

Burke Shire Council Newsletter



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Message from the Mayor...



Here we are on the other side of the wet season and on the move again. We have seen a number of events which the community has engaged in including ANZAC day, the Burketown fishing comp and the Gregory races. Volunteers play a very important role in our community. How would any of our events be achieved without their help? Thank you one and all.

On behalf of the Council and Community I would like to extend our sympathies to the Arnold and Cooling families, the Cum Sing and Body families, the Andersen family and the Watson family for their recent losses. A part of our history has gone, and despite our sadness we celebrate those lives because of the contributions made by those people in service to the development of the Shire.

ANZAC day was very significant for us. Visitors including an active member of the Australian Navy Dean Walters and his father, members of the 51st Battalion who support us yearly Sergeant Pat Breen & Sergeant Derek Jones and many who had come for the fishing competition which swelled our local numbers at the dawn service. The significance of remembrance at that hour of the morning never fails to be impressive.

The mid morning event was well attended and our march swells each year. ANZAC Day in the school holidays was special and served us well as our high school boarding students played a part in this ceremony as well as our local School of the Air students, the wonderful group of Gregory State

School students and Tyrone Cooling who proudly and capably represented the Burketown State School and his family.

The Arnold and Cooling Families have always been a part of this special day because of their father, grandfather and husband Terry Arnold. Terry passed away just before ANZAC day and he is poignantly remembered because he is in the memories of everyone who has ever attended an ANZAC day in Burketown because of the great respect and feeling he brought to the day. Vale Terry and our deep sympathy to the families and friends who will miss this special character that played a memorable part in our lives.

The event is becoming better organised each year and thanks go to our staff particularly our Community Officer Stephanie Wade who was responsible for the most part and put in place by supporting Burke Shire Council staff who cooked, set up, cleaned up and made the whole day work. I must mention the special contribution by volunteers once again and express thanks on behalf of Council for their generosity particularly as it goes over more than just a day. I would like to extend an apology for the lack of shade on the day; it was organised to be there but failed to happen and will be there on the day next year.

A wonderful atmosphere always surrounds the events in Burke Shire, and both the fishing comp and the Gregory Races were exciting, and probably more so because of the protracted 'wet'. It was great to get out and about again. The school holidays swelled our ranks for both events with plenty of campers enjoying

the wonders of the area. The visitors were certainly obvious in the absence of the Canoe club fraternity who decided to cancel the annual Gregory River race because of dangerous conditions. The shows did go on and very successfully and congratulations go to the organisers and volunteers of these events. The races have taken a new focus because of the escalating costs of compliance. The bull ride event had to be cancelled. However, the entertainment provided with spectator involvement between the spectacular racing events made for an exciting and fun filled day. If you have never attempted horizontal bungee jumping you haven't lived. Comment of the day from a visitor with 4 children, 'that is the best family day we have ever had out'.

I was slightly involved by being the initial contact and then transporting the block of fish from Normanton to Burketown, in the support given by the Queensland Seafood Industry Association (www.qsia.com.au) representative, President Robert Pender for the Gulf of Carpentaria inshore finfish and crab fisheries. They donated a 10 kg block of fish which raised \$1000 at auction at the fishing comp. The results of the event will be published and promoted in a fisheries magazine. Qld Fisheries representatives from Cairns come over each year to promote their role in the industry also and support the comp. Thank to all sponsors who support our events and ensure their success. We can't do it alone which leads me to the following item.

Long Term Community Plan Release

Council is about to launch into a project to develop the Inaugural Burke Shire Long Term Community Plan.

A requirement under Queensland Local Government Act Legislation, the Plan aims to involve the community in putting forward its ideas of a shared vision for the

future of Burke Shire for the next 10 years.

The Long Term Community Plan will be developed with a view of looking forward to the future prosperity of Burke Shire. With other strategic documents which are about to be prepared by Council as well as reviewing previous reports and strategies,

the new suite of documents will assist Council in addressing sustainability and understanding the needs and priorities of the community for the future.

In order to achieve the many benefits of developing the Plan, the project will require significant participation by the community. Council will be

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encouraging individuals, businesses, community-sporting and cultural groups, key stakeholders and other interest groups as well as the different tiers of Government to contribute to this project. The process for developing the Long Term Community Plan offers you the opportunity to influence the future and is why Council is encouraging you to come forward during this process to have your say!

Over the coming months, Council will be conducting sessions, making visits to residents, using surveys and using events in order to obtain the views of the whole Community for this important project. We have already taken the opportunity to discuss this project with a number of local identities who acknowledge the importance and need for the Shire to create this aspirational document. Supportive comments came from a number of residents and Irene Marshall, our previously long standing Councillor was very interested and enthusiastic.

