



# BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

## NEWSLETTER

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(Issued on 2 February 2006)**

Welcome again to our publication of the Burke Shire Council Newsletter. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Our first publication was very well received and thank you to all those who submitted articles. I would also like to thank those that responded either in writing or verbally for their comments and feed back on the previous issue. I have received expressions of interest on our proposal for holding a "Ball" as well as the "Craft Show" and most popular of all was the "Trash & Treasure" market. A reminder to all :- if you have an event coming up or have any community news, and want these promoted in this newsletter, please get details to us by the deadline for contributions.

Cheryl Portch

### Key Council Dates

Ordinary Meeting of Council ....16 February 2006  
Ordinary Meeting of Council .....16 March 2006  
Deadline for contributions to next newsletter.....24 March 2006

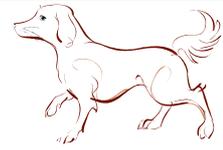
### CURRENT PUBLIC NOTICES

All public notices are displayed at Nowlands, Burketown Post Office, Burketown Pub, Burketown Health Centre, Gregory Downs Hotel and the Shire Office.

Dog Baiting  
Cyclone Watch  
Mosquito Fogging  
Calico Bag Give Away  
RADF Committee Meeting  
Council Meeting Dates for 2006  
Proposed Community Ball Meeting  
Proposed Arts & Craft Show Meeting



## RANGER'S REVIEW



### **Dogs At Large**

Residents are reminded that pet dogs are not allowed to freely wander the streets and allowed to cause a nuisance to neighbours and other residents.

Council has in place two Local Laws:-

Local Law No. 2 - Keeping and Control of Animals and Local Law No. 3 - Impounding of Animals.

The aim of the Local Laws is to regulate the effective management of animal control in the Shire, in particular with dogs:-

- (a) to protect the community against risk of injury and damage;
- (b) to ensure that animals do not create a nuisance, or a hazard to health or safety
- (c) to prevent pollution and other environmental damage resulting from the keeping of animals and to protect the amenity of the local environment; and
- (d) to ensure that animals are kept and used in a way that is consistent with the rights and expectations of the local community.

Amongst other things the Local Law stipulates the following:-

- ◆ A person must not bring or permit an animal to be brought into a public place unless the animal is under the person's effective control;
- ◆ If an animal in a public place is not under effective control, an authorised person may seize and impound the animal;
- ◆ A person must not bring a dangerous dog into a public place unless the dog is securely muzzled to prevent it from biting;
- ◆ A person must not bring a dog that is on heat into a public place;
- ◆ If a dog defecates in a public place, the person in charge of the dog must immediately remove and dispose of the faeces in a sanitary way;
- ◆ A person who keeps an animal must maintain a proper enclosure to keep the animal on the person's land and prevent the animal from wandering or escaping from the land;
- ◆ A person must not keep an animal on land if:-
  - ⇒ the animal causes a nuisance; or
  - ⇒ the animal exposes the health or safety of others to significant risk; or
  - ⇒ the animal creates a reasonable apprehension in the minds of others of a threat to their health or safety; and
- ◆ A person must not cause, encourage or allow a dog to attack or worry another person or animals.

The failure to comply with the requirements of the Local Laws may result in the impounding of the relevant dogs and the management of this in accordance with the Local Laws

As part of these Local Laws Council has adopted a Local Law policy. The Local Law policy requires:-

- ⇒ the keeper of a dog or dogs within Burketown is to have the dog or dogs registered where the dog or dogs age exceeds three months; and
- ⇒ the maximum number of dogs permitted to be registered and kept per property within Burketown without specific Council authority is two.

All Dogs are to be registered and a copy of the Local Laws and Local Laws policy are available at the Council office.

