

Burke Shire Council Newsletter



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Message from the Mayor



Hello and welcome to our first newsletter of 2010. I trust Christmas was a joyous time for all of you and your families and that 2010 has plenty of good things in store for you all. The first good thing is of course the gentle rain we have so far received that will do last year's over inundation the world of good for the recovery we need to the Plains of Promise and an above average season to give the grazing industry time to recover.

Council has a busy year ahead. With the flooding in late December and early January we have numerous road works to be undertaken and of course Cyclone Olga has only added to the work. Given the volume of work to be undertaken it will be all noses to the grindstone in coming months. We are fortunate to have on staff our Director of Engineering Services, Mr Dennis Kerr. Dennis brings a wealth of practical experience and technical knowledge to the job.

He is a rare engineer, one who combines people skills with practical know-how and technical ability.

I have chosen to highlight Dennis and his efforts this newsletter as I feel the 'unsung heroes' of our communities have much to offer us and we should be proud of them. I see a new energy and a productivity with Dennis' direction to our staff who are kicking the goals out there for a grateful community who enjoy the fruits of their labour.

Along those lines I would like to offer my sincerest of congratulations to Sue Clarke as our 2010 Burke Shire Citizen of the Year. For anyone who knows Sue, and I have to declare a family bias here, you would know her to be one of the most genuine and helpful people you could ever hope to met.

In the same spirit I would congratulate young Mathew Douglas as home grown and up and coming sports star to keep your eye on. As the 2010 Junior Sports Person of the Year, Mathew highlights all that is good and strong and true about a childhood spent in far north western Queensland.

I encourage all the 'young Mathews' out there to make 2010 your year and just do your best, no one can ask more than that. In that view myself and my fellow Councillors will do the very best we can for you and Burke Shire this year. May God bless you and keep you safe throughout 2010.

Annie Clarke
Mayor, Burke Shire



Cr Bill Olive

Hells gate has had a good 14 inches of rain so far this wet. Anyone travelling through to the Northern Territory border should be very careful as there are quite a few good washouts.

I hope everyone has a good wet without too much damage

Cr Bill Olive.



Cr Tracey Forshaw

Welcome back everyone to 2010. I saw the kids and I had our Aussie flags flying in Townsville for Australia Day until Olga blew them down. By all accounts and photos Australia Day in Burketown was a hoot. 2010 is going to be a busy year for Council work wise with lots of roadwork's and projects that Dennis has organized.

With community events becoming bigger and bigger volunteers are always needed. If anyone has a spare couple of hours, the Burketown and Gregory clubs and organisations would love a hand.

Safe travelling and take care. Please feel free to ring or email me.

Cr Tracy Forshaw



Cr Tonya Murray

Cr Tonya Murray is currently out of the Shire on other matters and sends everyone her best wishes for 2010.



Cr Ernie Camp

I hope you all had the opportunity to catch up with family and friends over the Christmas break. It has been great to receive good rain and the countryside looks beautiful and green. Although we are all flooded in thank goodness it has not been to the same extent as last year. The Australia Day celebrations were great fun and all in attendance thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to Sue Clarke and Mathew Douglas - the recipients of this year's awards for the Shire. Best wishes for the year ahead

Cr Ernie Camp, Deputy Mayor.



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Message from the CEO



Hello there and welcome to the first 2010 edition of the Burke Shire Council Newsletter. I find it hard to fathom that we are in the second month of 2010 already. Really, where does the time go?

I trust you all enjoyed the delight that is Christmas and the fun of New Year. We had a quiet family Christmas here in Burketown and enjoyed every moment of it. No driving, no rush, no hassle! I have to admit I did not even see the New Year in ...

In this edition we have featured a round up of the Christmas happenings, recent Council decisions and a look at what the month of March holds for the Shire and our communities.

On a serious note we have already had two declared events in the Shire. The rains in early January brought some mid level flooding and road

damage, while Cyclone Olga blew Burketown about a bit late in January. So while the road network has suffered to the tune of about \$14million worth of damage, there was thankfully, no loss of life or significant destruction to private property.

In the pre event preparation for Olga I was greatly impressed by our residents and staff alike who took on roles and activities to prepare our community for a possible evacuation. When Olga arrived she was a bit of a fizzer, and we had no need to leave our homes. My boys remain disappointed to this day that they did not have a sleep over at mummy's office.