"I am pleased to see that we are going to undertake another consultation of this kind which

does include all of the community. Our last one was very successful and we can see the results of the good planning around us by the infrastructure and development we achieved from that plan. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that will be provided and don't miss out on this great chance. Even if you want to talk just one on one, your point of view and ideas will be listened to."

The consultation for the development of the plan is expected to commence late June/early July and conclude in September. A Draft Document should then be out for public comment around October of this year. While we are excited by these opportunities and will accept all the comments and ideas we also ask that you bear in mind that our limited funds will need to build infrastructure and ideas that are affordable and sustainable. It doesn't exclude large projects and big ideas; I point out our Albert River Bridge and Council workshop which we saved for and achieved by good fiscal management.

Should you require further information about Long Term Community Plans or the process Council will shortly undertake, please contact the Burke Shire Office e-mail office@burke.qld.gov.au, telephone 4745 5100, PO Box 90 Burketown or call into the office on Musgrave Street.

I have attended a number of forums on Council's behalf including Gulf Savannah Development and MITEZ regional bodies and the Sustainable Resource Communities Partnership Group that are promoting economic investment and infrastructure development in the region; the Reconstruction Authority, the District Disaster Management Group which helps protect and rehabilitate our Shire and am currently completing the Australian Institute of Company Director's course to better my skills and bring back support for all councillors in our roles for Burke Shire Community. This is funded through the bursary I received last year and for which I am very grateful.

**Yours in service,
Cr Annie Clarke**

Message from the Deputy Mayor *Ernie Camp*

The Wet is over and everyone is hard at work making the most of the dry weather. Mustering is well underway on most cattle properties, road crews are out and about, road trains are back on the roads delivering essential supplies and travellers are out and about enjoying the natural beauty of our Shire. I have had the pleasure of attending the Annual Barra Fishing Comp, Gregory Races and Anzac Day in recent weeks. At all the events it was great to see good crowds all enjoying themselves and the occasion.

My thanks and congratulations go to the hardworking members of the various committees who coordinated these popular events and the community members who volunteer their time and efforts to assist in ensuring their success. I had the pleasure of presenting the trophy to the winner of

the heaviest barra on behalf of the Shire and the other major sponsors. The Camp family caught plenty of snags (and a dog) this year but no fish worthy of entering – perhaps next year we will be luckier! Anzac Day is always a day I feel honoured to participate in and it is great to see the number of children proudly participating in the day thus ensuring the significance of this day and the contributions made by those who selflessly served their country will continue to be recognised and acknowledged.

I have, as have my fellow Councillors, attended many meetings in the past couple of months seeking to advance a positive appropriate government and financial response to the Shire's infrastructure needs (roads, water, power etc) and its ability to "bounce back" in a timely manner from extreme weather

events. The Burke Shire RADF committee has commissioned some public art pieces and these will be erected in Burketown and Gregory over the coming weeks. I urge you to enjoy these and to ensure that they are looked after and continue to indefinitely enhance the beauty of our great communities.

Upcoming events in the Shire include the Gregory Campdraft, Arts and Craft Show and Tidy Yard competition. I encourage everyone to participate in these events and show your support for the community and the volunteers who work tirelessly to make these events successful and enjoyable for us all.

Ernie Camp.



Message from Councillor *Tracy Forshaw*

With nearly half the year vanished the Council will be embarking on a very busy construction period to finish all the 2010 flood damage works before Christmas time. It is really exciting that with continued Council persistence Main Roads have decided to bitumen the rest of the road from Gregory to Burketown over the next 18 months.

Over the next few months Council has to do a Long Term 10 year Community Plan. Council will be holding information session, chats, handing out survey, and listening to YOU about what YOU would like to see happen in the next ten years in our Shire. As Antoine de Saint-Exupery said "A goal without a plan is just a wish", so if you have any ideas, and have an plan on how the Council should go about implementing them, please feel free to let us know.

Digital TV Roll-out. Residents of Burketown are now entitled to the Federal Government Subsidy to install a satellite dish and a VAST decoder box so they can receive digital TV. The old TV system finishes in December 2013. To access information on this please go to website www.digitalready.gov.au

By now land owners in the Shire would have received their New Valuations from the Department of Environment and Resource Management. DERM valued all non-rural land based on site value, consistent with other states—a value that is more closely aligned to the property market and more reflective of a developed state. Rural land will continue to be valued using the unimproved value methodology. DERM believes this new valuation approach will deliver a more transparent and robust valuation system and will provide all landowners with a simpler valuation that is fair and equitable.

