

Burke Shire Council Newsletter



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Australia Day 2011

It is always nice to see people from our community recognised by their community.
This year Burke Shire Citizen of the Year went to Pam de Joux and Junior Sportsman went to Gordon Arnold.

Citizen of the Year - Pam de Joux was recognised for her significant contribution to the community as HACC Coordinator going beyond what is expected of her in the role.

Pam has genuine compassion for the people she assists including caring about the wellbeing of family and friends who may be struggling with caring for an elderly or infirm person. Pam ensures these people are receiving regular contact and social visits even if it fringes on her own time. She advocates for her clients and family's needs and is a big voice for our small community. Pam is involved in various advisory groups for the community including Order of the Outback Community Ball, Regional Arts Developments Fund and the Arts n Crafts Committee.

Pam's passion for Arts and Crafts has seen many other community members be inspired and she has shown her commitment to the town by setting up her own business.

Junior Sportsman Award - Gordon Arnold has loved sport from a very young age. He was involved in football, cricket, touch football and soccer at boarding school and was selected to play football against Columba in first's side (at the time he was two years younger than the rest of the team) as well as being selected to play in Confraternity Carnival. For the last two years he has been invited to be part of the Charters Towers combined school sides to compete in NQ trials. Thus far in his sporting career he has received the following accolades- best and fairest, most consistent player, most prolific try scorer and best team player. It is great to see Gordon acknowledged for his skill and talent in the sporting arena and we wish him luck in the future!

Burke Shire was very lucky this year to have an Australia Day Ambassador, Mr Tim Page, who visited Burketown with his wife Marianne. Tim Page is a photojournalist and spent a wonderful time with the locals. Not only did he attend the Australia Day lunch but he hosted an

Australia themed trivia night at the pub, had morning tea with the Home and Community Care clients, visited Floraville Station and caught a King Salmon out on the river!

Our judges this year had a tough job for the competition was fierce and the number of entries was fantastic. Winners were:

Lamington Bake Off - Amanda Wilkinson

Poetry - Cheryl Portch

Colouring In: Under 8's - Latreya Bounty, Over 8's - Dyneka Taylor

Design Your Own Flag: Junior - Jerome Shadforth, Senior - Elva Portch

The free trivia night at the pub was well attended with a number of teams entering including, the Chick Magnets, Triple B, Bail Out, Fuzzy's Crew, Team Awesome, Winners are Grinners and Team Hayley. The Chick Magnets blitzed the field and received prizes donated by the Burketown Pub. A great fun night was had by all!



Ambassador Tim Page presents the Australia Day Award.



Gary Letts reads his poetry entry.



Phillip Booth takes a bash at the Pinja.



Ernie Camp takes on the kids in the Tug Of War.



Lamington Bake Off entries.

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Message from the Mayor



What a busy time we have had and what an even busier future is shaping up.

Firstly I would like to pass on Council's sympathy to the Carrington, Chong/ Mabbs and Richards/Parker families in the loss of their loved ones. Alex Carrington was born at Planet, one of a set of twins. He was so small he fitted into a shoe box as his first crib. Unfortunately the twin didn't survive. The Carrington's attended the Burketown School. Alex went on to become an excellent horseman until struck with polio at an early age and then he took over the mechanical maintenance for the property. They were great supporters of the Annual race meetings at both Gregory and Burketown, and Alex served as a Burke Shire Councillor for many years. Our deepest sympathy goes also to the Carrington family, and I was able to attend the celebration of the life of Alex Carrington. The Carrington families are still a big part of the Shire in many ways, and had been an active part of the history and development of the Shire. Alex's family has expressed their

personal gratitude for Council and community for the tribute sent but more importantly that we remember.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Mabs/Chong and associated families. As everyone is aware of the tragedy in the Shire, there is no need for me to elaborate. Council sent a tribute to the family on behalf of the community and many were able to show their respect and support at the funeral.

The organisation and management of the event deserves great thanks to those who were involved particularly the Camp family initially, and then the others who followed as the drama unfolded. Our SES people were on alert across the Shire. The communications were excellent though marred by the fact that unfortunate interruptions occurred on the channel that should have remained silent and secure. Another Gulf resident has passed on. Isabel Parker spent many years on Wernadinga as part of the Richards before she was widowed. She married Les Parker, who has also been a big part of the Gulf. As a young girl she lived with her family,

the Grubb family on Neumayer Valley. Council will also send their respects to the families.

I think not having a full January meeting might have been sensible at the time, but we have had to make up the time with a huge Council meeting this month. We are facing a fortunate future with several millions of dollars approved by the State Government to repair and upgrade our local and State Roads. I encourage anyone who has machinery that they would like to hire out to contact the Shire Office as there would be opportunities for off property income.

