Burke Shire Council Newsletter



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We Had A Ball

Burke Shire Order of the Outback Awards Ball

The theme this year was "Glamour in the Gulf" in dramatic red and black. Guests walked the red carpet on arrival in eager anticipation of the announcement of the winner for this biannual award.

The Order of the Outback Award is to honour those people or organisations who selflessly provide service, support and recognition to the people of the outback. This year, for the first time ever, there was a dual winner and welcomed to the stage was flying Padre's; Reverend Gary Hardingham (Uniting Church) and Chaplain Simon Steele (Salvation Army). Both Gary and Simon play a vital role in outback communities bringing support and spiritual guidance services to those in remote towns and properties.

This year "Bandana" a 14 piece stage band with vocalist from Mount Isa headlined the event along with Jordan Brodie, a guitarist from Cairns. Bandana also presented the local Burketown State School with a \$600.00 cheque to purchase a music programme. Jordan donated his time and the guests were awed at this young guitarists skill.

Amanda Wilkinson was named Glamour Queen and Damian Lamaro held the title of Glamour King. Brother and sister Zara and Aiden where named Prince and Princess of the evening. The lucky door prize went to Trevor Jones.

The 2010 Awards Ball was made possible with the support of sponsors from Downs Media, MMG Limited, Hastings Deering, Meteor Car and Truck Rental, Teck Australia, Skytrans, Burketown Caravan Park, Savannah Lodge and Burketown Nursery. Also a big thank you to the advisory group members Glenda Chong, Amanda Wilkinson, Courtney Forshaw, Kylie Camp, Pam de Joux, Chris Armstrong, Billie and all the council staff and volunteers that helped make this a great night.



Mayor Annie Clark with 'Order of the Outback Award' recipients Reverend Gary Hardingham (Uniting Church) and Chaplain Simon Steele (Salvation Army).



The Ball Advisory Committee. **Back row**- Courtney Forshaw, Chris Armstrong, Pam de Joux, Billie Henderson. **Front row** – Kylie Camp and Amanda Wilkinson. Missing is Glenda Chong.

Mayor Annie Clarke congratulates Amanda Wilkinson on winning 'Glamour Queen' of the ball.



''Bandana''



The winners of the 'Glamour' titles at the ball. Damian Lamaro – Glamour King, Amanda Wilkinson – Glamour Queen, Aidan Camp – Glamour Prince, Zara Camp – Glamour Princes, Col Baker – Glamour Monarch.

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Message from the Mayor



It has certainly been exciting to get back a n d s e e t h e productivity in the Shire and the good state of the country after the devastating floods. The place is alive with road

works, functions, tourists and the mustering.

My sincere thanks go to our Deputy Mayor, Ernie Camp who acted as Mayor in my absence and the other Councillors as well as our CEO Leanne Mash, DES Dennis Kerr and the Staff who managed the drama of the floods and recovery. Many of the Community have commented to me of their appreciation for the wonderful job which was done under such extreme duress, and with Acting CEO John Brady who managed his quick introduction to extreme Burke Shire conditions with outward calm and perhaps a few inward qualms. Our loving thanks go to our families who are so closely involved, but not as conspicuously and without whose support the rest of us would not be able to be involved in the way we are.

The welcome back after my leave has been warm and it is great to see family and friends even if we are making hamburgers at the very successful campdraught at Gregory, or dancing the night away at the most Glamorous in the Gulf Order of the OutBack Ball. Both functions were indeed spectaculars for obviously different reasons and I am filled with pride by the number of compliments I hear about the well-run functions by people who are amazed at the delicious meals and the wonderful hospitality of the Burke Shire Communities.

Without the volunteers and Council staff who make these events possible we wouldn't be the vibrant place to live that we are. The Ball will certainly live in my memory for the following reasons; the decoration of the hall which set a tone comparable to any function I have ever attended anywhere and left me wideeyed and speechless; the remarkable band which exposed us to something not available in the Shire but which left us tapping our feet and setting a mood; the wonderful generosity of the band which will leave a legacy for the school children of Burketown with the development of a music program; the generosity of the sponsors who enable the committee to develop the occasion into the special treat that it was; the recognition of the Uniting Church and the Salvation Army as our recipients of the Order of the Outback for the unforgettable relief and support they have provided to the peoples of the outback; generally the teamwork of the committee and the staff for pulling off the extravaganza before during and after the event and last but not least the emotional response of gratitude from my husband Les when through the generosity and thoughtfulness of the Camp Family of Floraville his efforts of support of 16 plus years of my activity in Local Government were reflected in the wonderfully funny but accurate cartoon picture of him keeping the home fires burning.

One unfortunate incident of intimidation marred the fun and joy of the Ball for a group of young people from the south west of the Shire. After being subjected to threats on their arrival into Burketown, the mixed group of young women and men decided the sensible course of action was to leave town and miss the Ball. It is a worrying state of affairs when young people find themselves the subjected to this kind of unprovoked and unwanted attention. Every week we read of young adults needlessly assaulted in the more populated urban environments; it is an utter shame that Burke Shire is now not immune from this.

Our CEO Leanne Mash and her family the Marshall boys, Col, Jake and Riley will be missed, following their decision to



Well it is over half way through the year and Christmas will be upon us before we know it as we make a mad rush to get everything done before the rains comes again.

