

# BURKE SHIRE *Council* Newsletter



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## ANZAC Day 2014



It was a cool and damp start to ANZAC Day 2014. The prevailing weather, rather than detracting from the event, served as a poignant reminder of how it would have felt at dawn on the shores of Gallipoli nearly one hundred years ago.

Listening to The Last Post in the cool, wet semi-darkness somewhat added to the solemn atmosphere and heightened emotions for attendees. At least, as the mayor stated, unlike our servicemen and women, we had the opportunity to get out of the inclement weather when the event was moved to the Hall. This year two representatives from the 51 FNQ Regiment were in attendance. Their presence is always much appreciated and adds to the day. Following the dawn service a delicious breakfast was served to those in attendance.

The sun shone down later in the morning as the various community groups and school children marched down the street accompanied by the 51FNQR representatives and the local constabulary. The mid-morning crowd witnessed the laying of wreaths, reading of the rolls of honour and heard not only the poem about the late George Smith of Brookdale but also the winning entries of Kady and Bayley Tritton in the ANZAC Day poetry competition.

Council would like to extend its thanks to those who attended to pay their respects to servicemen past and present, 51FNQR, those who participated in the March and / or laid wreaths and those community members who assisted to cook the hearty breakfast, set up and clean up after the function.

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# Message from the Mayor

## Ernie Camp

This has been the time of the year for events – Barra Fishing Competition, Easter, May Day Races, ANZAC Day, the Order of the Outback Ball and the Gregory Draft.

As always it is the countless hours given and efforts made by community volunteers that make these events a success and on behalf of the community I extend thanks and appreciation to them all.

No doubt many of you have seen the work being undertaken behind the current Council office. Richardson's Building Services have commenced the construction of the new Community Hall (Ngijinda Durlga). At the time of writing it is on track to be completed by the end of October. I thank you for your patience with the building process and the partial blockage to the street.

Council has undertaken, in recent weeks, consultation with the community regarding proposed land use changes and the creation of opportunities to increase available land for residential and commercial purposes around Burketown. Following earlier consultations we have also introduced some necessary changes to the Water Rating system, which not only bring our Shire in line with our legislative requirements by charging based upon usage, but also improve our commitment to environmentally sustainable governance.



Council has also met several times recently with MMG regarding an update on the strategic transitioning of MMG's role in Burke Shire. The closing of the mine has the potential to affect the region – in terms of financial input via rating, decreased employment and training opportunities, as well as infrastructure investment. Hope remains that another entity will make a timely entrance or that MMG's exploration activities will reveal extra ore bodies – however the best case scenario indicates that there will be, at least, a short term lull in mining/resource activities within the Shire.

MMG's input to the region over the last fifteen years through training and employment has given many people an opportunity to further their skills and knowledge. Certainly their contribution to Council rates has enabled us to progress many vital projects. Therefore Council is keen to work with MMG, government and other relevant stakeholders to mitigate, as much as it can, these impacts and also create opportunities for MMG and other resource companies to make Burke Shire an integral part of their operations in the years to come.

I welcome Phil Keirle to the position of CEO. I thank Council staff for their continued hard work and efforts to progress the Shire.

# From the Chief Executive Officer's Desk

## Philip Keirle

**Events in the Burke Shire Council:** As will be seen throughout the publication, there have been plenty of events in the Shire since last we went to print. Small communities need events and there have been plenty of opportunities to bring the community together in April, May and June. Thank you to all involved with the World Barramundi Fishing Competition, which was another massive success.

Thank you to those who organised and attended the various ANZAC Day commemorations in the Shire; it is a special day and a unique opportunity for personal and collective reflection on the meaning of family, friendship, nation and war. Thank you also to all those who set-up, worked at, attended or competed in the Gregory Races. Flick though the newsletter for a visual insight into these three fantastic events. The Order of the Outback Ball was held in Gregory on Saturday 28th June, which was another glamorous event in the township of Gregory. Check out the Events Calendar in this newsletter or the website for further details of upcoming events.

**Infrastructure:** Following a fairly lengthy planning process, the building of the Burke Shire Ngijinda Durlgais proceeding according to the construction plan. For those of you not in Burketown, the building's progress can be tracked on Council's website and Facebook page. The handover date is scheduled for the mid to late October.