Over the last few months Burke Shire has lost some old time identities, and I would like to pass on our sincere condolences to the families of these Bush Characters.

It was lovely to see the many faces at the ANZAC Day parade. Congratulation to all the children and adults that proudly marched up the street, as well as a BIG THANKYOU to all the volunteers and organisers for putting on an enjoyable event.

The Barra Fishing Competition and Gregory Downs Races over the Easter and May Day weekends showcased our

wonderful shire and many thanks again to all the volunteers and helpers that put on these great weekends for the benefit of all the shire residents and visitors.

Our busy Shire has more events coming up with the Gregory Campdraft & Horsesports being held in June on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th. The Arts & Craft will then be held in Burketown on Saturday 2nd July. September/October school holidays are going to be busy as well with Gregory QCWA Horse Sports, and then the Burketown Horse Sports.

I had a wake-up call over the last few weeks, when I was diagnosed with a Level 2 Melanoma. The doctors have removed it and I'm in the clear now. Queensland has the highest rate of Melanomas in the world, and I would like people to remember to SLIP SLOP SLAP. Simple things like stand under a tree when you are having a yarn, check yourself, partner and kids regularly for any mischievous moles or freckles. The smallest change is worth having a doctor check it out. Take care over the coming months.

Regards, Cr Tracy Forshaw.



Message from Councillor *Bill Olive*

Hi everyone,

I have returned to the land of the living, and it is great to be home and hopefully, cured. I attended the Council meeting on the 18/5/11 and half day on 19/5/11 and was pleased to note that the operation of the council troops is running smoothly and roadwork in progress.

The road to the border has just opened, but as always, there is no information on road conditions over the border from N.T. Roads. The best information comes

from Calvert Hill's Station via their manager Paul Edmonds. He is fed up with having to pull vehicles out of the Calvert River. The road from Doomadgee to the border still requires a fair bit of work as it dries out; hopefully by the end of July everything will be running smoothly as opening grade work will be completed and major works in progress throughout the whole shire.

I must thank all of my Councillor friends and Burke Shire Office staff, for keeping me in the loop and informed by

e-mail and phone calls of all council operations whilst I was "missing in action". Thank you, to all of you who rang me "just for a yarn". Both myself and Leona greatly appreciated your well wishes and concern. It has confirmed what we have always known, the "bush people" care about their friends.

Thanks very much, to all of you.

Kindest Regards, Bill & Leona Olive



Message from the CEO *Gary Letts*

Hi everyone, yes in the last newsletter I referred that we had as yet not received the big dump of rain, but we got it, and made our traditional wet season respective of previous years.

I would like to thank all the Council staff and Councillors who participated in any of the re-supply days and often these occurred outside the normal working hours.

These efforts give the whole community a sense of pride in all pulling the extra effort to achieve results, shows that Burketown and Gregory people are Queenslander's with resilience.

As a community programs we have also been very busy with the Easter period, the community support of the Barra Fishing Comp and the entries where comparable to previous years, Barra caught may have been down a little but a great weekend was enjoyed by all who participated. The region has experienced the tourists coming to our area to enjoy the natural beauty of the landscape as well as the very enjoyable weather and hospitable locals.

Also over the Easter weekend the Anzac day fell on the Monday this is a rare occurrence due to astronomical

event of Easter being declared on the first full moon after the equinox in March for memory this last happened in 1943.

For the star gazers we observed the alignment of three of our planets in early May towards the eastern sky from about 5am - 6-30 am. Astronomers and stargazers were looking to the dawn sky as planets Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter aligned over the southern hemisphere. The next time this happens is September 2040.

The other social event was the Gregory Race day which is normally combined with the Gregory River Canoe races, but unfortunately the canoe race weekend was cancelled for safety reason, so our numbers at the races may have been down, but all who attended enjoyed the racing, excellent food, congratulations go to the ladies and community who obviously worked long hours preparing beautiful buffet foods for the visitors and guests.

On the side of Shire operations the Mayor Annie Clarke and Councillors along with senior staff have been very engaged in regional and local forums and meetings, and all times pressing the future opportunities available

to this community, this dedication involves many miles travelling and attending meetings.

One of the major events to come to the community of Burke Shire is the commencement of our Community Plan the Burke Shire Council has engaged a project officer Darren Foster for a short time to develop our Community Plan which we are required to submit to the Queensland Government on the 2nd of December 2011. The community are asked to assist in the compiling of this very important community document, so over the next few months Council will be conducting forums and feedback sessions on what you as a community member may wish the future direction of this community, this plan encompasses a time frame of the next ten years with reviews every 12 months. So to make this a successful outcome everyone give some thought to the future of our community and when a forum or occasion that Burke Shire Council as asked for input don't be reluctant to submit any ideas.

