

Burke Shire Council Newsletter



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Burke Shire residents enjoyed Christmas in the Park this year in the Shire Hall with music and entertainment from Wendy Cochrane and Santa arrived with sirens blaring with a present for all the children. This year Santa bought a variety of showbags and the kids really enjoyed being a pirate, action hero, an enchanted princess or a girly shirley. The children weren't the only one to receive presents with everyone receiving a votive candle light which twinkled as Wendy led the group in some Aussie style Christmas Carols.

The hamper this year was donated by Burke Shire Council with money raised to be divided between the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Burketown Kindergarten. We also thank Jenny Letts who donated the second prize, a beautifully handmade Teddy Bear. There was a big smile on Vi Booth's face as winner of the return flights for two to Cairns, accommodation for three nights and tickets to see the Taipans Basketball team play. Once again we have Skytrans to thank for this wonderful prize. We also had minor prizes this year thanks to our sponsors Burketown Pub, Burketown Convenience Store and the Burketown Caravan Park. The lucky winners will enjoy spending their vouchers! Les Player walked away with the raffle hamper but Vi was twice lucky taking second prize!

Bluey the puppet was loved by all the children telling jokes and holding a Christmas trivia quiz but the highlight of the night was our Deputy Mayor, Ernie Camp making history as the first Councillor to bring snow to Burketown! This snow (made from water crystals) provided hours of fun, slipping, sliding with the inevitable snow ball fights. What a splendid edition to the Community Christmas Party.

A big thank you to the Council depot boys who helped set up and the administration girls who made the salads and platters. Our local boys in blue got called out and Les and Phil stepped in at the last moment to fire up the BBQ with meat donated by MMG. We also want to thank Meteor Car and Truck Rental and Hastings Deering for their continued support of the community with their sponsorship that assists council to host this event!



Vi Booth wins twice.



TOP: Snow in Burketown.

ABOVE: Les and Phil cooking up a storm.

RIGHT: Nicole and Eann Hogan were Santa's helpful Elves for the evening.



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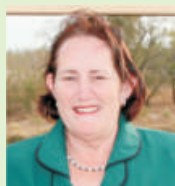
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Message from the Mayor



Here it is; the year's end. It is customary to extend our good wishes and so I do on behalf of Council to all our current community; to all

living, working and providing services or who have moved through or on from the Shire. Particular thanks to Staff and Councillors for the work completed. I hope the Christmas season is one filled with the traditions and cultures that each family or person enjoys in their individual ways, but with respect and consideration (and vice-versa) for other's beliefs, whatever the cultures are.

It hasn't been all a 'jolly journey' this year, and the biggest job Councillors and the CEO have is trying to explain our culture and operation which differs dramatically from large urban cultures right down to smaller rural centres in our North Queensland region, but most particularly the State and Federal arenas. I am confused as to why billions can be given to overseas countries but we must beg and prove ourselves of being worthy of minimal grants. We must prove that we stack up economically and sustainably, a mission impossible in today's rational of economic policy and where the Shire sits geographically. Without the infrastructure to attract the people to

our extraordinary lifestyle, we can never have the volume of votes to demand change. Blanket legislations are prohibiting our ability to take advantage of the types of development needed for growth, and we are used as sacrificial lambs and bargaining chips in political discussions that exclude us, on environmental matters for the rest of Australia.

Our regional memberships with our local Government peers, our association with and representation on regional organisations are the vehicles for taking our issues out there. Our local State Member Betty Kiernan has been a champion and friend on behalf

of our Shire, particularly this year when the journey hasn't been so jolly. Good wishes and thanks are extended there also.

The one thing that delivers to us constantly is the wet season. I hope this traditional event gives us the ability to keep us sustainable, environmentally and economically 'afloat' and in good health. I hope there are more blessings than losses to count and may all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

Blessings to all.

**Cr Annie Clarke
Mayor**



**Cr Ernie
Camp**

It has not been, in the Burke Shire at least, the early start to the Wet as predicted. However there is definitely an increase in humidity and on an increasing number of nights you can see lightning light up the night sky so I have the feeling that the stormy season is here. The Leichhardt is already running and looks lovely and clean. Here's hoping for good fishing in the next few months!

I hope that community members have made advance preparations for the Wet with regard to supplies and

medications. I urge the community to also look around their yards for potential dangers – debris that could become airborne in a cyclone, containers etc that could harbour snakes and mosquitoes – and participate in the pre wet cleanup that Council conducts yearly. Community safety is everyone's responsibility.

Since the last newsletter I have undertaken a tour around various properties with GSD and representatives from DERM to look at opportunities available should sufficient water access be granted and also attended a GSD meeting on Mornington Island with Councillors Murray and Forshaw.