**Remember dogs caught wandering the streets WILL be impounded for the protection of the community (especially young children and the elderly).**

*Ranger Review Cont.*

**Morning Glory Park Development**

The following activities have been or are currently being actioned:

- ⇒ Park BBQ structure – replaced rusted fascia, sanded back, pressure cleaned under roof and floor, painted fascia and posts. Upgrade to lighting and power for the electric BBQ still to be done
- ⇒ Prepared and painted the toilet block – colours to match church, BBQ area and Morning Glory Shelter. Colour is also light enough for a mural project involving the Burketown State School
- ⇒ Electric BBQ installed under picnic shelter
- ⇒ Placed museum exhibits out of the dirt and onto concrete base
- ⇒ 4 picnic table/seating combinations installed - 2 under BBQ area and 2 in the park
- ⇒ 10 park benches installed in various locations in the park
- ⇒ Installed intermediate & junior play equipment
- ⇒ Installed “no parking on grass” signs & rubbish bins
- ⇒ Installed drinking water/fountain facilities

Major items still to do :-

- ⇒ Upgrade park lighting – getting quotes from Ergon to upgrade current five lights to 250watt lights and install three extra sets
- ⇒ Landscaping/tree planting
- ⇒ Water feature
- ⇒ Pond feature

**LEVEL 1 GREEN LICENCE  
SWIMMING COURSE**

Plus

**Coaching Weekend for all age/ability  
swimmers. Sessions include:**

stroke correction, video sessions, coaching drills, time trials...Friday 6.00pm (to 8.00pm.) Sat. 7.00am (to 5.00pm) Sun. 7.00am (to 2.00pm.)

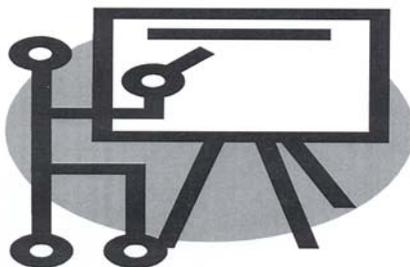


**NORMANTON 17 and 18 February 2006**

In conjunction with the Normanton Swimming Carnival which will be held on the 19th February 2006. Please put this date in your calendar. Cost:- \$235 Green Licence Course.

Coached Swimmers only \$25.00 per swimmer (includes Friday night BBQ, Breakfast, BBQ Lunch Saturday, Breakfast and Lunch Sunday.

\$25.00 per update Licenced Coaches (all meals included as detailed above)



**BURKETOWN AND  
DOOMADGEE**

**24, 25 and 26 February 2006**

Contact: GSRA Inc 07 47451010 for bookings



# TENNIS ANYONE !



Cheryl Portch would like to start a doubles tennis tournament occurring over a 6 to 8 week period. Starting as soon as the rain clears. All teams play once a week and play each other team twice. Every team will consist of either male & female or 2 females. (2 men as partners will not be eligible). Nominal registration fee will be charged to cover cost of balls and trophy. If you want to register your interest then contact Cheryl on either 4745 5100 or mobile no. 0428 578442. If you are interested & can't find a partner then still register and Cheryl will do her best to match you with someone. Gregory will also have a tournament and the winner of Gregory will play the winner of Burketown for the Trophy. Please check notice boards for flyers for more details.



Valentine's Day 14 February



International Women's Day—8 March 2006



**BURKETOWN VMR** will be conducting their monthly General Meeting on the first Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise stated). The Zone General meeting will be held at Mornington on the first weekend in March with squadrons attending from Mornington, Burketown, Karumba & Weipa and will also combine various training exercises as well as theory and information sessions. Any current VMR members or anyone interested in joining VMR and attending these sessions please contact Burketown VMR President Brett Harris on ph: 4745 5027

## Arts & Craft Show

Council would like to conduct an Arts & Craft show this year. Proposed date of Saturday 12 August 2006. Awards will be given for the best entries in each category. We are hoping to make this an annual event. First meeting is to form a show committee and will be held at 5.00pm Tuesday 28 February at the Shire Office. If you require more information or to register your interest then please contact Cheryl at the Shire Office (and also look out for the public notice).