Gary Letts, Chief Executive Officer.



Engineering Round Up

Councils Engineering, Works & Services Sections are busy to capacity with the short window for dry season activities, emergent works for flood damaged roads drawing to a close in June and major restoration activities including programmed capital works to approximately December.

Flood Damage works from 2009 TC & Storm Events are now complete with in the 2 year allowed timeline to the value of approximately \$7.5m

The 2010 TC & Storm Events total approximately \$30m with \$20m being proposed by Council and Contractor alliances and \$10m being performed by RoadTek on the Burketown to Gregory Road, majority of this work is to be completed by December 2011 as the wet season virtually close the flood damage programs timeline.

At the same time Council work crews are constructing 8.1 km of upgrade to bitumen seal on the missing link section of Doomadgee West road this will complete the sealing of the entire road.

Also Council Crews & Contractors are constructing 3.75 km of upgrade to bitumen seal on the Gregory Lawn Hill road there is a further \$1m drainage project to take place during the dry season on inverts between the Century

Mine access road turn off and Big Archie Creek.

A heavy grade is currently be performed on Riversleigh, Nation Park & Lawn Hill roads gravel sections, these roads are first the dry out following the wet season hence the first of the heavy maintenance grading activities.

Other roads having works performed as conditions allow are Doomadgee West and Lawn Hill Doomadgee, it is expected these roads may officially open to traffic by mid June.

Upgrades to Burketown Aerodrome is progress with new electrical control board and PAL (Pilot Activated Lighting) control board along with an emergency stand by generator be installed by late June cost of \$150k funded three ways by Burke Shire Council, State & Australian Governments.

New lighting has been installed to the Burketown Multi Purpose Courts and Aquatic facilities costing approximately \$75, and at Gregory a stabilised tennis court pavement including playing surface both projects costing approximately \$75 each, the projects funded jointly by Burke Shire Council & the State Government.

Mobile Unisex toilets have been constructed and the facilities have been placed at the Old Albert River bridge park and Truganini wharf & boat ramp.

Police Beat...

There were extra police in town for the Fishing Comp over the Easter long weekend and they were impressed by the behaviour and friendliness of everyone in town. From a policing perspective there were no major issues and it was pleasing to experience the camaraderie. There was an incident where some items were taken from the caravan park and later returned to the owner after some appreciated community assistance. Mark and I were disappointed that one of us didn't win the boat but there is always next year.

The following weekend we went to the Gregory Races and the numbers were down compared to previous years due to the cancelled canoe races and the bull rides. However the atmosphere was very much a family affair with plenty for everyone to do. I would like to express our thanks to the staff of the outstation and the locals who made our stay memorable.

Anyone who has attended the station lately would have noticed a Blue Phone near the door. This has been installed for people to use if they cannot contact local police. The phone is connected to the Mount Isa Police Communications Centre and is not to be used for emergencies. In an emergency please dial 000.

It is pleasing to see that driver's have taken responsibility in relation to the wearing of seat belts. We have noticed a marked increase in the number of driver's and their passenger, especially children who are wearing seatbelts. We have only issued three seatbelt infringement notices since the last news letter was printed.

Mark and I have completed the new training for the issuing of Driver's Licenses and we are now taking bookings.

Wayne Rickerby, Burketown Police.

Home & Community Care Update

After a slow start to the year we now have eleven clients back with us: six in Centre Based Day Care and a further five as Social Support clients. We also have Jenny Letts working as HACC Assistant coming in three days a week.

Our clients have been enjoying a variety of new crafts, as well as morning teas and a luncheon at Savannah Lodge with the Councilors. These will be an ongoing monthly thing as well as visits to the Kindergarten and the School. We have several outings planned with our first one being a Day Fishing Trip to Sweers Island at the end of May followed by another one in June.

The ladies are busy with fancywork and crochet in preparation for the Arts and Crafts Show in July. By then they should have quite a few articles to enter and hopefully win some prizes. Scrabble and bingo are still a favorite at CBDC.

Our first Trash and Treasure for the year was a huge success along with a Mother's Day Raffle with the monies raised going towards our annual five day trip to The Drovers Camp in Carnoowal in August. We still have another Trash and Treasure coming up in July.

By the end of June we hope to see the raised gardens at the Old Community Hall completed with shrubs and flowers planted in the beds. The seats that will complete the gardens are well on the way, so we are looking forward to seeing the finished project. This project will give the clients an interest and sense of achievement as it will be fully maintained by them.

At the end of June we are having a guest singer to entertain the HACC clients at a morning tea at the Old Community Hall.