In the last couple of months I have, on Council's behalf, been to community

cabinet meetings with the CEO and Councillor Murray in Mt Isa where we pursued several issues for the betterment of the Shire and participated in GSD delegations as well, a meeting with Century mine along with all Councillors and senior staff to discuss issues of mutual interest, attended a meeting with RDA representatives in Burketown aimed at planning the future direction of this great corner of the State and engaging a variety of parties in implementing the planning and attended the Burketown School's annual speech night and Christmas tree as well as the Gregory School Graduation day. It was great to see lots of families there celebrating their children's success as well as the enthusiasm of the teaching staff and the clean and friendly school grounds.

Whilst this year I was not able to attend the speech night of the other school in our community, Mt Isa SOTA, I am sure that the same enthusiasm, dedication and quality facilities was in evidence there. I wish those graduating from these schools all the best for their future endeavours.

I hope to see you at either the Community Christmas in the Park or at the annual Christmas Carols. There are lots of events in the next few weeks as we count down to Christmas Day and the New Year so stay safe, take care and enjoy. We are certainly enjoying having children home from boarding school and preparing for the festive season.

On behalf of my family I wish you and yours a safe and happy festive season.

**Cr Ernie Camp
Deputy Mayor**



Message from the CEO

I have settled into Burketown and the Council as CEO, and am thoroughly enjoying my new role and will build on the forum developed in the past by former Chief Executive Officer's. The past 2 months have gone very quickly with orientation of the area and at the Council offices.

I have travelled over most of the major road sections of the Council and have inspected road works currently being worked on or due to be completed before the end of the calendar year.

Accompanied by Councillor Bill Olive, I travelled up to the Northern territory border, through Hells gate, and thank Bill and his family for the

afternoon cuppa. I have followed the roads to Adels Grove and met the proprietors of the caravan park Michelle and Rob Low-Mow where I enjoyed a lunch before travelling onto Lawn Hill. In addition, Dennis Kerr, myself and staff from MMG inspected the section of road between Gregory and the T turn off to Century Mine to view ongoing road maintenance.

During the first month, myself and my wife Jennifer enjoyed being on the judging panel of the tidy yards competition where we visited and met people from the community. I acknowledge that there is great community pride in presentation of properties. I have noticed that gardens, public areas and essential services in both Burketown and Gregory have been well and dutifully maintained and my thanks go to all the community

members and staff involved in these areas.

With the end of year school ceremonies, Jennifer and I attended the Gregory State School and Burketown State School graduations which were both extremely well supported by family, staff and other community members.

For the parents of the children leaving home to attend boarding school it is a huge emotional and financial challenge, of which I have firsthand knowledge, being a boarding secondary school student in the 60's.

The wet season will be on us by the time you are reading this and the Local Counter Disaster Committee has met and organised appropriate responses to any of the possible threats in extreme weather. To all who placed material out

for collection, a big thank you as this reduces the risk of injury if there is bad weather and articles get blown around.

The end of the working year and the holiday season has also been acknowledged with community and staff Christmas functions - well done to all those concerned in organising these events!

By the time this newsletter has been distributed it will be early January; everyone will have relaxed over the festive season and be able to reflect on the year gone by.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Seasons Greetings and hope that we have a great year for 2011 and I look forward to working with the entire community to meet the challenges of the New Year.

Gary Letts



Cr Tracy Forshaw

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2011. I hope your Christmas was filled with joy and happiness.

In November I spent the night on Mornington Island so I could attend the Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) meeting with Tonya and Ernie. GSD brings together 5 Gulf Councils Etheridge, Carpentaria, Mornington, Doomadgee and Burke, to discuss and lobby for more economic growth and funding in the Gulf region. GSD have endorsed my application for a position on the Regional Australia Development (RDA) board for North West Queensland. The RDA is Federal Government boards that will help distribute funds to rural and remote areas. If I am successful, I will be able to highlight the needs of the Gulf region and their communities.

In December Ian and I attended the historic Native Title Determination and Waayni Celebrations at MMG Century Mine. Tonya and I represented the Council.

The 2011 Australia Day Celebrations in Burketown will be a good reason to celebrate living and working in our wonderful Shire. We will miss the occasion as Ian and I will be settling our daughters into boarding school and Uni.

2011 will be very busy year with over \$13.5m worth of State Government funding for our roads in Burke Shire. This funding will benefit the whole shire with better roads. There will be more bitumen going down between Burketown and Gregory. This should enable less isolation for people in Burke Shire and Doomadgee over the wet season.

Over the wet season please be prepared with extra food, medications and necessities. Please do not try and cross flooded creek and rivers – Queensland has lost too many lives already with floodway accidents. Keep Happy. Keep Safe. Take care over the holiday season, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and let's start 2011 with positive thinking and actions.

Cr Tracy Forshaw



Cr Bill Olive

My wife Leona and myself would like to thank members of the Burke Shire workforce for their good work efforts in doing repairs

and roadworks for the benefit of the rate payers and visitors to our Shire.

Also we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very prosperous and Happy New year and a very good wet season with good rain and limited floods. See you in the New Year!