A special mention also to Council's Utilities crew, who have installed and commissioned a new water treatment system in Burketown. This system, which replaces chlorine with salt as the key input into the treatment process, will deliver some significant cost reductions in the operation of the Burketown water treatment scheme. Our aim, as discussed at the recent Water Rates Public Consultations, is to reduce the high costs of providing treated water in the Shire.

**Weeds Management:** Council is fully aware of community, Traditional Owner and grazier's concerns with the spread of weeds in the Shire and the region. Accordingly, Council will be stepping up efforts to control the spread of weeds. Gregory Landcare and Kev Andersen have been active in/around Gregory during May and the CLCAC Rangers provided some additional weed spraying services in/around Burketown in June.

In addition, Council is partnering with CLCAC, Biodiversity Queensland and range of other stakeholders to institute more effective weed management strategies throughout the region. Check out CLCAC newsletters and Council updates for more information on these arrangements.

**Planning:** It has been and will continue to be an incredibly busy time in Council as we review, develop and adopt four of the major planning documents that govern the administration of Local Government: the budget, Operational Plan, Corporate Plan and Town Planning Scheme.

The budget and Operational Plan are revised annually, the Corporate Plan every 5 years and the Planning Scheme every 10 years. It just so happens that this year marks the end of one planning cycle and the beginning of another for our Town Planning Scheme and Corporate Plan.

Like all of Council's planning documents – including the Budget, Operational Plan and Asset Management Plan – it is crucial that Council effectively meets the requirements of the State and adopts appropriate strategies for delivering on community expectations.

The former requires Council to adhere to a range of legislative and regulatory requirements, while the latter requires Council to figure out the way it will deliver the range of economic, social and environmental outcomes expected by the Community.

The Shire's Planning Scheme, given recent changes to Planning and Development legislation, requires a full overhaul. This represents a major piece of planning work that comes at the perfect time for Council, with ILUA (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) negotiations likely to open up a host of new zoning, development and environmental protection opportunities for land in the Shire. More on this very shortly.

**Training:** I was fortunate enough to spend a couple of weeks with Townsville City Council, spending time with all TCC departments with a view to learning more about Asset Management, Project Management, Fleet Management, Knowledge Management, HR and Corporate Culture, Work Health and Safety, Local and Subordinate Local Laws, Economic Development, Sustainability Planning and perhaps most importantly, Corporate and Town Planning.

The experience was invaluable and it is one that we (Council, TCC and the Department of Local Government) will look at continuing into the future.

*All the best,*  
Philip Keirle (CEO)





## Information on our Website

Burke Shire Council has a website – [www.burke.qld.gov.au](http://www.burke.qld.gov.au)

You can find information on:-

- Current Tenders
- Positions Vacant
- Council Meetings
- Add in your event information
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## Articles for BSC Newsletter

Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Send through your information to [office@burke.qld.gov.au](mailto:office@burke.qld.gov.au). Articles will be approved at Council's discretion.

## ILUA Negotiations and Community Feedback

Following the community consultation for the Burketown Indigenous Land Use Agreement on Wednesday 18th June 2014, Council are seeking submissions on the proposed land tenure changes.

Submission forms can be downloaded from the Council website ([www.burke.qld.gov.au](http://www.burke.qld.gov.au)) on the Home Page in the "What's happening in the Burke Shire..." section. Click on the hyperlink to access the submission forms.

## 2014 Council Meeting Dates

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 2014 will be held on:- Thursday 17 July, Thursday 21 August, Thursday 18 September, Thursday 16 October, Thursday 20 November, Thursday 11 December.

## Calendar of Events

See more information on the Burke Shire Council website – [www.burke.qld.gov.au](http://www.burke.qld.gov.au)

**21 September 2014:** Gregory QCWA 2014 Horse Sports and Family Fun Day

**24-28 September 2014:** Morning Glory Festival

**September:** Burketown Rodeo and Campdraft

**August / September:** Tidy Yards Competition

## Home & Community Care cruise the Whitsundays

For full Home & Community Care update see Page 5.





