

BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL Newsletter



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Message from the Mayor Annie Clarke

Global warming has really confused me now. Where are the incredible northern wet seasons and multiple cyclones which were predicted for Northern Australia? After all the 'hoo -ha' and now that the carbon tax is in there doesn't seem to be any speculation regarding the matter at all. However, a late 'wet' will be better than none at all, and we still have March in front of us. Having said that, the country is in good order and cattle are in good order.

It does go to prove that our road system is still grossly inadequate when a relatively small amount of rain fall, combined with a poor and late amount of work on our Main Road (State responsibility) resulted in the Shire having to have a resupply. If only all State Govt. Depts. were as efficient and well organized as EMQ the emergency services department!

Thanks also to Burke Shire Staff who make the resupply happen. Burke Shire is recognised State-wide for its efficiency in operations. I also thank the Councillors for being involved not only in the decision making and the setting of policy, but for being involved and visible in the Community.

It is also appreciated that some locals are taking the time and interest to attend Council meetings and can develop an appreciation of the variety and volume of the Shire's deliberations, which has resulted in the progress and financial stability of our Shire. Council encourages everyone to take the opportunity to get the exposure to the decision-making process, so you get the facts first hand, and you don't have to speculate on the suppositions of the uninformed views that get bandied about.

Some work has been started on the roads and Councillors and staff have been busy with forward planning for the 'dry' season. Thanks to one and all for keeping the

Shire moving, particularly now that an organisational timetable and stability has been achieved, and our local Staff are now in the position of giving the best advice so that proper planning is achieved, and with a clear budget framework to work to. An internal engineering audit is being conducted currently; it is an independent report card on process and practices, but it does give clear indications of what is working well and recommendations for improvements. All Local Governments are required to conduct independent audits across the whole of their operations.

There are interesting times ahead; planning for events including ANZAC day, Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races over the May weekend which has Family orientated theme and a well funded program, the Order of the Outback Ball at the end of June and the 90th anniversary of the CWA. Meetings have been well attended with plenty of fresh faces at the table and some fabulous ideas. Willing volunteers have put their hands up to take on various tasks to help out, and the Staff has responded brilliantly to the extra roles they have taken on. It is satisfying to be involved in all these works in progress. The beautifully bound and restored Cemetery Register is back with us and is splendid. Work is progressing on documenting names, GPS positions of graves and repair of the headstones, and the experts in this area will be in the Shire soon to complete the works in Gregory and Burketown. If anyone has any additional information on any burial sites in the Shire could you please contact the Shire Office so our records are as comprehensive as possible.



Message from Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp

Since the New Year we have been treated to a lot of hot, dry weather. Thankfully Australia Day not only brought delicious bake off fare, lots of fun and laughter during the games and quiz, a delicious lunch and the company of the delightful ambassador Alison Alexander but plenty of cooling, soaking rain.

A forewarning to all kids of the Shire – I, and my fellow team mates, are in training and will win the Tug of War next year. On behalf of Council I was honoured to announce Cheryl Portch, Tyrone Cooling, Dyneika Taylor, Annie Clarke, Laurie Portch and Burke Shire Council as the winners of the various Australia Day categories in 2012. I also had much pleasure in presenting a pin, sponsored by Woolworths, to Alison Alexander in acknowledgment of her role as Australia Day Ambassador. The Ambassador programme is a great initiative and we have been fortunate to experience the company of some inspirational Australians. The country certainly has sparked up and the pressure is off the graziers for now.

The barra season is open and I have been hearing of some good fish being caught – though I am still waiting for one to find my line. The roads are also open for now but I would urge people who haven't yet prepared for the Wet to do so – I feel the Wet is not far away. Thanks once again to all staff and community volunteers who helped on Australia Day. Thanks also to the Council staff who have continued to work towards the betterment of our communities/Shire.



Message from Councillor Tracy Forshaw

Australia Day – By all accounts it was a wonderful day in Burketown even though it rained. For the last 8 years the Forshaw Family head towards Townsville at the end of January to put kids back into boarding school, so we celebrate Australia Day on the Strand with all our flags and lamb chops. The year has begun and it won't be long before we are celebrating Easter and ANZAC Day.

Good luck to all the fisherman and women in the Fishing competition. Volunteers play a big role in making the Burke Shire a wonderful place to work, live and play. If you have a few hours to spare please give a hand to the various clubs and volunteer organisation so that we can continue to have our Fishing Competitions, Campdrafts, Races, Horse Sports, VMR and SES activities.

Work Wise – Burke Shire is going to busy again in 2012 and our road crews and outside staff is continuously improving the roads and the look of the whole shire.

