Night Gospel 7:30pm	Ph: (07) 4745 5058
• 05 April 20089		



Burketown Rainfall
December - 73mm
January - 803.6mm

2008/09 Dog Registration
only \$2.75 per dog.
Registration forms are
available at the
Council office.



Queensland School Vacation Dates

Autumn Vacation	Friday 10 April to Sunday 19 April 2009
Winter Vacation	Saturday 27 June to Sunday 12 July 2009
Spring Vacation	Saturday 19 September to Sunday 4 October 2009
Summer Vacation	Saturday 12 December 2009 to Tuesday 26 January 2010



BARRAMUNDI SEASON
OPENED ON
SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2009

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.

Library News

*Membership for the
library is free*

Library Hours
8.15am to 4.00pm
weekdays



**New books arrived in
November**

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

During the year there will be
more colouring in
competitions and new
sporting equipment arriving.

*See you
in the
Library*



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



HAAC Happenings

It has been a slow start for HACC this year due to the 'wet' season, but we are slowly getting into the swing of things, so to speak. Some of our regular clients are still away but we have made up in numbers by new clients. We hope once the road is open that we will be able to welcome our new clients from out of town. Early February Burketown welcomed some well known Rugby League players and HACC was fortunate enough to have lunch with them during their short stay. Many of our HACC clients and seniors have benefited from donations of bed linen sheets, under blankets, pillows and towels over the past couple of months. We would like to thank the Caravan Park for this kind gesture. HACC is holding a 'pancake day' on Tuesday 24 February to raise money for Care Australia. Anyone wanting to place an order can do so at the Post Office or Nowlands Engineering.



The HACC clients will be out and about in colonial dress for International Womens Day on Friday 6 March.

Mandy and myself will be attending a Forum and training in Mt Isa in early March.

Pam de Joux

HAAC Program Leader



Judges for the Xmas lights competition

Christmas Lights Competition

Xmas lights competition was judged just after dark on the 17 December 2008. Cheryl Portch accompanied 7 Burketown children on a walk around town to judge the houses that entered the competition. The kids decided that as only 4 houses entered the competition then they all deserved a prize. Thanks to the generosity of the sponsors (below) this was possible. Nowlands Engineering, Caravan Park, Post Office, Burketown Pub, Savannah Aviation & Burketown Community & Burketown Nursery

**Laurie Portch - First prize *Irene Marshall -2nd prize*



Alica presenting Jessie Doomadgee with 4th prize



Ishmael awarding Pam de Joux with 3rd prize 7

Road Show

Southern Gulf Catchments Road Show
will be visiting a town near you from the
9th - 14th of March 2009



Southern Gulf
Catchments

Topics to be presented

- Delbessie Agreement – NRW, Agforward
 - Nature Refuges – EPA Nature Assist
 - Upcoming research on the Flinders River
 - SGC – activities and up coming projects
 - Mapping technology – SGC
 - Grazing Land Management – DPI&F
 - Cultural Heritage Awareness – SGC and local Traditional Owners
- After lunch
- presenters will be available for further discussions
 - 'Local Yarns' session.
 - DPI&F Mobile office and displays from QRAA, RFDS and Agforce

When	Where, what time and will I get fed?
Monday 9 th March 2009	Hughenden Diggers Entertainment Centre - main meeting room Brodie Street 9 am to 4 pm <i>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided</i>
Tuesday 10 th March 2009	Richmond Shire Hall - Goldring Street 9 am to 4 pm <i>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided</i>
Wednesday 11 th March 2009	Julia Creek Recreation Centre - Julia Street 9 am to 4 pm <i>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided</i>
Thursday 12 th March 2009	Cloncurry Supper Room (Shire Hall) - Scarr Street 9 am to 4 pm <i>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided</i>
Friday 13 th March 2009	Gregory Downs CWA Hall - Camooweal - Burketown Rd 9 am to 3 pm <i>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided</i>
Saturday 14 th March 2009	Mount Isa Outback at Isa - 19 Marion Street 9 am to 12 pm <i>Morning tea and lunch provided</i> SGC AGM will commence at 2pm

Please RSVP or for more information Phone: 1800 676 242 or E-mail: admin@southerngulf.com.au

