

# Burke Shire Council Newsletter



Edition 26 : June 2010

## Mayors on a Mission

From 8-11 March, Mayors and Councilors from Mornington, Burke, Etheridge and Carpentaria Shires participated in the annual Gulf delegation to meet Ministers and officials in Canberra and Brisbane. The delegation was organised by Gulf Savannah Development (GSD). A whole range of issues were on the agenda – from roads funding to exploring the options for better power supply. In total, the delegation met 18 Ministers/ MPs and also had a chance to talk to a Federal Policy Committee.

Apart from progressing specific issues, the value of these delegations includes making decision-makers aware of our issues and priorities, building relationships with key politicians and lifting the profile of the Gulf region.

### A Regional Approach

We were congratulated on the Gulf's regional approach – where a group of Councils gets together and identifies regional projects and regional approaches. In our region, GSD is the vehicle for that regional collaboration. The best evidence

that this regional approach works is the funding received for the Einasleigh River Bridge last year – a project backed by 6 Gulf Councils.

### Gulf Marine Park

We received a comprehensive briefing on the Federal Government's proposed marine conservation areas in the Gulf of Carpentaria and strongly expressed the view that consultation needs to improve. Councils and GSD offered to facilitate this consultation to make sure we aren't kept in the dark.

Key points to note include:

- the areas being looked at are only in Commonwealth waters – 3km offshore
- a draft plan including proposed marine parks would be released later in 2010 at which time we currently have 90 days to make comment
- there would also be an opportunity down the track to comment on management plans.

### A Better Power Supply

There is a lot of work going into

improving the region's power supply at present and we are holding a meeting in Burketown on Tuesday 25 May to discuss this – mark the date in your diary if you are interested. But the future seems green – renewable energy. The meeting is being co-hosted by Southern Gulf Catchments.

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**Left** - Parliament House, Brisbane: Warren Devlin (Mayor, Etheridge), Ernie Camp (AV Mayor, Burke), Sean Linden (Deputy Mayor, Mornington)

**Right** - Parliament House, Canberra: Warren Devlin (Mayor, Etheridge), Ernie Camp (AV Mayor, Burke), Brenda Schneekloth (Chair, GSD), Fred Pascoe (Mayor, Carpentaria)

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# Message from the Mayor



Our Mayor, Councillor Annie Clarke is on well deserved leave until May 26 2010. During this time Annie has been active on the home front, working with her family on

various business interests. She has also celebrated the marriage of one of her sons, caught up with family and generally spent time pursuing the many matters that get sidelined when one is the Mayor of a local government.

Additionally Annie has been in touch with the Acting Mayor, Ernie Camp and has expressed her concern regarding the last

flooding event that occurred over Easter. Annie has also taken time out of her leave to attend the Local Government Association Civic Leaders Summit in the company of the Acting Mayor and the CEO. This bi-annual professional development forum for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs focused on the legislative changes that will come to local government after July 1 2010.

Annie looks forward to returning to Council for the June budget sessions and catching up with many residents over the next few months.

**Annie Clarke,  
Mayor, Burke Shire**



**Cr Ernie  
Camp**

As all that are resident in the Shire know rain began falling in the week commencing 29 March as a result of the rain depression following the shearing off of ex TC Paul. As a result we had three rural evacuations, being Tirranna, Bowthorn and Escott. I must commend the pilots who undertook these evacuations, their skills and level headed approach ensured the safe carrying out of what was a difficult task. Escott (5 Mile) chose to self-evacuate due to the amount of water they could see coming through the catchment. There was no record of inundation into urban dwellings though some relocations took place due to the dwelling being surrounded by water.

During this time I contacted Escott, Beamesbrook (ringing regularly to ascertain their safety), Kingfisher Camp (also to ascertain the needs of Bowthorn as their phones were out), Brookdale, Westmoreland, Cliffdale and Yeldham in order to make sure that they were okay

and had no concerns re safety and evacuation.

I would take this opportunity to compliment Council officers, EMQ staff and others who were involved in the next 10 days or so of actions and activities. It was a great team effort and even under a lot of pressure these people responded in an efficient and timely manner to all emerging issues, often outside "normal" office hours.

All Members of the Local Disaster Committee, Gregory SES, Burketown SES should be congratulated for their proactive stance and concerted effort to take issues forward and insistence for a desired, pre-determined outcome.

While the flood waters have receded we now face the enormous task of re-opening roads and returning life to normal in the Shire. Please bear with us as Council attempts to prioritise activities and gets to work on numerous sites around the Shire. Please feel free to call me should you have any personal concerns. Once again my thanks to all those involved in this event.

**Cr Ernie Camp, Deputy Mayor.**

Editors Footnote: Cr Ernie Camp has been Acting Mayor during Councillor Clarke leave of absence.



**Cr Tracey  
Forshaw**

On your mark, get ready, GO!