In case you missed the numerous flyers and public notices issued pre Olga the three evacuation points for Burketown are: 1) the Council Administration Office 2) the Police lock up 3) the toilet block at the Burketown school.

I would also like to thank Emergency Management Queensland Mount Isa office for their constant phone calls during the alert period and their follow up after the event. As it is we are still flood bound here in Burketown and with the assistance of officers and retailers I have just signed off on our first resupply operation.

We are not out of the cyclone season as yet so I would urge that those of you who need to, to make those last few preparations that might make the difference should a relative of Olga's come crashing down on us.

Another issue I would like to touch on, and ask for your assistance with, is dogs in townships. While I am a dog person and love dogs to pieces, I don't appreciate unaccompanied dogs roaming the towns causing problems for walkers, runners and push bike riders alike. Think of our kids here. Dogs are pack animals, they like to protect their patch and children can sometimes become the unfortunate victims of often serve attacks. Even if no skin is broken the psychological damage of a 'near miss' is enough to stop a child wanting to walk a certain way home from school or ride their bike down a particular street.

If your dog is unregistered and outside of your yard Council will impound the animal, hold it for several days then destroy it. I understand this will raise the ire of some people, but if Council has to choose between the personal safety of our residents and visitors, or the rights of dogs and dog owners, we will chose to put people first.

On a brighter note I am pleased to say that about 98% of Council officers attended training in January on how to manage conflict and confrontation both in the work place and in their day to day lives. The day long session was facilitated by Victoria Rose and used the Skillpath training program.

The training was well received and an eye opener to many in attendance. Council will continue to make training investments in our staff as an essential part of personal growth and professional development. While Victoria was in town we also put the office and administration support staff through their paces to become front office super stars. Councillors were also able to hone their communication skills in an afternoon workshop with Victoria.

So as we move on into and through the wet season I wish you all well and trust you will stay safe and dry over the next few months. It is lovely to see the 'green' side of the Shire as grasses, trees and shrubs burst into life, along with the amazing bird life that the wet attracts.

Enjoy! Kind regards,

Naturally Resourceful...a workshop bringing together rural & regional women

MT SURPRISE
12-13 April
Bedrock Village

Build and share knowledge and experience
Increase access to tools and resources
Develop leadership and management skills
Build confidence and have fun!

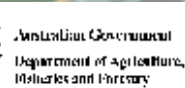
NORMANTON
14-15 April
Carpentaria Shire Hall

Women coming together to learn how to be part of driving the future for local communities, industries and natural resources!

- Topics for the workshop have been designed to provide skills to deal with issues identified by the women in the community
- Women in leadership roles
 - The value of Succession Planning
 - Sourcing funds and grant writing
 - Using internet efficiently
 - Water quality
 - Plant and weed identification
 - Your stories your issues
 - Self hypnosis, laughter yoga, valuing yourself as a woman, belly dancing
 - Production and financial records
 - MYOB/Quickbooks/Practical Systems/Phoenix benefits of software programs
 - Personality Profiling - who you are, who others are and the best way to talk to each other

Full Childrens Program and
RAFS available for remote families!

For more information contact
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This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry under its Australian Farming Future programme.

Council Update

Community Well-being

- The pre season meeting for the Local Disaster Management Group was held in Burketown on Tuesday 24 November 2009.
- Council has nominated Councillor Murray and a Council officer to participate on the Skytrans Air User Group.

The Environment

- The Office of Clean Energy and Burke Shire Council are progressing the Burke Shire Energy Conservation Pilot Project.
- Council has applied for a grant from The Low Carbon Diet Community Funding Program. This program is designed to help communities implement the Low Carbon Diet throughout their local area. This is a means of encouraging Queenslanders to work together to reduce their carbon emissions and contribute to the global climate change solution. Central to the success of the Low Carbon Diet is community members working together to motivate each other to set and reach their carbon footprint reduction goals.
- Mosquito fogging is underway in Burketown and Gregory.
- The second coordinated 1080 baiting program for Burke Shire properties was done in late 2009

The Road Network

- Graders have now completed works on TIDS Projects, Rural Maintenance and NDRA Flood Damage.
- The project at Adel's Grove is now 100% completed, having had a primer chip seal and 2 coat final seal.
- Survey data pickup for the next section of the project design work has been completed between Century Mine turn off and Big Archie Creek on Lawn Hill Road.
- Reconstruction from Big Archie Creek for 5kms has sub grade formation completed and base course is placed, a further 1km has progressed to a sub grade formation stage.
- Doomadgee Road East 5kms has sub grade formation complete and base course is in place.
- Flood Damage restoration of Bitumen surfaces on Floraville, Wills Development Road 78A, and Doomadgee Roads along with concrete flood way repairs to the Leichhardt Crossing (Floraville Road) and Gregory Crossing (Doomadgee Road) was completed towards the end of 2009.