Cr Ernie Camp, DES Dennis Kerr and I attended meetings in Cloncurry to discuss road matters recently with the Regional Roads Group and Main Roads with a very good result. We have been involved in discussions with Gulf Savannah Development and MITEZ regional development groups to hold a Beef and Roads forum in Cloncurry to discuss what needs to go forwards including strengthening the beef industry, water issues, land tenure, food security etc. This will be held in April or May subject to the availability of our State and Federal relevant members.

GSD is selecting an acting CEO in Rob McAllister's leave which will be for about 6 months.

The Shire has received many compliments recently for our preparedness during the cyclones and floods. Thanks must go to the staff who made this happen. We don't do this in isolation and I can only compliment highly the efficiency of our Regional Disaster Management team. Their dedication and management of their roles gives us great confidence in knowing that we would have an immediate response to any occasion. However, could you think about becoming an active SES volunteer? Our SES organiser's David Marshall and Ian Forshaw are developing a training program with the assistance of CEO Gary Letts who has some experience in this field. Notices will go out with expressions of interest to become involved. There is wonderful training available that transfers across to both your personal and working lives.

Yours in service.

**Cr Annie Clarke
Mayor**



Message from the CEO

The wet has held off in respect to any great big dumps of rain and

damaging winds, even though the region had some threat from Cyclone Yasi, but luckily it never eventuated.

This event was a good exercise for our EMQ procedure on a District Disaster Management Group and our Local Disaster Management Group, to be prepared, the Shire did experience river and road crossing to rise and stay risen for a small period of time.

The Burke Shire has had the NDRRA flood damage claims for 2009/2010 year approved, as we can now proceed to reconstruct the damaged roads over the dry season.

We have had a successful Australia Day Celebration, and the next community event on our calendar is Anzac day and Easter with the Barra fishing competition, which all falls over the Easter weekend.

Over this wet work time the Council

teams have been out on maintenance and completing all the small jobs placed aside to be completed over the wet, so it's well done to our teams for being tolerant and getting in and completing some of the tasks.

The Burke Shire Council has kicked off with our Council meeting for the 2011 year and already we are well into operations and programs, along with as a group with GSD the Councillors and myself, plus other

dignitaries, Bob Katter Independent Member, Jan McLucas met with Minister Simon Crean at Gregory and discussed future developments of the region.

Gary Letts





**Deputy
Mayor
Ernie Camp**

My thoughts go out to those affected by the recent flooding in Queensland and those in the path of Cyclone Yasi. They have endured terrifying moments, heartfelt loss and face a mammoth task to rebuild lives and communities.

I attended Australia Day celebrations in Burketown and was proud to announce that Pam de Joux and Gordon Arnold were recipients of this year's Shire Awards. Congratulations. As part of my speech I acknowledged the National winners and highlighted the winner of the National Local Hero Award, Mr Ritchie. He did not reinvent the wheel or discover something of life changing importance. All he did was reach out to those in need with a cup of tea, a chat and show them that someone cared. A cup of tea and a chat is nothing special but by doing this ordinary thing he had saved over 160 people from committing suicide off the cliffs adjacent to his home – a most extraordinary thing. To those who think that the ordinary things they do are not that important, this shows that the little everyday things are important and can make a difference, and that you

do not have to do great things to receive recognition by your community nor think you that what you do is not deserving of public thanks.

We also were fortunate to have an Australia Day ambassador, Tim Page and his partner Marianne, in attendance. They were both lovely people and enjoyed their time in the Shire. Kylie and I hosted them to an afternoon tea and fossil hunting session here the day prior. Tim gave an excellent speech prior to the luncheon and also was a jovial compere for the Quiz that evening at the Pub.

The Ambassador programme is something I feel that council should continue to participate in. Thanks to those who worked hard prior to, and on the day, to make it the success it was.

Annie, Dennis and I attended a meeting with Main Roads recently. Council is busily working together with Main Roads in an effort to combine available and projected funding to advance the completion of sealing from Gregory to Burketown which is great news. There will be further updates as we progress the matter with all parties. Hope that all your children have settled well back into school – locally or in boarding.

**Cr Ernie Camp
Deputy Mayor**



**Cr Tracy
Forshaw**

Welcome back after the Christmas/New Year holidays. I was able to attend the teleconference regarding Local Disaster Meeting in January & February as well as the scheduled February Council meeting in Burketown before Ian & I left on holidays.

The Council in conjunction with Gulf Savannah Development was able to host a lunch for 3 Federal MP's plus Mayors, Councillors & CEO of the

GSD group at Gregory. Even though they only had an hour, the discussion were very beneficial, and in the long run Burke Shire will see the rewards.

With Easter, Anzac and May Day weekend coming up, I am sure all the relevant community groups will be looking for a hand – remember an hour or two of your time will benefit the whole community.