I would like to wish Leanne, Colin, Jake and Riley all the best in their new home. Leanne will be sadly missed as our CEO as the improvements Le brought to Burke Shire will be with us in years to come.

What a BALL.!! Congratulations to the Ball Committee as well as all the Outside Crew whom made our old hall look GLAMOUROUS. When we walked through the doors on Saturday night we thought we had stepped into another world. The work done outside the hall including the paving and grass has really tidied up the area. Good job to the blokes and gals who learnt new skills that we can show off their work.

Bitumen, bitumen and more bitumen, isn't it lovely to see the black tar go down. Our CEO, Leanne and Engineer, Dennis, keep pushing the leave the Burke Shire. Family reasons and the boys' educational needs were the catalyst for the decision and with respect for that decision, I regretfully accepted their decision. The brightness, vitality and stability of Leanne's leadership style has set the bar high for Burke Shire's future; her management, decision making and fairness has kept us in an enviable financial position with well-trained, happy and appropriate staff with processes and practices in place which will be maintained by an Acting CEO in conjunction with the staff who now have clear operational guidelines to follow. On behalf of Council and Community I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Leanne and her family for being a part of the community and for leaving us with good memories and the legacy of a way forward.

We hope to have a new Chief Executive Officer appointed by early to mid October and have had significant high quality interest from would be applicants. As always my door remains open to residents and ratepayers alike should you wish to discuss Council activities or future plans.

Annie Clarke Mayor, Burke Shire

right button and we are getting more funding, so that hopefully we will have bitumen all the way to Burketown sooner rather than later.

We hope to finalise the Council budget in July, with the adoption, and again thanks to our management in keeping our Shire in a very healthy state. Under the new Local Government Act we have to have major community consultation for Council's 10 year Community Plan, so we are off on a road show over the coming months. This means we will be travelling around and talking to people all over the Shire, it will also give us a good look at the roads throughout the Shire. I am looking forward to visiting and having a cuppa with you all.

In August I hope to go to the Annual Local Government Conference in Mackay. I have been to the last 2 and I find it is very beneficial as you get to meet up with different State and Federal Ministers, which enables us to push for more services and funding for Burke Shire. September also will be a busy month with the School of the Air's 50th Birthday celebrations, the Burketown Campdraft and the Gregory QCWA horse sports.

Take care, regards

CrTracy Forshaw



I have been very busy this past month, now that it has dried up, doing stockwork and other work on the station in an effort to make up for lost time due to the extended wet. This is why I have not been out and about as much. No doubt you have noticed the flurry of works and roads activities as Council also seeks to do the same. Please be patient during this time if such work causes delays to you - it is unintentional but necessary to improve the Shire's access and assets.

We have been privileged here at "Floraville" to have been visited by a team of palaeontologists and field assistants led by Henk Godthelp. They regularly visit us to undertake field work. This time we were all quite excited by the discovery of what appears to be a complete skeleton of a diprotodon (ancient plant eating, wombat like animal the size of a hippo that weighed up to 2 tonne). The apparent completeness of the skeleton makes this quite a rare find. They are also excited because they are hoping to be able to use relatively new technology to date the fossil. The existence of this fossil plus many others found over time here, to me, prove that the Plains of Promise have indeed had a rich heritage as a grazing area for herds for tens of thousands of years. Natasha also found the vertebrae of a long extinct snake that would have been 15 m long with a jaw length of about 30 cm which she gave to the team as this too was of interest. I hope that one day the Shire will have a facility that allows us to showcase another facet of our diverse heritage. A short time ago I, along with other Council representatives, attended the historic Native Title Determination in Burketown. It was great to see the performance after lunch and I only wish that my children had been there to witness the dancers and enjoy a great afternoon's entertainment. I look forward to future displays of such quality, showcasing our cultural heritage.

I was also in attendance at the Order of the Outback Ball. The hall looked amazing and the event was once again a great success. My thanks to Council staff and the advisory committee who put in the hard yards to ensure its success. I congratulate the Salvation Army Outback Flying Service and the Uniting Church Flying Patrol on receiving the Order of the Outback. I look forward to dining with the Senior Citizens of the Shire during upcoming Seniors week and to seeing you at the upcoming opening of the Albert River Park, another great community facility.

Cr Ernie Camp



There was a prevention exercise held at Hell's Gate during the period 27th of June to the 2nd of July.

People from Kowanyama, Charters Towers, Mareeba, Darwin Uni, Borroloola and Burketown and a Regional Officer from the Gold Coast were in attendance.

The first day was a class on fire technique and safety, in the morning, and after lunch a controlled burn along the south side of our air strip, with all of the points, discussed at the morning session, in place.

This was to gauge and study the behavior of the fire. The next day the exercise started, with the plane doing incendiary bombing, and rangers on the ground, checking the positions of the fire, and preventing the uncontrolled spreading of the burns.

Allan went for a flight, after the exercise was finished, and was impressed with the standard of the burn. He is confident that the breaks should prevent most outside fires from entering our zone and border regions. On Friday night we had a joint bar-bcue for everyone. The consensus was, that everyone was very pleased with the end result, and the camaraderie within the entire group of people was quite noticeable.