PUBLIC NOTICE

SCHEDULE OF ORDINARY MEETINGS FOR 2009

Pursuant to Section 464 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, the following is a schedule of dates for the Ordinary Meetings of the Burke Shire Council for the year 2009:-

Tuesday 24 February 2009

Wednesday 19 August 2009

Wednesday 18 March 2009

Wednesday 16 September 2009

Wednesday 15 April 2009

Wednesday 21 October 2009

Wednesday 20 May 2009

Wednesday 18 November 2009

Wednesday 17 June 2009

Wednesday 16 December 2009

Wednesday 15 July 2009

All meetings are to be held in the Council Chamber in the Shire Office, Musgrave Street, Burketown, and are scheduled to commence at 9:30am.

Barry Evans
Chief Executive Officer



Dance

*Dance lessons will be held every Wednesday evening
7:30 - 9pm at the Burketown Shire Hall.*

*Barry Evans will be teaching a variety of dances including
Ball Room, Latin & Rock & Roll.*

It is proposed that a dance be held every 2nd Saturday depending on attendance.

Lessons & Dance are free and all are welcome to attend.

Contact Barry Evans mob: 0422 308717



CYCLONE TRACKING MAP & INFORMATION SHEET

ABC Radio, the Bureau of Meteorology and Emergency Management Queensland have developed a Cyclone Tracking Map and an information sheet on what you do should do before, during and after a cyclone.

The electronic version of this is available on the website at the following link:-
http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/css/pdf/cyclone_tracking_map.pdf

Bushfire Appeal

A fundraiser BBQ was held on 13 February 2009 for the bushfire appeal in Victoria. It was a well attended affair with approx 40 - 50 people. Raffles & games were conducted throughout the evening giving a total of \$1926 raised. Breakdown as follows:

Personal Donations - \$250

Raffles & BBQ - \$1088.30

Rural Fire Brigade Donation Tin - \$130.75

Bar Profits - \$457.20

A big thankyou to the Burke Shire Community
for their support & generosity



Contestants debating on which coin was closer to the bottle in the coin toss competition.



Morgan Watts takes the opportunity to dress up for Friday 13



The fundraiser thermometer showing \$ raised through the night

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF)

The first RADF meeting of the year will be held in early March a date TBA. If you are interested in the "Arts" and would like to be a part of the RADF committee then please register your interest with the RADF Liaison Officer, Cheryl Portch PH:47455100.

FIRE SAFETY

The Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation ("CLCAC") Fire Project is in the third year of operation. This project predominately focuses on Town Rural Fire Brigades, on-country fire work with the CLCAC Rangers and the eradication of weeds in the Southern Gulf area.

The CLCAC Rangers and Kevin Anderson, Fire Project Coordinator, have recently surveyed the local area and noticed the full load of grass which has been produced from the recent extreme weather conditions. The results of the fuel load surveys indicate that there is a total one and a half tonne of available standing fuel to burn per acre. This is compared to half a tonne of available standing fuel in the same area last year.

This year Northern Australia has experienced large volumes of rain, particularly in the lower Gulf of Carpentaria. Even though a lot of the local area still inundated by the flood waters, it is a good time to start looking at fire planning for the protection of property and the environment in advance of the pending dry season.

Some of these fire safety measures should at least include:

- establishing fire breaks around property boundaries by mechanical means
- undertaking early season burns around your properties to help prevent large wild fires from running for long periods of time
- ensuring any or all fire fighting equipment is maintained and/or serviced.
- ensuring yards or work areas in and around infrastructure is kept clear to help protect from fire and to provide easier access for fire crews to carry out there work safely.

Should you have any queries regarding the CLCAC Fire Project please do not hesitate to contact Mr Kevin Anderson on 07 4745 5132.

Cheers

Kevin Anderson

CLCAC Fire Project Coordinator



Burketown Biggest Losers program started on Tuesday 3 February 2009. We have 17 entrants each paying a nomination fee of \$20. The program will run for 14 weeks ending on 5 May 2009. The person with the biggest weight loss (body %) will get the total nominations of \$340. Weigh in is every Tuesday at the pub and a \$5 fine applies if you miss weigh in, or if you gain weight. So far over 30kgs have been lost. Thank you to the Burketown Pub & Peter Clarke who have donated incentive prizes along the way.