I look forward to seeing you in Burketown for the Fishing Competition & Anzac Day plus at the Gregory for the annual horse races. Take care!

Cr Tracy Forshaw



**Cr Tonya
Murray**

Well 2011 is now underway and with plenty in the pipe line for this year we've all got a busy year ahead. It's great to see all of the kids back at school and in particular I'd like to wish all of the new starters in local primary schools and those that have left for boarding school the very best for their first year.

Unfortunately we got off to a tragic start to the year and my thoughts remain with the Chong and Hookey families. I'm very proud of the way our community came together to support the family and each other during this difficult time. We still have a little while to go before we are out of the flood and cyclone season so I encourage everyone to exercise caution and stay safe.

I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead this year and working with you all. Cheers!

Cr Tonya Murray

Home & Community Care Update

The year has started off slow with many of our HACC clients away taking the opportunity to escape the wet season to visit friends and family for a few months. Those that have been attending have been doing fancywork and playing scrabble.

Keeping in touch by telephone is a priority for our Social Support clients out on the cattle stations during this time. Due to their isolation several audio -books for the benefit of these clients have been ordered through our library to help them cope as it becomes almost impossible to visit them over the wet.

Potted plants now grace the entrance to the HACC hall giving the building a lived in atmosphere. The ladies are very excited with their work and are looking forward to creating more gardens as the year progresses. We have been very lucky to secure a grant from Southern Gulf Catchments to help with this project which is very exciting! As yet the HACC clients have not decided on what their second Project for 2011 will be.

Our Australia Day Ambassador, Tim Page along with his wife were guests of the HACC clients for a morning tea prior to the Australia Day Celebrations. Joined by Gary Letts our CEO, it was an enjoyable morning with many questions coming forth. Thanks to Jennifer for helping out and the preparation of the morning tea.

Visits from Health workers are on the agenda with Allied Health due to start their regular trips this month along with Disability Qld and Frontier Services later in April. In March we are planning an International Women's Day Luncheon at the Shire Hall which we hope will entail a guest speaker. Invitations will be extended to all women in the Shire and notices sent out.



**Cr Bill
Olive**

At present we are at Bundaberg (fly back into Townsville 9.30pm 26th); Bill's treatment starts on the 28th.

The cyclone caused everything to be put back by 1 week. So far all reports from Clifffdale is good, no heavy rain, and all is well up there. To date, we have been fortunate to have missed any damaging storms in the gulf, and we hope that remains to be the case. I am receiving all e-mails, and hope to continue to be in contact with all.

Cr Bill Olive

After the wet we will welcome a new assistant into our HACC Unit by way of Jennifer Letts. This will be a welcome addition, as our client numbers are climbing both in CBDC and Social Support and an extra hand is needed in order to maintain our regular visits etc. Jennifer will join us after the wet.

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

The Apology to the Stolen Generations



13 February 2011 marked the third anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations. An apology from the Australian Government to the Stolen Generations is one important step in working together to achieve reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples. It is important

because it removes a barrier to us establishing a better relationship as Indigenous and non-Indigenous fellow Australians.

Closing the life expectancy gap involves consistent, long term action by governments and by all Australians, in health, education, housing, employment etc. - as well as in building respectful relationships that generate better outcomes for us all. Aboriginal academic Marcia Langton suggested that a formal

apology would achieve two things: firstly it will aid in the restoration of a sense of dignity and legitimacy to those who have suffered, and secondly it will acknowledge the serious harm done by previous governments to a class of people on the grounds of their race.

"True reconciliation between the Australian nation and its Indigenous peoples is not achievable in the absence of acknowledgment by the nation of the wrongfulness of the past dispossession, oppression and degradation of the Aboriginal peoples." (Sir William Deane, Governor-General of Australia, 1997.)

The Stolen Generation Alliance has said the Apology should be backed up with a national education campaign and a parliamentary inquiry to resolve all outstanding issues, including compensation payments. "The level of dysfunction that remains in the community as a result of the removal policy is way beyond an apology," Alliance co-convenor Jim Morrison claims. Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has also said that "unless the great symbolism of reconciliation is accompanied by an even greater substance, it is little more than a clanging gong".

Police Beat...



I have only been in Burketown for a short amount of time and would like to express my thanks to the community for the warm welcome I have received.

The station is open on Monday and Tuesday from 9am – 12noon for Queensland Transport and anything else, we are available by phone if the station is unoccupied. In regards to the use of EFTPOS at the station; we can only take electronic payments for vehicle registrations as this is a different system from licenses, where we require cash.

It was pleasing to see the state road toll was less than 300 last year, which is the first time in many years. The Police Service will continue its campaign to keep the road toll down by targeting Speed, Seatbelts and Driver Fatigue.