I would like to see this, as a yearly training program, with properties, Rural Fire Reps, National Parks, and Rangers all working together, with Gulf and N.T. Border Groups.

Cr Bill Olive



Hello.What a busy year, there's been so much happening in and around the shire in the past few months that's kept everyone busy. A big thank you to all involved in the success of the 2010 Order of the Outback ball and the Gregory Campdraft. These are two events that are great for the Shire and enioved by all.

Thanks also for your patience around the many road works sites across the Shire. I hope all the students and parents enjoyed a safe & happy holiday period during the June/July school break and have settled back in to Term 3 of the year.

Stay safe & smiling.

CrTonya Murray



Message from the **CEO**

Welcome to the August Burke Shire Newsletter. I am purposely saying Burke Shire as you may have noticed we have been evolving the newsletter into something more than solely an update about Council.We are now including a local directories section.

Council sees this as valid given that we don't have a local paper or radio station and as such the newsletter provides a forum for businesses and services to communicate with you regarding what is on offer in the Shire. So flip to the inner back page and cast your eye over our expanded directory.

We will also be aiming to include at least one 'human interest' story each edition. This may highlight achievements of a local hero, it might take a look back in time or share insights about someone's passion. This time we are sharing something of the Webber family and their 100 year history in the Shire. If you have any ideas for future editions please drop Cheryl Portch an email or call her at Council.

As always the newsletter will continue to provide an update on Council works and decisions, will give Councillors a space to communicate with you and offer our community groups a voice to report their activities, good deeds and upcoming event. All in all a well rounded publication that to date has generated a good response from readers. It's rewarding to receive a phone call from

Nellie Chong, as an out of Shire ratepayer who receives the newsletter, and thinks it's a great read.Thanks Nellie.

In recent months Councillors have been working on bringing about the 2010-11 budget. This year will see record amounts of road works being funded, given the improved capture of data by council officers to use in the submission process.As always we have our flood events to 'thank' for the ability to access this funding source.

In addition to a continued focus on roads maintenance and construction. Council has moved forward with the establishment of four new roles. During July, advertisements appeared on Shire notice boards, in the Courier Mail, the Cairns Post, the Townsville Bulletin, the Mount Isa Star and online seeking the services of a payroll and human resources officer, an executive assistant, a regional partnerships and media officer and an additional mechanic. By the time you read this the recruitment process will be well underway and is being managed by Logo. Council is looking forward to a great result.

You may be aware that this is the last time I will write to you as the CEO of Burke Shire. Due to family reasons and educational needs we have made the decision to leave the Shire. This decision was made all the more difficult as I love my job, I enjoy the organisational culture we are developing within Council and I am surrounded by decent staff who do their best and willing Councillors who engage in the process of Local Government, giving their all.

That's not to say my 12 months have not been without challenges, there have been challenges. Some I have handled well, others I have learnt from and would choose to do differently next time. My personal thanks goes to Councillor Annie Clarke and Councillor Ernie Camp, as the Mayor and Acting Mayor respectively, that I have worked with during the last year. Leadership in local government is not an easy road to travel and I want to say that working with both these people and their fellow Councillors has been a highlight of my time here.

In addition, to those people, both within Council and the wider community who have supported me, offered me honest opinion and friendship, I say a big thankyou to you.

To date there has been a record amount of interest in the CEO role and by mid September the announcement of a new appointment will have been made. As a community I am sure you will make this person and his/her family feel welcome and move forward under their management. In closing I see a bright future for the Shire.

If I can add one last thing it's a favourite saying, an oldie but a goodie from Henry Ford "Whether you think you can or think you can't, you are right." I choose to think I can, you might too. My best to you now and into the future.



Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Rob Noble in the capacity of Acting CEO.

Mr Noble has over 20 years in Queensland Local Government and was the CEO of Caboolture Shire Council for over 12 years. He brings with him extensive

organisational experience and real expertise in people management.

Council looks forward to welcoming Mr Noble to the community and benefiting from his years of local government experience.



Mayoral Budget Statement

At Council's Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 21 July 2010, Burke Shire Council adopted the 2010-2011 budget. Budgeted operational expenditure for the year is to be in the vicinity of \$18.3m.There is a significant increase in operational expenditure over the previous year of approximately \$8m due mainly to the two significant flood events in December -January and April this year, which resulted in significant damage to the Shire's infrastructure.

The 2010/11 budget allows for growth in the Council's human resources and service areas, as well as continuing to complete existing capital works and provide for new capital works expenditure. In 2010/11 new capital projects of approximately \$3.9m are planned to replenish plant; to improve road infrastructure, council facilities and housing stock; and to enhance community facilities in Burketown and Gregory. This year will also see the introduction of a garbage service to occupied residential and non-residential properties in Gregory.

Given the current economic climate it is inevitable that Council is experiencing a rise in the cost of doing business and as such Council must pass these increases onto rate payers so that service delivery levels and current standards are maintained. In doing this Council has endorsed a 5.8% increase in General Rates and Utility Charges, in line with the Council Cost Index as published by the Local Government Association of Queensland. Ratepayers across Queensland, and especially in the large Brisbane councils, have experienced rate increases which are much higher.

Councilors take their financial responsibilities to the Shire, our communities and future generations very seriously. It is Council's intention to remain debt free, and this is reflected in the budgeted four year forecast period to 2014/15. We believe that the 2010/11 budget is both realistic and responsible.