# Public Notice

## Notice of Intent to Declare and Declaration Proposal Notice for the Settlement, Gregory, Morning Inlet and Staaten Wild River Areas

### Wild Rivers Act 2005 (Sections 8 - 11)

- Notice is given that the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines:
  - intends to declare the Settlement, Gregory, Morning Inlet and Staaten Wild River Areas; and
  - has prepared a declaration proposal for the proposed Settlement, Gregory, Morning Inlet and Staaten Wild River Areas.
- The map below shows:
  - the proposed Settlement, Gregory, Morning Inlet and Staaten wild river areas;
  - the proposed Settlement, Gregory, Morning Inlet and Staaten high preservation areas; and
  - the proposed Settlement, Gregory, Morning Inlet and Staaten preservation areas.
- A moratorium for the *Water Act 2000*, *Vegetation Management Act 1999* and *Mineral Resources Act 1989* has effect during a moratorium period commencing on **12 December 2005**.
- For the moratorium for the *Water Act 2000*, this notice is the same as the Moratorium Notice for the *Draft Water Resource (Gulf) Plan* dated 6 June 2003 except that section 11(b)(vii) of that notice is not included.
- Under section 22A of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*, an application made during the moratorium period to clear native vegetation within the proposed high preservation area will not be accepted if it is for the purpose of a declared significant project under s.26 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*; fodder harvesting; thinning; an extractive industry; or clearing regrowth on leases issued under the *Land Act 1994* for agriculture or grazing purposes.
- During the moratorium period, mining tenements will be dealt with under part 10A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*. Generally, this means most mining tenements granted or renewed during the moratorium period will not include any land that is within a proposed high preservation area or within a watercourse or lake in the proposed wild river area.
- Copies of the **declaration proposals** may be inspected at the Department of Natural Resources & Mines website [www.nrm.qld.gov.au/wildrivers](http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/wildrivers); at the department's offices at 41 Geroge St, Brisbane; 167 Walsh Street, Mareeba; 13 Isa Street Mount Isa; 72 Uhr Street, Cloncurry; 29B Mabel Street, Atherton, and High Street Georgetown; and copies of the declaration proposals relating to the local government area at the offices of the Burke Shire Council at Musgrave Street, Burketown, Carpentaria Shire Council at 29 Haig Street, Normanton, Mt Isa City Council at 23 West Street, Mt Isa, Etheridge Shire Council at St George Street, Georgetown, Doomadgee Aboriginal Council at Sharp Street, Doomadgee, or Mareeba Shire Council at 65 Rankin Street, Mareeba.
- A free CD copy of, or further information about, the declaration proposal may be obtained from the department by phoning (07) 4039 8332.
- Further information about the **exact location** of the proposed wild river areas and high preservation areas may be inspected at the department's offices at 5B Sheridan Street, Cairns; 167 Walsh Street, Mareeba; 13 Isa Street, Mount Isa; 72 Uhr Street, Cloncurry; 29B Mabel Street, Atherton; High Street, Georgetown.
- Anyone may make a **written submission** about the Settlement, Gregory, Morning Inlet and Staaten Wild River Declaration Proposals. Properly made submissions must be in writing, state the name and address of the person(s) making the submission, be signed by that/those person(s) (unless sent by email), state the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds, and be received on or before **5.00 p.m. Friday 24 February 2006**.
- Submissions must be made to:
 