North West Primary Health Care have started their regular visits to Burketown with Frontier Services visit scheduled for next month. This year regular monthly visits by the Local Area Coordinator for Disability Queensland is on our calendar with the first visit having to be cancelled due to the wet. The Northern Planning Region Service Development Team will be visiting us shortly to bring us up to date on all the relevant information regarding changes to HACC.

Jenny and I will be attending the HACC Forum in June in Mt Isa.

For all enquiries on our HACC Program please contact: Pam deJoux 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.

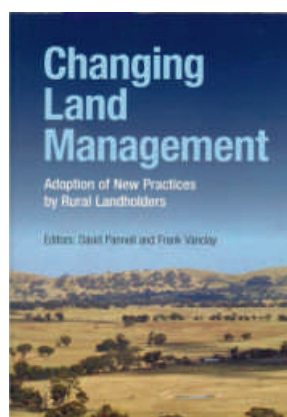
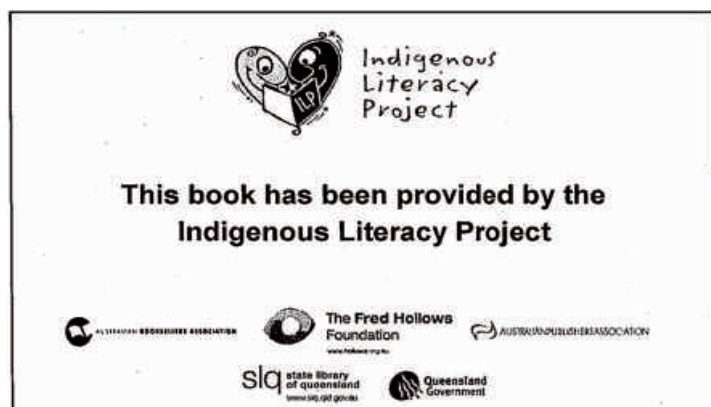
Library News...

The Indigenous Literacy Project (ILP) is a partnership between The Australian Book Industry and The Fred Hollows Foundation. The Fred Hollows Foundation works closely with The Australian Booksellers Association and The Australian Publishers Association, purchases and supplies books and other culturally appropriate learning materials to remote communities. The books are then supplied to schools, libraries, early learning centres such as crèches, women's centres and other identified institutions, to enhance their pool of literacy resources.

The Indigenous Literacy Project first began in 2004 when Suzy Wilson, the owner of Riverbend Books in Queensland, set up the Riverbend Readers' Challenge in partnership with The Fred Hollows Foundation and Ian Thorpe's Foundation for Youth

Trust, to raise money for Indigenous literacy. Wanting to help people in remote Indigenous communities where there is little access to books and where children often grow up with little or no ability to read, Suzy Wilson posed the question, 'Can you imagine a world without books or reading?' As part of this project the Burke Shire Council library has received these books which will be added to its local collection. Each book contains a sticker which identifies the book is from the Indigenous Literacy Project and this book is to stay in your local collection and not to be returned to State Library of Queensland.

For more information please contact Burke Shire Council via email on cs@burke.qld.gov.au or by phoning 07 4745 5100.



New Book

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Frank Vanclay & David Pannell (Eds)

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World's Greatest Shave & Crazy Hair Day at Burketown State School



Left – School Kids
& Teachers with
their Crazy Hair
Styles

Right – Crazy Hair
Day School Kids

Above – Council
Depot boys
getting their Crazy
Hair Styles



Kindy Kapers



Above – Belinda Forshaw, Melanie Jones & Nicole Forshaw presenting Burketown Kindy P&C President Cheryl Portch \$118 raised by face painting and lucky dips at the Annual Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races over the May Day Weekend.

Right – Face Painting to fundraise money for the Burketown Kindy.

Burketown kindergarten has a new lease of life with the Burke Shire Community getting behind us to keep Kindy operating. After a year of hard work we can finally see a light at the end of the tunnel. Kindy's thanks goes to all those that recognise that Kindy is an integral part of our Communities infrastructure and support Kindy by buying raffle tickets and donating either; their time, money or resources. A special mention goes to the following for their huge support - Mougibi - \$10,000; Tirrawarra Constructions \$10,000; Burke Shire Council – reduction in rates to value of \$19,000 backdated from 2006; VMR – 15% of bar proceeds; Vacational Care – use of their resources & \$40 a day to utilise the Kindy as a base during school holidays; Cr Ernie Camp who donated artwork which raised \$1393; Doug & Faye Jones donated new tyres for the Kindy Bus; Savannah Lodge who mows the Kindy regularly; Fishing Club – donated softdrinks that raised \$800 at the Burketown Fishing Club Presentation; Burketown Businesses who have all contributed in some way, and last but not least Our Community who turn up every Friday night to VMR to buy raffle tickets and drink for a cause.