Councillor Annie Clarke



Council Update

Community

- Council have re-established the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) advisory committee to advise Council on aspects of the local RADF Program.
- A Stained Glass and Copper Foil workshop was held at Gregory
- A Mosaic Workshop was held in Burketown.
- Council were successful in receiving funding to run Seniors Week activities.
- The community consultation by the Department of Environment and Natural Resource Management regarding Council's request to rename the township of Gregory Downs to Gregory has been completed and Council awaits an outcome.
- The Aquatic Facility (Swimming Pool) damage sustained during flood events has been repaired. Artificial grass has also replaced the tired gardens and has added to the amenity of the facility. Additionally a Blue Emergency Phone has been installed which dials the Council office as a default number or can be used to dial 000 in an emergency.
- The BBQ in Morning Glory Park has been reopened.
 The Home and Community Care (HACC) program
- The Home and Community Care (HACC) program has purchased three sewing machines and the clients have been busy making wonderful things. 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.
- In May there was a day trip to Sweers Island where HACC clients 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.
- Council declined to support Savannah Sporting Team Inc. and the provision of boxing as a recreational sport in Burketown at this point in time. Further that as part of the Long Term Community Plan process Council will seek to better understand the recreational aspirations of Shire residents and can then, if appropriate support is forth coming revisit this proposal.
- Council endorsed the use of the \$3000 cash donation for the Burketown State School to be used for the 2010 Croydon Touch Football carnival.
- Henry James Clarke, previously of Armaynald Station has written and published a book called Old Times – No Guts No Glory and has graciously donated a copy to the Burke Shire Library.
- Council has nominated several Shire seniors for the Premier's Awards for Queensland Seniors that seeks to recognise the contribution of volunteers over 60 years of age.
- Council nominated two young athletes for recognition under the BHP Billiton North Queensland Development Bursaries scheme, being Hayley Booth and Gordon Arnold. Both were successful and will receive their cheques later in the year.

The Environment

 The Low Carbon Diet Community Program is underway and is working with the Burketown and Gregory Schools to provide educational activities for the school children and a light bulb replacement program for domestic residences.

The Road Network

- Flood Damage Emergent Works and Restoration activities have now been undertaken and emergent opening grades on Main Roads - WDR 78A, Camooweal 6801 and Gregory Lawn Hill, Doomadgee Lawn Hill, Bowthorn, Mellish Park, Nugaburra, Doomadgee West, Riversleigh, Lawn Hill National Park Roads are either done or programmed
- Further restoration works continue on Bowthom and Nugaburra Roads, Riversleigh and the Gregory Lawn Hill, Doomadgee West Roads.

Services

- Town Water Supply infrastructure has been repaired.
- There has been one SES Burketown activation to find a father and 15 year son in a boat who were lost with no fuel in the Salt Arm river off the Albert River: Incident was reported to Mount Isa police and the police asked Council to assist. The SES Burketown unit responded. The two persons were located safe and well and returned to the boat ramp.
- All food premises have been advised that the Environmental Health Officer inspector will be in the Shire from August 2 2010.

Events

 The Order of the Outback Ball was held on July 3 2010. An advisory group was formed and this group made suggestions to Council on the overall delivery of the event. See the separate article on the Ball in this newsletter:

Administrative Matters

- Mayor, Councillor Annie Clarke returned from leave on May 26 2010.
- A number of staff from the outdoor workforce have undertaken training for a variety of operations, machinery and plant. Success rates have been high and the crew are to be congratulated for their efforts. An awards breakfast was held to celebrate these achievements.
- Council have engaged Morrison and Low to assist with the development of the Burke Shire Council Community Engagement Policy.
- The closing balance of the Queensland Treasury Corporation cash fund for May was 6,859,987.67
- Debtors have decreased by almost \$67 000 due to receipts for private works while rates was further reduced by \$133 000 from March balance due to the payments made by two ratepayers.
- CEO, Finance Manager and the Executive Assistant attended the Women in Local Government professional development course.
- The Finance Manager, Executive Assistant and Ranger attended work task specific training in Normanton.
- The Finance Manager and the Customer Service Officer attended document management training with regards the introduction of a new electronic records management system for Council.
- Councillors are discussing the introduction of a Portfolio arrangement, where by two Councillors would be nominated to each identified portfolio. In some cases one Councillor would be seen as the 'lead' and the other Councillor as the back up. While in other situations the Councillors might choose to share the role in a partnership like arrangement, with each taking responsibility for certain areas within the portfolio area or jointly overseeing the entire portfolio. This is an ongoing discussion.

- The Operation Plan 2010-11 was adopted as presented at the June meeting.
- Annual Fees and Charges for 2010- 2011 were adopted at the June meeting.
- In late 2009 Council was advised by way of a letter from the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) that a complaint involving our Mayor, Councillor Annie Clarke and works on Punjaub Road were the subject of an investigation. Almost to 12 months to the day Council has now received a letter from the CMC that states that the Commission have now completed their investigations into this and all other matters raised around the same time. Investigations have found no wrong doing and no evidence to support the notion that the Mayor acted in any other manner than was appropriate. Council is also pleased to note that the CMC have found no evidence that Mayor Clarke had any improper involvement in any decision making relating to the road in question or it's funding. The CMC advises that it intends to take no further action in relation to this allegation.

