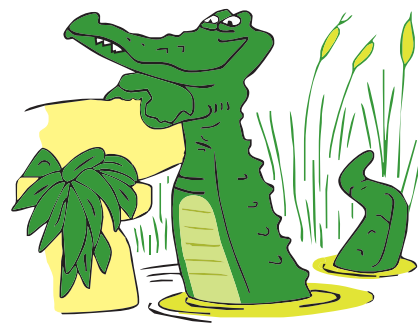


BURKE SHIRE Council Newsletter



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Australia Day 2013



Unlike last year when the day was filled with the sound of rain on the roof, this year's event was marked by bright sunny skies. Not even the power outage of the night before could dampen the community spirit and a great day was had by all.

This year no nominations were received for the various Australia Day awards.

The inaugural Burke Shire Australia Day Cricket Match was undertaken on the oval behind the School. Two teams, led by Cr Ernie Camp and Lenny Booth, batted, bowled and battled it out with Cr Camp's team emerging victorious. Their success cannot be attributed to the Captain's cricket prowess but is more confirmation that amazing results are possible if you have a good team under you. The team name will be recorded on the Shield commissioned in honour of this stellar sporting event. Chris James was named Best Player on Field.

Those who joined in the Car Rally had great fun following clues, driving around town and endeavouring to be the first to the finish line. Winners were the Marshall family.

What Australia Day event would be complete without a cook off of some great Aussie culinary icons? This year scones were on the menu. Judges munched their

way through several entries with the efforts of Carrol Cunningham being recognised as the winning entry on the day. Georgia Ward from Mellish Park won the Kindy-Grade 1 colouring in competition while the winner of the grade 2-4 was Nardia Friday of Burketown. No entries were received for the grade 5-7.

Lots of fun and games were had in the afternoon. Kids of all ages enjoyed a variety of activities including egg and spoon races, balloon races and the ever popular piñata. Women emerged victorious in the tightly contested Men vs. Women tug of war.

Congratulations to Shannon McLellan, Glenda Booth, Amanda Wilkinson, Cheryl Portch, Gayl Arnold, Anne Arnold and Kelly Gardner. Their prize was 100 Trillion Dollars albeit Zimbabwean and Council's Chief Financial Officer, Frederick Aquilin, is working on an investment plan. By Australia Day next year it could be worth as much as ten bucks if they are lucky!

Thanks to Jenny Williams for co-ordinating the event. She was ably assisted by Clinton Murray (cricket), Pam deJoux and Leonie Florence (kitchen prep), Col Baker and Russell Cunningham (BBQ chefs), Glenda Booth (kids' games), Cheryl Portch (piñata and car rally) and Amanda Wilkinson (car rally).

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Christmas in the Park 2012

On a balmy Summer evening in December the Morning Glory Park was filled with the sound of laughing children, relaxed conversation and the sight of brightly coloured balloons, a towering Christmas tree from which dangled decorations made by children throughout the Shire and many families enjoying the opportunity to catch up before the long awaited Wet began.

The afternoon began with a helicopter lollydrop, co-ordinated by Cr Duff, that saw excited children running to and fro, executing some fantastic diving techniques, in order to amass a sweet collection of treats. Inspired by a recent Arts Council performance there soon followed another opportunity to collect a little more "dentist's delight" with a game of "Chasing the Lollyman". The fleet feet of Sage Marshall, Jayden Douglas and Cameron Ketchup made grabbing a chocolate bar quite a challenge and those who succeeded certainly earned their reward.

Mayor Camp and family were kept busy blowing up balloons. While quite a few floated away, those that remained tied down glowed in the darkening night adding to the Christmassy feel. Thanks to the efforts of Katrina Rex and Madison Marshall several other games were organised and a popular cent sale was also undertaken.

A delicious meal of barbequed meat and salad was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Wayne Rickerby and Chris James for manning the tongs and slaving over the

hot BBQ plate to ensure all were fed. Thanks also to Leonie Florence and Pam deJoux for helping with prep for the meal. Ice blocks were also handed out to finish the meal.

Unfortunately plane problems meant that Padre Garry Hardingham was unable to attend for an evening of carol singing. However the most important visitor of the night arrived right on queue. Due to aviation rules he was unable to land his sleigh in the park but Burketown Rural Fire Brigade member Trevor Marshall kindly picked up Santa in the fire truck and brought him to the park to meet his fans.

