



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

**Edition 20– March/April
(Issued on 3 April 2009)**

With the wet season over its time to let the games begin. We have already had a very successful cricket match held in Gregory with 10 teams participating. Gregory Downs Station were the overall winners. Next in line we have our “32 World barramundi fishing Championships” held in Burketown over the Easter weekend. Shortly after, we get ready for “May Day” weekend at Gregory. As you can see we have a very busy few months ahead so now is the time to get active and be involved. The organisations that run these events work very hard at making them a success for community benefit and they could always do with a hand so I’m sure they would appreciate you volunteering some of your time to lend a hand. Contact details for these events are inside this edition.

Cheryl Portch
Editor

Some Key Council Dates

Good Friday (public holiday)	10 April 2009
Easter Monday (public holiday)	12 April 2009
RDO Council Depot Staff	14 April 2009
Ordinary Meeting of Council (April)	15 April 2009
Deadline for newsletter contributions	5 May 2009
Agenda closing date for May Council meeting	8 May 2009
Ordinary Meeting of Council (May)	20 May 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.

Calico Bag Give Away
RADF Committee
Positions Vacant



Fred de Waard

Pictured to the left is Mr Fred de Waard, Council's Acting Chief Executive Officer. Fred is relieving in the position whilst Council advertises for a permanent Chief Executive Officer.

Fred is a CPA who has been employed in local Government for 29 of the last 31 years. Currently residing in the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast (Coes Creek) with his wife Teresa—a school teacher and musician—Fred is missing the time on his favourite project—his new shed which he has been trying to complete since finishing his time with Longreach Regional Council in September last year. The shed is storing gear from Fred and Teresa's

children plus many years of unsorted packing boxes stored whilst moving around the State of Queensland in local government positions as well as a wood lathe from his father that Fred would like to spend some time with.

Fred has spent most of his local government career in rural local governments having been at the local governments of Broadsound (4.5 yrs), Paroo (4.5 yrs), Gympie City (4.5 yrs), Maroochy (4.5 yrs), Etheridge (6.5 yrs) and Longreach (3 yrs). Relieving stints have also been undertaken in Taroom and Monto Shires whilst Fred was studying towards a degree in Theology and more recently in Carpentaria Shire. Fred also worked for the Crime and Misconduct Commission for six months prior to taking up the position of CEO of Longreach Shire Council.

Fred's current interests include computers, photography and music and, unfortunately, not fishing. Fred advises that he knows he is not a good fisherman and he is quite content to leave that to a number of his brothers who more than make up for his lack of fishing ability. Fred is familiar with the area having spent 6.5 years at Etheridge Shire and more recently relieved in the position of CEO at Carpentaria Shire

BURKE SHIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Easter</u> 10—12 April	The Burketown Barramundi World Fishing Championships <i>Contact: Garry Jeffries</i> <i>Ph: 0418 711734 Fax: 07 4745 5181</i>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> <u>2 – 4 May</u> Saturday 2 May	Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 474 5507</i>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> <u>2 – 4 May</u> 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>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> <u>3 – 5 May</u> Sunday 4 May	Gregory Downs Bull Spectacular <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 4748 5507</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>
Sept—TBA	Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports <i>Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193</i>
8 – 12 September	Gregory Mini School <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>
20 September <i>(1st Sunday of school holidays)</i>	Gregory CWA Horse Sports <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>

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

Library News

Membership for
the Library &
Sport Library
is free

Next Colouring in Comp

- "Anzac Day"
- "Local Govt Week"

*Come in and get your sheet.
Prizes to be won.*

*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.*

≈New Book Arrivals≈

Nora Roberts – Promises in Death

Nora Roberts – Born in Fire

John Grisham – The Associate

James Patterson – Run for your life

Janet Evanovich – Plum Spooky

Bryce Courtenay – Fishing for Stars

Jack Higgins – A Darker Place



SUNDAY SCHOOL & NIGHT GOSPEL MEETINGS BURKETOWN COMMUNITY HALL

Dates	Times	Contact
• 26 April 2009		
• 10 May 2009	Sunday School 9:30am	Doug & Faye Jones
• 24 May 2009	Night Gospel 7:30pm	Ph: (07) 4745 5058
• 07 June 2009		



VETERINARY CLINIC BURKETOWN

FRIDAY 24 April 2009
For appointments, please phone
North West Veterinary Clinic
Ph: 4743 3220

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.

Putting Our Landfills on a Diet

Australians send 34 printer cartridges to landfill every minute.