Cr Bill Olive



Cr Tonya Murray

Well schools out, the kids are home and it's great to see everyone around the place has been getting into the festive spirit with social get-togethers, corporate holiday break ups and Christmas parties. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to a well earned break or holiday with family and friends.

Hopefully most people have had

the opportunity to meet and make welcome our new council CEO, Gary Letts and his wife Jenny. I have no doubt they will settle in well and enjoy life in our community.

A lot has happened during 2010 and we're now looking forward to an exciting year in 2011 with many things planned across the shire.

I urge everyone to take care during the upcoming cyclone & flooding season and enjoy the festive holidays. Wishing all a very safe and happy Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

Cr Tonya Murray

Getting the message across

The Gulf Savannah Councils of Burke, Carpentaria, Etheridge, Doomadgee and Mornington had a chance to get the message straight to the Premier and Treasurer during the Mt Isa Community Cabinet meeting on 31 October, through meetings arranged by the regional development agency Gulf Savannah Development (GSD).

During the meetings funding was announced for two of the Gulf's regional road priorities which Councils have been lobbying for through GSD - \$8.5 million for the Gregory to Burketown road and another \$3 million for the Matilda Highway from Cloncurry to Normanton.

In addition a very welcome \$20 million was announced for the Hann Highway after years of lobbying by a range of agencies including Councils and GSD. Thanks also to Member for Mount Isa, Betty Kiernan, for her ongoing assistance.



Mayors, Councilors and CEOs meeting with the Premier, Treasurer and other State Ministers.



Doomadgee CEO Mal Hansen, Carpentaria Mayor Fred Pascoe, Premier Anna Bligh, Etheridge Mayor Warren Devlin, Burke Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp.

Home & Community Care Update

Clients are still busy with their crafts, with fancywork and crochet still popular with all of the ladies. Pillow cases have been embroidered and bookmarks decorated in cross stitch. Our clients have several articles for sale in the Arts & Crafts Shop, so if you are looking for that "special gift" call in and see what's on offer. Crochet, fancy work, woodwork and other items on display that are just perfect for a Christmas gift!

At the end of November, Kaye from Frontier Services visited and put on a pre- Christmas lunch for all the HACC clients. Christmas trees made by our clients adorned the tables to set the theme and Kaye gave

each client a small gift.

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on the 7th December and was very well attended by all the HACC members, Allied Health, clinic staff, local police and council workers. A big thank you to Cr Forshaw whose family sent in a gift for each and every HACC client. As always Pam de Joux works hard to involve the HACC clients and community in all HACC events and what a success the lunch was with great food, singing and dancing!

The beautification at the entrance to the hall has begun with several lilies being planted. This is the first of the plants that will eventually include potted shrubs

and make a lovely welcoming entrance and is one of our HACC Projects for 2011. The gardens will be maintained by the clients themselves.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and HACC clients are eagerly awaiting the New Year with activities planned including several day outings to cattle stations an overnight trips to Adel's Grove, Hell's Gate, and Camooweal. Our last HACC day will be on Thursday, 16th December and resuming again in the New Year on Tuesday, 11th January 2011.

For all enquiries on our HACC Program please contact: Pam de Joux at the Burke Shire Council Office on PH: 07 4745 5100.



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. Be informed and consulted. 3. Be part of decisions about your care. 4. Receive quality service. 5. Privacy and confidentiality. 6. An advocate. 7. Make a complaint.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PEOPLE PROVIDING YOUR CARE:

As a service user your responsibilities are to:

1. 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. Be aware of the service you are receiving and the limitations of that service.

OPPORTUNITIES...

CENSUS 2011 Recruitment for Census Field Staff positions is now commencing!

There will be 43,000 people employed nationally in the lead up to Census night - Tuesday 9 August 2011.

Area Supervisors: Area Supervisor positions will be advertised from 12 February 2011 with the contract period from 18 April until 7 October. Area Supervisors are responsible for all remuneration by Collectors and Special Collectors in their area, including recruitment and training of those field positions.

Collectors: Collector positions will be advertised from 9 April 2011 with the contract period from 1 July until 8 September.

Register of Interest: Area Supervisors and Collectors applicants can register their interest on the ABS website. **To register visit:**
<http://abs.gov.au/websitedbs/d3310114.nsf/Home/2011+Census+Recruitment>
 Should you have any questions, please call Deb Comino or Kevin Allkin on 1800 334 696.

Improve your farming enterprise with a Productivity Loan.