DUGONGS



Dugongs are large grey mammals which spend their entire lives in the sea. Fully grown, they may be three metres long and weigh 400 kilograms. They have nostrils near the top of their snouts. Dugongs swim by moving their broad spade-like tail in an up and down motion, and by use of their two flippers. Dugongs' only hairs are the bristles near the mouth.

Habitat

Dugongs are highly migratory, which means Australia shares populations with other neighboring countries. In Australia, Dugongs swim in the shallow coastal waters of northern Australia from the Queensland/New South Wales border in the east to Shark Bay on the Western Australian coast. They are also found in other parts of the Indian and Pacific Oceans in warm shallow seas where seagrass is found.

Shelter

Dugongs are usually found in shallow waters protected from large waves and storms. They surface only to breathe, and never come on to land.

Breeding

Female Dugongs give birth underwater to a single calf at three to seven year intervals. The calf stays with its mother, drinking milk from her teats and following close by until one or two years of age. Dugongs reach adult size between 9 and 17 years of age.

Diet

Dugongs are sometimes called 'Sea Cows' because they graze on seagrasses. These marine plants look like grass growing on a sandy sea floor in shallow, warm water. Dugongs need to eat large amounts of seagrass.

Defence

Dugongs are slow-moving and have little protection against predators. Being large animals, however, only large sharks, Saltwater Crocodiles and Killer Whales are a danger to them. Young Dugongs hide behind their mothers when in danger.

Conservation Status

Dugongs are protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999*, which lists dugong as marine and migratory species. Dugong are subject to a range of human threats in Australia, including entanglement in shark, mesh and gill nets, loss and degradation of important habitat such as seagrass meadows, and collisions with boats (also known as boat strikes).

Dugongs are culturally significant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (CLCAC) are working with scientists, researchers, other northern ranger groups and various organisations to protect these beautiful animals and their habitats. You can help by being alert when out on the water and avoiding interference with them. If you have any questions about our initiatives or you would like to report dugong sightings to the CLCAC, please contact Tonya Murray on 47455132.



CLCAC Rangers Vernon Yanner & Murray Walden with students and staff of Burketown State School and a dugong that was found floating in the Albert River in November

DID YOU KNOW.....

Being a marine herbivorous mammal, dugongs are more closely related to elephants than to marine mammals such as whales and dolphins, but their closest living aquatic relatives are the manatees.

&

the worlds largest dugong population is in the Torres Straits. The Wellesley Islands have the largest population in the Gulf of Carpentaria, which is the second largest population in Queensland after Torres Strait.



COUNCIL WORKS RELATED NEWS & ACTIVITIES



MAJOR WORKS RECENTLY COMPLETED

- Improvements to boat ramp at Truganini
- 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 & Barkley Creek
- Installation of 3 new flood lights to Burketown Aerodrome apron

CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

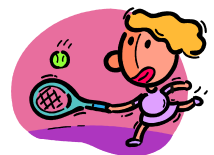
- Burketown Sewerage treatment Plant—complete upgrade works associated with the blivett unit & modify pond
- Maintenance grading of Doomadgee Road East
- Albert River Bridge bitumen sealing
- Flood damaged road repairs and road opening grading

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



Tennis



Burketown Annual Community Tennis Competition will start again soon. A meeting for interested players will be held at the tennis courts 5:30pm Friday 20 March 2009. This meeting will decide on how the competition will be organised. Eg. If you want mens doubles & womens doubles as well as mixed doubles, how you partner is chosen, cost of playing, length of competition etc. For enquires re this competition please ring Cheryl Ph: 473455271 or Mob: 0428578442

* Please note - Spring tennis competition finals from 2008, will be held at the end of March.

Gregory Tennis starting times will be advised as soon as the wet is over.

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). 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 FOOD (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.