That equates to 2,050 an hour. That's 5,000 tonnes per year. Or 21 times the combined weight loss of all Weight Watchers members in Australia in 2006!

We are determined to make our landfills the biggest loser by urging Australians to deprive their garbage bins of electronic waste. Join us in the fight to tip the scales and help our landfills trim down! Simply drop your used printer cartridges into a 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark' recycling box.

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

Trash & Treasure

Home & Community Care (HACC) are holding a
Trash & Treasure Sale to raise funds towards a
trip to Camooweal in August.

When: Saturday 18 April
Where: Community Church Hall
Time: 8:00am to 1:00pm



If you would like to donate items for this sale
please ring Pam De Joux on Ph: 4745 51000
during work hours.



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

**Note* Some bag limits and
fishing size had changed on
31/3/09**

TIDE TIME CHARTS
Are available from the
council office or can be
accessed on the
dpi fisheries
website





**A personal appeal from Tony South.OAM.AM,
a paraplegic for over 56 years.**

**The Paraplegic Benefit Fund (a charity)
*Promoting Safety & Well-Being as a
Core Life Value 24/365,-
a way of preventing quadriplegia and paraplegia in
Australia!***

- We never truly understand the enormous human and financial impact that the tragedy of broken necks (quadriplegia) or broken backs (paraplegia) has on us until it occurs in our family.
- 6 to 18 months hospitalized in a distant Spinal Injury Unit in **Brisbane**, years being rehabilitated and separated from ones loved ones, enormous unplanned equipment, home modification, travel and accommodation expenses and unbelievable emotional and family stress all add up to a critical need of one thing-MONEY!
- Sure, it hopefully may never occur in your family but sadly, the "she'll be right mate" community attitude towards this very manageable problem is exacerbating the human tragedy and cost to our community, you and me, and unless we address it in our life-time we will be passing on to future generations, your grand children and mine, a problem that is already costing health and social security budgets more than any other single item.
- My life's commitment to you and our Australian community is to:
 1. **PREVENT IT!**
 2. **CURE IT! or**
 3. **FUND IT**, particularly the unmet needs of desperate Australians with broken necks and backs struggling to live a modest lifestyle but with very little financial support.
- Could you live and support your family on a Disability Support Pension of \$469.50 per fortnight?
- Please don't think that your insurance, sickness and accident policies etc will provide a lump sum in the first 12 months as they have a wait and see period before a final life-long diagnosis and never capable of working again prognosis will be accepted. PBF provides all of its financial members with eligibility to claim its \$100,000 Spinal Injury Benefit 24/365 at accident and diagnosis-a financial life-line when needed most. Please see www.pbf.asn

BUT I NEED YOUR HELP AS I CAN NOT DO IT ON MY OWN!

My appeal to you is to "please help me reduce the impact of spinal cord injury in Australia and secure the financial peace-of-mind that you too, like me, are making a difference and importantly, a caring and helping hand is available from PBF should you or your family ever need it at one of the most traumatic times of your life.

"Dear Residents of Burke Shire Council, without your help my ability to reduce the critical impact of spinal injury in Australia is very limited. Governments won't fix it, we must!

We all have lots of demands on our limited resources I know but will you please help me today by completing the attached form and by doing so become a vital part of my team addressing this problem?

I do not want to see another young Australian suffer quadriplegia simply because we were not prepared to step up to the challenge.

Thank you for considering my request for help."

Enjoy LIFE & stay SAFE & Well 24/365!

(Spinal injury stats- 52% motor vehicles, 29% falls, sport & recreation 10%)

Tony

Telephone 07 3272 1417 or Mobile 0407 670 892 or email tsouth@pbf.asn.au

JOIN PBF TODAY!

Annual membership Fees:

***Single \$36**

***Double \$48**

***Family \$60**

Note: Children 17 & over are in the highest risk group (17—35) for spinal injury and need to be joined as single members @\$36 each

**Applications are available at the Burke Shire Council Office upon request.
Ph: 47455100**

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:-

Wednesday 15 April 2009

Wednesday 19 August 2009

Wednesday 20 May 2009

Wednesday 16 September 2009

Wednesday 17 June 2009

Wednesday 21 October 2009

Wednesday 15 July 2009

Wednesday 18 November 2009

Wednesday 16 December 2009

Agenda items for Ordinary meetings must be with the Chief Executive Officer 10 days before the meeting to allow for reports to be prepared for Council's consideration.

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.