Development Loans

The flexibility of Development Loans provides you with the financial ability to:

- Upgrade or expand your current operation
- Implement value adding or supply chain initiatives
- Enhance water supplies for domestic stock and irrigation purchases
- Purchase, lease or share farm additional property to aid expansion
- Support risk management strategies to prepare climate risk

Resource Management Loans

Resource Management Loans can allow you to undertake a range of activities including:

- Establishing additional water points to more effectively use your pasture resources
- Effluent management and recycling
- Reclaiming degrading areas
- Fencing for landcare purposes
- Controlling exotic weeds and animals
- Managing vegetation

BURKETOWN KINDERGARTEN RAFFLE

This beautiful artwork was kindly donated by Ernie Camp to raffle for the Burketown Kindergarten. The artwork consists of swimming barra's in beaten copper surrounded by a rustic frame, 120cm x 60cm, and is valued at around \$800. Tickets are \$2 each and can be obtained from the Post Office, Nowlands, Burketown Pub or by contacting Cheryl Portch - Mob: 0428 578 442; Work: 4745 5132 or Katrina Rex - Mob: 0428 455 154.

The Burketown Kindergarten will be happy to post tickets to any stations that would like to purchase tickets and will arrange electronic, cash or cheque payments.

Burketown Kindergarten gives their thanks to Ernie Camp for his generous donation.



Burketown Hits the Hoops

In August last year, Burketown hosted a basketball clinic for children and adults. Shane Froling (Qld Mens Under 20's Coach) conducted the workshops which were run over three days.

Shane visited Burketown School and run clinics throughout the day for different age groups. He then did workshops for the children at Active After School Care followed by a workshop for any interested adults.

Shane was very amazed at how quickly the kids picked up the skills of the game and saw a lot of potential within the kids to take the game further:

The funding that made this clinic possible was acquired by Cheryl Portch from Nawamba (Mt Isa) with the idea to introduce new sporting skills into the Community with the view to learn enough skills to then run a local basketball tournament.



Winners: Shannyn, Amanda, Shakiah and Milmarja with Shane.



Jerome slam dunks!!

Vacation Care

Vacation care ran for a week in December and the kids really enjoyed having fun learning Hip Hop and swimming in the afternoons. Parents, Aunties, Uncles and Grandparents all enjoyed the performance on Friday afternoon with the children performing a dance. Due to recent events Vacation Care will not be returning from 17 - 21 January. Funding is going to be put into a swim programme for local children which will be run in the New Year. Further details will be available at a later date.

New Clinic Update

The building of the new clinic is speeding along which is fantastic to see and has been one of the ultimate races against the arrival of the wet! With walls and a roof the boys are well on target to complete the clinic and residence in February 2011. Marcel, Glenda and Burnett have been watching the process of the new clinic on a daily basis and have noticed the hard work going on 7 days a week and have commented on the tidiness of the work site.

A big thank you to Marcel and Desley who has stepped into Di Phillips shoes whilst Di has had a well earned break. Di will be back on the 30th January and I am sure will be pleased to see the new clinics progress.



Depot news...

At the beginning of November, Council took possession of two new Series M Cat Graders. As the graders are different from older types to operate a simulator was sent for staff to practice on and obtain their certificate.

The Staff enjoyed the simulator and the races trying to beat each other's times. Certificates and caps were given to staff!



Do you have a Cat or Dog?



On the 11th December 2009 Parliament passed the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008. It is now compulsory to register and micro-chip certain categories of cats and dogs along with statewide standards for the keeping of restricted,

dangerous and menacing dogs.

An important aspect to note for micro-chipping requirements is that micro-chipping will only be mandatory in the circumstances as follows:

- Cats and dogs under 12 weeks of age on the date of commencement of the relevant provisions in the

Local Government area; and

- Cats and dogs subject to change of ownership through sale or gift after the date of commencement of the relevant provisions in the Local Government's area; and

- Declared regulated dogs under the Act.

While pet owners are encouraged to have their pets micro-chipped as an effective identification tool, the act specifically limits the mandatory application of this requirement to the above circumstances. Dogs that have been declared as Restricted, Dangerous or Menacing under the Act must be micro-chipped.

Council now has the ability to scan stray dogs, cats horses and cattle with a Micro-chip scanner/ reader to ascertain if a stray animal has been micro-chipped, also with 24 hour recovery hotline access to the

Central Animal records database to obtain the owners details.

Any queries contact Burke Shire Council's Ranger Russell Cunningham during council hours on 07 475 5100 or 0429 623 312.



Why do we do Mosquito Fogging?



Fogging is important in Burketown to eradicate the spread of diseases. The following diseases are spread by Mosquitos – Malaria, Human Filariasis, Dog Heartworm,

Dengue, Ross River and Barmah Forrest virus, Murray Valley Encephalitis and Kunjin Virus and Japanese Encephalitis

Mosquito fogging is a widespread method of eradicating adult mosquitoes. It is distributed by

ground and aerial application equipment so large areas can be covered and when applied correctly penetrates under the canopy and into dwellings and gives a quick kill, rapidly eliminating nuisance mosquitoes or, in the case of disease outbreak, eliminates infected insects.

Burke Shire Council uses Reslin a commonly used thermal fogging and ULV (ultra low volume) insecticide concentrate. Reslin is a low toxicity pyrethroid with no environmental accumulation. It has a rapid knockdown and kill of flying insect pests –

this is why fogging is carried out in the early morning darkness to target mosquitoes when bees, butterflies and moths are not active.