Worried about weight restriction on the sleigh Santa's elves were very organised and had already had the gifts delivered to their helpers in Burketown to await their distribution by the jolly man in red. The sounds of ripping paper, "oohs" and "aahs" were heard as gifts were opened and their secrets revealed. The children sang a hearty rendition of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer to Santa by way of thanks. Thanks to those in the community who helped get Santa to the park, babysat the gifts and helped with the handout on the night.

Thanks to Ann-Maree Rickerby, Katrina Rex and Rachel Amini-Yanner for co-ordinating the event. Thanks to all who helped set up and clean up after the event. Thanks to all the organisations and businesses who helped contribute to the evening. It was great to see everyone pitching in to ensure that the community Christmas in the Park was the success that it was.



Message from the Mayor Ernie Camp

"Where is the Wet?" so many of us are asking as we look up to the sky. An insignificant Wet has huge ramifications for private enterprise and Council. Council has, as have all local government areas, had its funding cut due to State and Federal budgetary constraints.

A considerable amount of funding for road works is reliant upon Wet season effects. No Wet means decreased funding and given that a significant portion of Council work is road works it isn't hard to connect the dots and see that Council's works programme could be reduced. Council will ensure it does its best to, where possible, reduce any impact both to its ratepayers, workforce and local contractors.

It is Council's vision to upgrade and protect the integrity of road works within the Shire. Given that the majority of funding received during and after flooding events is linked to repair to pre-existing condition only this means constant, continual, repetitive repairs and little progress

Council is working towards, as are other LG areas, influencing the alteration of policy at State and Federal level to ensure that vital pieces of infrastructure linking us to "elsewhere" are continually enhanced to maximise the window of opportunity for business and social connectivity for communities.

Following the recent devastation on the East coast the Minister for Local Government, Hon David Crisafulli MP, has acknowledged the short-sightedness of this policy and signalled his intention to review and enhance the add on value of dollars spent after natural disasters. While this is welcome I remain concerned that we need to wait for a natural disaster before being afforded the opportunity to secure a valuable piece of basic infrastructure.

At risk pieces of road infrastructure should be identified (Council is aware of most of these within the Shire) and then funding made available to upgrade and secure these areas as a priority in a proactive manner not in a reactive manner by having to wait until it seriously damaged and access curtailed.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of various parties and the knowledge of HR consultant Ken Hunt Burke Shire has finalised its EBA with its workforce. On behalf of Council I thank all staff for their honesty and willingness to engage with the process.

One of the outcomes of the Agreement was the formation of a Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) which will meet regularly to discuss, respond and develop pathways forward to enhanced productivity, communication and cohesiveness through the whole organisation thus creating a dynamic, modern, happy workforce. JCC has already had its first meeting and is moving forward.

With the projected lifting of the ban on Uranium mining in the State, Lagoon Creek has signalled its intention to advance its interests in Burke Shire to the next stage. Council has commenced dialogue with representatives and is looking to undertake regular discussion in order to be best prepared for mine development and production and maximise flow on benefits to the Shire.

Council is well aware of the stigma attached to uranium mining and environmental and public concerns will be reflected within all discussions. It must be acknowledged that all mining including base metal extraction carries risks however as long as all stakeholders constructively work together and remain sensitive to concerns the risks can be balanced with positive outcomes and one mining operation becomes no greater risk than another.

Planning for digital television retransmission within Burketown is well underway with the granting of a retransmission licence and the engaging of a company to carry out the required installations. Council is looking at options regarding digital TV at Gregory.

Council has also received a grant from the Qld Government's Local Government Grants and Subsidies Programme for \$1 million to develop a community hub which would incorporate the existing office space, allow for further expansion of the office and also include a multipurpose hall, meeting rooms, display galleries and a catering space that can be utilised not only for social events but also should an evacuation centre be required. Council also hopes to secure additional corporate sponsorship to further enhance project outcomes.

Two wonderful events have taken place in Burke Shire since the last newsletter. Firstly, there was the Community Christmas in the Park where families throughout the Shire came together to relax, catch up and visit with the jolly man in red.

Community is taking more and more ownership of this event and in future it may be possible for this event to no longer be Council run but more Council assisted. Secondly, was the Australia Day event held at the Hall in Burketown.

This Australia Day saw the holding of a cricket match which is set to become part of the annual programme. A perpetual shield has been created by the CopaGuy from Cairns and will be presented to the winning team each year.