Chief Executive Officer

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PO Box 1127
MT ISA QLD 4825



North & West Queensland
Primary Health Care

Ph: 07 47494615
Fax: 07 4743 4858
Free Call: 1800 221131

May 6	Discipline	May 7 & 8	Discipline	May 25 & 26	Discipline
Gregory	Cultural Liaison Officer	Burketown	Cultural Liaison Officer	Burketown	Speech Pathologist
	Physiotherapist		Physiotherapist		Occupational Therapist
	Intern Psychologist		Intern Psychologist		Speech Pathologist
	Podiatrist		Podiatrist		

June 15 & 16	Discipline	July 8	Discipline	July 9 & 10	Discipline
Burketown	Cultural Liaison Officer	Gregory	Cultural Liaison Officer	Burketown	Cultural Liaison Officer
	Physiotherapist		Dietitian		Dietitian
	Intern Psychologist		Occupational Therapist		Occupational Therapist
	Podiatrist		Speech Pathologist		Speech Pathologist

Staff	Discipline	Email	Mobile
Katherine Galligan	Team Leader	Katherine@nwqphc.com.au	0429 725693
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Lisa Hutchinson	Dietitian	liss@nwqphc.com.au	0428 455903
Anna Warrick	Occupational Therapist	annaw@nwqphc.com.au	0437 340503
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Caroline Radowski	Podiatrist	caroliner@nwqphc.com.au	0429 723000
Eleanor Ruane	Continence Advisor	eleanorr@nwqphc.com.au	0429 649846
Vivian Von Senden	Cultural Liaison Officer	vivianv@nwqphc.com.au	0427 117029

Beef Industry Flood Recovery

Fact Sheet

Recovery Taskforce

A North-West Beef Industry Recovery Taskforce has formed to prioritise the recovery needs of industry and make recommendations to government. The Taskforce includes producer representatives, AgForce, local government, DPI&F and other relevant government departments.

Returning Livestock

Brands and earmarks are the quickest way to identify livestock ownership. To find out who uses a particular brand or earmark search the DPI&F cattle and horse brands database at <http://ibrands.dpi.qld.gov.au>. If cattle are displaced to a neighbouring property they can be returned as soon as practical without tags and without a database transfer. If cattle are displaced further afield and it is impractical to tag them prior to travel, an application can be made to a Biosecurity inspector for travel without tags. For cattle that cannot be identified, contact the local council or pound-keeper for advice.

Pastures

Flooded pastures are generally responding well but the combined effects of water coverage and low sunlight means reduced levels of nitrogen and protein.

Forest Country

Pastures may be dominated by broad leaved plants, which are generally digestible, and sedges - which are generally of low palatability. The secondary response is likely to be from grasses, which may be lower than usual in protein.

Floodplain Pastures

Responding well, with long-live grasses such as bull Mitchell, bluegrass and browntop all responding. Annual grasses and herbages are also responding. Pasture yields are likely to be very high, but with cattle productivity reduced due to low protein levels.

Less Frequently Flooded Areas

Pastures may be drowned. However, these pasture were generally droughted and not actively growing which may mean that a proportion actually respond well to the high soil moisture levels. Landowners should also be on the lookout for new weed infestations and start appropriate control methods.

Livestock Health & Nutrition

Supplementation

The need for urea or other livestock protein supplementation is likely to persist until the next wet season. Phosphorus supplementation is also recommended during the wet season to offset the chronically phosphorus deficient pastures in the north.

Tick Fever

There is likely to be an increase in tick numbers in the hot, humid conditions Producers restocking with cattle from below the tick line should consider vaccinating for tick fever.

Cows & Calves

Given the pasture conditions there should be a particular focus on the welfare of cows and calves, with appropriate weaning and feeding, especially for heifers calving for the first time.

Vaccination

Where possible a regular livestock vaccination program should be continued.

Human Health

Livestock owners should be aware of the potential human health hazards posed by animal and environmental borne bacteria that flourish under wet conditions. For example, melioidosis (*Burkholderia pseudomallei*) can spread to both livestock and humans from wet and muddy environments causing symptoms such as fever, discharges, abscesses, lameness, pneumonia and neurological signs. Rain and flood waters facilitate free-living leptospirosis organisms, increasing the risk for infection across mucous membranes, through wounds and by ingestion. People should avoid flood waters, cover abrasions and wounds, employ good hygiene measures and avoid eating around stock.

Rural support

Centrelink Farmer and Small Business Assistance Line: 1800 050 585

Relationships Australia: 1300 364 277

Beyondblue info line: 1300 224 636

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Financial Information

Producers experiencing financial difficulties should contact their financial institution and can make use of other services listed below.