Our inside staff are also contributing to keeping the council moving forward to the betterment of all. Please take care.



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Message from Councillor Tonya Murray



So far we've enjoyed a hot but mostly pleasant summer and had a wonderful Christmas Holiday break. There have been some good fish caught around the place so good luck to all the anglers out there that haven't been in on the action so far during the week leading up to Australia Day I had the pleasure of showing our Ambassador Ms Alison Alexander around the Shire. We made it out to Floraville for an afternoon tea and a look around enjoyed a day of cooking with the students at the Burketown State School and Alison also got to spend an afternoon fishing off the old Albert River Bridge with Grandma Vi and Pam – thank you both for your hospitality. I learnt quite a few tips from one of our state's most knowledgeable food experts.

Thank you to the Council staff who have been soldiering on with their work to ensure our communities look good, we receive our basic services that can often be taken for granted, our roads are safe to travel on and business can continue. The extra efforts made during recent times have been greatly appreciated.

I am looking forward to an eventful year and with so much planned I am sure we will all be kept very busy. I encourage everyone to join a community group and get involved in what's happening across the Shire. It is very rewarding to be able to help our community go forward in many different ways. We all benefit from the events and activities that happen across the shire, so for those people who would like to join a community group here are a few that would love to have more people on board – Burketown P&C, Burketown Kindergarten, Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association, Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organization, Burketown VMR & your SES. Hopefully 2012 will bring good fortune, health & happiness to you all.

From the Acting Chief Executive Officer's Desk

This is my first article since being appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer in November 2011 and there has been a lot of hard work and long hours put in by your Council and staff to overcome past practices and move forward for the betterment of the community we serve and the assets controlled.

Council has been subjected to increased scrutiny over the last couple of months and I wish to allay any fears and comments circulating within our community that past practices in no way reflect the current operations of Council. Council has had to take some serious action to cease those past practices, when their suspicions were confirmed, and are now moving forward in accordance with current legislation and industry standards.

Council is investigating the re-transmission of TV services in Burketown and Gregory so that our community maintains control and is not subject to exorbitant maintenance charges.

Council recognises the need for additional residential blocks to be made available to our community and as such has called tenders for the sale of 5 Council owned vacant blocks of land so as to give our residents the opportunity to purchase and build a residence on these blocks.

Council has been approached numerous times over recent periods by persons enquiring about industrial land and to this extent and realising that Council's Town Plan needs to be reviewed next year Council has agreed to the conduct of a land use study which will allow for the identification of suitable land for industrial business and residential within our two townships.

Council has received positive feedback from its 2012 Australia Day Ambassador, Ms Alison Alexander who expressed appreciation for the way Alison was received into and treated by our Community. Alison was impressed by the way the Day was organised and I wish to congratulate all members of our community who were involved. I also congratulate all the recipients of the Australia Day Awards.

Council is becoming increasingly concerned at the way the public toilets in Morning Glory Park and at the Airport are being used and abused and has decided that the doors will be locked from 6pm to 6am each day in order to ensure our staff are not subjected to the filthy condition that the toilets are being left in by some persons within our Community. Should this practice continue then there will be no alternative than to close the toilets. I ask for your support to ensure that the toilets are not left in the conditions that have been experienced over recent times. The Police have been informed and will take action if the culprits are detained. The swimming pool is locked from 8.00pm till 7.00am because of the actions of some people. I wish to remind the users of the pool there are conditions applicable to the use and should there be anyone found to be disregarding these conditions then further action will be taken. The facilities are provided for the enjoyment and use by everyone so please do not let your actions mean that the facilities will not be available to everyone.

Council would like to thank Skytrans for their co-operation in producing the Burke Shire Newsletter quarterly and for their continued support to the community organisations in the gulf.

Message from Councillor Bill Olive



I have been out of the Shire since February 1st having check-ups and things are very good.

I missed the last council meeting on February 15th because we were in transit from Sydney to Melbourne visiting family.

I am still contactable via e-mail and have been keeping up to date on all the happenings in the Shire. Rain, although not heavy, has followed us across three states. It seems as though we are in for a long wet; I hope that we will all get our share.

I am very disappointed in the behaviour of some people when using the facilities at the Morning Glory Park and at the Airport. These facilities are supplied by the Council for the community and are paid for by the community, so please do not abuse these assets. I urge the community to keep watch over these facilities, and notify the CEO, of any suspect behaviour. I fully endorse the CEO's decision in actions towards improving people's behaviour when using these facilities.