The wet is over and the shire is now in GO mode so hopefully we can get all the flood damage work finished before the rains come yet again. I would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to everyone that helped over the Easter Floods. It proves yet again what a wonderful, resourceful and helpful Shire (and of course, the BEST) we live in.

I was very proud to see the school kids march on Anzac day, and was humbled by the turn-up at the I Am service, and was told that the dawn service was attended by more than 60 people. Anzac Day reminds us all that many men and women now and in the past have given their all so that we can live, work and play in the best country in the world. May Day weekend in Gregory was hectic even though the numbers were down. Once again the Council gals and guys did a terrific job keeping the place spic and span. The Canoe Club and the Gregory Jockey Club both acknowledged and appreciated the hard work put in by them.

I have been over in Normanton for a few days attending Northern Outback Development Forum and the North Queensland Local Government conference, which will hopefully bring more funding into our northern shires for roads and infrastructure.

If you want to catch up I will be up in Burketown quiet regularly over the next few weeks attending the Gulf Savannah Development Day and Energy Forum. I will also become a Shadow School Principal when I follow the Principals around for a day to see how our young children are being model into citizens. The next big community event in the Shire is

the Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports - see you there.

**Cr Tracy Forshaw.**

Editors Footnote: Councillor Forshaw has been Acting Deputy Mayor while Councillor Clarke has been on leave of absence.



**Cr Bill  
Olive**

What a prolonged wet we had. We certainly got our share of water and on that note I would like to say how sorry I was that I couldn't do much to lend a hand to anyone as I couldn't get out. I hope everyone has recovered well and hope to catch up with you in the near future.

**Cr Bill Olive.**



**Cr Tonya  
Murray**

A belated Happy Easter to everyone! Unfortunately the 33rd Annual Fishing Competition had to be cancelled this year thanks to some wet weather; but I hope everyone still managed to enjoy some time with family and friends during the couple of long weekends we've just had.

Congratulations to the organizers and workers who made the 2010 Gregory Canoe Race, Races and Bull Spectacular yet another great weekend and special thanks to the council staff that spent the whole weekend keeping the place clean. Hopefully the rain has left us for a while now and we can sit back and enjoy the cooler months. Best Wishes for the busy dry season ahead.

**Cr Tonya Murray.**

# Message from the CEO



Well what an Easter the Shire has had! Rain, rain and more rain seemed to be the order of the day.

So wet in fact that the long awaited and eagerly anticipated Burketown Barramundi Fishing Competition had to be cancelled. What a difficult decision that would have been for the organising committee, yet it was the right decision. This will be our third declared event for the year. While Burketown itself got rather wet and flooded in the usual spots, there was an unusual turn of events to the north west of town.

Tirranna, Bowthorn and Escott were evacuated with flood waters in places they have not been before and the properties further west towards the territory border have suffered significant losses yet again. Fences, stock, roads and more have been destroyed, lost or damaged to a large extent.

Again along with our own officers and Councillors our thanks goes to Emergency Management Queensland Mount Isa office for their advice, assistance and follow-up. It's hard to begin to 'name names' without missing anyone out, but I would like to try and single out a few people for special mention.

At the time our Acting CEO John Brady

and our very own Director of Engineering Services, Dennis Kerr in conjunction with our Acting Mayor, Councillor Ernie Camp really kept the ship steering straight.

These three were well supported by many, but stand out examples of those who 'went the extra mile', in no particular order; are Norm Gowdy, Mike Johnston, Bob Marshall, Col Baker, Jenny Williams and Dave Marshall. Outside of our own organisation I would thank Elliot Dunn from EMQ, Cameron Barwick from Queensland Police, our own Burketown boys in blue, Trevor and Mark, staff from Nowlands who opened shop especially for the supply of what Avgas was at hand and the ever ready Di Phillips.

The local SES guys both here and in Gregory and other volunteers all played their parts in ensuring Burke Shire came out the other end of this as intact as possible.

I might jinx us but I think we have seen the last of re-supplies for this season. As I speak Dave Smith, Peter Cooling and Ringrose have all made it back into the Shire, opening grades are being re-done and the EMQ funded helicopter and pilot have left town.

As we head into cooler mornings I know Council will be doing everything it can to re-establish road networks, sort out damage to water infrastructure and move forward from this 'once in fifty years' event. Let's hope it is another 150 years before we see such inundation again.

Kind regards,

# Council Update

## Community

- Council have made a submission to the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) for funding from Arts Queensland for funds to support the local RADF Program
- Council have applied for funding to run Seniors Week activities, awaiting the outcome.
- Council have received a \$30 000 grant from the Federal Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program to make improvements to the lighting at the Burketown Multi Purpose Courts. This will be matched by \$20 000 from Council.
- The Department of Environment and Natural Resource Management are considering Council's request to rename the township of Gregory Downs to Gregory. Community consultation by the Department is currently underway.
- Council have decided to host the Burke Shire Arts and Crafts show on a bi-annual basis. Effectively this means the Community Ball will take place in 2010, with the Arts and Crafts Show scheduled for 2011.
- Council have adopted a range of Quality Action Plans for the continued delivery of the Home and Community Care Program. The program is currently running at capacity.
- The Aquatic Facility (Swimming Pool) did sustain some damage to the pavement and sub-base areas adjacent to the Lap Pool, this is now fixed.
- Some vandalism has been reported with Toilet and BBQ facilities being targeted in the Morning Glory Park. In response to this until further notice the BBQ in Morning Glory Park has been shut down with a request to Council required for its use.