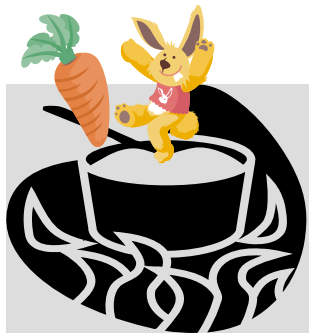
DPI&F senior farm financial counselor: Ian Jackson: (07) 4064 1133

QRAA regional client liaison officers:

Sam Spina – north west
(07) 4064 2824 / 0429 497 757
Email: sam.spina@qraa.qld.gov.au

Bill Fletcher – west
(07) 4658 2879 / 0417 775 345
Email: bill.fletcher@qraa.qld.gov.au

For further information contact your DPI&F office, visit the website at www.dpi.qld.gov.au or call DPI&F Business Info Centre 132533



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BEST EVER RABBIT RECIPE

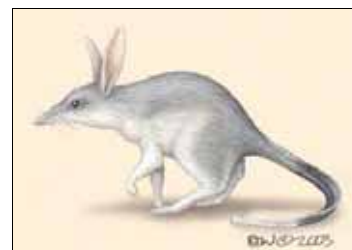
EVERYONE KNOWS RABBITS ARE ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALS. WHILE THERE ARE NO RABBITS IN THE AREA AT THE MOMENT WITH EASTER COMING UP SOMEONE MAY BE ABLE TO SNARE ONE. THEY DO APPEAR TO BE ABUNDANT AT THIS TIME – EVEN IN AREAS WHERE THEY ARE NOT USUALLY SEEN.

SUBMIT YOUR TASTIEST RABBIT RECIPE

TO...Cheryl Portch.. By ...4.PM....Thursday 30 April
AND YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

- 1ST PRIZE - \$100 WOOLWORTHS VOUCHER
- 2ND PRIZE - \$75 WOOLWORTHS VOUCHER
- 3RD PRIZE - \$50 WOOLWORTHS VOUCHER

LONG LIVE THE BILBY!



BURKE SHIRE RADF COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is funded by Arts Queensland and limited funding is made available to local authorities, including Burke, to expend on arts related activities. The Burke Shire RADF Committee is tasked by Council to review local applications for projects to be funded from the RADF grant.

In the past this program has enabled artists to come to our area and teach skills to our community. In addition skills have been taught in wood turning, pottery, folk-art, patchwork, photography, writing & art.

If you are interested in being a member of this committee please fill out a nomination form (available at Burke Shire Council Office) and attend the next meeting at 5:30pm Friday 17 April in the Burketown Shire Library.

If you are unable to make the meeting in person and would like to be a member then please leave your nomination with Cheryl Portch at the Council office.

Should you have any queries regarding RADF or would like further information please contact RADF Liaison Officer, Cheryl Portch on the Ph: 4745 5100.

Chief Executive Officer

GREGORY GRAPEVINE

Gregory Grapevine

RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday Fortnightly

16th & 30th April 16th

14th & 29th May

11th & 25th June

RFDS Women's' Clinic – Gregory

Thursday 23rd April –

Please contact Tracy 47485521 for appointments

DPI/Southern Gulf Catchment Road Show – Gregory

Friday 24th April

Gregory Hall

Smoko & lunch provided

Gregory Land Care AGM

Gregory Downs Hotel Wednesday 29th April 6pm

Social Tennis – Thursday Night

Starts around 6:30pm every Thursday night.

Bring along meat/bread to share on the BBQ

CWA – Gregory Branch

How Many Grids To Gregory cookbooks are avail-

each or for local Burke Shire residents and busi-

20 books for \$120 (a saving of \$2 per book) – contact either Sue Clarke (Ph

47485575) or Tess Arnold (Ph 47485584)

able for sale - \$8
ness a discount of

Gregory SES

To join please see/ring Ian Forshaw 47485521



Before



After



Burketown's Biggest Loser is into the 8th week and a total of 72.4kg has been lost to date. We initially started off with 17 people but two retired so we are left with 15 contestants. Our biggest loser so far is Laurie Portch with a 20kg loss. This program finishes on Tuesday 5 May running for a total of 11 weeks. Cheryl Portch will be organising another Biggest Loser Program commencing on 19 May for anyone that is interested.