Reslin is also used for the control of insects in warehouses, flour mills, wool stores, factories, kitchens, industrial buildings and domestic residences to eradicate biting midges, moths (including stored product and textile moths) flies and, mosquitoes and American cockroaches. Reslin is mixed at the rate of 135ml to 5L of diesel than sprayed through thermal fogging equipment to maximize effect.

Aquatic Centre - Keeping Our Kids Safe!

It's summer and the Aquatic Centre is getting well used over the school holidays and Christmas season by locals and visitors. There is however increasing concern over the misuse of the pool. Climbing the fence, rubbish thrown into the pools and swimming at night - ALL ARE NOT ALLOWED under the rules and conditions supplied to members. This is putting our kids at RISK! We need to ask the community as a whole to monitor pool use and report any incidents to the Council Office.

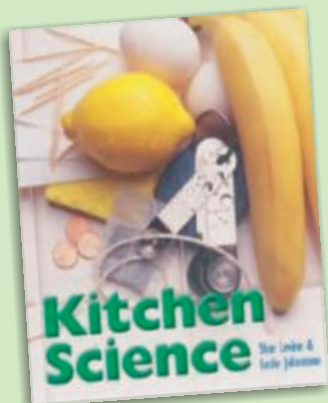
Please be aware that Council does NOT provide a lifeguard or other monitoring or supervision at the pool complex. The supervision of children and other persons unable to properly provide for their own safety remains at all times the responsibility of their parents or guardians. No person under 18 is to enter and use the aquatic centre without a parent or guardian over the age of 18. This is for the safety of our kids and we ask that anyone witnessing children in the pool without proper supervision reports this to council.

If you need to look over the rules and conditions of pool membership please visit council reception and ask for a copy.



Library news

If you would like an extension on your library borrowings because of the wet season, please give Chris a call on 4745 5100 and she will be able to arrange this.



JUNIOR BOOK OF THE MONTH

Why does your tongue change color after you've sucked on a piece of candy? Can you grow plants without seeds? Turn your kitchen into an awesome science lab to find out the answers to these intriguing questions and many more. Performing experiments at home is a fun way to start learning about science. So the next time you go into the kitchen, forget about making a sandwich, and figure out what pennies are made of instead!



ADULT BOOK OF THE MONTH

Well, Handyman magazine is here to help! You can find great solutions to these questions, plus 50 other projects that can be completed in two days or less, in this handy source of weekend inspiration. Straightforward, jargon-free instructions explaining each project are complemented by clear photos and diagrams that guide you every step of the way. You'll never be bored on a weekend again!



SPORTS LIBRARY

Don't forget if you want to take out sporting equipment for the holidays, call into the office and have a look at our range of equipment - the Hockey set is just waiting to be tried out and is great fun!!

Police Beat



This Christmas our local police have said a sad goodbye to Sgt. Trevor Mills who after two years of service has moved onto his next post, we wish him the very best of luck and he will be missed.

However, with a farewell always comes a new face and we will be welcoming our new Sgt. Wayne Rickerby in the New Year so please give him a wave if you see him around town.

Just a reminder to all residents that our local police officers have been advised by QLD Transport they can no longer perform driving tests. You can still register your vehicle, transfer ownership or change your address but you will have to make appointments with QLD Transport at Normanton, Cloncurry or Mount Isa if you require a driving test.

A friendly reminder that QLD transport days are from 0900-1200, Monday and Tuesday each week. We are only a two man station so if we have to attend a call out you may have to come back at another time. Rural residents are advised to call ahead and make a time to avoid disappointment.

We hope everyone has a wonderful, fun holiday season and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Please remember to drink responsibly and if you are drinking please do not drive. We want to see all the Shire residents safe through the Christmas and the New Year!

“Dry Place” Signs

Do you wish to have your home declared as a “dry place” where it is an offence for any person to possess or consume any type of alcohol regardless of whether there is a carriage limit in the area? Police can then enforce the dry place declaration with a fine of up to 25 penalty units (currently \$1,875).

Declaration applications are available from the council office or the police station but they do have to be passed to the magistrate for approval. You can either drop this at your police station and they will return it to you after the next court date or you can go to the court in person. Once you have been declared you will be provided with signage (it is the applicant's responsibility to have these signs installed at the “dry place”). To have a place undeclared an application must be made to the court.

Court Dates for Burketown in 2011 (at time of printing) are at 0900 on 25 February, 13 May, 19 August and 18 November.

For further information please collect an application form at the Burke Shire Council office or the Police Station.



REMINDER TO ALL PASSENGERS

YOU MUST CHECK IN AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE **60 MINUTES** PRIOR TO YOUR FLIGHT DEPARTURE TIME OTHERWISE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BOARD AND NO REFUND WILL BE GIVEN EVEN IF YOU DO NOT HAVE BAGGAGE YOU **MUST** CHECK IN AT THE COUNCIL OFFICE

Burketown State School Graduation



Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp and Tyronne Cooling.