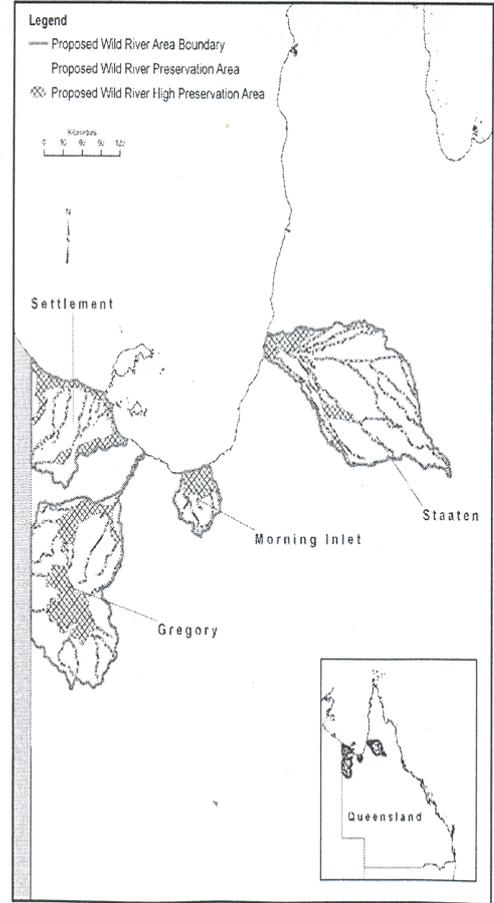
	Chief Executive
	Department of Natural Resources & Mines
	5B Sheridan Street, Cairns;
and hand delivered to:	PO Box 937, Cairns, Qld, 4870;
posted to:	07 4039 8145; or
faxed to:	wild.rivers@nrm.qld.gov.au
emailed to:	

[Note: All submissions will be treated with sensitivity and wherever possible in confidence. However, submissions may be viewed by other parties under the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*.]  
 Dated this 9th day of December 2005



Henry Palaszczuk

**\*\*Deadline for submissions now extended to 24 April 2006**



 **Queensland Government**  
 Natural Resources and Mines  
**NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES**

TMF 0001819

**\*Given the importance of the Wild Rivers Declarations to future development & activities in the Shire, Council will be hosting a public information forum in March 2006. Details will be advised via a public notice.**

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## PROPOSED COMMUNITY BALL



Burke Shire Council would like to host a "COMMUNITY BALL" this year. Possibly around the middle of the year when its cooler (the proposed date is 1 July 2006). If you would like to have input into this event or if you have some good ideas on a theme then come along to the meeting at 5:00pm Wednesday 1 March at the Shire Office where a committee may be formed to organise this event. For further details lookout for the public notice or contact the Shire Office on 4745 5100.

## SEASON'S OPEN FISHING COMPETITION

Sunday 12 February 2006

Held at Burketown Caravan Park

Nomination is FREE!

Open 7:00am Weigh-in 6:00pm

Free BBQ to follow weigh-in

Lots of Prizes

EVERYONE WELCOME

## HACC TALK



Home and Community Care Program would like to welcome their clients from the Christmas break. We have now recommenced our HACC Program as of 17 January 2006. Since the wet season is still here we will be only doing centre-based day care activities at the old church. Once the wet is over we can start planning other activities and trips away. We also have two clients away who won't be back until the wet is over. If you would like to know more about the HACC Program please do not hesitate to contact Amanda Douglas at the Burke Shire Council Office on (07) 4745 5100.

### Council Meeting Minutes

Council meeting minutes are produced within 10 days following each Council meeting and are available free of charge to all ratepayers and residents. If you are not on the mailing or emailing list for the minutes and want to be, please contact the Council office and let us know.

### Burke Shire RADF Committee Meeting

A meeting will be held at 10:am Saturday 18 February 2006 at the Shire Office to form a committee to apply for funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund for a project to be decided at future meetings. Check flyer on notice boards or contact Cheryl Portch at the Shire Office.



### Rainfall in Burketown for January 610.2mm

### Help a Wheelie



Save all your ring pulls off your cans whether beer or softdrink and help purchase a wheelie for someone in need. A wheelchair will be given free for a equal weight of ringpulls. So help someone in need and collect your ringpulls and give your collection to the Burketown Pub.

Rainfall for 2005	LOWEST TEMP.	AVERAGE LOW	HIGHEST TEMP.	AVERAGE HIGH	RAIN-FALL	DAYS OF RAIN
MONTH						
January	22.7	25.5	37.8	34.1	219.8	14
February	22.2	25.2	38.7	35.1	125.2	8
March	19.7	24.4	38.3	34.6	86.6	5
April	19.4	22.4	36.5	34.2	0.0	0
May	15.0	17.4	32.8	27.9	0.0	0
June	10.9	17.3	31.4	28.4	0.0	0
July	13.0	16.7	31.7	28.8	0.0	1
August	9.4	16.8	31.5	28.7	2.8	1
September	15.9	19.5	35.9	32.9	0.0	0
October	20.0	23.7	38.9	35.0	17.8	4
November	22.5	25.8	38.1	34.8	27.0	6
December	24.1	26.6	40.4	36.3	44.0	6
Average Full year	17.9	21.8	36.0	32.6	523.2	45

### TV TIMES

A copy of the TV Times is available to be picked up from the Council office every Friday after 10am. .  
Also available by email!