- Rural Access Road Flood Damage restoration has been done on Morella Road with a small amount of rural maintenance funding assistance also.
- Gumbummunda Bridge received its final cosmetic touches. The new River side park amenities have been fabricated and galvanised.

Services

- Town Water Supplies are providing the normal abundance of water and operating to the required quality required for drinking water.
- Gregory Raw Water pumps have been replaced.
- All parks and gardens are being maintained to satisfactory standards, the water feature in Morning Glory Park has been delayed due to appropriate resource shortages.
- Sewerage System operations are maintaining services with minimal maintenance issues.
- Aerodromes are operating satisfactorily with no issues to report.
- At the Burketown Aquatic Facility (Swimming Pool) some artificial grassing of internal areas is planned for installation soon and access rails are being made for all the pools in the complex.

Events

- Family Christmas in the Park was held in December 2009
- Australia Day celebrations were held on the 26 of January
- 2010 Citizen of the Year was announced – the recipient was Sue Clarke
- 2010 Junior Sports Person of the Year was announced – the recipient was Matthew Douglas

Administrative Matters

- That the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2009 been adopted
- Meeting dates for the Council meetings for 2010 are:
January - Wednesday 20
February - Wednesday 17
March - Wednesday 17
April - Wednesday 21
May - Wednesday 19
June - Wednesday 16
July - Wednesday 21

August - Wednesday 18
September - Wednesday 15
October - Wednesday 20
November - Wednesday 17
December - Wednesday 15

- In November 2009 Council adopted an Asset and Services Management Policy
- Council are currently carrying out repairs to the fire damaged house in Gregory Street, Burketown. Council are also renovating the two houses in Sloman Street to bring them back up to a suitable standard.
- Under section 236A of the Local Government Act, Council is required to make a resolution to authorise remuneration payments to Councillors each year. The Local Government Remuneration Tribunal makes a determination of remuneration levels based on the remuneration payable to a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly. This year Councillors have chosen not to adopt the increase as set by the Remuneration Tribunal, and instead to adopt annual remuneration at the 2009 level. As such no increase in remuneration is payable to Councillors for 2010. This position was adopted in light of the current economic climate.

Economic Issues

- Council will be further investigating options for the sustainable operation of the Burketown Barramundi Grow Out Facility and discussing such findings prior to the next breeding season so as to make an informed decision regarding this facility's future sustainability.
- Under the auspice of the Savannah Way Ltd, and in partnership with the Doomadgee Council Burke Shire Council have received funding Minor Tourism Infrastructure Grant.

Councillor Travel for Delegations, Meetings and Training

- Councillor Annie Clarke attended the Sustainable Resource Communities Partnership Local Leadership Group (North West Mineral Province) meeting.
- Councillors Clarke, Camp and Forshaw attended the Burke Shire Family Christmas in The Park
- Councillor Camp attended the Australia Day Celebrations



Here, Now and Ten Years Down the Track

As you might be aware the Queensland Government will introduce a new Local Government Act later in 2010. As part of Council's responsibilities to meet the requirements of the new Act Council will engage with our communities and stakeholders to research and develop a long term Community Plan.

In this instance community planning means the development of a long range plan, ten years or more, to work towards achieving a stated vision

for the future of Burke Shire. Community consultation in developing the vision and plan is a very important part of the process.

So to begin with Council would like to establish how you would like to participate, how would you like to 'have a say' and how should we best plan to reach as many people as possible.

Here are five simple questions for you to answer to help us plan a way forward for the engagement and consultation part of the plan.

Just cut out and return your responses to Council (PO Box 90 Burketown 4830) or if you prefer email your responses, using the question number as a reference to office@burke.qld.gov.au.

All comments greatly appreciated. No names required. If you have additional comments or ideas on how community consultation should happen please write them on a separate sheet.

Thanks!



Questionnaire

Please tick or number the boxes where appropriate ☒

Question One

Would you take part in face to face meetings to plan the future of Burke Shire?