In February Mark and I will be intercepting vehicles and advising driver's of their responsibilities when driving vehicles with persons including children unrestrained. All persons travelling in a vehicle must wear a seatbelt and children must be in an appropriate child restraint for their age and size.

The fines are significant at \$300 and loss of 3 points. Anyone in the vehicle over the age of 16 years not wearing a seat belt is also fined and the driver is issued an infringement notice for each of these people as well. The driver is also given an infringement notice for any children under the age of 16 years who are not appropriately restrained.

Therefore if you are the driver of a vehicle and you have your seatbelt on and some of your passenger do not you will be given a \$300 ticket and lose 3 points for each of them with the potential to lose your license due to an accumulation of points.

As of the 1st March we will be issuing infringement notices for seatbelts so please buckle up and drive safely.

Sergeant Wayne Rickerby.

Depot news...

A proper fright was put into the region in January with the announcement that Cyclone Yasi was heading our way. Council depot staff put in a big effort to get both Burketown and Gregory township ready in case the big blow came! There was a massive cleanup of rubbish, cars, and (due to an early storm) the clearing away of larger branches. Two general rubbish runs were done in a week to ensure everyone had the opportunity to tidy up. Fortunately for us Yasi turned southwards but it did get everyone thinking about safety during the cyclone/wet season. A big thank you to the staff that worked really hard to ensure everyone was safe in the event of strong winds and storms. It is also nice to see the town looking so nice and tidy!

Carpentaria Land Council news...

Please be aware that person's planning to travel to the Wellesley Islands that permission is required to visit all island, including parts of Sweers Island. Contact must be made with Gulf Region Aboriginal Corporation on 4745 5132 prior to travel. Offenders will be prosecuted. Those persons travelling only to Sweers Island Resort should contact the resort on 4748 5544.

What's happening at the Clinic?

Goodbye to Desley who has been Acting DON and welcome back Di Phillips to the Clinic. Now is a good time to plan ahead and update your diary for upcoming visits to the clinic and please, where at all possible make an appointment!

- RFDS medical officer clinic every Wednesday.
- RFDS Child Health Clinic every 2nd Wednesday - next clinic 2nd March.
- Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist - March 10-11 and April 5. A continence advisor is also available April 5.
- Podiatrist, Psychologist and Speech Pathologist - March 17-18 and April 15 (you can self refer to the above allied health services by calling 1800 221 131).
- RFDS Women's Health GP (Dr Julie Martin) March 10th (Make an appointment and bring medicare card).
- Mobile Women's health nurse - May 19th.

Why not get involved in the Healthy Weight Programme? This includes walking and swimming and health checks. Call Glenda if you are interested!

Burketown State School

Burketown State School has been a very busy place for the first few weeks of this term as students get back into routine and most importantly resume their learning.

The school is very fortunate to see the return of teachers, Miss Hartmann (4-7) and Miss Scott (P-3) and teacher aides Irene Marshall and Cindy Holman, who all do a fantastic job at school every day.

Katrina Rex is keeping everything in the office running smoothly and Carrol Cunningham is keeping our classrooms and school looking clean and tidy every day.

Our school leadership group led by Tyrone Cooling and Maali Yanner has already begun some initiatives at the school including fund raising for a new cold water drinking fountain.

The school would like to invite any parents or caregivers who want to read with their children to come up every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 10:00am. We would also like to put out an open invitation to parents and caregivers to come up to our Friday afternoon Celebration Parades that start at 2:15. Thank you for your ongoing community support to begin the school year and we look forward to a prosperous and rewarding school year in 2011.

Finn Buckley, Principal.



BURKETOWN SCHOOL NEEDS **YOU** AS A P&C MEMBER

Do you care about our children and our school?

***If so, we want you to be a member of the
Burketown State School P&C.***

It costs nothing and we need parents and citizens to show they care!

Gregory State School

The Gregory Gang has had a busy start to the 2011 school year. At present we have seven students from Pre-Prep to Year 6 and two staff members, Mrs Brown and Miss Kimberley.

The Pre-Preps and Preppies have been learning about letters, sounds, words (s, t, m, b); concepts about print; writing recounts; number; how special we are; and in science about maps and objects. We have also been undertaking a Reading Safari Adventure in which we share different texts to the class.

While our year 6 student is undertaking Japanese lessons through the Charters Towers School of Distance of Education. As well as learning about ballads; Harry Potter; and materials in our world. Our oval is starting to get grass on it and we look forward to using it throughout the year, as well as continuing our gardening projects. We are having lots of fun learning new things and look forward to the rest of the year!

This recount written by the Prep Students and Mrs Brown.

Kindy Kapers



Burketown kindergarten is up and running again with 12 children registered. Our staff remains the same with Leonie Florence as Director and Layley Armstrong as her assistant.