Economic Issues

- Tourism Queensland Destination Planning Officer and Regional Director meet with the CEO as part of the consultation process for the Tourism Opportunities Plan that is being developed for the Outback, Gulf and Western Downs. A draft report will come back to Council for comment prior to publication.
- FrankThomas is back at the Burketown Visitor Information Centre (VIC) and the centre is now open for the season.
- Council is developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Burketown Barramundi Fishing Club to provide for the sustainable operation of the Burketown Barramundi Grow Out Facility.
- Mineral Mines Group General Manager Mr Karl Spaleck came and spoke with Council about their Century operations.
- Teck Australia Pty Ltd –Michael Taylor and Rodney Maier and spoke with Council about their business.

Town Planning and Development

 Council have issued a Development Permit for the Material Change of Use Application for Reconfiguration (1 Lot into 2 Lots) on land described as Lot 504 on SP 166309, located at Gregory Street, Burketown, to create Lot 1 on SP 232028 and Lot 2 on SP 232028.

Councillor Travel

- Mayor, Councillor Annie Clarke attended the Women in Local Government professional development course and the Royalties for Regional Queensland workshop.
- Mayor, Councillor Annie Clarke attended a meeting to discuss the implications of the federal government's proposed super tax on the mining sector:
- As Acting Mayor Councillor Ernie Camp attended the Gulf Savannah Development meeting in Burketown and the Gulf Energy Forum. Councillors Bill Olive and Tracy Forshaw also attended these meetings, as did the CEO.
- Councillor Forshaw was Principal for a Day at both Burketown and Gregory Schools.
- Councillors Camp and Forshaw and the CEO attended the Native Title Consent Determinations Hearing QUD84/04 and AUD/66/05 Gangalidda and Garawa People v State of Queensland in Burketown.
- The Mayor was at the meeting regarding the mining super tax.

Burke Shire Event Calendar

18 August	Seniors Week	Burke Shire Council Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193			
TBA September	Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports				
8 – 12 September	Gregory Mini School	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585			
ТВА	Gregory CWA Horse Sports	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph:07 4748 5585			

Library news



De Ryan and Pam de Joux taking advantage of the free internet service at the library for seniors.

Burke Shire Council Library has Broadband for Seniors up and running. Internet use and training is free for Seniors. Please phone 47455100 if you require an appointment for tutoring with Jenny Williams or Chris Armstrong.

Broadband for Seniors aims to provide older Australians with access to computers and the Internet via free Internet kiosks, support seniors to gain confidence and build skills in using new technology, address the issue of older Australians feeling isolated and 'left behind' in a technological age, and build community participation and social inclusion amongst older Australians. Broadband for Seniors is part of the wider Australian



New set up at the Burke Shire Library.

Government initiative "Making Ends Meet - Plan for Older Australians, People with Disabilities and Carers". The Australian Government through the department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is committing \$5 million each year over 3 years (2008-09 to 2010-11) for NEC Australia Pty Ltd to develop and implement a Broadband for Seniors initiative.

This initiative is aimed at people aged 50 years and over who have never had the opportunity to learn how to operate a computer or explore the Internet and who feel threatened by this technology or believe it is too late to learn. People in this group who have a desire to learn can freely do so with help from their peers in a

familiar environment.

They will learn how to use a computer, how to explore information on the World Wide Web and how to stay in touch with friends and family online. The Broadband for Seniors concept is to provide a seniors-friendly environment where they can come and learn basic computer and Internet skills.

The planned outcome for Broadband for Seniors is to increase the confidence and skills of older Australians in using computers and the Internet, as well as helping to build their community participation and social inclusion. The program teaches seniors the basics of how to use a computer, Internet Explorer, Gmail and WordPad.

Burke Shire Home and Community Care report

Our clients have been enjoying an array of crafts at CBDC which include fancywork, patchwork and crochet to more involved beaded key rings

Scrabble and bingo are still a once a week event with all having fun while they listen to their own selection of music.

We now have a new addition to our Unit being a Yamaha Electronic Organ which the ladies are keen to learn to play. Some off them have been trying out their musical talents on a smaller keyboard and managing quite well.

In May I attended the HACC Forum in Mt Isa to bring us up to date with the relevant changes taking place in Home and Community Care. Also had meetings with Diversicare and Dementia Advisors.

Being away on holidays in May/June didn't slow down the number of visits to our unit,

With visits from: Family Centre - Primary Health Care,

ACAT - HACC Service Development Manager, Allied Health, Ladies from a Aged Care Facility in NSW.

We recently had our Quality Action Plan and National Standards Review over a three day period which over the past few months has meant a lot of preparation, preparing and renewing policies etc. I am happy to report that our Performance Rating against Standards was marked "high". Our intake of clients at presence is eleven with a further two showing an interest in joining.

REMINDER of your RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES.

As a HACC client you have the right to: 1. Be treated with respect and dignity. Service should be

- responsive to your social, cultural and physical needs.
- 2. To be informed and consulted. 3.
- To be part of decisions about your care.
- 4. To receive quality service.