- ☐ 1a) Yes
☐ 1b) No

Question Two

When would you prefer to meet?

- ☐ 2a) during the morning
☐ 2b) during the afternoon
☐ 2c) in the evening

Question Three

Where would you prefer to meet ..

- ☐ 3a) Burketown
☐ 3b) Gregory

3c) other, please state

Question Four

Would you make a written submission or answer a longer questionnaire as part of the consultation process?

- ☐ 4a) Yes
☐ 4b) No

Question Five

In order of importance, from 1 being most important to 5 being less important which five topics interest you the most as they apply to the long term future of Burke Shire?

Please write a number in five of the following boxes:

- ☐ 5a) Roads
☐ 5b) Housing
☐ 5c) Sport and Recreation
☐ 5d) Health
☐ 5e) Education
☐ 5f) Water

- ☐ 5g) Power
☐ 5h) Environmental Conservation
☐ 5i) Culture and Heritage
☐ 5j) Seniors Issues
☐ 5k) Youth Issues
☐ 5l) Family issues
☐ 5m) Social issues
☐ 5n) Economic Development
☐ 5o) Indigenous Issues
5p) other, please state

Working with Burke Shire Council

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Burke Shire Council is always on the lookout for motivated and skilled people to join our workforce. Here are the answers to some common questions asked about Council and being employed by Council.

How do I get a job with Council?

If you don't see a job advertised for Council then the first step to gaining employment with Council is to fill out an employment application, get one from Council. This can then be sent to Council along with your resume and a cover letter.

If a job is advertised follow the instructions in the advertisement.

What do you want in my Resume?

Your resume does not have to be a novel, two pages is fine. State your name and current address and phone contact details. Include your work history, tell us who you have worked for, how long and what you did in that job and why you left.

If you have not worked before tell us about your education and other skills you have, like being a well organised person.

What is a cover letter?

A cover letter should be a short letter introducing yourself to Council. You can say what jobs you would be happy to do and when you are available. Always mention your contact details, phone included.

What Next ...

If you have skills that we need you will be asked to come to an

interview. This is normally with two people who already work for Council, one would be a manager. They will ask you questions about work you have done, your education and skills. You can use this time to tell us about yourself in more detail.

If you don't have the skills we are looking for you will get a letter saying thanks, but no thanks.

And Then...

Once you have your interview and if it goes well you will be placed on the casual list. The job is usually casual at first, unless you answered an advertisement for a specific job. When you are placed on the casual employment list Council will then call you when work is available. Before you do your first day you will normally have an orientation session and learn about workplace health and safety.

What might be available right now...

Right now Council would be keen to hear from people with the following skills :

- High level secretarial and administration experience
- Economic Development
- Marketing and Communications
- Payroll and HR experience
- Road Construction
- Engineering Skills
- People with Plant Operator Experience and qualifications (tickets)

What is Council like to work for?

Burke Shire Council is a small, remote local government. We operate in a small community where the efforts of Council are

highly visible and scrutinised by ratepayers and residents. Employees should understand that in many ways the work done by Council here is more obvious than in larger towns and cities because what we do is so crucial to basic expectations, like having decent roads to travel on.

Burke Shire Council is the second largest employer in the Shire and nearly everyone who lives in the Shire knows several people, if not more, who work for Council.

Burke Shire Council also takes on a much wider role in the community, given our remote location and small population base. This includes running community activities such as the Art and Craft Show, Australia Day and Anzac Day ceremonies.

In an effort to attract, retain and engage the best staff possible Council wants to be a workplace where:

- An honest day's work is the norm and highly productive people are valued.
- Extra effort is recognised and acknowledged.
- There is harmony within teams, and office politics don't rule the day.
- Officers support each other's efforts and contribute to the overall achievement of Council's commitments to the community.
- There is room for personal and professional growth.
- There is an understanding of work – life balance.
- Traditions and culture are respected.

If you are interested in a career working at the Council email office@burke.qld.gov.au to request an employment application form.



Here is our lovely trainer, Victoria Rose, meeting some of the locals at the Burketown Hotel.

Ten Things

In January most Council employees participated in some in-house training around how to better manage confrontation and conflict. Some officers also brushed up on their customer service skills.

Ten things to do that we learnt at training when dealing with difficult people are...