The community was invited to celebrate the end of year awards and graduation ceremony for Burketown State School. The principle and teachers not only celebrated the graduating students but presented awards to other students to recognise their achievements.

Chicken and ham with salads were available for everyone and it was lovely to see so many members of the community attending the event. Santa made an appearance and every child received a present much to their delight!



Year 7 Graduates: Shamiah Yanner, Shannyn Anderson, Jineecka Hookey, Milmarja Yanner, Yarren Butcher (absent).

Award

Numeracy
Literacy
Commitment to Learning
You Can Do It
Persistence
Organisation
Getting Along
Sportsmanship
Encouragement
Prep Certificate

Prep to Year 3

Jade Willcocks
Mayarr Yanner
Clairice MacNamara
Shakiah Douglas
Mibulgurdoo Yanner
Kobe Marshall
Eston Hollingsworth
Ishmael Douglas
Milmarja Yanner
Aleisha Perry & Clairice MacNamara

Year 4 – Year 7

Sage Marshall
Maali Yanner
Tyronne Cooling
Pemulwuy Yanner
Eann Hogan
Shannyn Anderson
Meshach Bruce

Gregory State School Graduation

Adrienne Brady graduated from Year 7 with a round of applause at the Gregory State School end of year presentation.

Adrienne will be continuing her education at boarding school in Charters Towers and everyone wishes her the very best of luck. The day was attended by the Burke Shire Council CEO, Gary, and his wife Jenny, Councillors, Gregory townsfolk, as well as people from the surrounding stations.

The older children made speeches, whilst the younger children performed a song and dance routine. Megan Munchinberg has been helping out with music lessons for the children throughout the year so it was great to see the fruits of so much work.

School Principal Meegan Brown and Teachers-Aide Kimberly Arnold handed out presents and award to all of the kids, and thanked the community for its continued support. The P&C provided a BBQ lunch, ice-cream and soft drink for everyone that attended.

The following students received awards for excellence:

- Adrienne Brady - Year 7
- Mark Brady - Year 5
- Lexie Brown - Pre-Prep
- Aidan Munchenberg - Pre-Prep
- Brodie Shishkoff - Pre-Prep

The community oval is near completion – the pop-up sprinkler system has arrived and will be installed shortly, then grass seeds will be planted to take advantage of the wet.

The oval has been made possible from grants from the Community Gaming Fund and Burke Shire Council as well as donations of money and in-kind support from local businesses and people.

The annual school camp is a trip to Mt Isa for Sports for Bush Kids ended the year for the Gregory Mob.

The children were given the choice of many sports to learn as well as a new addition of introduction to athletics.

2011 Australia Day Awards Call For Nominations

We have received no nominations to date for Australia Day!!

The three award categories for this year are: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; and Junior Sports Award. The awards are part of a family of awards coordinated through the National Australia Day Council.

The Citizen of the Year awards are presented to

individuals whom have made a noteworthy contribution to the community during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years. Whilst the awards recognise outstanding personal achievement they also celebrate the remarkable contributions individuals are making to their community.

The Junior Sports Award is presented to an individual

who has made a noteworthy record of achievement in sport or has made a significant contribution to sport as a coach, official or administrator.

Award nomination forms may be obtained from the Burke Shire Office, phone 07 4745 5100. Nominations must be received at the Burke Shire Office by 4:00pm Friday 14 January 2011. Nominations can be hand delivered, mailed, faxed or e-mailed.

Dates for the diary...

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Boardroom - Start 9.00am

Wednesday 16 February
 Wednesday 16 March
 Wednesday 20 April
 Wednesday 18 May
 Wednesday 15 June
 Wednesday 20 July
 Wednesday 17 August
 Wednesday 21 September
 Wednesday 19 October
 Wednesday 16 November
 Wednesday 21 December



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NIGHT GOSPEL

Old Church/HACC Hall - Sunday School 9.30am Gospel 7.30pm

Sunday 6 February 2011
 Sunday 20 February 2011
 Sunday 6 March 2011
 Sunday 20 March 2011
 Sunday 3 April 2011
 Sunday 8 May 2011
 Sunday 5 June
 Sunday 19 June
 Sunday 17 July
 Sunday 31 July
 Sunday 14 August
 Sunday 28 August
 Sunday 11 September
 Sunday 9 October
 Sunday 23 October
 Sunday 6 November
 Sunday 20 November