Northern livestock transporters course

17th April 2009, Cloncurry, TBA

8:00am to 5:00pm

This one-day course is aimed at new recruits, but offers a valuable learning experience for drivers of any skill level. This course is being run for the first time so we want feedback from operators to ensure that the final product is valuable to the transport industry. So please come along and have your say!

The course focuses on:

- Maximising animal welfare
- Minimising stress and injury
- Using animal behaviour principles to efficiently and quietly handle cattle
- Effective communication between transporters and producers
- Safety
- Best practice in long distance transport
- Taking pride in providing a high quality service

The principles of best practice during transport are delivered through practical activities, guest speakers and a tailored stock-handling DVD.

Cost: \$150/person and includes morning tea and lunch, and a BBQ and drinks at the conclusion of the course.



For more information or to register, please contact Ian Gray on 4742 1311 or 0427 014 008

This course has been developed by the Northern Territory Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources with funding from Meat and Livestock Australia and support from the transport and pastoral industry.

West Region Tour – 20 April to 24 April 2009



Don't miss the bus.....

Our mobile office is on the road and coming to a town near you.

The mobile office is part of our 'fresh approach' initiative on building skills for our future workforce attracting investment into agricultural science and networking and modernising services to meet the changing needs of clients.

When the bus pulls up you can access our services and talk with our officers face-to-face.

For more information visit www.dpi.qld.gov.au or call Bonga on 4650 1211

Date	Location	Time
20 April	Diggers Entertainment Centre Hughenden	12noon – 4pm
21 April	Richmond Shire Hall Richmond	12noon – 4pm
22 April	Julia Creek Civic Centre Julia Creek	12noon – 4pm
23 April	Cloncurry Shire Hall Cloncurry	12noon – 3pm
24 April	Gregory CWA Hall Gregory Downs	1pm – 4pm

In conjunction with:

Southern Gulf Catchments (SGC) Road Show,
QRAA, Centerlink and AgForce

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Positions at Burke Shire

The Shire of Burke on the Gulf of Carpentaria has a strong rural base, two townships - Burketown and Gregory - and is located 400 km north of Mount Isa. This friendly social community enjoys regular air and health services, sporting activities, Next G, broadband and a well maintained township.

Council has the following positions available:

- Grader Operator
- Water truck driver (MC/HC)
- Truck driver (HR)
- Backhoe / Skidsteer loader operator
- General casual workers

All positions close Monday 27 April 2009

Please contact Manager Corporate Services for information packages on 07 4745 5100 or burkesc@bigpond.com

Chief Executive Officer
Burke Shire Council
PO Box 90
Burketown Qld 4830

Road Show



Southern Gulf Catchments Road Show
will be visiting a town near you from the
20th - 24th April 2009

Southern Gulf
Catchments

Please note new dates

Topics

Presentations on:

Delbessie Agreement – NRW, Agforward
Nature Refuges – EPA
Upcoming research on the Flinders River
SGC – up coming projects
Mapping technology – SGC
Grazing Land Management – DPI&F
Increasing awareness of cultural heritage

- All presenters will be available for further discussions
- 'Local Yarns'
- DPI&F Mobile office
- Displays from QRAA, RFDS, AgForce and CentreLink
- AgForce Members meeting at 2pm

After lunch - open session

When	Where, what time and will I get fed?
Monday 20 April 2009	Hughenden Diggers Entertainment Centre - main meeting room Brodie Street 8:30 am to 4 pm
Tuesday 21 April 2009	Richmond Shire Hall - Goldring Street 8:30 am to 4 pm
Wednesday 22 April 2009	Julia Creek Recreation Centre - Julia Street 8:30 am to 4 pm
Thursday 23 April 2009	Cloncurry Supper Room (Shire Hall) - Scarr Street 8:30 am to 4 pm
Friday 24 April 2009	Gregory Downs CWA Hall - Camooweal/Burketown Rd 8:30 am to 4 pm <i>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided</i>

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

Police Beat Police Beat

The Queensland Police Service will be undertaking an enforcement campaign coinciding with the Easter holiday break. The aim of the campaign is to have no fatalities on Queensland roads over this period. Police will be targeting the four primary offences attributed to serious and fatal traffic incidents, specifically:-

Speeding, fatigue management, drink driving and seat belt usage.

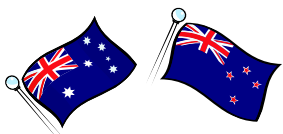
Burketown Police will be actively participating in this campaign. If you are driving a vehicle you should expect to be pulled over for a Random Breath Test. Always remember, If you are going to have a drink make sure you don't drive. If you are driving make sure every person in the vehicle has a seat belt fitted and make sure you don't speed. If you are going away for the holiday break and are driving any long distances, make sure you take regular breaks, at least once every two hours. If everyone plays by the rules we can all help keep our roads safe.