# Burketown State School

## by Principal Brett de Grussa

It has been an action-packed last few weeks at Burketown State School. Clinton Toopi visited the school and addressed the students about the importance of education and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Clinton played professional football representing New Zealand internationally and nationally he played for the New Zealand Warriors and Gold Coast Titans and in Super League for the Leeds Rhinos. He was very well received. Clinton was supported by our police officers, Ollie and Ash. Thank you to all concerned. We are looking forward to Clinton returning later on in the year. Preston Campbell will be visiting next time with Clinton.

Mark and his team from Gregory River Landcare Group and Sunfish Lower Gulf spent a couple days with the students doing some gardening and fishing. The students all received a tackle box full of goodies. A number of students caught fish. Ms Karen caught her first ever fish! Thank you to Mark and his team.

We also held an ANZAC Day ceremony at school. Thank you to Mr Christopher Rohan for being our special guest. The Years 3s, 5s and 7s participated in NAPLAN this week. They all did their best and as Andre Agassi used to say, 'Your best is good enough'. Well done students.

Gregory Landcare Group and Mr C's Class.



Clinton addressing the students.



Ms Karen with her catch of the day.



Oli addressing the students.

# Home & Community Care

by Pam deJoux

We started off the year with a small number of clients in attendance and along with our extended unit in Gregory, they have come together to enjoy structured group activities. By providing this opportunity it helps to maintain and support them, and by social interaction, encourages independent living.

The clients enjoyed an Easter Luncheon at the Gregory Hotel where they each created their own Easter Hat to wear. They were judged for their unique creativity and awarded prizes by the publican for their effort. We celebrated International Women's Day at the Burketown Pub with the local community joining the HACC clients for a wonderful luncheon. Gift bags for all who attended was arranged by Marie from the Queensland Justice Department with items from various shops of which we were grateful. A raffle was also held in support of the Drought Relief which raised a considerable amount of money.

Clients have been venturing into new crafts this year with the men showing their talent and handyman creativity, starting with small projects using balsa wood and progressing on to bigger things. They now have a work bench and have all the appropriate tools to create some great work in the coming months. At present they are giving all their attention to making shadow boxes before venturing on to more complex things. The women, not to be outdone are creating some great handiwork, these include rag dolls, fancywork, and mosaic and at present are putting together knitted and crochet squares to make knee blankets. When completed, these will be forwarded to Laura Johnson Home from the clients as one of our services for the year.

On May Day Weekend we attended the Gregory Races for the Luncheon followed by the Races. It was a full day but one that everyone enjoyed. The HACC garden is thriving under their care and we have seen some changes in the various plant life, as plants die and are replaced. Our disability table is being utilised more now for morning teas as the days are not so hot and it is quite pleasant doing crafts and games outdoors. At the end of March HACC clients embarked on a four day cruise on the Pacific Dawn to the Whitsundays along with three carers. The cruise went well with the weather holding out for us – beautiful sunny days and calm seas all the way.

Travelling by bus to Cloncurry, we overnighted before flying out with Virgin Airline to Brisbane. We were taken onto the flight via wheelchair and lift and attended to all the way. Arrival in Brisbane was a little difficult as the plane couldn't get a bay so we had to disembark on the tarmac making it a long walk for a couple of the able clients, with the drizzly rain not helping the situation. It was a pleasant surprise to find that one of our carers from Townsville, and driver had already loaded our bags into the bus. However, the biggest surprise was to find out that our "bus" was Royale Limousines and that we had a chauffeur to drive us on three occasions- to the Mercure Hotel, to the port for our cruise and then collecting us again after the cruise.

The staff at the Mercure made our overnight stay pleasant and looked after us well, making the clients feel very special, chatting to each of them. The staff hadn't expected their ages to be what they were and found it hard to believe that they were going on a cruise at their age. It was a big surprise after being back in my room when a beautiful plate of petit fours was

delivered for the carers, along with a card wishing us all a wonderful cruise. We were picked up earlier than expected the next day by the chauffeur for transfer to the ship and as we neared the port all eyes were on the Pacific Dawn. Their faces mirrored their thoughts and it was a joy to watch their reactions. The chauffeur organised the shore P&O crew who saw us all safely on board and in our respective cabins well before others came on board, allowing our clients time to adjust. When organising this cruise, to my surprise I was informed that our clients were the oldest that P&O have ever had on one of their ships so they were VIPs all the way.