Australia Day 2012

Australia Day Awards - Nomination Winners

Local Hero Award (Laurie Portch) "Laurie selflessly rescued those aboard the SES boat in distress after repeated non-successful attempts by others. Without his valiant efforts there was a very real risk of further serious injury and quite possibly death. In order to do this he also placed himself in a potentially high risk situation as those already stranded and did so unhesitatingly."

Young Citizens of the Year (Tyronne Cooling) "I have observed these young [citizens] helping out at local events [and] help the elderly in shops and on the street... Both young people work after school and weekends and they are only in primary school. Well done Dynieka and Tyronne."

Young Citizens of the Year Encouragement Award (Dynieka Taylor) "I have observed these young [citizens] helping out at local events [and] help the elderly in shops and on the street... Both young people work after school and weekends and they are only in primary school. Well done Dynieka and Tyronne."

Community Event of the Year (Christmas in the Park/150th Celebrations) "The event saw the community come together to celebrate. The children not only enjoyed the arrival of Santa but also eagerly participated in the Burke & Wills race to earn money for their P&C's. The cannon added an authentic feel and all were in awe of the magnificent fireworks display. An event to remember and enjoyed by all the community."

Citizen of the Year (Cheryl Portch) "Cheryl will work tirelessly [especially for] all sporting events for children e.g. training, catering, raising funds, [as] a bus driver, you name it Cheryl is there. Children are our future. Thank-you Cheryl."

Community Champion (Annie Clarke) "Tireless promotion of the Shire through her roles as Mayor and Councillor Member, member of other organisations and as a shire resident. Always willing to promote the shire to whomever will listen or to make people listen in order to obtain equity for the shire and its citizens. Her tireless advocacy has seen the progress of numerous facilities and infrastructure within the communities."



Tyronne Cooling and Cheryl Portch.



Chris James and Jack James.

Current Tenders

12-03 Supply Two New 2WD DUAL CAB TRUCKS COB 2nd March 2012.

12-04 Supply ONE NEW 4WD SINGLE CAB TRUCK COB 2nd March 2012.

12-05 Supply Two 100hp Tractors with slasher COB 23rd March 2012.

12-06 Supply One New Zero Turn Ride-On Lawn Mower COB 23rd March 2012.

12-11 Burketown Residential Land Invitation to Tender for Purchase of Lots 16th March 2012.

School Updates

Gregory Educational Facility

By Kylie Betts - Head of Campus.

At the end of 2011, the Gregory Educational Facility families were very sad to say good-bye to its wonderful Head of Campus of four years: Mrs Brown. We wish her and her family all the best in their new endeavours. Kylie Betts has been employed as the acting Head of Campus and is looking forward to meeting the wider Gregory community. Kylie has taught at Gregory briefly over the last two years whilst providing relief and was excited about taking up the full-time position.

At present enrolment numbers are low at Gregory and we are hoping that this number will increase over the coming months. Gregory Educational Facility caters for children from Pre-prep to Year 7. It is a well-resourced small school which backs onto the newly developed community oval that now provides a large open grassed area for recreational activities.

In term 1 we have been focusing on the emotions that are communicated in literature through words and pictures. The children have been exploring the different emotions that people experience and what it looks, sounds and feels like. The children have enjoyed making 'Emotion' mobiles with pictures of different facial expressions as well as other artworks involving letter sounds. In Science, the students have been learning about living things and enjoyed walking around our beautiful school grounds exploring all the different living things. In Mathematics, the students have been looking at number and commenced learning about addition and subtraction.

The students have been working very hard and it has been a positive start to the school year – well done Gregory Gang!

Burketown State School

By Finn Buckley, Principal.

Term 1 2012 Burketown State School Students have had a fantastic start to the term. We are already half way to the Easter Holidays, and teacher staff and students have all been very busy. This year we have invested heavily in technology. Students in Grade P-3 have all received XO laptops as part of the one laptop per child program. Students in Years 4-7 will receive their XO laptops next term. Students are also utilising IPADS, Notebook laptops and interactive whiteboards to help them in their lessons at school.

Students in Years 6&7 have begun Japanese lessons this term via the School of Distance Education in Charters Towers. The students are enjoying the lessons and are already beginning to speak Japanese.

Preparations are already under way for our Rugby League Carnival which will be held after the Easter Holidays on the 18th and 19th of April. We look forward to the community sponsoring this exciting event. If you would like to help out in any way please contact the school.



Burketown Kindy

In Term 1 at Burketown Community Kindergarten we have four pre-prep children and three kindy children enrolled and a further two new enrolments by the end of the term.

We are currently setting up our vegetable gardens and flower garden and already the children are learning to respect, appreciate and care for their environment.

The children have enjoyed their first excursion for the year with a visit to the Barramundi Fingerling Grow-out Facility. They showed great interest in what is involved in growing Barramundi Fingerlings in tanks and are very keen to go back to see how much bigger the fish have grown.