## The Environment

- Council was successful in receiving a grant from The Low Carbon Diet Community Funding Program. Educational activities will be undertaken

with school children and a light bulb replacement program will be established for domestic residences.

## The Road Network

- Council's engineering section for the past few months have been busy with various wet season activities, the major one being rehabilitating NDRRA Storm Damage and Flood Damage Emergent Works.
- This includes: opening grading on WDR 78A, pavement pot-holes on rural roads and town streets, and some specific wash-outs around culverts and bridges.
- Opening grades will continue on MR WDR 78A, MR 6801 Camooweal Road, Doomadgee Road East, Escott Road and Truganini Road as weather allows.

## Services

- Town Water Supply infrastructure was damaged in the Easter 2010 event. Supply is currently being maintained by use of stand in pumps until new equipment can be purchased and installed.
- Local artist Pete Wilcox has been engaged by Council to supply a concept drawing for the addition of a sculptural element to the Morning Glory Park water feature.
- The Burketown Aerodromes lights were damaged in the Easter 2010 event. This is being attended to as a matter of urgency.

## Events

- Planning is underway for the 2010 Order of the Outback Burke Shire Community Ball. The date set is Saturday July 3 2010. The theme may well be 'Glamour in the Gulf' .... Wait and see. The Ball Coordinator, Billy Henderson is working with an Advisory Group to bring the community a wonderful event.
- The Council once again coordinated Anzac Day memorial activities.

## Administrative Matters

- Debbie Glyde has been appointed to Council in the role of Finance Manager.

- Tenders were called and received for Tyres and Batteries and Graders, with an excellent response to both. Assessment is underway.
- Council have enlisted the services of a land tenure Consultant to move forward on some outstanding issues, including the use of the Town Common, sporting reserves and the like.
- At the March and April Meetings, Councillors have reviewed the rural properties rating categories and are to make a decision at the May meeting with regards categories for 2010-11.
- Mayor, Councillor Annie Clarke is on approved leave until May 26 2010.

## Economic Issues

- Council is contributing to the Northern Outback Development Forum. The forum was held at Normanton on May 5 2010. The forum was convened in response to the Northern Australia Task Force Land and Water report and the perceived need for the North to have a stronger voice in response to the issues threatening future growth. Councillors and the Director of Engineering Services attended.

## Councillor Travel for Delegations, Meetings and Training

- The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Ernie Camp, currently Acting Mayor participated in the 2010 Gulf Savannah Development delegation to Canberra and Brisbane to meet with relevant Ministers and government representatives.
- Councillors attended the Developing Australia's North 2010 Forum.
- Councillor Forshaw attended the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) Rural Health Standing Committee held in Townsville on March 9 2010.
- Councillors attended the North Queensland LGAQ conference in Normanton in May 2010.

# Recent Flooding in Burke Shire

Acting Mayor Cr Ernie Camp acknowledged the patience and resilience of Burke Shire residents who are bouncing back well from record flooding that occurred over Easter 2010 last week.

Cr Camp praised the efforts of local people including the Local Disaster Management Group who had worked on recovery efforts throughout the Easter weekend and during the days since.

Cr Camp paid tribute to the State

Government's support, especially that rendered by Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ). He also applauded the statement by Bruce Grady, Acting Chief Officer of EMQ that his agency sought to collaborate with Council in offering all affected residents of the Shire a hand up.

"It has been comforting to know that at every stage we have been able to rely on EMQ. They have provided a range of assistance

including the deployment of helicopters, arranging specialist tradesmen and co-ordinating recovery arrangements," Councillor Camp said.

Cr Camp recognised the assistance of other State Departments as well, in particular the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Department of Main Roads and Queensland Police. He also offered thanks to local State

member Betty Kiernan for her support and assistance and welcomed her appointment as Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Services.

"The Premier's activation of Natural Disaster Relief Recovery arrangements has given us a solid basis for hope that the significant recovery and re-construction work that is needed after the floods will be achieved" Cr Camp added

# ANZAC Day We remember

As the first light of dawn appeared over the horizon on Sunday 25 April, Anzac Day, you could hear the haunting sounds of the 'Last Post' wafting over the community that were gathered at the Burke Shire Cenotaph to show their respects to those soldiers that fought and died for our country.