Thanks to all those who worked tirelessly to bring the events to fruition and to the community businesses and organisations whose support helped make these days the success they were.

I would also like to welcome Phillip Keirle, Neil Klemola and Frederick Aqvin to Council. Phil has commenced as Deputy CEO, Neil as Works Manager and Fred as Chief Financial Officer. They are enthusiastic about their new roles and looking forward to getting involved in the community so give them a warm welcome when you see them out and about.

Recently there have been several natural disasters that have affected our fellow Australians. In response to the Tasmanian bush fires, Etheridge and Croydon Shire fires and the tornado that hit Burrum Heads the community has rallied and organised fundraisers and support to those affected.

Two functions at VMR have raised funds to support a fire affected school in Tasmania, assist Pete, Janet and Jade (ex Burketown Caravan Park owners) recover from the severe damage to their house at Burrum Heads and council has assisted, in collaboration with others, to deliver 3 trailers of hay to affected producers in Croydon and Etheridge Shires.

I am also aware that the Gregory QCWA has made a contribution towards support for those in need in Etheridge Shire. I would like to thank those who willingly gave their time to coordinate the events, donated items or contributed to the funds raised. The compassion and willingness of the community to help others in times of need evident via such events highlight why Burke Shire is a great place to live.

Not only are there large changes happening within Council this year but also here at Floraville. This year all our children are away at boarding school and Kylie and I are struck by how quiet it is and how many pets we have accumulated given that we now have to take care of them.

It leaves quite a hole in your heart and in closing I would like to say to all those parents out there sending their kids off to school or university that you have my utmost empathy and admiration for unselfishly letting your children go.



Message from Councillor Tracy Forshaw

I hope everyone had a Happy Easter in the Burke Shire.

Welcome to our new Council employees and residents.

There was some good catches at the Barra Comp. I hope everyone had good luck, and all the fishermen, fisherwomen and fisher-kids at Burketown's Easter Barra Fishing Competition caught at least a few fish I will catch up with people at the Dawn Anzac Service at Gregory and then in Burketown for the Morning Service.

Then it will be time to put on the suits and frock up for the Gregory Downs Horse Races on the Saturday 5th May. And who said living in the bush was dull. I encourage you all to "talk up" our wonderful shire and persuade people to come and live, work and play here.

As soon as the wet ever starts so it can finish, our Council employees will be out doing what they do best – that is fix roads.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything.

Take care, Regards Cr. Tracy Forshaw.



From the Chief Executive Officer's Desk

John Page



Council is continuing to have discussions with representatives of the Uranium and Shale Gas companies and is eager to work with these companies to ensure the best interests of Burke Shire are achieved.

Whilst looking ahead to future mining interests Council is also focussing on discussions with MMG with regards to the Century Mine and how we can work together to better the needs of the Shire.

Council is working with MMG in a partnership to improve the skills of Council's workforce and ensure that Burke Shire have appropriately trained trades person that will benefit not only Council but the community as well as the individual.

A new Organisation Structure has been adopted by Council which provides for a Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Philip Keirle), Chief Financial Officer (Frederick Aquilin), Executive Officer (Jenny Williams), Works Manager (Neil Klemola) and Workshop Fleet Manager (Brett Harris) together with the Chief Executive Officer forms the Senior Management Team.

I congratulate the appointed persons and look forward to working with the Team which consists of Councillors and Senior Management in the development of strategies to move Burke Shire forward in the ensuing years. I wish to also congratulate all staff for their support and efforts in their various roles as they perform their daily duties in a diligent professional manner.

Council has been successful in obtaining licences for the frequency for the retransmission of Digital TV to residents in Burketown and is continuing to investigate the availability of a similar service to Gregory. Residents in rural areas who are outside the footprint for receiving the retransmission should not feel neglected as Council is investigating ways to provide support.

One area that will be concentrated on will be better communication with the residents of Burke Shire. To this extent there will be more media releases and notices to keep the Community of Burke Shire aware of what is happening at Council.

Etheridge and Croydon Shire Fires

Recently in response to the devastating fires that swept through Etheridge and Croydon Shires, Burke Shire Council, in conjunction with Carpentaria Shire, Hawkins Transport (Normanton) and Lorraine Station, arranged for the delivery of three trailers of hay to assist in the feeding of stock on affected properties.

Lorraine donated two trailers of hay, Carpentaria Shire paid for the extra trailer, Hawkins Transport delivered the hay at cost only and Burke Shire Council covered the cost of that freight.