Kindy held their AGM on the 18 May 2011 and the following people have been elected on the Committee: President – Cheryl Portch, Treasurer – Katrina Rex, Secretary – Stephanie Wade.

Cheryl Portch, President.



Busy Year for Vacation Programs in Burketown

The vacation care programs from Gulf Sport and Recreation Association has been running in Burketown for nearly ten years. There are great things happening thanks to many in the community at Burketown. Firstly to keep the program at its current funding levels the community who use the service are asked to pay \$20.00 per year per family. This money registers your children for the entire year and gives you the parent a "Say" in the running of the programs in your community. This action allows less paperwork, more fun for your children and keeps the government body who funds the program far happier.

Next the program is taking giant steps forward with program changes. At a recent community meeting it was discussed what differences the program needed. So in JULY the school holidays will see ten children and two adult carers travel to Karumba for a week of activities involving Hockey, games with other children and even a cruise trip on the waters around the Norman River and the waters of Karumba by well known tourist operator The Ferryman. Local artist Pam at the Art and Craft centre will now be helping GSRA prepare its Art and Craft components of the program, plus we welcome the employment of local ladies to deliver the program.

Gregory News...

A Day at the Gregory Races



Gordon Smith memorial won by Supertax. Owned by Denise Ballard and Linda Huddy, ridden by Keith Ballard and ribbon presented by Les and Jack Clarke.



Columba Catholic College race won by Flickering Storm.



Fashion of the Fields winners 1st Bev Webber; 2nd Kimberly Arnold for the ladies and 1st David Arnold, 2nd Ernie Camp for the gents.



Tracy and Belinda Forshaw enjoying their day at the Gregory Races.

Gregory River Landcare Group



The Gregory River Land Care Group has been busy the past couple of months and leading up to June with three projects underway. Our group was fortunate enough to receive funding after three successful grant applications. The first two came from Southern Gulf Catchments and were made possible by the Caring for our Country program which is an Australian Government initiative. We were also successful in receiving a grant from the Department of Environment and Resource Management QLD government for a Natural Resources Awareness Grant. The first of our Southern Gulf Catchments funded projects is for a Weeds Eradication



project in the river within the area of the township. The major weeds being targeted are a large infestation of Belly Ache Bush and also Mesquite. The other Southern Gulf Catchments funded project is for a Dump – Ezy unit to be installed between Adel's Grove and Lawn Hill National Park. We would like to extend our thanks to Burke Shire Council for their support and for allowing this project to go ahead. It is a facility that will assist in keeping the area pristine and clean.

The third of our current projects is funded by the Department of Environment and Resource Management Queensland Government. It is for the Gregory Community Oval Native tree and bush tucker Garden. This project is essentially for our community oval to provide shade, cultural awareness and educational benefits to the community as a whole and to the children who attend the Gregory Educational Facility. Thank you again to the Gregory Educational Facility and Burke shire Council for their support of this project. Special thanks go to the Southern Gulf Catchments volunteers and the Bulimba Creek Catchments volunteer over May Day weekend for their assistance and expertise with the planting of the oval trees.

Our Thanks go to Southern Gulf Catchments for the funding opportunity and the Department of Environment and Resource Management QLD Government for their funding and support of the above three projects. Our busy little Landcare Group is grateful for the opportunity to promote Natural Resource management awareness and to achieve positive outcomes within the community.

Results from the Gregory Races

Start Construction Class B H'dcap 800M

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Horse: Double Lines Jockey: Terrence Hill Trainer: Tania Parry Owner: KM, EJ, TM Parry	Elmoso Tim Brummell JL Wright OA Laffin, WF Jenkin JL & CL Wright Time: 45.49 sec	Destiny Express Rodney Sue-San Les Smerdon L & D Smerdon
Margins: 3L x L Hd		

Escott Station Niverak Smash Repairs QTIS Class 2 H'dcap 1000M

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Horse: Gelato Jockey: Corey Gilby Trainer: Jay Morris Owner: A Saunders	Temp Rubato John Rudd Kerry Krogh JH & Mrs SA Manzelmann	Snaggles Tim Brummell JL Wright OA Laffin, JL Wright, WF Jenkin, WA Seaton

Ringrose Transport Class 6 Plate 1000M

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Horse: Fat Possum Jockey: Keith Ballard Trainer: Denise Ballard Owner: Mrs LF Huddy & Mrs DR Ballard	Helmsley Corey Gilbey Gareth Smith DW Smith	Miner's Ghost Tim Brummell Kerry Krogh KD Krogh
Margins: 1/2L x 1L	Time: 59.38 sec	