For those who have never been to a Dawn Service is hard to describe the feelings and the compassion it evokes when the bugle plays the first notes of the 'Last Post'. The attendance in this years service has increased in numbers which states that the Anzac spirit is well and truly alive and the words "Lest We Forget" means as much today as it did 80 years ago.

As Burke Shire has no RSL, Council strives to fill that role on Anzac Day providing a venue where Diggers, descendants and relatives of Soldiers, and the general public can commemorate Anzac Day together. As part of this commitment, Council provided a free breakfast and free BBQ lunch to all who attended the services.

Acting Mayor Ernie Camp, officiated over the services, welcoming the public and introducing our narrators of the 'Ode'. Tyrone Cooling (Burketown School) for the Dawn Service and Adrienne Brady (Gregory School) read the 'Ode' in the morning service.

Four representatives of Delta Company 51, Far North Queensland Regiment attended the services lending an officialdom to the ceremonies. Three soldiers performed the Guard of Honor and Staff Officer, Pat Breen marched alongside the parade and read the Role of Honor.

Pastor Doug Jones led us in the Lords prayer and Denis Kerr recited the poem 'My Brother George' written by our own Vi Huxley about her brother George Smith from Brookdale Station.

At the march we had representation from Diggers, Descendants of Soldiers, School of the Air, Burketown School, Gregory School, Scouts, CWA, SES, Police and the Church. The Community played their part as they do every year and volunteered their services doing, the cooking, preparation and setting up and packing away. Thank you to all those volunteers that helped to make this such a memorable day.

Winners of the ANZAC Day Colour In competitions are as follows:

Colour in competition - Prep to Grade 3 - Shakiah Douglas (Burketown School)

Grade 4 to Grade 7 - Erin Gaff (Lawn Hill Station)



Returned Digger, Frank Potter, salutes the cenotaph to show his respect to the soldiers that didn't return.



Staff Officer, Pat Breen from Delta Company, Far North Queensland Regiment keeps the marchers in line.



Pam de Joux wears her fathers medals proudly and marches on his behalf for those that fought on the Kokoda Trail Campaign.



Staff Officer, Pat Breen, and Vietnam Vet - Harry Cooling.



Acting Mayor, Ernie Camp and Staff Officer, Pat Breen present Shakiah Douglas with her prize for the Colour In Competition.



Nicole, Shannon and Nadia made a wreath at the library for Anzac Day.

# Save money...

## Learn how to be an energy saver with the

# Burketown Energy Savers Program

Burke Shire Council and Mougibi Housing Cooperative are running a program to help Burketown residents reduce power use and save money in your homes.

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### You are entitled to

- A free visit from an energy saving expert
- Energy saving light bulbs and timers
- Tips and information for saving money on power

# WIN!

All households who participate in the program before 21 June will go into the draw to win a hamper full of energy - saving goodies for the home.



## Book Now!

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Chris at Council  
Ph: 47455100

# Small businesses urged to get online or get left behind!

Great opportunities await Gulf and Tablelands businesses wanting to 'get on-line' this year, thanks to a 'Small Business On-Line' project being offered by the Gulf and Tablelands Small Business Service.

The 'Small Business On-Line' project will allow small businesses in the Gulf and Tablelands to receive training and get individualised support to develop websites, or to develop email marketing or e-commerce activities.

"This is a great opportunity for the small business community in the Gulf and Tablelands" said Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) CEO, Rob Macalister. "The ability of the internet to promote your products and keep in touch with your customers is particularly relevant to businesses in regional and remote areas" he added.

A survey undertaken by GSD last year showed that only 19% of small

businesses in the Gulf had websites and only 4% were doing sales over the internet. In addition, only one Gulf business had an email newsletter to keep in touch with customers.

The 'Small Business On-Line' project kicks off with a series of free workshops to be held in Burketown, Karumba, Mt Surprise, Atherton, Malanda, Mareeba and Chillagoe. These 2-hour workshops include topics aimed at those without much experience of e-business, such as 'Why Go On-Line', and more advanced topics, such as 'Rank #1 on Google'. There is also a 'Tourism Marketing On-Line' workshop aimed at the special needs of the tourism industry. These face-to-face workshops will be followed up by 'on-line workshops', 'webinars' and an IT Expo later in the year.

"In addition to the workshops, eligible businesses can also get up

to six hours of free individualised support from our expert panel" added Mr Macalister. "This individualised support is only available to businesses who have attended a workshop. We are anticipating high demand for these services and it will be allocated on a first-in, first served basis from small businesses located in one of the following Shires: Tablelands, Etheridge, Carpentaria, Burke, Mornington, Doomadgee" he added.

"Our workshop presenters are all committed to supporting the small business community in the north and include Nicky Jurd of cityofcairns.com, Robert Rutten of RuttenTech and Jeanette Sturiale, a Mareeba based email marketing specialist. We also thank businesses including SkyTrans Airlines and Telstra who have come on-board to help deliver the program" said Mr Macalister.