It was great to be part of a region (Southern Gulf) that so willingly recognises, responds and assists each other in times of need.

Council Meetings

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

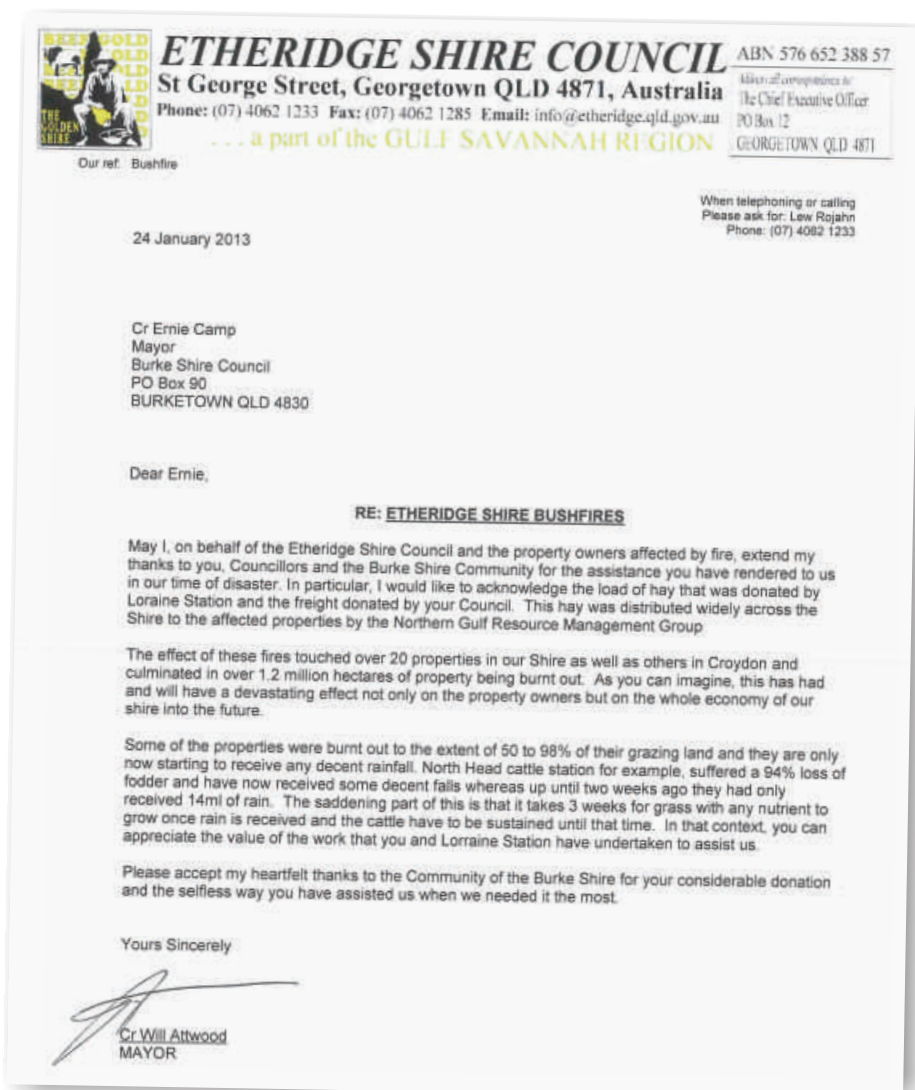
Meetings for 2013 will be held on:-

16 May, 20 June, 18 July, 15 August, 19 September, 17 October, 21 November, 12 December.

Burke Shire Calendar of Events

See more information on the Burke Shire Council website – www.burke.qld.gov.au

- 4 May – Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races
- 5 May – Gregory Downs Canoe Race
- 8 June – HACC Trash and Treasure
- 22-23 June – Gregory Campdraft & Horse Sports



Burke Shire School Updates

Burketown State School

by Joey Campbell, Principal

Principal Report

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. My name is Joey Campbell and I will be replacing Finn Buckley as principal of Burketown State School for 2013.

Although I am originally from Brisbane/Gold Coast I have been living in Mt Isa for the last 5 years teaching at Sunset State School. I am very excited and enthusiastic about my appointment to Burketown and have heard many wonderful things about Burketown, the school and especially the students here. It was wonderful to meet all the students last week and I look forward to getting to know everyone well.