There was some confusion as to whether we could operate the Kindy bus due to the new child restraint laws but after conferring with the RTO and our local Sergeant be assured that the bus is legal and will be in operation.

The only funding Kindy receives is from C&K which consists of 85% of the wages. To keep operating Kindy must raise the difference through fees and fundraising. Although the Committee is dedicated to keep the Kindy operating it will need the help of the Community to ensure that our Kindy does not close.

Speaking of fundraising, Kindy is raffling the following artwork which will be drawn at this year's World Barramundi Fishing Championship held in Burketown over the Easter weekend.

Tickets - \$2 each. Prize valued at \$800.

Artwork was kindly donated by Ernie Camp.



SOTA (School of the Air)

Could the Camp children be following in their father's footsteps? Zara Camp is currently a Councillor for SOTA and Shannon is currently seeking to be voted to represent his class. Watch this space as we may be looking at future Councillors of Burke Shire!

Kids & Road Safety

Our kids love the freedom of living in a small country town, riding bikes, climbing trees and running through the park. Our local population are all aware to take care on the streets to look after our little ones. As a result some of our kids are not as alert and careful as they should be when it comes to road safety.

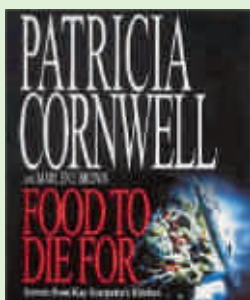
With the upcoming Easter Break and Barra Competition there will be an increase in traffic and we need to ensure that none of our children become a statistic!

Remember...

- **WHEN WALKING LOOK BEFORE CROSSING THE ROAD,**
- **BEWARE OF PARKING AND REVERSING CARS.**
- **STOP YOUR BIKE BEFORE CROSSING THE ROAD TO CHECK FOR TRAFFIC**
- **RIDING A BIKE OR SCOOTER? WEAR SAFETY GEAR**
- **SUPERVISE CHILDREN**

Take the time to remind your kids how important it is to stay and be aware!

Burke Shire Community Library...



ADULT BOOK OF THE MONTH

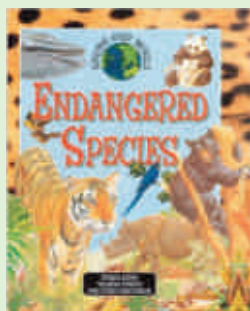
Food to Die for (2001), Secrets from Kay Scarpetta's Kitchen.

A non fiction book by Marlene Brown and Patricia Cornwell.

Scarpetta doesn't just chitchat with Benton Wesley before their Hilton Head holiday in Point of Origin-she instructs him to stock up on South Carolina pecans, tomatoes, and Vidalia onions! Snowbound in a tiny cottage by the sea in Cause of Death, Kay taps into her Italian heritage to celebrate New Year's with a

delectable lasagne for Lucy and Marino.

Fans of Kay Scarpetta know that this crime solver extraordinaire unwinds and recharges in the kitchen. After a heroic day on the job, she often escapes home to delicious food and wine with family and friends. Brimming with full-color photographs of Scarpetta-inspired culinary creations, Food to Die For adds a new dimension to the novels that keep us reading through the night.



JUNIOR BOOK OF THE MONTH

Endangered Species introduces the younger reader to creatures whose survival is under threat. It looks at the animals, reptiles, birds, insects and plants that are disappearing from our world and at the reasons why. The book is divided into chapters that examine extinction, hunting, trade, habitat loss and damage and different conservation schemes.



ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Ancestry Library Edition Ancestry (ALE) is now available to Burke Shire Council Library users, please phone Chris on 47455100 to make an appointment. Ancestry Library Edition will greatly assist library users in tracing their family history and provide as well as powerful resource for local historians and genealogists. The ALE product consists of thousands of smaller databases, some of which are listed below:

Australian convict index 1788-1868 , Australian electoral rolls 1901-1936 , New South Wales, Australia, Assisted Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1828-1896 , New South Wales, Australia, Unassisted

Immigrant Passenger Lists, 1826-1922 , UK census records 1841-1901 (England, Wales, Scotland, Channel Islands & Isle of Man – not Ireland)

Pallot's Marriage Index 1780-1837 , US census records 1790-1930 , British Army World War I pension records, 1914-1920 (VVO 364), British Army World War I medal rolls index cards, 1914-1920, British phone books 1880-1984, UK Incoming Passenger Lists, 1878-1960.

Keeping Kids Safe Online

Kids are spending more time on line. Make sure your kids stay safe by downloading the Cybersafety Help Button at: www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton. This button helps you to: LEARN how to stay safe online. TALK to a counsellor about cyber-bullying or anything else that has worried you. REPORT cyber-bullying or anything you've seen online that isn't right.