- 5. To privacy and confidentiality.
- 6 To an advocate.
- 7 To make a complaint.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PEOPLE PROVIDINGYOUR CARE:

As a service user your responsibilities are to:

Treat staff and volunteers with respect and courtesy. 2. Act in a way that respects the rights of other clients

and service staff.

3. Take responsibility for the results of any decisions which you may make with staff about your care.

4. To be aware of the service you are receiving and the limitations of that service.

For all enquiries on our HACC Program please contact: Program Leader Pam deJoux at the Shire Office on PH: 4745 5100

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invitation

to join with the Burke Shire Seniors to celebrate Seniors Week where the

Past Meets the Future Wednesday 18 August 2010

Burke Shire Council is please to invite all community members to attend the Seniors Day event "The Past Meets the Future" on Wednesday 18 August 2010 at the Burke Shire Hall starting at **12noon**

To celebrate this occasion Council is hosting an event where our Seniors and Juniors showcase their days at school. This display will include the Seniors showing how school days were for them including games, lunches, discipline, and writing implements. In turn the Juniors will show the Seniors what their typical day at school entails.

The display will be followed by a buffet luncheon with Burke Shire Councillors.

For catering purposes please **RSVP** by Tuesday 10 August 2010 by contacting the Council Office.

Any seniors that may need help attending this event in regards to transport please contact Cheryl Portch at Council on phone number - **4745 5100**

This event is made possible from funding from Department of Communities and Burke Shire Council.

All Welcome!

Council is proud to announce that this is an alcohol free event.

Burke Shire Energy Saving Program

As part of the Queensland Government's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing energy usage, CAT Projects (Centre for Advanced Technology) were engaged to work with Burke Shire Council to coordinate a program for the Shire residents to lower their energy costs.

Lisa Chin and Marteena McKenzie visited Burketown in May and conducted energy audits on several households in Burketown. They also trained two Burke Shire Staff, Cheryl Portch and Norm Gowdy, so as they could then carry on with the program after they left. An energy audit consists of a visit to you household to inform you on ways in which you can save energy in your home therefore saving you money. This service is very informative and those who have had audits done were very impressed with what they had learnt.

Energy audits are free and you can book your audit by ringing Cheryl Portch at Burke Shire Council on 4745 5100.

Also to enhance this program Cheryl will be going door to door with the offer to switch you old globes for new power saving globes - Free of charge.



Debbie and Brett Harris -Winners of the Hamper full of energy saving goodies. When asked how the energy audit helped them they said – 'We are much more aware of the power we use now and make an extra effort to do the little things like switching off at the wall instead of using the remote''.

Isolated Children's Parents' Association

ICPA (Aust) is a voluntary national parent body dedicated to ensuring that all geographically isolated students have equality with their non-isolated peers, of access to an appropriate education. ICPA seeks to have all elements of a total education (cultural experiences, social

contacts, participation in sport and other enriching activities) available for all isolated children regardless of the location of their home. To achieve its goal ICPA pursues objectives

in the following areas:

- Education Allowances
- Boarding Schools/SchoolTerm Hostels
 •Travel
- Distance Education
- Special Education
- Curriculum
- Communications
- Small Rural and Remote Schools
- Early Childhood Education
- Tertiary EducationCountry Areas Program. ICPA believes

that a wide variety of curriculum is essential so that all students have access to an education appropriate to their needs and aspirations.

An initiative of our branch is "Sports for Bush Kids" conducted at the end of the year in Mt Isa. Members felt that children from the bush missed out on team sport, especially noticeable when they started boarding school. Mention must be made of members, Julie Spreadborough and Kelsey Neilson, the first co-ordinators whose vision and hard work have resulted in an event the children look forward to. At the end of 2008 approx 200 children from pre to secondary participated in the four days, involved in sports such as Rugby League, Swimming, Hockey, Cricket, Gymnastics and sports awareness sessions for the littlies.

Our Current Executive are as follows: President - Mrs Kylie Camp "Floraville

Downs"Burketown ph 47485585 Secretary - Mrs Wendy Hick

"Thorntonia"Camooweal ph 47484852 Treasurer - Mrs Sandra Hagan "May Downs" Mt Isa Ph 4743 3341

SFBK Co Ordinator - Mrs Vanessa Restall "Wernadinga" Burketown Ph 4748 5599. If you would like to find out more about ICPA and what it does for you give one of us a call.

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Bandana...

Bandana is a group of enthusiastic community musicians who love to get together and jam! It first formed a couple of years ago after a number of us were involved in "Disco Inferno", a musical performed by Spinifex State College.

We performed one gig that year and had a break after we were all involved with the town musical of "The Boy From Oz". Bandana is made up of music teachers. metallurgists, engineers, geologists, miners, youth workers, electricians, teachers and students.

Last year we started rehearsing again in September, in readiness for the Valentine's Ball held in February this year. It was a great night, the first time a big band had performed for a ball in many, many years. We decided that no-one would financially benefit from being in the band, and that we would donate half of what we earned to a charity or other worthy cause. The rest of our money goes toward purchasing new music and equipment. The money from our Burketown gig will be going towards a set of new stand lights.

This year, we have performed for the St Kieran's fete and the Save Townies party. Coming up, we are considering the possibility of playing at the Richmond Jazz Festival, playing underground at the HardTimesTourist Mine (Mt Isa) and we have the Valentine's Ball coming up again next February.