The Gulf and Tablelands Small Business Service was established in 2009 as a partnership between Gulf Savannah Development and Tablelands Futures Corporation (TFC). Savannah Way Limited has joined GSD and TFC to help deliver the 'Small Business On-Line' project, which is an Australian Government funded initiative.

In addition to the 'Small Business On-Line' project, the Gulf and Tablelands Small Business Service will continue to provide the services of its experienced small business officer, Ms Sue Fairley, and low-cost access to legal, financial and other specialised advice.

Contacts:

Rob Macalister - CEO, Gulf Savannah Development  
0447 167 092

Sue Fairley - Small Business Advisory Office  
0417 735 724

## Sunday school and night gospel meetings

Burketown Community Hall

### Dates

30 May 2010  
13 June 2010  
18 July 2010

### Times

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

### Contact

Doug & Faye Jones  
Ph: (07) 4745 5058

## Burketown Bargain Barn

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- with bargains galore.

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## We're having a Ball!

It is that time again when we ferret out our glad rags and head off to the Burke Shire 'Order of the Outback Ball'. In 2008, you will remember we had a Masquerade ball, this year's theme is yet to be finalised but will most likely portray the theme of 'Glamour in the Gulf'. Keep your eyes on public notice boards for flyers advertising this event.

The date to remember is Saturday July 3 2010.

For more information please contact Billy at the Council office Ph: 47455100



## Results From Gregory Races May 1<sup>st</sup> 2010

### Start Construction Class B H'cap 800m

1 Zaha's Gem	Keith Ballard	Denise Ballard
2 Thechamphishere	Dan Ballard	Denise Ballard
3 Rory's Peak	Scott McCullum	Ray Ryder

Time 46.29sec Margin Neck x ¾ L

### Curley Transport/Escott Station QTIS Class 2 H'cap 1000m

1 Galaxy Gold	John Rudd	Grant Wiles
2 Pure Passion	Scott McCullum	Les Smerdon
3 Bibiana	Shaun Mossman	Damien Finter

Time 58.38sec 1L x 1/2L

### Stocklick Trading /Ray White Rural Richmond Class 6 Plate 1000m

1 Shudule Gee	Dan Ballard	Denise Ballard
2 Red Rae	Aaron Spradau	Jay Morris
3 Pressure's On	Scott McCallum	Les Smerdon

Time 57.02sec 6L x 3 ½ L

### Columba Catholic College Class 4 H'cap 1000m

1 Audit	Chad Pay	Jay Morris
2 Raw Nerve	John Rudd	Grant Wiles
3 Fabric of Dreams	Aaron Spradau	Steve Royes

Time 58.38sec 2 ¾ L x ½ L

### Gordon Smith Memorial Open H'cap 1000m

1 Double Dip	Aaron Spradau	Wayne Crossland
2 Supertax	Dan Ballard	Denise Ballard
3 Gold Card	David Jones	Kerry Krogh

Time 57.68sec ½ L x ½ L



Above: Winner of Race 1 -Start Construction Class B Handicap - Zahals Gem, Trainer, Denise Ballard, Jockey, Keith Ballard, and Owners. Trophy presented by John Clarke.

Right: Bev Webber winner of 'Fashion of the Fields' with husband Allen.



## Results From Gregory Bull Spectacular 2010

### Poddy Ride:

1 Tyler Chong	48
2 John Bathern	47
3 Hunter Chong	33

### Ringers Chance

1 John Elliot	69
1 Stanley Kerr	69
3 LJ Forshaw`	68

### Calf Scruffing

1 Ryan Betts and Lawrence Jones (from Lorraine Stn)	
2 Paul Everingham and Blaire Taber (from Gregory Downs)	
3 Ben Spry and Christof VanDeel-Heede (from Lorraine Station)	

### Open Bullock Ride

1 Terry Nimble	74
2 Simon Grimson	46

### Open Bull Ride

1 Terry Nimble	73
2 Marcus Harold	69
3 Clint Kelly	63



Students of Columba School supporting the 'Columba Catholic College Class 4 Handicap



David Arnold, Fiona ,Hannah, Jessie & Rachel. Jessie won her section fo 'Fashion of the Fields'.

## May Day Weekend at Gregory

Numbers were down this year but it was still a very enjoyable weekend for those who attended whether they came for the Canoe Race, Horse Racing or the Bull Spectacular or all three events.

The racing fraternity enjoyed a chicken and champagne luncheon, fashions on the field and a good turn up of horses with on average five horses per race. Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors and especially our major sponsors, Bill and Libby Luxton; Shane and Therese McElligott and Burke Shire Council.

The Bull Spectacular was a hit usual with many spectacular thrills and spills. Thanks to Bethel Bulls for

supplying the livestock.

Although the numbers were down slightly the race was still hotly contested with Jamie Gardner & George Lowe taking out the feature race TK2 Mixed Challenge

A big thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers and to Burke Shire for grading the roads and tracks and doing the rubbish collection.