It is also worth remembering that you can be breath tested if you are operating a boat. The same blood alcohol limits that apply to vehicles also apply to boats. **We will also be conducting breath testing on persons driving boats.**

We will also be checking people's driver's licences and vehicle registrations. If you are found to be driving a vehicle with no licence or the vehicle is unregistered, you will be given a Notice to Appear in Court. If you are caught driving a vehicle again without a licence or if the vehicle is unregistered Police have the power to seize that vehicle and hold it for a period of 3 days. If you are caught again after this, Police have the power to hold the vehicle for 3 months and if you are caught again you will lose the vehicle for good. Make sure your driver's licence is current and your vehicle registration has been paid.

Burketown Police conduct Queensland Transport Business, namely Driver's Licensing and vehicle registrations on Monday and Tuesdays only, between the hours of 9.00am and 12 midday. If you are unable to get to the station during these hours you can call the police station and make an appointment.

Sgt Trevor Mills
Burketown Police



ANZAC DAY 2009



Proceedings for ANZAC Day, Saturday 25 April 2009 will start with a dawn service (approx 6:00am) at the Cenotaph. This will be followed by a breakfast for all those in attendance. A further official ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph midmorning, starting with a march from Morning Glory Park, (corner of Beames & Musgrave St) at 10:45am where local organisations & school children will march to the Cenotaph for official speeches and the "Laying of the Wreath's".. A further free BBQ will be held at Burketown Shire Hall at 12:00 noon where a bar will be in operation. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to lay a wreath or participate in the March please contact Cheryl Portch Ph: 47455100.

A colouring competition will be conducted in the lead up to Anzac Day for Grade 3 & under. For grades 4 - 7 there will be a project theme of, "What Anzac Means To Me", which can entail a poem, story, picture in any medium. Names & grades must be written on back of all pictures/projects. (Information flyers will be sent out soon.)

Prizes will be awarded to best of (prep - grade 3) & (grade 4 - grade 7). There is also an Anzac Biscuit Baking Competition (open age). Both competitions are free to enter and will be judged on Anzac Day.

For more information please watch the noticeboards for flyers or contact Cheryl Portch on Ph: 47455100

All proceeds go to



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Mothers Day
Sunday 10th May 2009



**Buy your
Cup & Saucer
Now \$11.00**

Contact Jenny - 0429 348



**BURKE SHIRE
COUNCIL**



How Healthy Are You?
Find out at the

FREE
Health Screening Afternoon

When: Mon 25th May

Between 4 – 7:30 pm

Where: Burketown Shire Hall

A FREE MEAL will also be provided
Sponsored by Burke Shire Council, Qld Health and NWQPHC

Drop in anytime between 4 & 7:30 pm 25th May



Burketown Vacation Care

Held from 14 to 17 April 2009
Closed for lunch



Michael and Julianne
will be spending the
holidays with you.

sport

The crustacean we found at VCP in January has
been identified by Department of Primary Indus-
tries as a shield shrimp.

games



games



Make a worm farm,
ride your bikes and
don't forget to bring
your swimmers.

Come and make
chocolate crackle
easter egg surprises

craft

HUMDINGA'S WIN THE INAUGURAL GREGORY P&C CRICKET FUN DAY!

On Saturday 4 April, nearly 100 people descended onto the Gregory Downs Sports Ground for a Cricket Fun Day. Ten teams from the surrounding area attended and a great day was had by all. Prizes were given for the best dressed team, the most creative name, best catch, classic shot and best effort on the day. Humdinga's from Gregory won the final against Fiery Animals from Augustus. Woody Wackers from Armraynald won the best dressed team. A big thank you to Kimberley Arnold for organising this fabulous day out. We raised \$1 191.15, so thank you to the community for supporting the Gregory School P&C. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Your help and generosity enabled the day to be a big success. We hope to see you all next year.