Before we sailed there was the customary life boat drill which was a little daunting for the clients. To them, it looked like the real thing so a little assurance was in order. The "Sail Away Party" was in full swing as the ship pushed out from the wharf and headed down the river. Singing and dancing on the top deck; but the Haccettes were more interested in the scenery and lined up along the glass windows on deck to watch Brisbane slowly disappear into the night. As we sailed under the Gateway Bridge the captain let off a series of blasts to farewell Brisbane which almost deafened everyone.

With so many restaurants on board we had a choice on where we'd eat but settled on the down to earth restaurant which I thought more suitable for them. As it happened they preferred it and settled on having every meal there, although we ventured into several coffee bars for our morning/afternoon teas. They missed out on all the shows as they started well after their bedtime. During the day they enjoyed wandering around the shops, playing bingo, or up on deck for a coffee while watching the entertainment of the day. Some clients went along to the Art Auction but from all accounts found it beyond them and promptly dozed off for an hour or so. The ship anchored off the Whitsundays for the day but because of the difficulty in getting wheelchairs and walkers ashore on a tender we spent a relaxing day on board doing our thing. Some of them went to bingo, checked out the gaming room, caught up on rest, tried out new coffee places and enjoyed the New Zealand ice cream shop. Once the tenders returned from the day ashore we were underway again, bound for Brisbane on the return voyage.

We disembarked at 6.30am and had the same care in getting us ashore although this time there was a mix-up with our limousine as it went to another wharf and never showed up. After some frantic phone calls our chauffeur eventually arrived and we got to the airport with very little time to catch our flight to Cloncurry. Thanks to Virgin Australia who were waiting on us, rushed us through and on to the flight before anyone else boarded. Our whole trip was a wonderful experience and one that will be remembered although they all returned very tired. Without the help and guidance from many people along the way, this trip would not have been possible so to them we say a huge thank you and a special thank you to Bonnie Elford, we couldn't do it without you.

On Sunday 11th May we spent a lovely relaxing Mother's Day at Adel's Grove where the clients enjoyed a Mother's Day afternoon tea with small gifts for the ladies. They spent time fishing along the bank and caught bream, and as we stayed overnight they were able to enjoy the musical entertainment that was provided.

**REMINDER of RIGHTS and RESPONSIBILITIES:** You are reminded of your Rights and Responsibilities so please take a moment to read: You have a right to: 1. Be treated with respect and courtesy. 2. An advocate of your choice in any negotiations with our HACC Program. 3. Withdraw your consent to receive our service, at anytime, without fear of reprisal or unfair treatment. 4. To access your personal information on request and be part of decisions made about your care. 5. To be treated with dignity and respect of your privacy. While you have a number of rights as a service user, you also have responsibilities to the people providing care to you. HACC Services ask their clients to: 1. Treat staff and volunteers with respect and courtesy – let the service know as soon as possible if you are not going to be home for an appointment. 2. You should act in a way that respects the rights of the other clients and the service staff and volunteers. 3. Take responsibility for the results of any decisions which you make with staff and volunteers about your care. 4. You should be aware of the service you are receiving and the limitations of that service. 5. If you are interested and would like to know more about the program please contact Burke Shire HACC Coordinator – on 07 4745 5100.



# Gregory River Landcare Group

## School Kids Gardening and Fishing

By Mark Van Ryt



In early May the Gregory River Landcare group completed their annual gardening trip in Burke Shire. A team of five volunteers from the Gregory River Landcare group, Southern Gulf Catchments and Bulimba Creek Coordinating Committee visited schools in the Gregory and Burketown communities.

The project was funded through the Glencore Community Program. Glencore is the company that now owns Mount Isa Mines.

"Healthy Gardening" is an initiative aimed at teaching children the importance of healthy eating and how to grow and maintain a garden as well as provide a focal point for the local communities. This year the Gregory Downs School of the Air were the lucky recipients of a new garden, equipped with an irrigation system and shade protection.

The students helped to create the garden, planting vegetable, herbs and flower seedlings using the 'no dig method.' We make a bed of layered lucerne and hay mulch with compost before planting the seedlings.