Congratulations

By Cr Annie Clarke, Mayor.

I had the pleasure of attending an awards night at Columba Catholic College in October of last year. You will probably not be astonished to know that there has been an absolute litany of successes by Burke Shire Students whose achievements should be appreciated, congratulated and admired by our Community.

Outside of the students own personal acumen, our local schools including Burketown and Gregory State School and Mount Isa School of the Air Home Tutors and teachers need to be proud of their influence on these young people who will achieve so much for Burke Shire in the future.

Congratulations to the following:

Sage Marshall

- Dux Year 7 Burketown State School

Belinda Forshaw (Year 11)

- Blackheath Thornborough College Awards
- Certificate III in Agriculture (Beef Production) – Host Employers Gregory Downs Station, Lamington & Almora Stations
- Outstanding Commitment to VET (TAFE Courses)
- Cert II Business
- Cert I & II Information Technology
- Cert II in Hospitality
- Undeclared Premiers – 2nds Girls Tennis 2011
- Undeclared Premiers – 2nds Girls Softball 2011

Nicole Forshaw – BTC Awards

- George Seary Memorial Prize for Handwriting (Year 9)

Jodie Fisher (Year 12)

- The Bill Kennedy Memorial Prize for Outstanding Achievement
- Subject Award Visual Arts
- Academic Merit

Roy Fisher (Year 9)

- Subject Awards for History, Science, Manual Arts, Academic Merit & Dux of Year 9

Billy Kennedy (Escott)

- Year 7 Citizenship Award at Toowoomba Prep

Matthew Douglas

- Year 11/12 Engineering subject prize

Madison Marshall (Year 12)

- Dux-Social and community subject
- Sportswoman of the Year award
- Rep for Touch Football, Athletics and Cross Country

Bridget Clarke (Year 11)

- Dux – Business Organisation and Management studies, Mathematics B
- Prefect for year 2012

Jack Clarke (Year 11)

- Dux – Engineering
- Bulls Rugby Union under 17 Premiers 2011
- Christian Brothers Cricket Team
- House Captain 2012.

Positions Vacant

If you would like to apply for work with Burke Shire Council please contact Hayley Booth on 07 4745 5100 or email phr@burke.qld.gov.au to obtain an Employment Application.

Public Notice Distribution

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Burketown Barramundi Restocking Facility

By Garry Jeffries.

On the weekend of 18 & 19 Feb 2012 an estimated 10,000 barramundi fingerlings were transported by boat from the GBRA Hatchery at Karumba to Burketown. These fish have been placed in the grow-out tanks at Burketown where they will be raised to a larger size prior to being released into the Albert River. The fish will be released progressively, because as their size increases the holding capacity of the tanks will reduce and the numbers will need to be kept at an optimal level.

For those who are interested it is intended to hold an open day at the Grow-out Facility in the near future so you can come along to see firsthand how the operation works and perhaps learn more about the signature fish species of our area. This event will be advertised locally through normal channels.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Council, VMR and all volunteers for helping transport and care for the fish to date and I would also like to invite anybody who would like to volunteer their time to help with the operation of the Grow-out Facility to contact me for a spot on the work roster.



Fingerling at the Burketown Grow-out Facility.

Gregory Landcare

The Gregory River Landcare Group has a busy year planned for 2012. We have recently applied for funding from a few different sources and aim to undertake another weed eradication project in and around the town camping zone and over the extensive area of the Gregory town Common. We will be partnering with Burke Shire Council to undertake this project.

We are going to assist Southern Gulf Catchments with a large scale aerial and ground survey of the Gregory River from Riversleigh, heading north along the river. This will result in a better and accurate mapped record of the distribution and density of weeds on the Gregory River. And will allow us as a group to plan and coordinate projects and on ground work with landholders, and other stakeholders to ensure the long term sustainability and protection of the Gregory River.

Weeds the Landcare Group will target include Rubber Vine, Belly Ache Bush, Parkinsonia and Mesquite. We are looking forward to a productive and busy year ahead.

Gregory Grapevine

By Tracy Forshaw.

SES The North Region Casual Flood Boat Trainer Training Program 2012 has been released and courses are scheduled as per below:

- Burketown / Gregory - Held over weekend of 14-15 July 2012 at Burketown.
- Any SES Volunteers that are interested please contact Dave Marshall or Ian Forshaw so that nominations can be sent through ASAP.

GREGORY DOWNS FISHING COMPETITION 2012

Gregory School P&C is holding a fishing comp on Saturday 31st March.