BURKE SHIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<i>Easter</i> 10—12 April	The Burketown Barramundi World Fishing Championships <i>Contact: Garry Jeffries</i> <i>Ph: 0418 711734 Fax: 07 4745 5181</i>
<i>May Day Weekend</i> <i>2 – 4 May</i> Saturday 2 May	Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 474 5507</i>
<i>May Day Weekend</i> <i>2 – 4 May</i> Sunday 3 May	Gregory Downs Canoe Race <i>Contact: North West Canoe Club Mt Isa</i> <i>Ken Glasco (President): Ph: 07 4743 3456</i>
<i>May Day Weekend</i> <i>3 – 5 May</i> Sunday 4 May	Gregory Downs Bull Spectacular <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 4748 5507</i>
(TBA)	Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports <i>Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193</i>
20 & 21 June	Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports <i>Contact: Sue Clarke</i> <i>Ph: 07 4748 5575 Fax: 07 4748 5670</i>
29 August	Arts & Craft Show <i>Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 4745 5100 Fax: 4745 5181</i>
8 – 12 September	Gregory Mini School <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>
20 September <i>(1st Sunday of school holi- days)</i>	Gregory CWA Horse Sports <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>

Public Notice

SKYTRANS

SkyTrans will be our new flight service provider for the following 6 months.

For bookings please ring the following number – 1300 759872

Bookings can also be made online at www.skytrans.com.au

The schedule is as follows

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
<i>Cairns</i>	<i>Isa</i>	<i>Cairns</i>	<i>Cairns</i>	<i>Isa</i>
<i>Normanton</i>	<i>Doomadgee</i>	<i>Normanton</i>	<i>Normanton</i>	<i>Doomadgee</i>
<i>Mornington</i>	<i>Burketown</i>	<i>Mornington</i>	<i>Mornington</i>	<i>Burketown</i>
<i>Burketown</i>	<i>Mornington</i>	<i>Doomadgee</i>	<i>Burketown</i>	<i>Mornington</i>
<i>Doomadgee</i>	<i>Normanton</i>	<i>Isa</i>	<i>Doomadgee</i>	<i>Normanton</i>
<i>Isa</i>	<i>Cairns</i>		<i>Isa</i>	<i>Cairns</i>

For more information contact Burke Shire Council on PH:47455100



VMR Burketown



You are probably aware our vessel is still in Karumba along with it's trailer. The fitting of the new outboards and repairs to the hull are now complete. The survey report was signed on the 31 December 2008. The Burketown vessel has been away for 6 months which is disappointing and now with Karumba cut off by road it will be awhile until we can get the trailer back to Burketown.

VMR is equipping the Burketown vessel with an updated navigation system called "Navigator". It is a computer based navigation system which can be either used for simple navigation or more complex situations such as search patterns and drift components etc. It also has a satellite tracking component which will track our vessel whilst on the water. For those traveling offshore please ensure you have the new 406 EPIRB. Talk to Harry or Fuzzy Bob about the advantages of the 406 EPIRB. Every vessel in these remote areas should carry one whether required by law or not.

Paul Poole
Training Officer

Q150



Its Queensland 150 birthday this year and to commemorate this occasion each shire was asked to decorate two tiles depicting the past & the future of their Shire. These tiles when completed will be established in a permanent wall at the Brisbane Exhibition Grounds.

Pam de Joux with her tiles depicting the Future & Past of Burke Shire.

THE FUTURE.....

Our dreams and visions for the future, are for a better education system where all our children have the opportunity to achieve the same levels of education, regardless of race. Where they can share their cultural knowledge with all and therefore preserve their heritage for future generations That our endangered wildlife we take for granted be protected and preserved. We dream of a better health system and medical care for the remote areas with a modern hospital situated here with permanent staff (i.e. doctors) readily available. Industry is vital for our very existence.....without more industry there will be no jobs for our future generations to come and without industry our town will not exist. Most importantly - the hands reaching out symbolize the multi-cultural society which we have within our Shire. Our hope is that in the near future they will unite fully and find a solution where they can live together harmoniously. The blue circle represents 'a circle of hope' hope that one day we will all be able to come together in peace.