ANZAC DAY Monday 25th April

Burke Shire community will be joined by members of 51 FNQR based in Mount Isa

0650	Dawn Service at the Cenotaph
0730	Breakfast at Burke Shire Hall
1045	March (start: Beames & Musgrave St)
	Midmorning Service
	Laying of Wreaths
1130	BBQ lunch at Burke Shire Hall
	Soft Drinks Available - BYO Drinks

Need more information? Want to be involved or volunteer?

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

OPPORTUNITIES...

2011 CENSUS – RECRUITMENT

The next national Census of Population and Housing will be conducted on the night of Tuesday 9 August 2011.

The Census aims to accurately measure the number of people in Australia on Census night, their key characteristics, and the dwellings in which they live.

In order to assist in the preparation and operation of the Census, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) is recruiting around 43,000 community-minded field staff all over Australia, over 8,000 of which will be in Queensland, to help us count the nation.

Census workers are vital to the success of the Census, and to their communities. We need to count every household correctly to ensure Census data is as accurate and reliable as possible. This data is used by communities, private institutions and all levels of government for planning services and facilities.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

If you would like to help support your community, enjoy working with people, and have time you can give, working on the Census is a great community-based activity that makes a real difference to Australia.

If you are interested in an upcoming position, either as an Area Supervisor or Collector, you can register your interest online at www.abs.gov.au/census

IF YOU HAVE BEEN HURT BY A FAMILY MEMBER YOU MAY GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT

What this means for you...

As the old Criminal Injury Compensation Scheme has now been replaced by a Victim Assist Recovery Scheme this means that if you have been hurt by another person you are entitled to help with your recovery.

There are two requirements:

1. To make a complaint to police and 2. Obtain a medical report

For an injury caused by another family member (special victim) there is no need to complain to police as long as you have told a doctor, counsellor or psychologist. You are entitled to a lump sum payment depending on your personal circumstance such as:

- You may have lost work because of your injuries.
- You may be entitled to special assistance (e.g pain and suffering) because of your injury.
- Are you a child and dependant on your parents?
- You are distressed because of the death of a close family member.

You are also entitled to other payments depending on your personal circumstances such as; counselling, relocation costs, report expenses and Medical assistance:

QIFVLS also helps community members with legal matters such as applying for domestic violence orders, child protection matters, legal advice, court support and various counselling services and community education (positive parenting program, parenting information sessions, sexual assault awareness, personal development.

If you have such a matter please call QIFVLS Mt Isa on (Free call from land lines) Ph: 1800 887 700 or contact David Hooton on 07 4030 0421 or mobile 0459 999 481.

AVAILABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Area Supervisors are responsible for selecting, training, supervising and leading a team of Collectors. Area Supervisors will be required to work from 18 April 2011 until 7 October 2011 and will be paid between \$4,300 and \$7,500 depending on their workload. Applications open 12 February 2011.

Collectors are responsible for delivering and collecting forms from all dwellings in a specified area. Collectors will be required to work from 1 July 2011 until 8 September 2011 and will be paid between \$1,100 and \$2,300 depending on their workload. Applications open 9 April 2011.

THE SATELLITE PHONE SUBSIDY SCHEME

The Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme is an Australian Government initiative to help people living or working outside of terrestrial mobile phone coverage to purchase a satellite mobile phone.

Eligible consumers include individuals, small businesses, community groups, not-for-profit organizations, health organizations and educational institutions. Applications for the subsidy must be approved PRIOR to the phone being purchased. For more information or to download an application please go to:

www.dbcde.gov.au/mobile_services/the_satellite_phone_subsidy_scheme.

WWW.FIFTYTHOUSANDJOBS.COM.AU

The AEC jobs website (www.fiftythousandjobs.com.au) connects you with hundreds of employers that have jobs committed for Indigenous Australians available right now. **Register now** to gain free access to recruitment contact details, forecasted job availability, selection and training criteria's.

RURAL FIRE SERVICE VOLUNTEER PORTAL

Connect to the Volunteer Portal today. You can access the training toolbox, news and announcements, weather and wildlife alerts, brigade administration tools and much more. **Follow these 5 simple steps:**

1. Go to www.ruralfires.qld.gov.au
2. Select "Connect to Volunteer Portal"
3. Click on "New User?"
4. Enter details in field provided (record your username & password for future use)
5. Select "Visit RFS"

WEBSITE & IT TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESS

ADVANCED WEBSITE SKILLS - Webinar 10.00 - 11.00am, Tuesday 29th March.

Rank #1 on Google - Webinar 11.30am - 12.30pm, Tuesday 29th March.

Emailing Marketing - Webinar 10.00 - 11.00am, Tuesday 12th April.

Social Media - Webinar 10.00 - 11.00am, Thursday 14th April.

Blogging for Business - Webinar 11.30am - 12.30pm, Thursday 14th April.