- Lots of Prizes
- 9am-10am TEAM REGISTRATION @ GREGORY DOWNS HOTEL
- 4pm-5:30pm WEIGH IN OF ALL FISH
- 7pm BBQ TEA & PRESENTATION OF WINNERS
- \$10 per Adult; \$5 per Child
- Categories: - Mens, Ladies, 12-17yo; 6-11yo 0-5yo
- Contact Kimberly Arnold Ph 4845 5652 or 4748 5533
- Email karno36@eq.edu.au

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 47485575

May Day Horse Races & Canoe Races

- Saturday 5th May – Horse Races, Fashion of Field, Tea stall, Bar and Live Band
- Sunday 6th May – Gregory Canoe Race

Gregory Campdraft & Horse Sports June – 23rd & 24th

- Contact Campdraft President Ian Forshaw 4748 5521 or Secretary Anne Webber 4748 5524

RFDS Clinic Gregory

(Doctor & Child Health Nurse) from 9am Thursday Fortnightly.

- 1st, 15th & 29th March
- 12th & 26th April
- 10th & 24th May.



Gregory Clinic.

CWA Recipes

Mango Fruit Cake

Ingredients

1x 425g can of mango slices in natural juice (I just measured out the equivalent fresh – used really ripe/bruised ones so that there was lots of juice falling in the bowl and also helped them break up when boiling so no real mango pieces in the cake just flavour and moisture)

500g dried missed fruit

½ cup water (added a little extra to allow for not as much juice)

1 ½ tspns bicarb soda

1 ½ cup SR Flour

2 lightly beaten eggs

Method

Grease a loaf pan and line with baking paper.

Combine mango, mixed fruit and water in a large pan. Bring slowly to the boil and simmer uncovered for a couple of minutes, cool.

Add in lightly beaten eggs and stir to combine and then add bicarb soda.

Lastly quickly stir in sifted flour and pour mix into prepared pan.

Cook in mod slow oven 160° for about an hour or until cooked (check after about 30 mins).

Yummy!

Mango Jam

Ingredients

10 mangoes – nicely coloured but firm

2 cups water

4 cups sugar

Method

Skin mangoes, cut flesh from seeds and dice. Need about 4 heaped cupfuls.

Add water and boil for 15 mins,

Add sugar and continue to boil for another 20-30 mins.

Test to see if jellies on a cold saucer. Bottle while warm.

Mango Weis Bars

Boil 2 ½ cups sugar + 2 ½ cups water for 5 min or until starting to thicken.

Chop and blend 2.5kg mangoes until smooth.

Add cooled sugar mixture and 2tbsp lemon juice to pureed mangoes.

Save 2 cups of mango mixture and add to 600mls thickened cream.

Put mango mixture in big tray (I used large baking tray) and freeze this layer.

Pour cream mixture over top and freeze.

Slice into bars and eat!



2012 Order of the Outback Award

Call for Nominations

Council invites all interested persons and organisations to submit their nominations for the 2012 Order of the Outback Award, to be presented at the Burke Shire Community "Burke and Wills" Order of the Outback Ball.

The intention of the award is to honour those who selflessly provide service, support or recognition to the people of the outback. Previous recipients of this award include the Country Women's Association, Ram Chandra the renowned snake man

who discovered the antitoxin for snake bite, and Colleen McCullough for her story The Thornbirds. Additional recipients include Dr. Don Bowley, The Emergency Services, The Salvation Army Outback Flying Service – Simon Steele and the Uniting Church flying Padre Service – Gary Hardingham.

Award nomination forms are available at the Burke Shire Council Administration Office on Musgrave Street or by request from Payroll HR Officer, Hayley Booth via email phr@burke.qld.gov.au, phone 07 4745 5100 or fax 07 4745 5181.

DEADLINE for nomination submissions close Tuesday 18 April 2012 at 12.00pm.

Save the Date

Come and see the presentation of the 2012 Order of the Outback Award, presented at the Burke Shire "Burke and Wills" Community Ball on Saturday 30th June 2012 at Burke Shire Hall, Musgrave Street, Burketown. Watch this space for further information.

Burketown Sunday School & Night Gospel Meetings

By Doug and Faye Jones.

Sunday School Times - 9.30am to 10.30am - Church Building.

Night Gospel Meetings - 7.30pm to 8.30pm - Church Building.

For more information call Doug and Faye Jones on 07 4745 5058.

Proposed Dates for 2012:

5th February, 19th February, 4th March, 18th March, 22nd April, 6th May, 20th May, 3rd June, 17th June, 15th July, 29th July, 12th August, 26th August, 9th September, 14th October, 28th October, 11th November, 25th November.