BURKE SHIRE CALENDER OF EVENTS 2011

School Holiday

Public Holiday

Show Day

Date	Event	Contact Details
1 and 3 January	New Years Eve	
17-21 January	Vacational Care	Mike Stevenson 0488 451 715 Caduceus41@gmail.com Sue Chapman 0415358108 / 0429451715/ bbsusie@gmail.com
Monday 24 January	School Holidays return	Burke Shire State School
Tuesday 26 January	Australia Day Ambassador: Tim Page	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Saturday 11 April	HACC Trash and Treasure	Contact: HACC Coordinator Ph: 07 4745 4100
Monday 18 April	School Holidays Return Wednesday 27 April	Burke Shire State School
Friday 22 April to Sunday 24 April	The Burketown Barramundi World Fishing Championships	Contact: Garry Jeffries Ph: 0418 711734
Monday 25 April	Anzac Day Burke Shire Council	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Saturday 30 April 2011 May Day Weekend	Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races	Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 474 5507 gouch1@bigpond.com
Registration: Sat 30 th April Race Day: Sun 1 st May May Day Weekend	Gregory Downs Canoe Race	Contact: North West Canoe Club Mt Isa Ken Glasco (Secretary) Ph: 07 4743 3456 GlascoChiro@bigpond.com
Sunday 1 st May May Day Weekend	Gregory Downs Bull Spectacular	Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 4748 5507
Monday 2 May	Labour Day	
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday	
Monday 27 June	School Holidays Return Monday 11 July	Burke Shire State School
Monday 20 June – Sunday 26 June	Burke Shire Tidy Yard Competition	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
TBA	Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports	Contact: Sue Clarke Gregory District Sporting Association Inc. Ph: 07 4748 5575

Saturday 2 July	Arts and Crafts Show Burke Shire Council	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Saturday 16 July	HACC Trash & Treasure	Contact: HACC Coordinator Ph: 07 4745 5100
Thursday 4 August (1-7 August)	Local Government Week Burke Shire Council	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Tuesday 9 August 2010	Flamenco Fire ArTour Drama Group	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Thursday 25 August (20-28 August)	Seniors Week Burke Shire Council	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
TBA	Great Northern Clean Up (part of Clean Up Australia)	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Saturday 17 September	HACC Trash and Treasure	HACC Coordinator Ph: 07 4745 5100
Monday 19 September	School Holidays Return Monday 3 October	Burke Shire State School
TBA	Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports	Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193
TBA	Gregory Mini School School of the Air	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585
TBA	Gregory CWA Horse Sports	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585
Tuesday 1 November	Melbourne Cup Day	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Saturday 5 November	HACC Trash and Treasure	Contact: HACC Coordinator Ph: 07 4745 5100
Friday 9 December	School Holidays Return Monday 23 January	Burke Shire State School
Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December	Christmas Day and Boxing Day	
Tuesday 6 December	HACC Christmas Lunch	Contact: HACC Coordinator Ph: 07 4745 5100
Saturday 10 December	Christmas in the Park	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100

If you have a community event scheduled for 2011 we would be delighted to add it to this calendar to appear in the newsletter. Please email the community officer on co@burke.qld.gov.au



Celebrate
what's
great!

Australia Day 2011 Everyone welcome! Burke Shire Hall

Wednesday 26 January, 11.00am – 3.00pm

Meet Burke Shire's Australia Day Ambassador – Mr Tim Page

Award Presentation, Games and prizes, Lunch, Entertainment

6pm Trivia Night at the pub – All Welcome

Need more information? Want to be involved?

Call your Community Office on 4745 5100 or email co@burke.qld.gov.au

INTRODUCING **TIM PAGE** – BURKE SHIRE'S AUSTRALIA DAY AMBASSADOR

Tim Page left England at 17 to travel across Europe, the Middle East and to India and Nepal. He found himself in Laos at the time of the civil war and ended up working as a stringer for United Press International. From there he moved on to Saigon where he covered the Vietnam War for the next five years working largely on assignment for TIME-LIFE, UPI, PARIS MATCH and ASSOCIATED PRESS. He also found time to cover the Six Day War in the Middle East in 1967. The role of war-photographer suited Page's craving for danger and excitement. He became an iconic photographer of the Vietnam War and his pictures were the visual inspiration for many films of the period. The photojournalist in 'Apocalypse Now', played by Dennis Hopper was based on Page.

The Vietnam War was the first and last war where there was no censorship, the military actively encouraged press involvement and Page went everywhere, covering everything. He was wounded four times, once by 'friendly fire' and the last time was when he jumped out of a helicopter to help load the wounded and the person in front of him stepped on a landmine. He was pronounced DOA at the hospital. He required extensive neuro-surgery and spent most of the seventies in recovery.