1. Breathe
2. Remain relaxed
3. Don't take comments personally
4. Mirror actions
5. Listen
6. Show empathy
7. Use humour gently and with caution, one person's 'funny' is another's 'not so funny'
8. Say 'no' diplomatically
9. Ask questions
10. Remain objective



Present at the handover – Mark Mason, Cr Ernie Camp, David Marshall, Mrs Betty Kiernan, Leanne Mash, Brett Harris, Sgt Trevor Mills and Dennis Kerr.

New SES Vehicle for Burke Shire

Burke Shire State Emergency Services gratefully received a new Toyota Dual Cab HiLux for use as the SES emergency vehicle.

State Member for Mt. Isa, Mrs Betty Kiernan MP, flew into Burketown on Tuesday February 17 to hand over the vehicle to Burketown SES Local Controller, David Marshall. Also present at the handover were our local police, Sgt. Trevor Mills and Const. Mark Mason, VMR representative, Brett Harris, Council CEO Leanne Mash, Council's Director of Engineering Dennis Kerr, and Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp and SES local member Cheryl Portch.

"The Shire is thrilled to receive this new vehicle," said Deputy Mayor,

Councillor Ernie Camp. "We are often isolated by flood waters and rain, so having another vehicle in town could make all the difference in an emergency situation. Our thanks goes to the State Government for their support and attention to remote areas such as Burke Shire when making funding decisions. The SES provided a vital community service and Council also thanks the Volunteers for their efforts and commitment."

The group then enjoyed morning tea before the State Member was taken to tour the police station by the local boys in blue. Other matters raised with Ms Kiernan included community housing, education and health issues.



State Member for Mt. Isa, Mrs Betty Kiernan hands over the keys of the new vehicle to SES Controller, David Marshall



From left - Faye Jones giving a rendition of her award winning poem – 'I Am The Morning Glory'. Amanda and Lilly enjoying the celebrations at the Biggest Aussie Brunch. Aleisha Perry and Shannon Camp proving that size doesn't matter in the 3 legged race ahead of Jneille Portch and Shannyn Anderson. Kids verses Col, Dennis with Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp as the anchor man".

Australia Day in Burke Shire

Burke Shires Biggest Aussie Brunch was held in Burketown on Australia Day. The event kicked off at 9:45am with Burke Shire Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp welcoming all and presenting the Local Government Citizen Awards to the worthy recipients. Sue Clarke received the "Citizen of the Year" awards and Matthew Douglas was awarded the "Junior Sports Award". Unfortunately our Australia day Ambassador, Marjorie Pagani, had to cancel due to the bad weather caused by cyclone Olga.

There were three competitions held at the event which were very popular and heavily contested. The

poetry writing competition (Australian theme) was won by Faye Jones (open section) for her rendition of a poem that she wrote called "I Am the Morning Glory". Belinda Forshaw won the over 12 section with her poem called "Australia", and Lilly Wilkinson won the under 12 section with her poem, "Home among the Mangroves".

The kids colouring competition was won by Latrya Boundry – under 6 and Jneille Portch – over 6. Last but not least was the Vegemite Bake Off. There were various dishes from vegemite sangers to vegemite icecream. Our local

police were the taste testers and judged that the 'Vegemite, Honey and Cheese Scrolls' the outright winner with a commendation to the 'Vegemite Pumpkin Scones' and the 'Vegemite Icecream encrusted with Salt and Vinegar Chips'.

Brunch was well attended with around 50 people enjoying sausages, eggs, bacon and tomatoes followed by the ever popular Australian cake, the infamous lamington.

Then it was outside to the Tug a War competition. Deputy Mayor, Ernie Camp took on the kids single

handedly and came in second place much to the joy of the kids. Other fun games like catch the water bomb, sack races, three legged races were also enjoyed by the kids with a lot of cheering from the spectators. The old game of quoits was reintroduced to the adults and after much moving the throw line closer they realized that is not as easy as it looks.

It was a very enjoyable morning and a big thanks to Mother Nature for clearing the skies for a few hours so we could play games outside.



Australia Day Awards

This year Burke Shires "Citizen of the Year" award was presented to Sue Clarke. Sue and husband John manages the family property

Almora Station where she has raised 4 children. Sue has been a dedicated member of our community for a number of years.

She has actively played a part in many charitable organisations in the Gregory region whether that be as secretary, treasurer, president or volunteer she has been there for organisations such as Gregory QCWA, SOTA, Gregory Downs Sporting Association, Gregory Downs Jockey Club and the list goes on.