From the Burke Shire Ranger's Desk

By Russell Cunningham.

Regulated dogs

The Animal Management (Cats and dogs) Act 2008 introduced a state wide approach to the declaration and control of dangerous, menacing and restricted dogs, collectively designated as regulated dogs on 1st July 2009.

The act outlines conditions for keeping regulated dogs including requirements for enclosures, muzzling and effective control in public.

A state wide regulated dog register has been established by the Department of infrastructure and Planning for local governments to more effectively manage and monitor regulated dogs.

In Queensland there are three types of regulated dogs:

- Dangerous dogs
- Menacing dogs
- Restricted dogs

Dangerous dogs

A dog that has attacked a person or animal or has behaved in a threatening manner can be reported to the local council and may – after assessment by an authorised local government officer – be declared dangerous.

Dangerous dogs must be microchipped, wear an ID tag, be kept in a prescribed enclosure with a sign, be kept under effective control, be desexed and wear a muzzle in public.

Menacing dogs

If you know of a dog that shows menacing behaviour you can report it to your local council. After assessing its behaviour the authorised local government officer can declare it as a menacing dog.

Menacing dogs must be microchipped, wear an ID tag, be kept in a prescribed enclosure with a sign and be kept under effective control.

Restricted dogs

A restricted dog declaration can only be made if the local government is satisfied the dog is of a breed prohibited from importation into Australia under the Customs Act 1901.

A local government can also prohibit certain breeds (or cross breeds) of dogs in the local government area under a local law. The decision to make such a law is at the discretion of each local government.

To ensure the safety of the community, owners of regulated dogs are required to meet certain conditions.

Restricted dogs must be microchipped, wear an ID tag, and be kept in a prescribed enclosure with a sign, be kept under effective control, be desexed, wear a muzzle in public and have a permit issued by council.

Requirements for regulated dog enclosures

The regulated dog must- unless there is a reasonable excuse – be usually kept in the enclosure, which must:

- (a) Be child proof
- (b) Stop the dog from leaving the enclosure
- (c) Must not be built or situated in a way that requires a member of the public seeking access to the front entrance of a dwelling house to go into the enclosed area
- (d) Must be at least 10 square metres and can not include any area that is a swimming pool or area surrounding a swimming pool or all or part of a building usually used for residential purposes
- (e) The walls of the enclosure must be at least 1M high above ground (if the dog is 8kg or less) or at least 1.8M high above ground level (if the dog is more than 8 kg)
- (f) The enclosure must be made of firm and strong materials.
- (g) The walls may include a perimeter fence for the revealant place or an exterior wall of a structure if it complies with the enclosure requirements.
- (h) The enclosure must include a weatherproof area appropriate for a dog.
- (i) The enclosure must include a gate and must not have a vehicle entry gate
- (j) The gate must be childproof, self-closing and self-latching and comply with the other enclosure requirements
- (k) The enclosure may have another gate that is not self-closing and self-latching if it is not a vehicle gate and complies with the requirements for the enclosure walls and is kept securely locked whenever it is not in immediate use
- (l) A sign/notice must be placed at or near each entrance to the place where the dog is usually kept notifying the public that a regulated dog is kept there

Review and appeal

If you receive a regulated dog declaration notice you can apply to your council for an internal review of the decision. You also have the right of appeal to the Queensland Animal and Administrative Tribunal if you are not satisfied with the internal review.

For more information visit www.dip.qld.gov.au

Home & Community Care Update

By Pam deJoux.

Our year has become again with a small number of clients attending CBDC. As it is usually the rainy season, many of our clients leave town for a few months returning around March/April.

It seems however that our wet season has diminished somewhat and instead of the wet we are experiencing some very hot weather. This in itself is enough to deter clients from venturing out doors to attend HACC.

With our small group we are getting into our programs and activities with one of our first outings being a morning tea at the picnic area beside the bridge, before the ladies spent enjoyable morning fishing. Although there weren't any fish stories to tell they had a great time.

We took the Australia Day Ambassador, Allison on an outing to the bridge. Armed with fold up chairs, esky, fishing lines and bait, along with afternoon tea we taught her the joys of fishing. A great afternoon was had with several fish caught but alas all were "throw backs" with no "keepers".

This year we have several outings planned for HACC with both day excursions and overnight trips on the agenda. Our Annual Camooweal Drivers Camp is happening again with Hell's Gate and Adel's Grove on our list of "to do". There will be visits to the schools in Burketown and Gregory as well as Kindy, with a visit to Doomadgee Aged Care planned. With our HACC bus now a reality we look forward to these outings using our own vehicle.