For more information on webinars contact Annie Cork on 0437 029 668 or email smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au, or to book contact Sue Warren on 4031 1631 or email info@gulf-savannah.com.au.



SKYTRANS HAVE INTRODUCED STUDENT FARES ON GULF SERVICES TO AND FROM CAIRNS AND MOUNT ISA. FARES ARE OFFERED AT A REDUCED RATE TO ANYONE OVER 12 YEARS THAT GOES TO HIGH SCHOOL, TAFE OR UNIVERSITY. YOU MUST PRESENT SUFFICIENT AND CURRENT FULL TIME STUDENT ID AT TIME OF BOOKING. A FAXED COPY OF THE ID MUST BE SENT TO RESERVATIONS CENTRE TO OBTAIN THE FARE. ALL FARES SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

33rd WORLD BARRAMUNDI FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



**OVER \$20,000 IN CASH,
PRIZES & TROPHIES**

- 1st Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$3,300
- 2nd Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$1,000
- 3rd Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$500
- 30 Other Prizes in Categories for Open, Men, Women and Children
- Team Event (Team of 4) – The more teams that enter the bigger the prize money!!! (includes best dressed team)
- Plus a BOAT, MOTOR & TRAILER Giveaway as major Lucky Nomination Prize for Adults and Nintendo for Juniors

A fun weekend for the whole family!

**HELD IN BURKETOWN
22nd, 23rd, 24th APRIL 2011**

Supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service
and other Community Service Groups

**Don't miss the boat for the ONLY fishing
competition to be on at Easter Weekend 2011!**

Further information can be obtained by contacting
Burke Shire Council on (07) 4745 5100 or Garry Jeffries on 0418 711 734

33rd World Barramundi Fishing Championships Information Sheet...

• **When:** The Championships will be held over Easter 2011 – from Friday 22nd April to Sunday 24th April. The event is hosted by the Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation for the benefit of the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other community service groups.

• **Where:** In the Albert, Nicholson, Leichhardt Rivers around Burketown in Queensland.

• Sections, Costs & Nominations:

Entry fees are:- Open section \$30, Junior section (14 years and under) \$15, Family section (2 adults and 2 juniors) \$60. Teams Section (4 persons per team) \$80 per team.

Nominations are open: 6:00-9:00pm, Thursday 21st April and also 9:00-12:00noon & 3:00-6:00pm, Friday 22nd April 2011.

• Calendar of Events:

Thursday 21st April – Nominations open at 6:00pm and close at 9:00pm at the Burke Shire Hall.

Friday, 22nd April – Nominations and Weigh In at the Burketown Pub - 9:00am to 12:00noon & 3:00pm to 6:00pm; Final nominations close at 6:00pm.

Entertainment, food and bar at the Shire Hall from 7:00pm.

Saturday 23rd April – Weigh-ins at Burketown Pub - 9:00am to 12:00noon & 3:00pm to 6:00pm; Meals available at the Burketown Pub, including 5 lucky draws of \$100 throughout the night – Must be there to win!!!

Sunday 24th April – Weigh-ins at Burketown Pub open at 8:00am and close (final) at 1:00pm. Entertainment, food and bar at the Burke Shire Hall from 6:00pm, including presentation of prizes and trophies.

• **Categories:** The interim categories and prize money for the 2011 event are as follows :

Section	Category	Prize
Open	Heaviest Barramundi	\$3,300
Open	Runner Up Heaviest Barramundi	\$1,000
Open	Third Heaviest (2nd Runner Up) Barramundi	\$500
Open	All Round Angler	\$200
Open men	Heaviest Jew	\$150
Open men	Heaviest Salmon	\$150
Open men	Heaviest Bream	\$150
Open men	Heaviest Grunter	\$150
Open men	Heaviest Fingermark	\$150
Open men	Heaviest Queenfish	\$150
Open Women	Heaviest Jew	\$150
Open Women	Heaviest Salmon	\$150
Open Women	Heaviest Bream	\$150
Open Women	Heaviest Grunter	\$150
Open Women	Heaviest Fingermark	\$150
Open Women	Heaviest Queenfish	\$150
Junior	Barramundi	\$330#
Junior	All Round Angler	\$150#
Junior	Heaviest Jew	\$150#
Junior	Heaviest Salmon	\$150#
Junior	Heaviest Bream	\$150#
Junior	Heaviest Grunter	\$150#
Junior	Heaviest Fingermark	\$150#
Junior	Heaviest Queenfish	\$150#
Junior	Most Catfish Boys & Girls	\$100/ea
All Entrants	Lucky Nomination Prize Team Event (Team of 4)	

NOTES: 1. # These Junior Categories include 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes. The amounts shown are the total prize pool value for each category.