Please feel free to visit the school anytime. If anyone would like to come up and volunteer their time to help in the classrooms, your help would be greatly appreciated.

We also welcome a new teacher to the region

Daniel Counihan, 4-7 Teacher Burketown State School.

Hi, You may have noticed a new guy popping up around Burketown... Let me introduce myself. I am Daniel Counihan. I am a graduate from the Queensland University of Technology.

I have spent 4 years completing a full-time degree that has provided me with the skills and attributes that are necessary to provide children with optimal learning experiences. I have taken up residents in your community to become the teacher of the 4-7 classes.

My approach to teaching is one that brings about a lively atmosphere. The classroom is a place where I feel the needs to include set rules yet at the same time it needs to be fun; this balance is what I am aiming towards. I wish to build respectful relationships with the students and get to know each of them individually.

Not only do I believe it is important to build these relationships with my students but I want to go beyond this. I want to build relationships with the wider community. If ever you're out and about and see me, don't hesitate to say hi. I am always up for a good chat.

Looking forward to meeting you all!



Burke Shire Mayor Ernie Camp talking to Burketown students

2013 Leadership Ceremony

Last term we saw Burketown conduct its 2013 leadership ceremony. A big thanks to Burke Shire Mayor Ernie Camp and CEO John Page for attending our ceremony as our special guests. Students from Grade 3-7 who have been identified by their peers and staff as being respectful, responsible role models were awarded with badges corresponding to their leadership roles.

Badge winners

School Captain
School Vice-Captain
Nicolson Sports Captain
Albert Sports Captain
Students Council

Pemulwuy Yanner
 Yellagunjimurra Yanner
 Kobe Marshall
 Mibulgurdoo Yanner
 Latreya Boundy, Mibulgurdoo Yanner
 & Kobe Marshall



Burketown Kindy by Leonie Florence

When Laylee and I observe our eight Kindy children we are continually amazed at their curiosity and wonder, creativity, enthusiasm and motivation to engage and learn in everyday life. The excitement of being able to build a tall tower of blocks, the joy of playing with their friends or the laughter of seeing their faces through a large magnifying glass, these moments remind us of the wonderful world we live in as educators.

From our daily observations, Laylee and I can reflect and respond to the children's interests in ways that optimize their learning, development and wellbeing. However, there is no easy way of putting this - KINDY IS IN DIRE STRAITS. We will be struggling to keep the doors open till the next round of funding is received.

The funding we receive only covers 80% of our staff wages, the remaining funds are obtained from fundraising, grants, fees and community support. This is approximately a \$15,000.00 shortfall in operating costs.

The Committee has worked very hard to keep the Kindergarten operating but we NEED more support. If you can help in any way or have any ideas we would love to hear from you.

On a good note - congratulations to Laylee on her successful completion of Certificate 111 in Children's Services. We wish her well in her future studies. Also we would like to thank the CLCAC Rangers who have maintained our lawns at Kindy.

World Barramundi Fishing Championship

A very big thank you and congratulations goes out to the 362 Men, Women and Children who entered our family fishing competition this year and helped to make it one of the biggest on record.

Luckily the weather held out for us making the weekend a big success and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves.

The results for the weekend were :-

	Juniors	Mens/Open	Women
Barramundi	1 Caleb Friday 2 Raine Yanner 3 Majella Butcher	Ian Tod Hunter Robbie Ahwing B Spreadborough	
Bream	1 Tyronne Cooling 2 Shaun Gould 3 Bucka Yanner	Terry Arnold Clinton Murray	Angela Young
Fingermark	1 Callum Mendezona	Ben Emis	Linda Hodgson
Grunter	1 Jade Grice 2 Darby Cunningham 3 Sharleigh Cunningham	Peter Cooling	Wynetta Illingsworth
Jew		Brodie Zahl	Kellie Trindle
Queenfish	1 Tremaine Body 2 Roman Marshall 3 Tremaine Body	Marcus Carter	Angela Young
Salmon	1 Tyson Perez 2 Shaun Gould 3 Ty Marshall	Trevor Duncan	Kellie Trindle
Girls Catfish	1 Kaitlin Hupe		
Boys Catfish	1 Junjuwa Ross 1 Kobie Marshall		
All Rounder	Shaun Gould	Terry Arnold	
Team	Bowen St Grunters		

So once again thank you to all the competitors who made the weekend a success. The Adult lucky nomination Boat/Motor/Trailer was won by Darren Jones, the Junior lucky nomination prize was won by Kaitlin Hupe.