# COUNCIL NEWS & ACTIVITIES



## CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

Beames Street Widening

Morning Glory Park Development

## FUTURE MAJOR WORKS (After The Wet!)

Doomadgee East & West Roads upgrading (including flood damage repairs)

Gregory—Lawn Hill Road—upgrade and seal some sections

Wills Developmental Road upgrading (Main Roads are planning 20 kms of gravel and then seal in 2006)

Gregory Airstrip Sealing & access road upgrade

Seniors Housing Development—4 new units due in April 2006

Waste Management—Introduction of a Waste Management Plan, including recycling

Gregory Water Supply—Complete upgrade works

Water Treatment Plant—Complete upgrade works

Sewerage Treatment Plant—Complete upgrade works

Shade structure over the Burketown Multipurpose Courts

## WORKS IN PLANNING STAGE

New Albert River Bridge

Barramundi Fingerling Growout Facility

Albert River Boat Ramp & Pontoon

Swimming pool facility for Burketown

## CURRENT TENDERS

Tender 06/01—Semi Water Tanker (to be allocated to the existing Freightliner primemover)

Tender 06/02—Side Tipper & Dolly (as a third tipper for the new primemover)

*\*\* Welcome to our new Works Overseer, Allan Cox,  
who joined us on 30 January 2006\*\**



## **PLANT & EQUIPMENT NEWS**

Council is purchasing a new Western Star primemover to replace the current Freightliner which will now commence water tanker/plant float duties. The new primemover is expected to arrive in the first week of April. It is also expected that a replacement workshop truck and a replacement for our Hino water truck should also arrive around that time.



# Police Beat

To the residents of Burketown and the Burke Shire,

Since my last article was printed I have had the great pleasure in meeting with more of you both from town and outlying stations.

Senior Constable Jim Richards has taken up the 2nd officer position here. Jim comes from Beenleigh and has served in the Gold Coast and Townsville areas. Jim brings with him extensive experience and is looking forward to meeting as many of you as he can.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Christmas and New Years. It is pleasing to see that there were no traffic accidents during this period, although unfortunately a few people were detected drink driving. Jim and I will targeting traffic related offences over the New Year period as well as throughout the year.

With the new year comes the start of school. I would ask that everyone takes extra care when driving around the school zone and please be aware of the lowered speed limit to 40km/h during the times indicated on the signs in Beames Street. All children and adults must wear a seat belt whilst inside a car. Please also be aware that our friends from the Mt Isa traffic branch may pay us a visit during this period! Jim and I are keen to work with the school and the community to highlight traffic and other safety issues.

In recent times I have noticed a lot of people, both children and adults, riding pushbikes without helmets on. Whilst we are aware that there is no shop in Burketown that sells bike helmets, if you don't have one please walk or organise to buy one as serious injury can result from a fall or crash. It is a \$75 fine for not wearing a helmet.

With the onset of wet weather I would ask that people plan their trips accordingly. Please ensure that your vehicle is in sound mechanical repair and you have communications in your vehicle (eg mobile/satellite phone, UHF radio etc), as well as food and water in case of an emergency. Tell someone where you are going and which way you will be travelling, otherwise let us know at the police station so we are able to have an idea of where you may be if you are lost/stranded.

Jim has asked that if anyone can tell him where to catch some fish please let him know as he can't seem to land any flathead or whiting up here!