This year at the Gregory River Canoe Race, the Delta Company 51 FNQR Canoe team did very well, over all the team came 3rd in our division, the Corporate division. This year not only did we enter a team in the race, but we also provided the safety communications for the event. It was a busy time for our soldiers but all had a very good time and are looking forward to next years event.

# Burke Shire Event Calendar

<b>26 &amp; 27 June</b>	<b>Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports</b>	Contact: Sue Clarke Ph: 07 4748 5575 Fax: 07 4748 5670
<b>3 July</b>	<b>Order of the Outback Ball</b>	Burke Shire Council
<b>14 August – 22 August</b>	<b>Seniors Week</b>	Burke Shire Council
<b>TBA August</b>	<b>Arts &amp; Craft Show</b>	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 4745 5100 Fax: 4745 5181
<b>TBA August/Sept</b>	<b>Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports</b>	Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193
<b>8 – 12 September</b>	<b>Gregory Mini School</b>	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Gregory CWA Horse Sports</b>	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585

## Queensland CWA Gregory Branch

The Gregory Branch of the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) has been going strong for over 40 years. We are part of the North West Division of QCWA which stretches from Mt Isa - Hugenden-Boulia-Normanton/Gregory. We currently have 14 members and would love to welcome others into our branch. We hold meetings approximately 4 times a year at Gregory Community Hall or member's homes.

As a Branch we cater for various functions, run an annual horse sports and family fun day, an annual Christmas function and welcome new babies into our community.

We also assist with the running of the Clinic building at Gregory and the annual SOTA mini school in September. We enjoy getting together to work on projects to better our community, support each other and other women and their families throughout the State.

Another aim of the QCWA is to study other countries to broaden our knowledge and interest in the world. A magazine goes out bi-monthly to all members to keep them up to date with the happenings of the organisation State wide. Our current executive is Kylie Camp "Floraville" (President), Rose-Marie Newton

"Talawanta" (Secretary), Sue Clarke "Almora" (Treasurer) and Vanessa Restall "Wernadinga" (International Officer). Please

contact the President on 47 485585 if you would like to find out more.



CWA members, Annie Clarke, Kylie Camp, Rose-Marie Newton and Tracy Forshaw with the QLD Governor, Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley (centre).

## Burke Shire Home and Community Care Report

### Hacc Happenings

With three sewing machines now working overtime our clients have been busy.

These past couple of months have seen the HACC ladies producing some wonderful crafts. These include several beautiful patchwork covers that have been sewn with care also a variety of soft toys. Knitted items are now being undertaken. On completion the items will be sent as part of our project to a hospital to be used in the "special care" Children's Ward. With our "Kindy Project"

completed the ladies are looking forward to presenting our local Kindergarten with eight sets of sheets that several of the ladies have made for the beds at the centre. We hope to do this by organizing a fun morning and doing joint crafts with them.

Our men have been helping with odd jobs as well as enjoying CBDC activities. Our cement patio at the entrance to the hall has also been given a new coat of paint.

Our Trash and Treasure held mid March was a great success with the proceeds being set aside for our trip to the Camooweal Drovers

Camp in August.

An enjoyable early Easter Luncheon at Savannah Lodge was had by HACC with the Councillors joining them. We plan on having regular lunches and morning teas over the next few months so the clients are seen out and about the town.

On Wednesday May 5 we embarked on a day trip to Sweers Island where we spent the day fishing and enjoying "beach activities". The seven clients that participated were very excited to be flying with Savannah Aviation over to Sweers Island. All caught

loads of fish and had a wonderful day.

Up and Coming Events:

On 13<sup>th</sup> May I will be attending a HACC Forum in Mt Isa where I have been asked to "Showcase" Burke Shire HACC.

At present we have thirteen clients on our books with two clients having left the Shire.

The weather is still preventing our out of town clients from venturing in to CBDC.

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

## Stained Glass And Copperfoil Workshop

Burke Shire Council is holding a workshop to learn the craft of stained glass and copperfoil. This 9 day workshop will be held from Tuesday 15 to Wednesday 23 June 2010 at the CWA Hall Gregory. Dermott Clifford will be conducting the workshop and has conducted workshops in Normanton over the last 2 years and in Burketown last year.

The course is limited to a maximum of 10 places per class – Classes will be held for 4 hours during the day and 4 hours in the evening for those who can't attend during the day. Cost to the public is

tool hire and price of materials used which ranges between \$50 to \$150 depending on the projects you choose. To learn the basics of stained glass and copper foil usually takes up to 20 hours so attendance times can be flexible depending on your progress.

If you are interested in learning these crafts or require more information then please contact Cheryl Portch at Council Office on Ph: 4745 5100 during work hours. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 will need to be made to confirm your place.

You should have gloves, safety glasses & apron to participate. Dermott will have extra safety gear that can be purchased at cost price at the hall. Dermott will also have extra glass, materials and tools that can also be purchased.