Trash and Treasures: We have four planned for the year with our first one being at the end of March. Raffles will also form part of our fundraising to help with any overnight trips and other expenses not covered by HACC.

International Women's Day will be held on March 8th with a morning tea/lunch, a display and speakers who will talk about their careers and roles in the workplace.

The theme this year is "Connecting Girls-Inspiring Futures". The day will commence at the Old Church/ HACC Hall at 9.30am – finishing around 12.30pm with invitations to all women in the community.

A morning tea has been organised at Savannah Lodge for March with a bingo morning to follow. This will be the first of several morning teas and lunches that we will hopefully be having around the Shire this year.



REMINDER of YOUR RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES:

As a HACC client you have the right to:

- 1- Be treated with respect and dignity.
- 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.

34th World Barramundi Fishing Championships

over \$20,000 in cash, prizes & trophies

1st Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$3,400. 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, Qld on April 6, 7 & 8, 2012

supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other Community Service Groups

Don't miss the boat for the only fishing competition to be at on Easter Weekend 2012

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

Department of Communities | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services

Change of Time

Indigenous Home Ownership Seminar

Interested community members are invited to attend the seminar, to receive information about home ownership and one on one consultation.

Where: Burketown Shire Hall

When: Wednesday 14 March

Time: 5:00 – 8:00

Presentations and assistance will be provided by:

- Indigenous Business Australia (IBA)
- Deadly Story – Kerry Parker

Light refreshments and lunch will be provided

For further information please contact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services (ATSIS), Department of Communities on 4747 2089.

Tomorrow's Queensland:
strong, green, smart, healthy and fair



*** DATE CLAIMER ***

Free Workshops & Advice for the Grazing Industry & Small Business

- *Building your Business*
- *Bookkeeping, Tax & Finances*
- *Individual Business Consultations*

Burketown : 16-17-18-19 April 2012

Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) and partners are organising a full program of business support for the grazing industry and small business in the week 16-19 April. This is a unique opportunity to get practical and profitable advice from experts who have worked all over the Gulf. And it's all FREE!

MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY AND LOOK OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Attend both workshops or attend just one:
 - **Workshop 1:** learn to use bookkeeping software (QuickBooks and MYOB), how to read and understand basic financial reports, tax tips & round up
 - **Workshop 2:** how to build your business resilience & assess your current business situation etc.
- Get one-on-one personalised advice from Dorretti and Michael: times available 16-17-18-19th April
- Child care will be available on the 17th and 18th
- All participants invited to join in for a free dinner at Savannah Lodge on the 17th
- Russell Boswell (Savannah Way Ltd) and Rod Murray (Enterprise Connect) will also be attending the workshops if you want to have a chat to them about their programs and what they offer.



Dorretti de Graaff is the Principal of Gulf Accounting in Georgetown and a Fellow Certified Practising Accountant (FCPA) with more than 26 years in administration and accounting.

Michael Lawrence, Principal of Inspire Business Consulting, is an experienced presenter, a CPA with over 20 years diverse experience in the Tablelands and Gulf assisting businesses with all aspects of their operation.





For additional information regarding the workshops, please contact Annie Cork (GSD) on 0437-029-668 / 4095-3431 or email smallbusiness@gulfsavannah.com.au. Alternatively, please contact Larissa Lauder (SCG) on 4743-1888 or projectsupport@southerngulf.com.au.




Burke Shire Calendar of Events...

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06	Good Friday World Barramundi Fishing Championship
07	Easter Saturday
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18	Council Meeting 9am Rugby League Carnival 
19	Rugby League Carnival
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25	ANZAC Day - Dawn & 11am Services
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05	Gregory Horse Races Gregory River Canoe Races 
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07	Labour Day Public Holiday
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30	Order of the Outback Ball

ANZAC Day – 25th April – Burketown – Dawn Service and 11.00am Service. Gregory Horse Races - May 5th - Fashions of the Field, Chicken and Champagne Lunch, music, bar, food - a good Family day. For more information call Anne Webber 4748 5524. Gregory River Canoe Races – 5 to 7th May – Contact Libby Anderson (07 3349 1933). Order of the Outback Ball – 30th June – Burketown Hall. Tidy Yard Competition – 6 to 12th August – Burke Shire. Melbourne Cup Day – 6th November.

Council Meeting Dates

Burke Shire Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Council Chambers in the Shire Office, Musgrave Street, Burketown, and are scheduled to commence at 9.00am.

Next three meetings will be held on:-

Wednesday 21st March 2012, Wednesday 18th April 2012 and Wednesday 16th May 2012.

Junior Tennis

Cheryl Portch will be conducting junior tennis.