However, Sue still finds time to offer support to her neighbours and friends when they need a hand, such as offering support to those mums that are new in the area, welcoming new babies with a card and gift and supporting those who are going through difficult times. The people of Burke Shire acknowledges your contribution to the community and thank you for your efforts.



Junior Sports Award

Matthew Douglas was the recipient of "Junior Sports Award 2010". Mathew is 16 years old and attends Columba Catholic College in Charters Towers. Matthew has always been a keen rugby league player but got his opportunity to excel in this sport when he went away to boarding school.

Matthew has made the Columba Firsts in Rugby League which

usually is made up of boys aged around 17 to 18 years. So great is Matthews ability, he was accepted into this team at age 15 years.

In May 2009 Matthew was included in the North Queensland under 15 Boys Rugby League team. In the off season Matthew plays touch football in the Charters Towers Open competition where his school team finished third.

Matthew has also represented his school in the Confraternity Cup which is a league competition between Catholic schools.

In 2009 NQ Sports Foundation recognised Matthews achievement and presented him with a sports bursary sponsored by BHP Billiton Canington Mine. There is no doubt that if Matthew has his way he will be playing for the NRL one day in the not to distant future - hopefully with his favourite team the Western Tigers.

Burke Shire Event Calendar

Easter 2—5 April	The Burketown World Barramundi Fishing Championships	Contact: Garry Jeffries Ph: 0418 711734 Fax: 07 4745 5181
25 April	Anzac Day	Burke Shire Council
May Day Weekend 2 May	Saturday 2 May Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races	Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 474 5507
May Day Weekend 1 – 3 May	Sunday 3 May Gregory Downs Canoe Race	Contact: North West Canoe Club Mt Isa Ken Glasco (President): Ph: 07 4743 3456
May Day Weekend 2 May	Gregory Downs Bull Spectacular	Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 4748 5507
TBA -	Local Government week	Burke Shire Council
TBA – Proposed late May	Burke Shire Tidy Yard Competition	Burke shire Council
26 & 27 June	Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports	Contact: Sue Clarke Ph: 07 4748 5575 Fax: 07 4748 5670
TBA July	Order of the Outback Ball	Burke Shire Council
14 August – 22 August	Seniors Week	Burke Shire Council
TBA August	Arts & Craft Show	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 4745 5100 Fax: 4745 5181
TBA August/Sept	Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports	Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193
8 – 12 September	Gregory Mini School	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585
TBA	Gregory CWA Horse Sports	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585

Burke Shire Community Christmas Tree Event



Clockwise from left:- Burke Shire's 5m Christmas Tree donated by the Salvation Army, Mibulgurrdoo Yanner receives her present from Santa, Natasha Camp with her light up headbopper, CEO- Leanne Mash presents Pricilla Priest with the news that she is the lucky recipient of the Skytrans prize, Mayor Annie Clark checking to see if Santa is real.

Burke Shire Council hosted a Christmas Tree event in Morning Glory Park on the 12 December 2009. Santa arrived in the fire truck with his sack of goodies for the kids. A stage was set up under Burke Shires giant Christmas tree where the children (and some younger adults) got their picture taken with Santa. Around 70 people attended the event enjoying the free BBQ donated and cooked by MMG Century.

To add to the occasion, Skytrans donated two free flights and tickets to see Taipans basketball game in Cairns which was won by Pricilla Priest. It was a wonderful barmy evening eclipsed only by the magical atmosphere of Christmas with children running around in delight with their light up head boppers they received from Santa.



Tennis 2010

Burketown Community Tennis Tournament will start again Monday 8 March 2010.

Winners of last year's tournament, Davo Booth and Janet Creighton have yet to play Gregory for the Burke Shire Community Tennis Shield. Hopefully this will take place soon.

There will be a tennis meeting at the Burketown tennis courts on Wednesday 3 March. The people that attend this meeting will decide on how the next tournament will be run. All are welcome to attend and have their say.

2009 Junior Tennis

Junior tennis was established this year with 12 children nominated and several others filling in. The competition went over 4 weeks.

Thank you to the many adults who donated their time to help these kids get to a competency level where they could play in the finals by themselves. The finals were played at the end of January where Sage Marshall and Shannyn Anderson defeated Aiden Portch and Kieran Anderson. Score was - 10 games - 7 games.