This workshop is run by Burke Shire Council with the assistance of Arts Queensland through the Regional Arts Development Funding (RADF) program.



## Gregory Gang Chat

The students at the Gregory Educational Facility have had a busy start to Term 2. On Thursday 22 April, the year 5 and year 7 students along with Jessica Ernst from Southern Gulf Catchments participated in an excursion to the Gregory River to study its ecosystem. The students also gained knowledge on how to complete field reports.

On ANZAC Day, the students of the Gregory Gang proudly participated in the Burketown ANZAC Day service, with Adrienne Brady reading the Ode of Remembrance at the 11am

service.

On Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 April, we were lucky to have Mick Taylor from Southern Gulf Catchments work with us to refurbish our school garden with funds we gained from the Coles Junior Landcare School Gardens Grant. All students had a wonderful time learning about re-establishing the garden beds, how to plant seedlings, the role of composting, the lifecycle of plants and constructing food webs of the garden's ecosystem. Throughout the two days literacy and numeracy activities were incorporated into

the garden activities. A great time was had by all!

The Gregory Downs School P&C had a successful raffle which was conducted over the Gregory May Day Weekend festivities. A big thank you to Brodies Hardware Cloncurry, who very generously and kindly donated a 104L Ice Kool Ice Box as part of our raffle. Mr Kevin Anderson from Nardoo Station was the winner. Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle which raised over one thousand dollars.

Megan Brown, Principal

## Burke Shire Council ...Library News

**Are your library books overdue?**

**Do you have any old or damaged library books? Over the next two weeks, no questions asked, no penalties incurred, just place books into return basket in Council foyer. Thank you!**



### Sports Library

Hook into Hockey  
A modified hockey set has been ordered and will be available for loan to Sports Library Members.

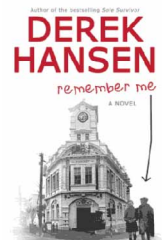
### Junior Library Members

We have a selection of new DVD'S due in and will be available for viewing after school hours, DVD of the month.



### Adult Library members

NOVEL of the month  
Derek Hansen:  
Remember Me.



## Gregory Grapevine

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

• June 10th & 24th

• July 8th & 22nd

**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

- Friday night tennis has started back up 7:00pm
- Bring along a plate of food to share
- Tennis racquets available for loan

### 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's 31st Annual Campdraft

June 26th & 27th, for more information please ring Anne Webber 47485524  
gouch1@bigpond.com or Sue Clarke 47485575  
suewoodall@bigpond.com or Ian Forshaw 47485521  
iforshaw@activ8.net.au

### Gregory SES

To join please see/ring Ian Forshaw 4748 5521

**Memorial for Maud Forshaw** will be held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend - for more information please contact Ian 4748 5521.

# North and West Queensland Primary Health Care Burketown

Date	Discipline	Staff Contact Details		
3 - 4 June 2010	Physiotherapist Dietitian Podiatrist Cultural Liaison Officer	<b>Catherine Helock</b> <i>Team Leader</i> catherineh@nwqphc.com.au 0428 723 000	<b>Hanna Mustonen</b> <i>Intern Psychologist</i> hannam@nwqphc.com.au 0409 581021	<b>Susan Whitelock</b> <i>Dietitian</i> susanw@nwqphc.com.au 0428 787251
28 - 29 June 2010	Occupational Therapist Intern Psychologist Cultural Liaison Officer	<b>Taryn Jones</b> <i>Physiotherapist</i> taryn@nwqphc.com.au 0448 958779	<b>Kate Witt</b> <i>Speech Pathologist</i> katew@nwqphc.com.au 0429 725 693	<b>Vivian Von Senden</b> <i>Cultural Liaison Officer</i> vivianv@nwqphc.com.au 0427 117029
		<b>Caroline Radowski</b> <i>Podiatrist</i> caroliner@nwqphc.com.au 0429 723000		

## Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation Inc.

As most readers would already be aware the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual World Barramundi Fishing Championships had to be cancelled this year because Burketown was inaccessible due to wet weather and flooding.

Whilst this rain has been good for the shire in general, it has unfortunately left our organisation with some "out of pocket" expenses incurred during the lead up preparations for the competition. However, all is not lost as we hope to recover from this with some raffles and merchandise sales over the coming months.

The Nintendo DS, which would have been the junior nomination prize this year, has already found a proud new owner, with Ernie Camp being the winner of our first raffle. There will be further raffles in the near future so keep your eyes on local notice boards so you don't miss out.

The single biggest expense we have incurred has been for the printing of the 2010 competition T Shirts. These shirts are the same style as last year in various sizes and colours. So if you want to acquire one or more of these "collector's

items", please contact one of the committee members listed below or Cheryl Portch at the council office to place your order.

Although we were unable to stage this year's competition, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who contributed to the event and its preparation. Sponsorship and volunteer support is imperative to the success of our competition and all contributions are very much appreciated and gratefully received.