Thanks for having us Burketown, we really enjoyed performing in front of such a fun and enthusiastic crowd. Hope to see you all again soon.

Alicia Freeman, Bandana leader and Manager Burke Shire Community Tennis Shield

The 2009 Burke Shire Shield in tennis was contested between Burketown and Gregory on a beautiful Saturday afternoon in Burketown. The match was rather overdue (by 10 months) but it was contested with great spirit.

Davo Booth and Janet Creighton winners of the 2009 competition represented Burketown with Hannah and John Clarke representing Gregory.

There were some great passages of play with Davo and Hannah both shining at the net.

Janet's serving was tip-top while John was spinning the ball in all directions. Gregory proved too strong on the day and won the match in straight sets. John and Hannah were grateful to Davo and Janet for playing at such short notice and thanked

them for their sportsmanship. Gregory will look forward to hosting Burketown for the 2010 Shield later in the year.

John Clarke, Hannah Clarke, Janet Creighton and Davo Booth

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Webbers' Celebrate 100 years

A gathering of family and family friends took place at Savannah Lodge on Tuesday 29th June to celebrate the 100 year birth date of Frank Webber Snr.

Frank Webber was born in Burketown on 29th of June 1910 to Frank and Bridget Webber: Frank passed away in Mt Isa on February 7th 1983.

Frank's parents owned the Commonwealth Hotel in Burketown. The only remnant of this building is the old kitchen that is still standing at Savannah Lodge. As a boy Frank and his brother John would cart water with their goats for the Hotel. Frank purchased the Bergoona block on the Leichhardt River which came to be the start of Nardoo Station. Frank moved to Nardoo in 1929 taking with him his beloved goats. There are still some goats there to this day. Frank's eldest son Ege resides at Nardoo and second son Alan at Mellish Park.

On a sadder note; Frank's youngest son John passed away on 22nd May in Launceston, aged 65. John is survived by wife of 42 years Wendy and their two children Mathew and Carla John's ashes were spread at his beloved family home, Nardoo, on Friday 3rd July. Family and friends traveled from near and far to be at the resting place of a good mate.



Last remnants of the old Commonwealth Hotel



Frank Webber and Angelo Bertoni (former Mayor of Mt Isa) - 1978



Ege, John and Allan Webber November -1991



The Commonwealth Hotel in its heyday - 1926

RADF Update

Council has conducted two RADF workshops this year. The first was a Leadlighting and Copperfoil workshop at the CWA Hall in Gregory. The second was a Mosaic Workshop in the Shire Hall at Burketown.

Dermott Clifford tutored both workshops and those that attended can attest to his dedication and skill in ensuring the student delivers the final product. There were 6 people who attended the Gregory Workshop and 5 that attended the workshop in Burketown.

Attendance numbers were a bit disappointing and the RADF Committee will endeavor to increase participation for future workshops.

Some people have said that they weren't aware of these workshops and would have attended if they had known. For this reason Council will create a contact list for all future RADF workshops. If you would like to be notified about future workshops then please leave your details with Cheryl Portch and you will be personally notified of any new RADF projects and workshops.



Copperfoil picture – Dragonfly by Chris Armstrong



Leadlight window – Kingfisher by Tracy Forshaw, with teacher Dermott Clifford



Leadlight windows - Cross by Annie Clarke



Copperfoil - Lamp by Debbie Glyde



Mosaic stepping stone – Retro by Chris Armstrong

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GSD Update, July 2010

Energy

Following the Gulf Energy Forum held in Burketown in May, a Gulf Energy Group has been set up including Ergon Energy, the Office of Clean Energy and Southern Gulf Catchments. The Gulf Energy Group is embarking on activities such as more energy conservation programs to help reduce your power bill and ongoing efforts to get more renewable energy into the region. Give us a call if you are interested.

Small Business

Our Small Business On-Line project (which offers training and consultancy support to help develop websites etc) has two webinars coming up (webinar = workshop over the internet):

> * Why Go On-Line? 1300-1500 Tues 27 July * Website and Internet Basics 1300- 1500 Wed 28 July

Our Small Business Advisory Panel and Legal Panels are also available for this new financial year. These provide low cost access to specialist advisers including lawyers, accountants, business planners, marketing, succession planning etc. Business start-ups eligible.

The first edition of the Small Business E-Newsletter has gone out to all businesses in the Gulf. If you didn't get the 1st edition and want monthly updates on small business matters let us know.

Our legendary Small Business Field Officer, Sue Fairley, is taking 5 months well-deserved break from the end of July 2010 and other GSD staff will pick up the workload in her absence.

Tourism Marketing

Over the years GSD has funded Neville Dunn to promote the Gulf at a range of caravan and camping shows. Savannah Way Limited has now taken over this tourism marketing contract and they are going to undertake a broader range of tourism marketing activity. This is a great opportunity for Savannah Way Limited members to promote their tourism products. Contact Russell on 0408 772 513 or at info@savannahway.com.au if you want to be part of this.

Women in Primary Industries

GSD and Northern Gulf Resource Management Group have recently delivered two workshops (Normanton and Mt Surprise) for women in primary industries. They were a great success - thanks to NGRMG, RFDS and the Federal Government for putting in funds for these.