HACC Happenings

After a wonderful 2009 we ended the HACC year with a Christmas luncheon. Invited were Councilors and various community members who have supported us through the year.

This year has started off slowly due to the Christmas break with many of our clients still away. The weather is also preventing our out of town clients from venturing in to attend our meetings, although we have an increase in the number of clients this year with fourteen; eight women and six men on the books.

Some of the crafts completed so far have been hand sewn felt dolls, tapestry, fancy work, mosaic teapot stands, knitted plastic covered coat hangers and

painted photo frames and paintings.

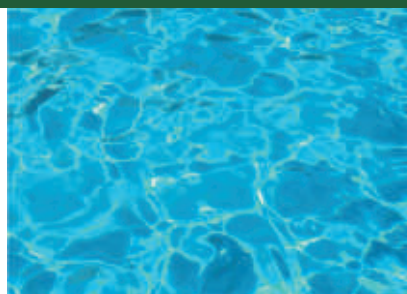
Our major project this year is knitting baby blankets, booties and bonnets for the "special care" babies in hospitals. With a keen interest in this worthwhile project they have already started on the squares for the blankets.

Activities planned in the coming weeks include a Trash and Treasure on Saturday 13th March at the Church/Community Hall.

An early Easter Luncheon at the hotel is on the agenda for the 17th March where we will be joined by the Councillors.

We have a lot of activities and trips planned throughout the year but have yet to set the dates.

For all enquiries on our HACC Program contact the Program Leader Pam de Joux at the Shire Office on Ph: 4745 5100



Burketown Swimming Pool

The key card entry to the Burketown Swimming Pool is not reliable and is in the process of being fixed. You will need to have a key to access the pool. If you have a card then please come into the Council Office and get a key to use until the gate is fixed. Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause and is endeavouring to get this matter corrected.

Gregory Grapevine

RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse) From 9am Thursday Fortnightly

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

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

- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Dietitian
- Podiatrist
- Physiotherapist

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 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 Sue Clarke (Ph 47485575)

Gregory SES

- To join please see/ring Ian Forshaw 4748 5521



Burketown Health Clinic News

RFDS Child Health has changed the way they do business. They have requested that anyone wishing to see the Child Health Nurse to make an appointment. This allows them to know how many vaccines to bring and also you will not have to wait so long to be seen. Contact Burketown Health Clinic Ph: 47455133

Swine Flu Vaccinations for Children

aged 6 months to 10 years. Children in this age group get 2 vaccinations for swine flu. There is to be at least 28 days between the injections. Although the number of cases in Australia has waned, the disease is still a major threat to Australia, so it is important that your child has the best possible protection from this virus. Ph: 4745 5133

North and West Queensland Primary Health Care Burketown

Date	Discipline
2 – 3 February 2010	Cultural Liaison Officer Physiotherapist Dementia Advisor Podiatrist
15 – 16 February 2010	Occupational Therapist Speech pathologist Intern Psychologist Cultural Liaison Officer
11 – 12 March 2010	Cultural Liaison Officer Physiotherapist Dietitian Podiatrist
6 – 7 April 2010	Speech pathologist Intern Psychologist Cultural Liaison Officer Occupational Therapist

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Exhibition marks 10th anniversary of Bringing them home Report

The State Library of Queensland's travelling exhibition, Broken Links: the Stolen Generations in Queensland marks the 10th anniversary of the Bringing them home Report into Indigenous child separation and is currently on show at Burketown Library.

State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters said Broken Links explores the history of the Stolen Generations in Queensland, and the effects this had on many Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders over generations.

This moving exhibition portrays the history of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander child removal through records and documents held at the State Library and other institutions, and through five very personal stories of Aboriginal children who were removed from their families between 1930 and 1973," she said.

Lance Riley, Ruth Hegarty and Doreen Cockatoo were taken from their parents and sent to live in dormitories on missions and reserves during the 1930s and 1940s.

After years of being put under duress by officials, Pamela Croft's mother finally agreed to allow her child to be adopted in 1960.

In 1973, Sharon Kinchela and her siblings were removed from their mother and after being in institutional care for some years, were told their mother had died. It was not until 1977, when Sharon's mother was finally permitted to collect her children that they realised she was alive.

"These people and their families have agreed to share their stories in the exhibition in the hope that this history will never be repeated," said Ms Giles-Peters.

"In this exhibition you hear the personal accounts of children who

were removed and read the documents that allowed this to happen."