Gregory - Mayday Weekend

Saturday 3 May– Race Course

Horse Racing – 1st

1:30pm

Bar & Tea Stall Open

Bookmakers on

Chicken & Champagne
eon

Fashions of the Field



Race

Course
Lunch-

Sunday 4 May (Gregory River)

Canoe Race



Saturday Night – Race Course

Smorgasbord Dinner

Bar Open

Music

Music



Sunday Night 5 May – Race Course

Canoe Club Trophy Presentation
Bull Ride
Bar & Tea Stall Open



Date:

Name :

Date of Birth:

Address:

Contact Phone Number: Home:

Mobile:

Medicare Number :

Medical Conditions Attach details :

Swimming Ability: (Please tick)

Beginner:

Learn to Swim:

Closed for lunch

Favourite Pastime /Activity:

Parents whereabouts during the Program:

Contact phone number:

Signature Parent/Guardian:

Vacation Care Program for your Community:

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

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. Please note that you also give permission for your child to be transported to and from a venue, have his or her photograph taken and used within the vacation care program and OXFAM reporting and allow staff to seek medical attention if you or stipulated persons cannot be contacted.

Days	Tuesday 14 April	Wed 15	Thurs 16	Friday 17
Attending				
	Please indicate which days you would like to use the program.			

NEXT VACATION CARE PROGRAM IN BURKETOWN—14 to 17 April 2009

If there are any local people who would like to get involved with the vacation care programs, please read on;

From a community point of view, there is a real need for the families of all the primary school aged children to answer one question : “ Is the vacation care program, and not how it is run, a valuable component of our community.”

For if you as a parent or guardian answer positively, then we (GSRA Inc.) need you to listen and make a judgement on what you can do to suggest a better format for the program. At present GSRA Inc has been involved with the program for the past ten years and is hoping that the body, (GSRA Inc.) can keep the service alive for the community of Burketown.

Financially, the Association has hit near record low levels of funding which is the life blood of the organisation. Following on from this it is very clear that if we cannot muster support from within the community, the shortfall of the Vacation care program will be its long lasting demise.

GSRA Inc is open to constructive criticism and internal soul searching but the bottom line is that we do not want to lose this program in Burketown or any other community in the Gulf region. The Association will be talking to Council in an effort to work through the issues that are becoming a real hurdle. Other measures such as developing training packages, for any local person to become part of the vacation care team are being made available in the near future. These training packages will take a person to Townsville for a week's work experience in a child care centre. The centres have listed their support, free of charge to GSRA Inc . The Association has obtained the support of the PSCQ organisation to assist in meeting costs of accommodation while in Townsville. GSRA will pay travel expenses for anyone who would like to take on the work experience week.

This situation does not just exist in Burketown, with the funding deficit threatening all of the vacation care programs in the Gulf. The basic underlining fact is that if the community sees value in the program, there is a call for local involvement. GSRA will provide programs, training and support for anyone who sees their way clear to work the ten or eleven weeks each year that vacation care programs run in the gulf region. We at GSRA are all ears and are willing to listen to any suggestions that are put forward.

Please feel free to contact myself or Jane at the GSRA office, as your support for the vacation care program will literally maintain its on-going status. All our contact details are listed within our newsletter articles. “

Contact Michael Stevenson on 0488451715 re training in Townsville or
Jane at the Normanton Sports House on 4745 1010 or 0429451715 or via email
gsra@live.com.au

Any children submitting entries to the Burketown Arts and Craft Show could use the April Vacation Care Program to work on their project. Please let Jane know what supplies you need and if within our budget, they can be purchased and delivered to Normanton in readiness for our staff to bring to Burketown.

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



Happy Mothers Day for May 10

HACC HAPPENINGS



International Womens Day on the 6th March was a great event with all the ladies & “gentleman” dressing up in colonial costumes As it is Queenslands 150yr. celebrations this year, we dressed accordingly with bustles, bonnets mop caps and shawls.

A colonial morning tea was set out under the trees at the hotel where everyone enjoyed scones, pumpkin pie and tea/coffee with the Acting CEO and office staff accepting our invitation to join us on this special occasion.

The ladies had many comments on their dress apparel, so much so that they plan on wearing them to the Melbourne Cup outing in November.

We are happy to announce that we have six men now in HACC, with a program being set up to cater for them. In order that they receive the same amount of days as the ladies, two days will be shared with Friday being set aside as a ‘Mens Club Day’. Trevor & Rob our friendly local policemen has offered to take the men for activities on Fridays.

On the 31st March both Mandy and myself have a ‘Continence Course’ to attend in Cloncurry.

Up and coming events:

On Friday the 3rd April we will be busing to Gregory and picking up our new clients on the way for a morning tea at the CWA. This will be a great opportunity for everyone to meet.

A Trash & Treasure is set for the 18th April to raise money towards their trip to the Camooweal Drivers Camp in August.