About GSD

Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) is the regional development agency for Queensland's Gulf Savannah region, based on Council and private sector membership. The GSD Board is comprised of representatives of Burke, Carpentaria, Doomadgee, Etheridge and

Mornington Shires. Development agencies get no core funding

from Government – if you want to support us and get member benefits, our membership program is currently open - starting at \$150 per annum.

Gulf Savannah Development: Free Call 1800 630 119 or email us at info@gulf-savannah.com.au or for small business programs smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au

Small Business Advisory Services available to Gulf businesses

Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) is pleased to advise that our Small Business Advisory Panel and Legal Panel is available from July 2010 to June 2011 for small businesses or aspiring entrepreneurs in the Gulf Shires of Burke, Carpentaria, Doomadgee, Etheridge and Mornington.

We can link you up with FREE or LOW COST advice from specialist consultants on our Panels in the following areas:

- Mentoring
 Business Planning Advice/ Small Business Diagnostics
 - Sales & Marketing
 Advice on Loans/ Banking Products Legal Advice
 Succession Planning Tourism Development
 • Town Planning Issues

This is in addition to the 6 hours of FREE support available to Gulf businesses for website/ e-commerce development under our Small **Business On-Line project!**

Funds are limited so first in first served!

Please contact Sue Fairley smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au 0417 735 724 (to 31 July) or Sue Warren info@gulf-savannah.com.au Free Call 1800 630 119 Or check out our website under the 'Business Support' tab www.gulf-savannah.com.au

For businesses in the Gulf that qualify (\$750k to \$100m turnover p.a, at least 3 years of operation and solvent), we can also put you in touch with a Federal Government program (Enterprise Connect) which can do a full review of your business at no cost and provide some \$ for \$ funding (up to \$20,000) for approved consultancies to help implement the outcomes of the review.



Gregory Campdraft 2010

Competitors enjoyed beautiful weather at the Gregory Campdraft on June 26th and 27th. Competition was close with run offs needed to decide the Novice and Encouragement Drafts.

DISTRICT MAIDEN DRAFT

The Campdraft was well supported with I 20 nominations in the open field which is the biggest field ever. 52 ladies greeted the judge in the ladies draft. The juvenile draft was the biggest for a while and there were 25 nominations in the junior section.

The new P.A. system was up and running and worked well. A special 'Thank you' must go to all sponsors and volunteers who make these weekends possible. Special Thanks to Paraway Pastrol, Gregory Downs who supply the cattle and their staff who also worked the back yards all weekend.

A job well done!

Gregory Campdraft 2010 results

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Billy Kennedy riding ' AOK'



Adrienne Brady riding Itchy



Ken Booth riding 'Leila' on his winning ride in the District Maiden Draft.



Nicole Forshaw displaying her ribbon for winning 2nd place in the Junior Draft

Burke Shire Business Directory



Burketown Nursery

New Stock has arrived.

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. Ph:07 4745 5055 Email: burketownnursey@bigpond.com Orders welcome.



Savannah Lodge

Coffee and Cake.

Come along an 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!)

• Please note - If cancelled we will do our best to advise.



Burketown Bargain Barn

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Sunday School

Sunday School

Sunday School and Night Gospel Meetings. Burketown Community Hall. Dates - 1 August 2010, 15 August 2010, 29 August 2010, 12 Sept 2010 Times - Sunday School 9.30am. Night Gospel 7.30pm. Contact Doug & Faye Jones Ph: (07) 4745 5058.

New Trading Hours

Burketown Convenience Store & Post Office

New Trading Hours Monday to Friday – 9am to 5pm Saturday – 9am to 2pm Sunday – Closed Public Holidays – Closed (times are subject to change)



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Letter from Skytrans CEO, Muralee Siva



In line with our plans to grow the Dash 8 operation, we have entered into a contract to lease a further three aircraft, one of which (VH-QQK) has already arrived and is being used throughout our network.

The second additional Dash 8 is expected to be online in July with negotiations currently in progress for it to complement an existing charter agreement. The completion of these changes will result in Skytrans becoming a Dash 8 operator only with a fleet of II aircraft.

Commitment from all of our staff has resulted in

Skytrans developing into a robust aviation business with solid foundations to serve as a platform from which we can grow. Every single member of our team contributes to what the public perceive as being 'Skytrans' and it is vital that we keep our standards high.

From feedback gained via our surveys, it is particularly pleasing to note that our crew are consistently rated as 'excellent'. One passenger commented as follows; 'I am impressed by the professionalism and attention to detail. Why can't larger airlines achieve the same quality?'

Our on time performance had been a challenge earlier but I'm happy to report we are averaging 95% over all our routes. Most passengers understand delays which are brought about due to weather which is beyond our control and are forgiving of mechanical breakdowns from time to time, but rest assured we constantly strive to improve our on time performance.

The bar has been set extremely high and I am personally very proud of Skytrans in terms of how far we've progressed over the years. We strive to continue to stand out from the rest of the aviation industry by providing a reliable, friendly, efficient and timely service to our passengers.

Effective 26th July will be the introduction of our exciting new schedule which includes additional services throughout the Gulf with morning and afternoon flights between Mount Isa and Cairns.

Gulf - Schedule effective Mon 26 July 2010

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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.