Mark Van Ryt, a founding member and volunteer of the Gregory River Landcare group has been the driving force behind the Healthy Gardening initiative within Burke Shire since its start at Gregory in 2007. Each year Mark shares his passion and enthusiasm with his fellow volunteers in caring for the environment and demonstrates how as a group they can contribute to healthier lifestyles and make a difference within the local community.

In 2009, garden beds were installed at Burketown State School, and then in 2012 Burketown Kindergarten. Again this year, the volunteers re-visited the schools, refurbishing their gardens and encouraging student participation in preparing the beds and planting seedlings. The students and teachers are happy with the prospect of nurturing the plants and later being able to eat the vegetables and herbs grown in their garden.

In conjunction with the gardening every second year Mark acquires funding through Sunfish Queensland and the Department of Fisheries to conduct "fishing clinics". This year the children at the Gregory Downs School of the Air and the Burketown State School were also treated to a fishing trip. Each student received a tackle box, handline and gear to take home.

At Gregory the fishing spot was at the bottom of a long rapid. The children caught plenty of Sooty Grunter and Sleepy Cod. It was here Alya Munchenberg caught her first ever fish – a little sooty grunter. At Burketown the fishing clinic was held on the old Albert River Bridge. Many of the Burketown kids really know how to fish; they caught lots of bream and catfish. Here Karen Chimpaka -- one of the teachers caught her first ever fish.

This Gregory River Landcare Group Project would not have been possible without the support of Megan Munchenberg at Gregory, Leonie Florence at Burketown Kindergarten, and Brett De Grussa and Dan Counihan at Burketown State School.





# Gregory River Landcare Group

## School Kids Gardening and Fishing By Mark Van Ryt



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## Gulf Savannah Development announces new CEO



Gulf Savannah Development announced today that its board has named Lara Wilde as Chief Executive Officer effective March 24th. Miss Wilde replaces outgoing CEO, Rob Macalister, who announced his intention to stand down from the role earlier this year.

GSD Chairman, Cr Ernie Camp, said that Lara brings substantial experience from the private and public sectors in highly commercial environments, as well as significant leadership experience and understanding of membership based organisations.

"Lara has successfully worked in local Government, project management, recruitment and retention, economic development and her own private businesses in remote, rural and regional parts of Australia.

Throughout her career Lara has honed her commercial project management skills in the areas of community resource projects, infrastructure and agriculture amongst others.

"We are impressed with Lara's executive leadership abilities and experiences. While her past roles are not directly involved in the Gulf Savannah region, regional economic development has been a core issue prompting Lara's passion for community growth as a fundamental element supporting Australia's economic growth and prosperity.

I, along with the other members of the GSD Management committee, look forward to working closely with Lara as she leads GSD into a new phase and builds value for our members in the coming years.

"On behalf of the entire Board, I would like to thank Rob Macalister for his contributions to GSD over the last six and a half years and wish him well with his next steps. Rob has overseen a period of considerable growth and change in GSD, at a very exciting time for the Gulf Savannah region.

He has worked tirelessly in forging new relationships for the organisation both locally and nationally, represented the Gulf Savannah region well, has increased member services, and grown membership," said Cr Camp.

Having been based in the Kimberley Region of Western Australia for the past two years, Lara returns to Queensland to take up the position in Cairns until the office relocates to Normanton in July.

## MMG Queensland Operations Go Pink for Breast Cancer

By Martin Powley

Real men really do wear pink, and they're proving it in the Burke Shire with high visibility pink shirts spreading like wildfire at Century's Lawn Hill mine.

Employees at Century's Port operation in Karumba and its Dugald River development project near Cloncurry are also more visible than usual, and it's all for a good cause.

The Real Men Wear Pink (RMWP) campaign, which raises funds for breast cancer research, was launched in May for Century and Dugald River. It is an Australia-wide campaign that uses the colour pink, long associated with breast cancer awareness and fundraising.

The local MMG campaign for Real Men Wear Pink is an initiative of the MMG Queensland Operations Human Resources team, with the groundwork being done by Superintendent Rebecca (Bec) Stevenson and her RMWP Committee. The campaign has formed part of MMG's Diversity and Inclusion initiatives.