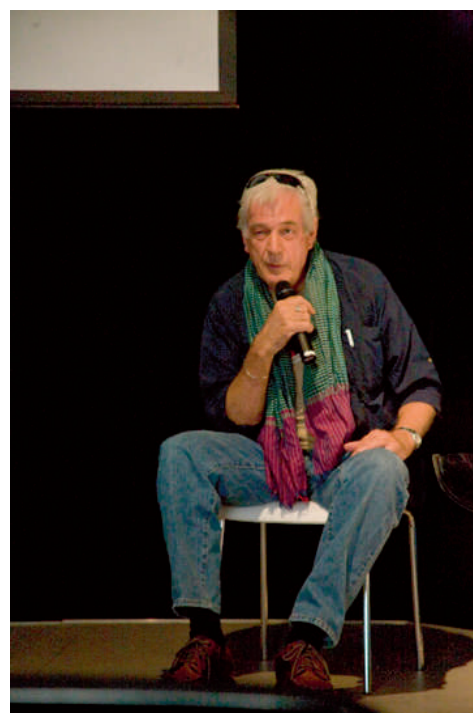
It was while he was recovering in hospital in spring 1970 that he learnt that his best friend, house mate and fellow photographer Sean Flynn, son of Hollywood actor Errol, had gone missing in

Cambodia. Throughout the 70's and 80's Page's mission was to discover the fate and final resting place of his friend and to erect a memorial to all those in the media that were either killed or went missing in the war. This led him to found the IndoChina Media Memorial Foundation and was the genesis for the book 'REQUIEM'. With his friend Horst Faas, photo editor for Associated Press and double Pulitzer Prize winner, they co-edited the book and commemorated the work of all the dead and the missing, from all nations, who were lost in the thirty-year struggle for liberation. REQUIEM the exhibition is now on permanent display at the War Remnants Museum in Ho Chi Minh City. Last year he was successful in getting a memorial erected in Cambodia to all the dead and missing media.

Tim Page is the subject of many documentaries, two films and the author of nine books. He spent 5 months last year as the Photographic Peace Ambassador for the UN in Afghanistan. He is the recipient of many awards and no longer covers wars. His interest and passion now is covering the aftermath of war and bringing the world's attention to the plight of the innocent victims – the bystanders. He returns every year to Viet Nam to document the effects of Agent Orange and is a patron of MAG (Mine Action Group). Tim has returned to Vietnam and Cambodia over 50 times to run photo workshops, do assignments and to photograph the mines - and the maimed that are still being injured 30 years on. Since arriving in Australia Tim has also

covered East Timor and The Solomon Islands.

He now lives in Brisbane and is an adjunct professor at Griffith University.



Burke Shire Business Directory



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Friday 5.00pm to 8.00pm
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Carpentaria Land Council

Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation

is closing over the holidays season from midday on 17th December 2010 and returning 4th January 2011. A very Merry Christmas on behalf of all the CLC Staff and Rangers.

Store & Post Office

Burketown Convenience Store & Post Office

New Trading Hours
Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm
Saturday - 9am to 12pm
Sunday - Closed
Public Holidays - Closed (times are subject to change)

Gregory Downs Hotel

Gregory Downs Hotel

- Accommodation
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- Caravan Storage

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A Happy and Safe Holiday Season from Moungibi!
We will be closing over the season from 17 January to 4th January 2011.
Centrelink will still be available from 10.00 - 12noon Monday to Friday. Closed Public Holidays.

Caravan Park

Burketown Caravan Park

Ph: 07 4745 5118 Fax: 07 4745 5126
Email: burketowncaravanpark@blue1000.com.au
Website: www.burketowncaravanpark.net.au
• Accommodation & Powered sites • Take-away food • Shop, bait & ice.

Schedule effective Mon 26 July 2010

Monday

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:05	13:35	Q654	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q655
NTN	ONG	14:05	14:55	Q654	DMD	ONG	10:25	11:05	Q655
ONG	BUC	15:15	15:55	Q654	ONG	NTN	11:25	12:15	Q655
BUC	DMD	16:15	16:40	Q654	NTN	CNS	12:45	14:15	Q655
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q654					

Tuesday

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:50	14:20	Q656	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q653
NTN	ONG	14:50	15:40	Q656	DMD	BUC	10:25	10:50	Q653
ONG	DMD	16:00	16:40	Q656	BUC	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q653
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q656	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q653
					NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q653

Wednesday

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	11:35	13:05	Q652	ISA	DMD	9:50	10:50	Q657
NTN	ONG	13:35	14:25	Q652	DMD	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q657
ONG	DMD	14:45	15:25	Q652	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q657
DMD	ISA	15:45	16:45	Q652	NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q657

Thursday

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	11:35	13:05	Q652	ISA	DMD	9:50	10:50	Q657
NTN	ONG	13:35	14:25	Q652	DMD	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q657
ONG	DMD	14:45	15:25	Q652	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q657
DMD	ISA	15:45	16:45	Q652	NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q657

Friday

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:05	13:35	Q654	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q653
NTN	ONG	14:05	14:55	Q654	DMD	BUC	10:25	10:50	Q653
ONG	BUC	15:15	15:55	Q654	BUC	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q653
BUC	DMD	16:15	16:40	Q654	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q653
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q654	NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q653

NTN=Normanton
ISA=Mount Isa

ONG=Mornington Island
CNS=Cairns

BUC=Burketown

DMD=Doomadgee

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