HISTORY OF BURKE SHIRE

We have four main rivers within our shire. Burketown was declared in 1885 and named after Robert O'Hara Burke (Burke & Wills who explored this area). The blue ensign represents the Proclamation surrounded by the Morning Glory Cloud. In the early years many sailing ships plied our coastline and sailed up the Albert River (ships sailing around the coast to enter River.) In 1887 a devastating cyclone and tidal surge almost wiped out Burketown (depicted by the crosses and tidal surge). In 1897 a bore was sunk to tap into the hot water for a town bath house which was in use by 1904 (depicted). Several cattle stations existed mid 1800s with the industry growing over the years, (cattle and windmill) and the Morning Glory Roll Cloud is a tourist attraction for the gliders from around the world who 'surf' it. A crocodiles mouth is seen next to the cattle, depicting the problems faced by the cattle stations along the rivers. Aborigines play an important part in our culture with many heritage sites (Lawn Hill Gorge/ Adels Grove). Being the Barra Capital, a barra weaves its self around the land in dots. One of our biggest mines is the Century Mine which provides work for many off our Shire residents



32nd WORLD BARRAMUNDI FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



OVER \$20,000 IN CASH, PRIZES & TROPHIES

- 1st Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$3,200
- 2nd Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$1,000
- 3rd Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$500
- 30 Other Prizes in Categories for Open, Men, Women and Children
- Team Event (Team of 4) – The more teams that enter the bigger the prizemoney!!! (includes best dressed team)
- Plus a BOAT, MOTOR & TRAILER giveaway as major Lucky Nomination Prize for Adults

A FUN WEEKEND

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**held in BURKETOWN, Queensland on
10th, 11th, 12th April 2009**

*Supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other
Community Service Groups*

**Don't miss the boat for the “only” fishing
competition to be at on Easter Weekend 2009**

Further information can be obtained by contacting
Cheryl or Jenny at Burke Shire Council on (07) 47455100
or e-mail bbforg@gmail.com

Tide Times

FEB

Mon 23		Tue 24		●Wed 25		Thu 26		Fri 27		Sat 28	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0816	1.09	0901	1.19	0939	1.37	1004	1.61	0957	1.86	0637	2.10
1843	4.09	1920	3.97	1951	3.78	2015	3.52	2033	3.20	0801	2.11
										0917	2.10
										2040	2.84

MARCH

Sun 1		Mon 2		Tue 3		●Wed 4		Thu 5		Fri 6		Sat 7	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0437	2.04	0436	1.94	0209	1.78	0232	1.46	0320	1.19	0421	0.99	0531	0.85
1350	2.54	1224	2.82	0327	1.79	1305	3.62	1355	3.95	1452	4.17	1558	4.28
1622	2.43			0402	1.78								
1921	2.55			1227	3.23								

Sun 8		Mon 9		Tue 10		○Wed 11		Thu 12		Fri 13		Sat 14	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0639	0.81	0738	0.86	0828	1.03	0910	1.32	0945	1.70	1019	2.11	0328	2.13
1710	4.28	1819	4.18	1915	3.97	1955	3.64	2012	3.26	2008	2.88	1039	2.54
												1529	2.39
												2008	2.54

Sun 15		Mon 16		Tue 17		Wed 18		●Thu 19		Fri 20		Sat 21	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0338	1.91	0354	1.73	0345	1.58	0219	1.37	0258	1.20	0347	1.08	0445	1.01
1110	2.93	1141	3.28	1215	3.56	1251	3.75	1331	3.85	1416	3.88	1505	3.85

Sun 22		Mon 23		Tue 24		●Wed 25		Thu 26		Fri 27		Sat 28	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0726	1.05	0816	1.09	0901	1.19	0939	1.37	1004	1.61	0957	1.86	0637	2.10
1800	4.14	1843	4.09	1920	3.97	1951	3.78	2015	3.52	2033	3.20	0801	2.11
												0917	2.10
												2040	2.84

APRIL

Sun 29		Mon 30		Tue 31		Wed 1		Thu 2		●Fri 3		Sat 4	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0240	1.96	1029	3.09	1100	3.43	0031	1.13	0129	0.91	0234	0.77	0345	0.69
1018	2.75	2352	1.41			1142	3.73	1230	3.94	1322	4.04	1415	4.03
2336	1.74												

Thu 5		Fri 6		Sat 7		Sun 8		Mon 9		Tue 10		○Wed 11	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0320	1.19	0421	0.99	0531	0.85	0639	0.81	0738	0.86	0828	1.03	0910	1.32
1355	3.95	1452	4.17	1558	4.28	1710	4.28	1819	4.18	1915	3.97	1955	3.64

For Burketown Tide times add the following:-

1 Hour – Mouth of Albert River

4 Hours for Jetty5 Hours for Bridge

○ Full Moon

● New Moon

● First Quarter

● Last Quarter