Broken Links is a free travelling exhibition from the State Library of Queensland. For more information visit www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on.

Dates

Friday 5 to Thursday 25
March 2010

Venue

Burketown Library
Lot 65, Mustgrave St
Burketown Qld 4830

Media Inquiries

Christine Armstrong,
Burketown Library:
Phone: (07) 4745 5100.

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(07) 3842 9832
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Sunday school and night gospel meetings

Burketown Community Hall

Dates

21 February 2010
7 March 2010
21 March 2010

Times

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

Contact

Doug & Faye Jones
Ph: (07) 4745 5058

Women's Legal Service Inc

Rural Advice Line

providing legal advice to women in rural, regional & remote Queensland.

Women's Legal Service provides free legal information, advice and referrals to women throughout Queensland. A new advice phone line has been dedicated to connect women in rural, regional and remote areas to much needed legal assistance in the areas of family law and domestic violence.

This service is free and confidential.

RURAL ADVICE LINE:

Every Tues 9.30am - 1.00pm

1800 457 117

OR

GENERAL ADVICE LINE

1800 677 278 (Regional)

07 3392 0670 (Brisbane)

Mon to Fri 9.30am - 1.00pm
and Mon, Wed, Thurs 6.30pm - 7.30pm



Women's Legal Service

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www.wlsq.org.au



Come and Try

aqua fitness

When: Thursday 11 March

Thursday 22 April

Where: Burketown Pool

Time: 5:00pm

With Who: Taryn Jones

(Physiotherapist & Cert 4 Aqua Instructor)

Why You?

Keep Cool

Have Fun

Enjoy Exercise

(You must be a current pool member to participate. You can obtain pool membership at the Council Office. cost- \$4 day /\$20 mth/ \$40 - 3 mths)

Vacational Care

Vacational Care will be on for the April School Holidays.

Tuesday 6 April
to Friday 9 April

For more information please ring
Mike Stevenson
Mobile 0488 451 715



Burketown Rainfall

December - 61.6mm

January - 526.2mm



TRASH & TREASURE

Home & Community Care

When: Saturday 13 March

Where: Old Church Hall

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

For more information
contact Pam de Joux
Ph: 4745 5100



skytrans GULF SCHEDULE

Schedule effective 01 July 2009

Monday Westbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:20	13:55	Q654
NTN	ONG	14:25	15:15	Q654
ONG	BUC	15:40	16:20	Q654
BUC	DMD	16:45	17:20	Q654
DMD	ISA	17:45	18:45	Q654

Monday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	9:25	10:25	Q655
DMD	ONG	10:50	11:30	Q655
ONG	NTN	11:55	12:45	Q655
NTN	CNS	13:15	14:50	Q655

Tuesday Westbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #

Tuesday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	7:00	8:00	Q653
DMD	BUC	8:25	9:00	Q653
BUC	ONG	9:25	10:05	Q653
ONG	NTN	10:30	11:20	Q653
NTN	CNS	11:50	13:25	Q653

Wednesday Westbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	13:20	14:55	Q656
NTN	ONG	15:25	16:15	Q656
ONG	DMD	16:40	17:20	Q656
DMD	ISA	17:45	18:45	Q656

Wednesday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #

Thursday Westbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:20	13:55	Q654
NTN	ONG	14:25	15:15	Q654
ONG	BUC	15:40	16:20	Q654
BUC	DMD	16:45	17:20	Q654
DMD	ISA	17:45	18:45	Q654

Thursday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	7:00	8:00	Q657
DMD	ONG	8:25	9:05	Q657
ONG	NTN	9:30	10:20	Q657
NTN	CNS	10:50	12:25	Q657

Friday Westbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:35	14:10	Q658
NTN	ONG	14:40	15:30	Q658
ONG	DMD	15:55	16:35	Q658
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q658

Friday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	7:00	8:00	Q653
DMD	BUC	8:25	9:00	Q653
BUC	ONG	9:25	10:05	Q653
ONG	NTN	10:30	11:20	Q653
NTN	CNS	11:50	13:25	Q653

NTN = Normanton **ONG** = Mornington Island **BUC** = Burketown **DMD** = Doomadgee **ISA** = Mt Isa **CNS** = Cairns

Bookings can be made by phoning Skytrans on 1300 759 872
or on the web at www.skytrans.com.au

Customers departing Burketown are requested to check-in at the Council office 60 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time.