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Tennis



Burketown Annual Community Tennis Competition will commence 20 April 2009. This competition will run for approximately 10 weeks. It will be a mixed doubles competition with a different partner every week. Nomination is \$10 per player. Balls & racquets will be provided. If you are interested in playing then please put your name down on a list that is posted at Nowlands, Post Office, Pub or Council Office.

Alternately, ring Cheryl Portch - Mob:0428578442 or 47455271 to add your name to the list of players.

○ <i>Fri 10</i>		<i>April Sat 11</i>		<i>April Sun 12</i>		<i>April Mon 13</i>		<i>April Tue 14</i>		<i>Wed 15</i>		<i>Thu 16</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0105	1.94	0110	1.79	0042	1.67	1012	3.40	1047	3.59	0024	1.11	0110	0.99
0823	2.40	0907	2.80	0940	3.13	2347	1.26			1125	3.69	1203	3.72
1308	2.31			2324	1.46								
1741	2.36												

☾ <i>Fri 17</i>		<i>April Sat 18</i>		<i>April Sun 19</i>		<i>Mon 20</i>		<i>April Tue 21</i>		<i>Wed 22</i>		<i>Thu 23</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0202	0.90	0300	0.86	0355	0.87	0445	0.98	0525	1.18	0531	1.47	0134	1.67
1242	3.69	1318	3.61	1354	3.49	1429	3.34	1502	3.15	1534	2.91	1600	2.62

<i>April Fri 24</i>		● <i>Sat 25</i>		<i>Sun 26</i>		<i>Mon 27</i>		<i>April Tue 28</i>		<i>Wed 29</i>		<i>Thu 30</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0029	1.67	0824	2.58	0840	2.94	0909	3.28	0949	3.57	1037	3.79	0016	0.58
1553	2.29	2230	1.48	2222	1.24	2237	0.97	2317	0.75			1126	3.91
2342	1.63												

<i>May Fri 1</i>		☾ <i>Sat 2</i>		<i>May Sun 3</i>		<i>Mon 4</i>		<i>Tue 5</i>		<i>Wed 6</i>		<i>May Thu 7</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0120	0.47	0223	0.44	0325	0.52	0424	0.74	0521	1.09	0622	1.55	0630	2.06
1215	3.92	1301	3.81	1342	3.59	1414	3.31	1439	2.98	1500	2.65	0828	2.04
										2306	1.51	1501	2.33
												2306	1.35

<i>May Fri 8</i>		○ <i>Sat 9</i>		<i>May Sun 10</i>		<i>Mon 11</i>		<i>Tue 12</i>		<i>Wed 13</i>		<i>Thu 14</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0717	2.55	0755	2.95	0828	3.24	0901	3.43	0938	3.54	1017	3.56	1058	3.53
2306	1.25	2237	1.17	2216	1.05	2234	0.93	2311	0.83	2357	0.76		

<i>May Fri 15</i>		<i>Sat 16</i>		☾ <i>Sun 17</i>		<i>Mon 18</i>		<i>Tue 19</i>		<i>Wed 20</i>		<i>Thu 21</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0047	0.70	0140	0.67	0228	0.70	0309	0.82	0330	1.03	0048	1.27	1331	2.34
1135	3.46	1206	3.36	1232	3.23	1257	3.07	1319	2.87	1336	2.61	2213	1.27
										2251	1.31		

<i>May Fri 22</i>		<i>Sat 23</i>		● <i>Sun 24</i>		<i>Mon 25</i>		<i>Tue 26</i>		<i>Wed 27</i>		<i>Thu 28</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0804	2.17	0706	2.57	0727	2.98	0802	3.33	0849	3.62	0941	3.81	1033	3.89
2130	1.18	2121	1.03	2132	0.84	2159	0.64	2242	0.46	2336	0.31		

<i>May Fri 29</i>		<i>Sat 30</i>		☾ <i>Sun 31</i>		<i>June Mon 1</i>		<i>June Tue 2</i>		<i>June Wed 3</i>		<i>June Thu 4</i>	
Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
0031	0.23	0126	0.24	0216	0.37	0304	0.64	0343	1.04	1316	2.37	0526	2.06
1123	3.84	1207	3.66	1243	3.38	1303	3.02	1312	2.68	2130	1.08	0827	2.00
								2209	1.29			1230	2.11
												2136	0.90

 New Moon
  Full moon
  Last Quarter
  First Quarter

Please Note

For Burketown tide times – add the following:- 1Hr – Mouth of Albert 4hrs – Jetty 5hrs -Bridge