To our hard working committee and long list of volunteers, a special thank you for the mammoth effort put in to bring it all together and last but certainly not least the many sponsors who have contributed in so many ways to promote and fund this special event for our community.

Thank You One & All, Garry Jeffries.

President, Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation Inc.



First Place Barramundi,
Ian Tod Hunter

Gregory Grapevine

CWA – Gregory Branch

"How Many Grids To Gregory" cook books 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.

May Day Horse Races & Canoe Races

Saturday 4th May – Horse Races, Fashions of Field, Chicken & Champagne Luncheon, Tea-stall, Bar and Music. **Sunday 5th May** – Gregory Canoe Race.

Gregory Campdraft & Horse Sports

June 22-23. Contact Campdraft President, Ian Forshaw 07 4748 5521.

RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday, fortnightly, 9th & 23rd May. Health Nurse will also be doing talks at the clinics on topics about eyes, hearing, heart & lungs, flu shots etc.

Tuesday Trivia

Tuesday nights from 8pm at the Gregory Downs Hotel. Teams of up to 4 people.

Friday Night Tennis

Family fun night, BYO food to share on the BBQ. Starts at 7pm.



From the Burke Shire Rangers Desk

by Russell Cunningham

OUR LOCAL #1 WEED MENACE - RUBBER VINE

Introduction

Rubber vine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*) – one of northern Australia's worst weeds – is among Australia's 20 Weeds of National Significance. A national strategic plan for control of rubber vine has been developed, outlining four programs to prevent its spread, reduce its impact, manage it nationally, and coordinate management.

Rubber vine is a woody perennial vine that colonises areas aggressively, forming impenetrable thickets that smother vegetation. It impacts on native ecosystems, primary industries and tourism. It is quite distinct from most other plants although it may be confused with some native vines.

History of spread

Rubber vine is a native of Madagascar. The exact date of its introduction into Australia is not known but it is prior to, or about, 1875. It was a popular ornamental plant in north Queensland mining settlements, favoured for its luxuriant growth even under harsh conditions.

By 1917 there were major infestations around Rockhampton, Charters Towers and Georgetown. During the Second World War, efforts were made to grow rubber vine as a rubber source and although the enterprise was not successfully developed, it may have led to further spread.

Rubber vine was declared a noxious weed in Queensland in 1955. It is now present across 20 per cent of the state and densely infests over 700 000 hectares, costing the Queensland beef industry in the excess of \$18 million per year due to loss of pasture and reduced beef production.

Control methods

Biological control: Rubber vine rust, which was released between 1995 and 1997, has had a significant impact. It has been found on Rubber vine in all areas but is less prevalent in the dryer western areas as it needs high humidity to survive and multiply.

Control using fire: Fire is perhaps the most overlooked tool in the control of rubber vine. Burning can be more effective and cost efficient than attacking dense infestations solely with chemical, which requires spending significant amounts of money and time.

Chemical control:

Herbicides can be applied to rubber vine in a number of ways:

- on the leaves (foliar application)
- on the ground (soil application)
- by aircraft (aerial application)
- to the stem and bark of the plant (basal barking)
- to the stump immediately after cutting (cut stump)

Mechanical control: Slashers, cutter-bars, stick rakes and blade or disk ploughs can be used to destroy rubber vine mechanically. Timing is important – June to September is best, when dry conditions minimize reshooting.

Conclusion

There are many different ways of controlling rubber vine. As no single method is suitable for all situations, planning is the key to identifying the most efficient and economical way to achieve the desired outcome. Most land managers use a combination of methods. Together with diligent monitoring and follow-up, these have achieved the best results.

Looking for Workers?

Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) has a partnership with *Workabout Australia* to help businesses in our region find workers – seasonal workers, skilled workers, tradespeople and general employees.

Workabout Australia is Australia's foremost agency connecting travelers with casual, seasonal, part time and permanent work around Australia. Under the GSD partnership, *Workabout Australia* has agreed to promote employment opportunities in our region through special features on their website and via their extensive networks and 'Members Club'.

50% Discount with Workabout Australia!

Under the partnership arrangement there is a special deal for Gulf Savannah businesses: if you don't currently pay the job listing fee with *Workabout Australia*, but decide to give it a go in 2013, they will offer you two years of job listings for the price of one year.