Bec Stevenson says there's a good reason to have the campaign in a Fly In Fly Out mining operation. "On a remote mine site, people can have a feeling of helplessness and isolation because they feel less able to assist loved ones or those in need. The message that we are sending is that of support and inclusiveness to our employees and to really demonstrate the commitment that MMG has to our people's work and life balance."

To give the campaign a high profile, Bec arranged for high visibility pink shirts to be made available for purchase, with \$3 for every shirt sale going to breast cancer research.

The pink shirts are appearing all over site and men are not shying away. Over 600 pink shirts have been sold and money raised through shirt sales and other initiatives has reached approximately \$19,000.

All monies raised by the purchase of high visibility pink shirts and other items goes to breast cancer research.

**Photo caption:** Peter Flanagan, Garth Walden, Trevor 'Herbie' Gallagher, Warren March and Barry Riddiford go pink at Century Mine.



## Morning Glory Restaurant

The Morning Glory Restaurant and Take Away will be open for Breakfast from 7.30am.

Standard Breakfast & Big Breakfast. We have a variety of freshly made sandwiches and wraps each day. Mini Meals are also available and priced from \$5.50. This includes - Curry & Rice, Fried Rice, Pasta. Espresso coffee and hot chocolate available. We have a selection of Cold Beer, Wines and Spirits and the Restaurant Bar opens from 10am at the managers discretion. Ice Available. Anyone wishing to catch up on the news can watch the TV in the restaurant while dining. Also computer and WiFi access available.



# Web Pages of Interest...

## Regional Development Australia

<http://www.rdatanwq.org.au/newsletters>

The key focus of RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Committee is uniting communities around economic, social and environmental issues and opportunities. RDA will:

- Support informed regional planning;
- Consult and engage with the community on economic, social and environmental issues, solutions and priorities;
- Liaise with governments and local communities about government programs, services, grants and initiatives for regional development; and
- Contribute to business growth plans and investment strategies, environmental solutions and social inclusion strategies.

## MMG (Mineral Mines Group)

<http://www.mmg.com/>

Located in north-west Queensland, Century is Australia's largest open-cut zinc mine. Century produces zinc and lead concentrates at its mining and processing operation at Lawn Hill, located about 250 kilometres north-west of Mount Isa. Concentrates are then transferred via a 304-kilometre underground pipeline to Century's Port facility for shipping to smelters in Australia, Europe and Asia.

## CNWQML

(Central & North West Queensland Medicare Local)

<http://www.cnwqml.com.au/>

CNWQML has a long and proud history of delivering effective, integrated primary health care services in the region previously as North and West Queensland Primary Health Care.

## Tourism Queensland

[http://tq.com.au/marketing/australian-tourism-data-warehouse/australian-tourism-data-warehouse\\_home.cfm](http://tq.com.au/marketing/australian-tourism-data-warehouse/australian-tourism-data-warehouse_home.cfm)

This is a free way for all events to get major promotion on websites, including the new Gulf Savannah website, and Drive North Queensland phone app, TTNQ website and over 50 more. All local events should be on this – you just need to register then keep updating your event year after year for free promotion. Hope you can be on ATDW.

## The Savannah Way

<http://www.savannahway.com.au/>

The Savannah Way is Australia's Adventure Drive, linking Cairns in Tropical North Queensland with the historic pearling town of Broome in Western Australia's Kimberley, via the natural wonders of Australia's tropical savannahs and the Northern Territory's Top End. The 3700 kilometre route links 15 National Parks and five World Heritage areas.

You can explore just a section or cross the continent enjoying its wide horizons, ancient gorges and abundant wildlife, connecting with Aboriginal and pioneer heritage in today's friendly outback. This website can help you plan your journey on the Savannah Way with maps, safety information and much more.

## Gulf Savannah Development

<http://gulf-savannah.com.au/>

The Gulf Savannah region in north Queensland is an exciting and vibrant area of investment growth and economic opportunity, and a unique tourist destination in its own right. This website is presented by Gulf Savannah Development Inc., the development agency for the region. Gulf Savannah Development's voting members are the Shire Councils of Burke, Carpentaria, Croydon, Doomadgee, Etheridge and Mornington and industry partners, MMG Century and Ports North.