Hopefully, the weather will be more kind to us in 2011 and our competition will be bigger and better than ever.

Cheers,

Garry Jeffries, President (Mob: 0418 711 734)

Glenda Booth, Vice President (Home: 0747 455 193)

Leonie Florence, Secretary (Mob: 0429 455 064)

Tonya Booth, Treasurer, (Mob: 0427 112 035)

## Mount Isa School of the Air "Excellence in Education in the Outback"



### Celebrating 50 Years of School of the Air in the North West and Queensland

Mount Isa School of the Air is celebrating 50 Years On Air and is planning a weekend of celebrations.

#### Event Dates:

Saturday 18th September, 2010  
Mount Isa School of the Air  
Saturday 18th September, 2010  
Mount Isa Civic Centre

11am-3pm Open Day  
6.30pm Evening Dinner

Mount Isa School of the Air  
Ph: (07) 4744 8333  
Fax: (07) 4744 8300  
PO Box 1683, Mount Isa Qld 4825  
Email: misota50@gmail.com

**50 Year Dinner**  
**18th Sept 2010**  
**For Ticket Bookings**  
**please contact R. Watt**  
**at School of the Air**

# Gulf Savannah

## Information Document

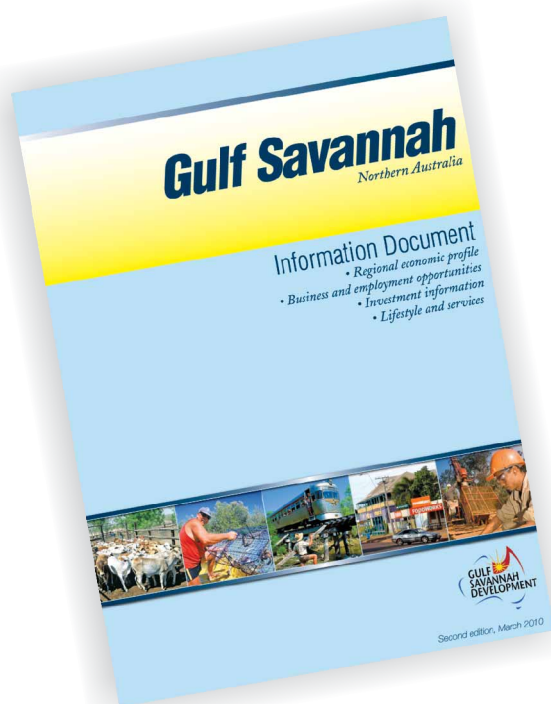


**Want to learn more about the Gulf regional economy?**

**Thinking of investing in the region?**

**Know someone who is considering moving to the Gulf?**

**Then you should get hold of the 2nd edition of the Gulf Savannah Investment Information Document – the 2nd edition is bigger and better and hot off the press!**



### What is it?

*The Gulf Savannah Investment Information Document:*

- includes a profile of the regional economy
- includes a profile on services and lifestyle in five Gulf Shires: Etheridge, Carpentaria, Burke, Doomadgee and Mornington
- identifies possible employment, business and investment opportunities across five economic sectors.

### Who should read it?

- anyone looking to buy, expand or establish a business in the region
- anyone looking at other investments in the region
- anyone looking to take up a job in the region or looking to move to the region.

### Where can I get a copy?

- download individual chapters from the internet at [www.gulf-savannah.com.au](http://www.gulf-savannah.com.au) - look under either the 'Investing' or 'Living' tabs
- get a copy from your local Shire Council office
- reference copies are also available at most Council libraries
- or request a copy from Gulf Savannah Development: [info@gulf-savannah.com.au](mailto:info@gulf-savannah.com.au) or Freecall 1800 630 119



### Gregory Downs Hotel

Accommodation  
Caravan Storage  
Meals • Camping Facilities  
**Phone: 4748 5566**

### Burketown Rainfall

January	526.2mm
February	512.2mm
March	116.6mm
April	316.2mm
Total	1471.2mm

## New Trading Hours

### Burketown Convenience Store & Post Office

As of May 4<sup>th</sup> 2010

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm  
Saturday - 9am to 2pm  
Sunday - Closed  
Public Holidays - Closed  
(times Are Subject To Change)



### Coffee and Cake

Come along and enjoy a selection of delicious Cakes and Cheesecakes.

On the Deck at Savannah Lodge  
Wednesday afternoons between 3.30pm and 5.30pm  
Meet up with friends or arrange take-away!  
\$8.50 (Tea and Hot Chocolate also available!)



### Burketown Nursery

New Stock has arrived; vegetable seedlings and more.

Orders welcome. Open weekends or by appointment.

Freight runs to Cairns and return will now be held once a month or as required. Call Greg to organise pickup.

Come see us for all your gardening supplies. **Phone: 0417 738 404**



# 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](http://www.skytrans.com.au)**

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