Many Gulf Savannah businesses already use *Workabout Australia* to promote their job vacancies. Have you given it a go yet?

Businesses must be based in one of GSD's member Shires to be eligible for this offer (Burke, Carpentaria, Doomadgee, Etheridge or Mornington).

- You can check out *Workabout Australia* at www.workaboutaustralia.com.au
- The Gulf Savannah profile can be accessed through the home page
- Gulf Savannah jobs are listed in the QLD section of the 'Jobs Galore' page.
- Click on 'QLD' on the map of Australia on the home page.



Articles for the Burke Shire Council Newsletter

Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter?

Send through your information to
events@burke.qld.gov.au

Articles will be approved at Council's discretion

Police Beat

by Sergeant Wayne Rickerby

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The firearm amnesty I mentioned last year ran from the 1st February until the end of March. If you have any weapons you wish to hand in or have attached to your license, bring them into the police station.

With school back in full swing it is timely to remind drivers around the school and Kindy that there is a speed restricted zone on Beames Street. The speed limit is 40km during the hours of 7am to 9am and 2pm to 4pm. Please be mindful of your speed during this time.

Sunday School & Night Gospel

by Doug and Faye Jones

5th May, 19th May, 2nd June, 16th June, 14th July, 28th July, 11th August, 25th August, 8th September, 13th October, 27th October, 10th November, 24th November.

Website Information

Burke Shire Council has a new website – www.burke.qld.gov.au

You can find information on: Current Tenders, Positions Vacant, Council Meetings, Add in your event information, Notices and much more...

Arts and Crafts Show

The Burke Shire Arts and Craft Show will be held on Saturday 17th August 2013.

Council is calling for residents who are interested in being a member of the advisory group for the 2013 Burke Shire Council Arts and Crafts Show.

If you would like to contribute to this event please contact Madison Marshall via email on events@burke.qld.gov.au or via phone on 07 4745 5100 with your contact details as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be held in the Council Boardroom at 2.30pm on Wednesday 1st May 2013.

Positions Vacant

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

Public Notice Distribution

It is easy to obtain copies of Councils Notices and information, request to be added to the Burke Shire Council Notice Distribution List by sending an email to office@burke.qld.gov.au



Small Business Advisory Services 2013 - 2014

Gulf Savannah

Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) is pleased to advise that our Small Business Advisory Service currently has two programs available to small businesses (that includes grazing or fishing businesses!) or aspiring entrepreneurs in the Gulf Shires of Burke, Carpentaria, Doomadgee, Etheridge and Mornington.

Our **Business Boost** program provides high quality & low cost support to Gulf businesses looking to grow or increase their productivity. Eligible businesses can get up to 12 hours of professional support

Our **Business Start Up** program provides high quality & low cost support to help establish new businesses in the Gulf Savannah Shires. Eligible businesses can get up to 20 hours of professional support.

We can link you up with LOW COST advice from specialist consultants on our Panel in a range of areas, including:

- ▶ Mentoring
- ▶ Sales & Marketing
- ▶ Legal Advice
- ▶ Tourism Development
- ▶ Business Planning Advice/ Strategic Planning
- ▶ Financial Planning
- ▶ HR and Staffing
- ▶ E-Commerce, Websites
- ▶ Insurance Advice
- ▶ Succession Planning

Funds are limited so register your interest soon!

Please contact Annie Cork:

Email: smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au

Tel 0437 029 668 or Free Call 1800 630 119

Or check out our website under the 'Business Support' tab

www.gulf-savannah.com.au



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2013 Todhunter Literary Award

Prize Money \$ 4,000
First Prize \$ 2,000

For a short story, essay or play
up to 5,000 written or spoken words
demonstrating literary excellence

The 2013 Topic is: Isolated and stoic

TODHUNTER LITERARY AWARD



47 Kitchener Avenue,
Victoria Park WA 6100
Phone/Fax: 08 9362 4399

Patron: His Excellency Mr Malcolm McCusker AO QC

Copies of the Brochure containing the
Entry Form & Conditions are available from
patchtheatre@mysoul.com.au

or by phone, or by post

Entries must be posted by mail to deadline
Thursday 1 August 2013

Results and the Judge's Report mailed
to each entrant in November 2013

Library Update

The library has just received its book exchange from the State Library. There is a variety of new books and DVD's for both adults and children. The library is open week days from 9am to 4pm. The library is not only a place to borrow books it is also a place to come and read and relax. You can watch a movie or documentary and access the internet as well.