2. Sawfish, Stingrays, Sharks (incl Shovel Nose) and Catfish are NOT eligible for "All Round Angler" or "Team" Categories.

» Need more information? Further information can be obtained by contacting – the Burke Shire Council on (07) 4745 5100, or visit website www.burkeshirecouncil.com or contact Garry Jeffries on 0418 711 734.

Dates for the diary...

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Boardroom - Start 9.00am

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 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
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 Burke Shire Council	Contact: Burke Shire Council Ph: 07 4745 5100
Saturday 24 – Monday 26 June	Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports	Contact: Sue Clarke Gregory District Sporting Association 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	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
Sunday 4 - Friday 9 September	Gregory Mini School School of the Air	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585
Friday 9 September 9 - 11 September	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
Sunday 18 September (to be confirmed)	Gregory CWA Horse Sports	Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585
Monday 19 September	School Holidays Return Monday 3 October	Burke Shire State School
TBA (September?)	Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports	Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193
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

Burke Shire Business Directory

Burketown Nursery



Burketown Nursery

Lot 144 Gregory Street, Burketown

Open Weekends.

Come see us for all your gardening supplies.

Phone: 0417 738 404.

Orders welcome.

Adels Grove



Adels Grove at Lawn Hill Gorge

Accommodation tents or rooms,

Meals and licensed restaurant,

Transfers to National Park

Tours to World Heritage Riversleigh Fossils

Swimming, fishing or simply relaxing

Bowser fuel now available.

Ph: 07 4748 5502, Fax 07 4748 5600.

Email: adelsgrove@bigpond.com

Cleaning Services



Sue Arnold Cleaning Services

Professional Carpet Cleaning **NOW AVAILABLE** in Burketown and Surrounds.

Also available in Burketown only is Car detailing.

Make an appointment today.

Sue Arnold Cleaning Services

Phone: 0447 055 030

Arts n Crafts

Arts n Crafts

Coming soon will be workshops for kids so look out for the details and get in early!!!

Opening hours (until further notice):

Thursday 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Friday 5.00pm to 8.00pm,

Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm,

Sunday 10.00am to 4.00 pm

Arts n Crafts store may close early during the wet season.

Burketown Pub

Australia's Greatest Outback Pub

Ph: (07) 47455104 Fax: (07) 47455146

Email: info@burketownpub.com.au

Open from 11am - **seven days a week**

Lunch: 12noon - 1.45pm - Mon to Sat.

Dinner: 6.30pm - 8.30pm - 7 days a week

Motel units and budget Pub rooms,

Icy cold beer, party ice, snacks and more

Tirranna Roadhouse

Tirranna Roadhouse

Monday to Saturday 5:45am - 8:30pm

Sunday 8:00am—7:00pm

• Fuel • Accommodation • Groceries

• Take away food including Breakfast

• Licensed Dining • Ice & Bait • Smokes

Ph/Fax: 4748 5657 Ph: 4748 5658

Email: tirrannaroadhouse@bigpond.com

Burketown Bargain Barn

Burketown Bargain Barn

Bargains galore! Including:

- Furnishings • Household Goods • Clothing
- White Goods • Fresh Fruit & Veges

Ph: 07 4745 5244 or Mob: 0417 175 744.

Store & Post Office

Burketown Convenience Store & Post Office

Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

Saturday - 9am to 12pm, **Sunday** - Closed

Public Holidays - Closed (times are subject to change)

Phone 07 4745 5106

Caravan Park

Burketown Caravan Park

Ph: 07 4745 5118 Fax: 07 4745 5126

Email: burketowncarvanpark@blue1000.com.au

Website: www.burketowncarvanpark.net.au

- Accommodation (air conditioned cabins and powered sites)
- Groceries • Take-away food • Ice • Fishing supplies & Bait

Gregory Downs Hotel

Gregory Downs Hotel

• Accommodation • Meals

• Camping Facilities

• Caravan Storage

Phone: 07 4748 5566

Schedule effective Mon 14 March 2011

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	12:50	14:20	Q656	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q655
NTN	ONG	14:50	15:40	Q656	DMD	ONG	10:25	11:05	Q655
ONG	DMD	16:00	16:40	Q656	ONG	NTN	11:25	12:15	Q655
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q656	NTN	CNS	12:45	14:15	Q655

Thursday

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	KRB	12:15	13:45	Q656	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q655
KRB	NTN	14:05	14:20	Q656	DMD	ONG	10:25	11:05	Q655
NTN	ONG	14:50	15:40	Q656	ONG	KRB	11:25	12:10	Q655
ONG	DMD	16:00	16:40	Q656	KRB	NTN	12:30	12:45	Q655
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q656	NTN	CNS	13:15	14:45	Q655

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
KRB = Karumba

DMD = Doomadgee

1300 759 872 | www.skytrans.com.au

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.