## Cloud Appreciation Society – Morning Glory Cloud Information

<http://cloudappreciationsociety.org/mgmoreinfo/>

## Tourist Information:

### Burke Shire Council

<http://www.burke.qld.gov.au/>



### Burketown Caravan Park

<http://www.burketowncaravanpark.net.au/>

### Burketown Pub

<http://burketownpub.com/>



### Savannah Lodge

<http://www.savannah-lodge.com/>



### Morning Glory Restaurant

<http://www.morninggloryrestaurant.net.au/>

### Adels Grove

<http://www.adelsgrove.com.au/>



### Kingfisher Camp

<http://www.kingfisherresort.com.au/>



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# Gregory Races

By Sue Clarke

The Saddles & Paddles Race Meeting at Gregory again proved to be a wonderful event on the Burke Shire calendar.

The day started with a Chicken & Champagne Luncheon, enjoyed by all. Before race one, local School of the Air children sang the National Anthem and did a splendid job.

For the first time in a number of years six races were contested. The Ballard stable were the most successful, winning four of those six races. The most exciting win of the day was when Life Member, Alan Webber won the Brodie & Co QTIS Handicap with Bullrama. Alan has worked tirelessly over many years for club and had not seen his colours first past the post, on his home track for 24 years. There was much celebrating.

Fashions of the Field was keenly contested with the judges having a difficult task. Winners included Hannah and Cody Simms (Kalmata Stn.), Holly Hammond (Almora Stn.), Ellah and April Dixon (Gregory), William Atkinson (Townsville), David Arnold (Gregory Downs Stn.) and the best dressed couple went to Kylie and Ernie Camp of Floraville Stn.

The Gregory Races have been conducted for over 100 years. President, John Clarke would like to thank all sponsors and volunteers for their continued support in keeping horse-racing alive and well in The Gulf.

## RESULTS

### RACE 1 - B & L EARTHMOVING / COLUMBA CATHOLIC COLLEGE Benchmark 60 Handicap

	HORSE	TRAINER	JOCKEY
1st	TAP IN BIRDIE	PHILLIP MILLER	TASHA CHAMBERS
2nd	FLYING INDIE	GRANT WILES	CASSIE KROPP
3rd	DESERT SWEEP	KERRY KROGH	TERRENCE HILL

### RACE 2 - START CONSTRUCTION - 'KEVIN FROM HEAVEN' Class B Handicap

1st	CRAIGLEA PIXIE	SHRYN GABRIEL-ROYES	DAN BALLARD
2nd	CRYSTAL LADY	TANYA PARRY	TERRENCE HILL
3rd	SNIPTEM	JOSEPH WRIGHT	CASSIE KROPP

### RACE 3 - FORSHAW CONTRACTING / NIVERAK SMASH REPAIRS CLASS 3 PLATE

1st	ESKERVINTH	DENISE BALLARD	DAN BALLARD
2nd	MAINS POWER	GRANT WILES	TASHA CHAMBERS
3rd	SNAKEHIPS	DENISE BALLARD	KEITH BALLARD

### RACE 4 - BRODIE & CO QTIS Benchmark 55 Handicap

1st	BULLRAMA	DENISE BALLARD	DAN BALLARD
2nd	FIRST BASE	PHILIP MILLER	TASHA CHAMBERS
3rd	MILITARY TIME	SHRYN GABRIEL-ROYES	AARON SPADAU

### RACE 5 - GORDON SMITH MEMORIAL Weight for Age

1st	HIGH ON BELIEVING	DENISE BALLARD	KEITH BALLARD
2nd	ABDICATED	DENISE BALLARD	DAN BALLARD
3rd	CASTELLANI	GEORGE TIPPING	MARK CUMMINGS

### RACE 6 - BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL Benchmark 65 Handicap

1st	HASLINGTON	DENISE BALLARD	DAN BALLARD
2nd	NO IDENTITY	DENISE BALLARD	KEITH BALLARD
3rd	BUFFETT	GEORGE TIPPING	ALANNAH BADGER









Schedule effective 1 September 2013

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

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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.

NTN = Normanton  
ISA = Mount Isa

ONG = Mornington Island  
CNS = Cairns

BUC = Burketown  
KRB = Karumba

DMD = Doomadgee