Paul Griffiths  
Sergeant  
Burketown Police

## Trash & Treasure

Trash & Treasure Day is to be held on Saturday 25 March 2006 - 8.00am till 12:00 noon. If you would like to sell/trade your preloved treasure or homemade wares then register your stall with Cheryl Portch at the Council Office. Keep an eye out for the information flyer coming to all public notice boards soon !!!!

# TIDE CHART—2006

## AUSTRALIA GULF OF CARPENTARIA - KARUMBA

Lat 17° 30'S Long 140° 50'E Time zone—1000

Times and heights of high & low waterS

FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m
1 WE 1126 0.82 2215 4.37	16 TH 1018 1.48 2117 3.60	1 WE 1019 0.99 2114 3.95	16 TH 0850 1.73 1954 3.08	1 SA 0229 2.04 0917 2.79	16 SU 1010 2.88 2312 1.48
2 TH 1200 1.20 2245 3.98	17 FR 0946 1.73 2127 3.40	2 TH 1059 1.42 2147 3.52	17 FR 0519 1.96 2010 2.84	2 SU 0226 1.80 1028 3.27	17 MO 1016 3.15 2331 1.25
3 FR 1222 1.70 2248 3.53	18 SA 0750 1.91 2128 3.16	3 FR 1140 1.96 2151 3.04	18 SA 0411 1.93 1255 2.49 1538 2.38 2011 2.57	3 MO 0009 1.45 1114 3.65	18 TU 1043 3.42
4 SA 0830 2.14 2215 3.12	19 SU 0553 1.86 1511 2.67 1626 2.66 2039 2.92	4 SA 0434 2.24 1104 2.53 1610 2.37 2105 2.62	19 SU 0410 1.90 1242 2.74	4 TU 0048 1.16 1156 3.89	19 WE 0011 1.04 1120 3.65
5 SU 0615 1.91 1515 2.85 1706 2.82 2039 2.93	20 MO 0547 1.79 1454 2.95 1759 2.80 1913 2.82	5 SU 0434 1.96 1214 3.06	20 MO 0408 1.87 1200 3.04	5 WE 0139 0.96 1239 4.00	20 TH 0109 0.85 1205 3.83
6 MO 0616 1.60 1506 3.36	21 TU 0541 1.69 1428 3.29	6 MO 0445 1.67 1253 3.52	21 TU 0123 1.68 1210 3.37	6 TH 0236 0.83 1323 3.98	21 FR 0217 0.69 1256 3.92
7 TU 0624 1.31 1534 3.78	22 WE 0513 1.50 1436 3.64	7 TU 0442 1.41 1333 3.86	22 WE 0152 1.39 1240 3.67	7 FR 0339 0.77 1410 3.87	22 SA 0330 0.57 1348 3.91
8 WE 0634 1.09 1615 4.10	23 TH 0459 1.23 1514 3.96	8 WE 0404 1.15 1417 4.06	23 TH 0239 1.13 1322 3.91	8 SA 0443 0.77 1500 3.70	23 SU 0441 0.52 1443 3.79
9 TH 0651 0.94 1704 4.28	24 FR 0545 0.97 1609 4.20	9 TH 0444 0.98 1508 4.12	24 FR 0345 0.90 1416 4.07	9 SU 0540 0.83 1547 3.49	24 MO 0544 0.62 1535 3.55
10 FR 0723 0.86 1756 4.34	25 SA 0648 0.75 1715 4.37	10 FR 0536 0.88 1605 4.08	25 SA 0502 0.72 1520 4.12	10 MO 0629 0.99 1630 3.27	25 TU 0640 0.89 1623 3.19
11 SA 0802 0.83 1848 4.31	26 SU 0751 0.61 1826 4.45	11 SA 0630 0.85 1705 3.98	26 SU 0616 0.62 1629 4.09	11 TU 0704 1.24 1702 3.05	26 WE 0735 1.32 1701 2.75
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- New Moon
- Full Moon
- ☾ Last Quarter
- ☽ First Quarter

\*\*\*\*ADD ON\*\*\*\*

**1 hour to mouth of Albert River  
4 hours to Wharf  
5 hours to Bridge**