It's nearly time to start thinking of getting your vegetable gardens ready for planting. The library has a number of great gardening books to give you tips and ideas on growing a bumper crop.

Readers Digest: The 30 Minute Gardener

An indispensable reference for anyone in Australia who loves to work in their garden but has trouble finding the time. It offers hundreds of 30-minute tasks, shortcuts, expert tips, time-saving techniques and design secrets that show how to cut down garden maintenance by hundreds of hours. The advice covers every aspect of gardening: lawn care, what and when to plant, pruning, equipment and much more.



The Burke Shire Arts and Craft Show is on again this year. So why not start now in getting all your crafts started. There are many craft books on the shelves that give you ideas and instructions.

Little Knitted Creatures (by Amy Gaines)

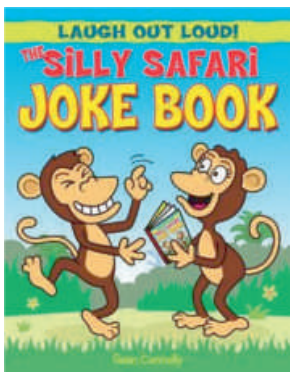
Lets you meet the cutest creatures in the animal kingdom. This title presents the 26 designs that are Friendly Sea-ciety set with Cletus Claw, Tentacle Terry, Shelly Green, and Big Blue; Spring Party set with Birdhouse and Wren Twins, Buster Bunny Jr, and, Fishbowl Friends set with Amy Angelfish, Cora Clownfish, and Gloria Goldfish.



Children's Books

Penny Loves Pink (by Cori Doerrfeld)

Meet Penny, the world's number-one pink fan. She loves her pink sunglasses, her pink tea set, her pink stuffed animals, and even her pink potty! But as Penny discovers, there is something she just might love even more than the colour pink...

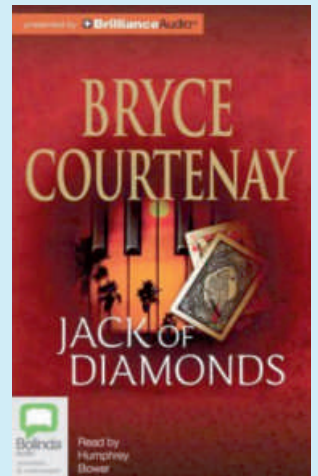


The Silly Safari Joke Book (by Sean Connolly)

Hilarious kids' joke books illustrated in full colour.

DVD of the Month

Zookeeper: A 2011 comedy film starring Kevin James, and featuring the voices of Nick Nolte, Sylvester Stallone, Adam Sandler, Judd Apatow, Cher, Jon Favreau, and Faizon Love.



New Release

Jack of Diamonds (by Bryce Courtenay)

Born and raised in a poor, working-class family in Toronto, Jack Spayd is the son of an unhappy marriage.

But when he is given a harmonica as a young boy, he discovers a talent for music that will change his life forever.

After being taken under the wing of 'Miss Frostbite', the owner of a local jazz club, Jack becomes a gifted musician, playing piano and harmonica.

Christmas in the Park 2012



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.

Australia Day Celebrations



Schedule effective 9 December 2012

Monday Westbound					Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:05	13:35	Q654	ISA	DMD	09:05	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					Wednesday Westbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	09:05	10:05	Q653	CNS	NTN	12:50	14:20	Q656
DMD	BUC	10:25	10:50	Q653	NTN	ONG	14:50	15:40	Q656
BUC	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q653	ONG	DMD	16:00	16:40	Q656
ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q653	DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q656
NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q653					
Thursday Westbound					Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:50	14:20	Q656	ISA	DMD	09:05	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
Friday Westbound					Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:05	13:35	Q654	ISA	DMD	09:05	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
Saturday Eastbound					Sunday Westbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	BUC	12:05	13:00	Q657	CNS	NTN	09:20	10:50	Q658
BUC	ONG	13:20	14:00	Q657	NTN	ONG	11:20	12:10	Q658
ONG	NTN	14:20	15:10	Q657	ONG	ISA	12:30	13:40	Q658
NTN	CNS	15:40	17:10	Q657					
NTN = Normanton					BUC = Burketown				
ISA = Mount Isa					DMD = Doomadgee				
ONG = Mornington Island					KRB = Karumba				
CNS = Cairns									