Columba Catholic College Class 4 H'dcap 1200M

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Horse: Flickering Storm Jockey: John Rudd Trainer: Denise Ballard Owner: GL & LF Huddy	Dancing Duo Corey Gilby Jay Morris AN Saunders & Saunders Racing Team Syndicate Time: 1-11.2 min	D'lordson Rodney Sue-San Wayne Crossland WW Crossland
Margins: 1/2 L x 3 1/4 L		

Gordon Smith Memorial Open H'dcap 1200M

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Horse: Supertax Jockey: Keith Ballard Trainer: Denise Ballard Owner: L Huddy, D Ballard, B Reis ME Tully, SJ Iraci, C Hood, D Kane, K Brown, KJ Young, TJ Asquith, F Sacchi, B Bulley, W Laffin, G McDonald, T Gorman, G Wilson, J Joss, S Mohamed, CA Edmonds, E Jakeman, L & J Chalmers, PC Viney,	Repeat Offender Terrence Hill Tania Parry C, CL & J Roth, D Fisher;	French Falcon Corey Gilby Croydon Hampton CT Hampton, AA Germaine, G Laffin,
Margins: 3 1/2 L x Long NK	Time: 1-11.49 min.	

Gregory Grapevine

RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday Fortnightly.

23rd June, 7th & 21st July and 4th & 18th August

North & West Qld Primary Health Care – Gregory Visits every 3 months

Ph Mt Isa Office for more details 4749 4615 Free call 1800 221 131

- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Dietitian
- Podiatrist
- Physiotherapist
- Cultural Liaison Officer

CWA – Gregory Branch

- How Many Grids To Gregory cookbooks are available for sale - \$8 each or for local Burke Shire residents and business a discount of 20 books for \$120 (a saving of \$2 per book) – contact Sue Clarke Ph 07 4748 5575.

Gregory Campdraft & Horse Sports

- June – 25th & 26th
- Contact Campdraft Secretary Anne Webber 07 4748 5524.
- Contacts Horse Sports Wendy Brady 47485538 or Bev Webber 07 4748 5524.

Gregory SES

- To join please contact Ian Forshaw 07 4748 5521.

OPPORTUNITIES...

LONG TERM COMMUNITY PLAN

We are about to embark on the process of developing the Burke Shire Community Plan. "A Shared Vision – Our Future" Consultation will commence shortly. For further information contact Council: Telephone 07 4745 5100 Musgrave Street (PO Box 90) Burketown Qld 4830.
e-mail office@burke.qld.gov.au
Get involved, Have your say!

PODDY DODGERS FESTIVAL CROYDON

24, 25 & 26 JUNE 2011

For more information contact:
Peter Kennedy on 0427072848 or via emailing Pk7-55@bigpond.com
Kim Gaynor on 07 47453536 or via emailing gaynor@bordenet.com.au
Vicky Howard on 0448214733 or via emailing vhoward@croydon.qld.gov.au

UPCOMING ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Burke Shire Council will be presenting their Bi-Annual 2011 Arts N Craft Show on 2nd July 2011. Programmes and entry forms are available now at the Burke Shire Council Administration.

For more information or to book a market stall please contact Burke Shire Council Community Officer via email on co@burke.qld.gov.au or by phoning 07 4745 5100.

CENSUS OF POPULATION & HOUSING

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is undertaking the Census of Population and Housing on Tuesday 9th of August 2011.
Please complete a form for every household in your area between 29 July and 7 August 2011. For more information please contact the Census Management Unit on 1800 065 451.

Satellite Subsidy Scheme being rolled out

The Satellite Subsidy Scheme is being rolled-out to residents of Burketown.

Australia is switching-off analog and moving to digital-only TV. To support this switch-over process, a subsidy is being made available for eligible households in Burketown who currently rely on an analog signal from the council-owned TV retransmission tower to install a new satellite TV

service called Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST).

VAST features 17 digital TV channels, including five in high definition. VAST also features a regional news service shown on a dedicated local news channel. It is a free-to-air service and once installed there are no ongoing fees to access it. After the subsidy, the household payment for the installation of the VAST service is expected to be around \$250.

Residents of Burketown can apply for a subsidy between 30 May 2011 and 2 October 2011. Eligible households will receive a letter in the mail over coming weeks which will invite them to opt-into the Scheme. Once the Scheme has opened, residents can check their eligibility by calling the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13, or by visiting the Digital Ready website, at www.digitalready.gov.au/subsidy.