Wednesdays at 5:30pm at the Burketown tennis courts. Racquets and balls will be supplied.

For more information, call Cheryl Mob: 0459 792 937.

Burketown Cemetery Management Workshop

with Peter Maxwell and Gordon Grimwade

Proudly Sponsored by Burke Shire Council in partnership with The Department of Public Works Community Memorials Restoration Program.

Join Gordon Grimwade and Peter Maxwell. They will provide practical training in the management of historic cemeteries. The approach will be to identify the broad issues and then applying the skills to resolve them.

The workshop will cover:

- A brief introduction & overview as to the value of cemeteries, memorials, historical & genealogical reference sources, places of contemplation and tourism
- Grounds maintenance and good management practices
- Gravestone maintenance
- Minor repair techniques (those not requiring specialists).
- Grave documentation and record keeping

Where: Burketown Cemetery and Burketown Hall.

When: Tuesday 1st May – Thursday 3rd May 2012.

Time: 8am – 4pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Three days (including fieldwork at Burketown cemetery)

Cost: Meals are supplied for the workshop.

What to bring: Personal Safety Gear (hat, gloves, steel cap boots, sunscreen, and water bottle), notebook and pen.

Limited numbers apply so please book by the 17th April 2012.

Book either by emailing rpo@burke.qld.gov.au or phone Madison Marshall on 07 4745 5100.

Gordon Grimwade has provided historic cemetery management advice for over 30 years in regional areas. He has expertise in broad management issues including grounds care, documentation, heritage significance, site interpretation and visitor access.

Peter Maxwell is a professional metals and stone conservator with extensive expertise in memorial and statuary conservation from Antarctica to Thursday Island and is highly skilled with cleaning and minor repair work on grave ornamentation.



Burke Shire Council
invites you to celebrate

ANZAC DAY

Wednesday 25th April 2012

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| 0545 | Assemble for ceremony |
| 0600 | Dawn Service at Cenotaph |
| 0615 | Complimentary breakfast at Burke Shire Hall |
| 1045 | March from Cnr Beames and Musgrave Streets |
| 1050 | Mid-morning service at Cenotaph and Wreath Laying |
| 1115 | Complimentary BBQ at Burke Shire Hall |

We look forward to welcoming you to a day of remembrance and to celebrate the spirit of ANZAC, its human qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice.

Volunteers

We need you to help make this community event a success. If you are able to volunteer please contact your Corporate and Community Service Manager, Debbie Glyde on 07 4745 5100.

Expressions of interest

Council is looking for expression of interest from community organisations to sell soft drinks on the day. If you are interested please submit interest to ccsm@burke.qld.gov.au

Burke Shire Council advocates responsible drinking.



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.

Burke Shire Business Directory

Burketown Nursery



Burketown Nursery
Come see us for all your gardening supplies. Orders welcome.
Open Saturday & Sunday 8am - 2pm
(Open other times by prior arrangement)
Visit: Lot 144 Gregory Street, Burketown
Call Jenny on 0417 738 404

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

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

Burketown Bargain Barn

Burketown Bargain Barn
Bargains galore! Including:
• Furnishings • Household Goods • Clothing
• White Goods • Fresh Fruit & Veggies
Ph: 07 4745 5244 or Mob: 0417 175 744.

Caravan Park

Burketown Caravan Park
P: 07 4745 5118 F: 07 4745 5126 E: burketowncaravanpark@blue1000.com.au
Website: www.burketowncaravanpark.net.au
• Accommodation (air conditioned cabins and powered sites)
• Groceries • Take-away food • Ice • Fishing supplies & Bait

Morning Glory Restaurant

Morning Glory Restaurant
Reopens in April 2012
Ph: 4745 5295 Fax: 4745 5280
Visit: 87 Beames Street, Burketown
Email: morninggloryrestaurant@gmail.com

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: reservations@adelsgrove.com.au

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 4.00pm
Arts n Crafts store may close early during the wet season.

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

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

Gregory Downs Hotel

Gregory Downs Hotel
• Accommodation • Meals
• Camping Facilities
• Caravan Storage
Phone: 07 4748 5566

Northern Photography

Northern Photography
Photography Services - "Creating Moments that last a Lifetime"
Phone: 0467 633 792 Email: melissanorth72@live.com.au
Web: www.northernphotography.net

Schedule effective 1st January 2012

Monday					Eastbound				
Westbound									
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					Eastbound				
Westbound									
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
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Wednesday					Eastbound				
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CNS	NTN	12:50	14:20	Q656	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q655
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CNS	NTN	12:50	14:20	Q656	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q655
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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
Friday					Eastbound				
Westbound									
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:05	13:35	Q654	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q653
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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.