Intending Candidate Seminars 2011

So you are thinking of becoming a Councillor?

The Department of Local Government and Planning is holding a series of statewide seminars for people interested in nominating for office in the 2012 local government elections. The seminars are designed to provide information on how local government in Queensland works, the obligations and responsibilities of

being a councillor and how to nominate for election.

Seminars are free to attend, but registration is essential. To be involved log on to the Department of Local Government and Planning's Website at:

<http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/resources/form/local-government/intending-candidate-seminar-registration-form.pdf>

or Telephone the Department on (07) 4760 7527

Sessions in the Northern Region will be held as follows:

Townsville Thursday 9 June 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Normanton Tuesday 14 June 6.00pm – 8.30pm

Karumba Wednesday 15 June 7.00am – 9.30am

Mount Isa Wednesday 22 June 7.00pm – 9.30pm.



With guest artists direct from Spain
– singer Olayo Jimenez and
dancer Sebastian Sanchez.

The ritual of the new spring. A celebration of
birth and life. A time for song and dance....

FLAMENCO FIRE

PRIMAVERA MIA

Tuesday 9th August 2011

10.30 – 11.30

HACC Workshop

14.45 – 15.45

Adults/Kids Workshop

18.30 Performance

For more information contact

Tamara Kalocsai on 07 3004 7522

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ANZAC Day Celebrations 2011

Anzac Day 2011 began with a solemn dawn service in the dark hours before first light. CEO Gary Letts opened the service introducing Mayor Annie Clarke for the welcome address followed by Doug Jones reciting the Lord's Prayer. Tyronne Cooling recited The Ode of Remembrance leading into the Last Post, minute silence and the Reveille. After the Australian and New Zealand anthems concluded the Dawn Service the crowd joined together in the lit up Shire Hall for a complimentary breakfast service cooked by Pam de Joux, Col Baker and Phil Sealy.

Burke Shire community members and visiting public marched their way down Musgrave Street towards the cenotaph before the morning/wreath laying service. It was great to see the young children waving their flags and smiling as they marched proudly down the road.

51FNQR soldiers Sgt Breen and Sgt Jones contributed by leading the march, reading the Honour Roll and laying a wreath. Hayley Booth photographed the March and wreath laying service. Gayle Arnold and Garry Jeffries were joined on the flags this year by Cassy Hinds in both the Dawn and Morning service.

Mayor Annie Clarke and CEO Gary Letts were joined by Councillor Ernie Camp for the morning commemorative service. Jenny Williams provided the music for the day and Mark Brady from Gregory School recited the Ode. The wreaths were called one by one as members of the crowd emerged to lay a wreath for those special to them. After the commencement of the March and Morning service Damien Cooling and TJ Yanner cooked up a feast on the BBQ for lunch service whilst Rosita Wade and Cassy Hinds provided back-up helping out in the kitchen.

With Anzac Day falling at a difficult time on the calendar this year, coinciding with Easter and the Fishing Competition, it was great to see the 65 attendees for the breakfast and 80 for the luncheon. It is immensely important for the young, old and all in between to commemorate those who have fallen or put themselves on the line for us all. A special thank-you is extended to all those wreath-layers, volunteers and attendees who were not mentioned in this article. Anzac Day is a special day and would not have been such a great success without your help and attendance!



Below – Attendees of Anzac Day Ceremony gathered around the Cenotaph for the Morning Service.

Above – Dean Walters, 51FNQR and Burketown Police.

Right – Gregory School children smiling ready to march.



Dates for the diary...

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Boardroom - Start 9.00am

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 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 Calendar Of Events 2011

Date	Event	Contact Details
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday	
Monday 27 June	School Holidays Return Monday 11 July	Burke Shire State School
Monday 20 June – Sunday 28 June (Awarded at Arts and Crafts Show)	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 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	Flamenco Fire ArTour Drama Group 1030-1130 HACC workshop 1445-1545 Adults/kids 1830 Performance	Contact: Tamara Kalocsai Ph: 07 3004 7522/ tamara.kalocsai@artour.com.au
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)	Tatjana Froom 08 8197 3412 or tatjana@cleanup.org.au http://www.cleanup.org.au/au/CleanUpEvents/great-northern-clean-up-2010.html

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

School Holiday

Public Holiday

Show Day

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



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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

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

Email: info@burketownpub.com.au

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

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Sunday 8:00am—7:00pm

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• Licensed Dining • Ice & Bait • Smokes

Ph/Fax: 4748 5657 Ph: 4748 5658

Email: tirrannaroadhouse@bigpond.com

Burketown Bargain Barn

Burketown Bargain Barn

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- 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

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