

# BURKE SHIRE *Council* Newsletter



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## Australia Day in Burketown

This year's Australia Day Cricket Match was a hot and humid affair. Professor Roly Sussex, Woolworths Australia Day Ambassador for 2015, umpired the game. The new Ladies Stand venue was very popular and attendees managed to raise \$300 for Jane McGrath Foundation. A hotly contested match resulted in 'Phils Fiddler Crabs' ably captained by Philip Keirle winning the match by 24 runs. A consistent effort on field and at the bat saw Dylan Clemments receive Man of the Match award.

The cricket match was followed by the Car Rally. Several teams full of enthusiasm set off keen to decipher clues, answer questions and earn bonus points. The Winners consisting of Roly Sussex and three members of the Camp family – Ernie, Kylie and Zara- whilst not in the first run of teams to return won the day and a medal for their efforts. In combination with salads and bread rolls the Burketown Police – Ash and Matt- slaved over hot BBQ's to provide a small but lively crowd with a lovely lunch. Attendees also enjoyed lamingtons and pavlovas with delicious fresh fruit and cream.

After lunch winners and awards were announced by Mayor Ernie Camp, ably assisted by Cr Duff. The Lamington and Scone Bakeoff had several delicious entries with Hanna Wiles from Tirranna Springs Roadhouse declared the winner for her vibrant entry. Kady Tritton won the Australia Day colouring in Competition with a neat and colourful entry.

This year's Citizen of the Year was awarded to Ian Forshaw from Gregory. Ian has lived in Burke Shire his entire life and is a member of the Gregory Downs Jockey Club, Gregory Sporting Association and the award winning Gregory SES Unit and has actively contributed to these clubs either as an executive member, with time and materials at working bees or responding to emergencies. He has assisted with RFDS evacuations for many years as well as being the Town Fire Warden. He was also a member of the Gregory P&C when the school was open.

Madison Marshall was recognised as 2015 Community Champion. Madison was recognised for consistently conducting herself as an inspiration to young indigenous women, particularly those living in remote communities such as the Burke Shire, showing what can be achieved with hard work and determination and for having commitment to family and the community.

The Gregory Community's Melbourne Cup Day celebration was awarded Community Event of the Year. The combined clubs and community have used this day not just to come together, enjoy the iconic race and each other's company but as an opportunity to fundraise for worthwhile causes close to the community's heart. Andrew Clarke who grew up at "Brinawa" and suffered a spinal injury in a car accident, cystic fibrosis an illness

suffered by Shelly Shepard a friend of many in the Gregory area and Bears for Hope in memory of baby Joshua Seymour the much loved child of Jill and Will Seymour (Will grew up at "Riversleigh" and is a regular chopper pilot in the area) have all benefited from the community's generosity with over \$22 000 being raised in the last four years.

Mayor Camp was honoured to present Professor Roly Sussex, a linguistics expert from Brisbane, with a Woolworths Australia Day Ambassador pin in recognition of his role as Ambassador for Burke Shire in 2015. Roly really enjoyed his time in the Shire, and the hospitality of residents, when visiting not just Burketown but Gregory and "Floraville". Roly joins a long line of those who came as Australia Day Ambassadors but left as Burke Shire Champions proud to advocate and promote our region. He was thrilled to be part of the winning Car Rally team. His only complaint was his failure to catch a barra during his time here.



Mayor Ernie Camp and Ambassador Roly Sussex.

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# Australia Day in Burketown

Shannon Camp from "Floraville" and a boarder at Toowoomba Anglican College was awarded Junior Citizen of the Year for his sporting achievements in the past twelve months. He represented his school in tennis, cricket, rugby and touch football, for which he won the annual Coach's Prize, as well as playing rugby for the U13 Toowoomba Bears in the Darling Downs Regional competition with his team winning the 2014 Premiership. He travelled to South Africa to play rugby for his school playing several games, mostly barefoot, including participating in a 7 a side competition and won Player of the Tour. His Rugby team raised funds and contributed outgrown rugby gear to assist various schools in the poorer areas of South Africa where the tour visited. He is currently committed to training for a place in U14 Darling Downs Representative Side.

Such an event would not be possible without the efforts of not just Council staff but community volunteers who helped organise events, prepare food and clean up at the end of the day. Thank you to all those who helped, those who attended and those who nominated people and events for the awards. It helped to make the day the success it was.



## Australia Day at Gregory...

The traditional BBQ breakfast was held at the Forshaw's on Australia Day for the Gregory town residents. Eggs, ribs, sausages and rissoles were enjoyed by all.





# Message from the Mayor

**Ernie Camp**



January and February are often a quiet time in the calendar with the rain hampering all but essential travel and allowing time to catch up with family and friends. However not only has it not rained but the time has been anything but quiet.

Council has been active since the New Year writing to politicians regarding telecommunication shortfalls in the Shire and discussing those shortfalls with government and commercial interests, attending workshops, repairing and improving Council building infrastructure, progressing the Burketown ILUA and commencing the process for Gregory, looking at potential projects across the Shire, lobbying for a polling booth in our Shire and speaking with all candidates on issues of importance to our Shire and the wider region. Meetings have also been held with local contractors regarding upcoming roadworks.

Council watches with great interest the outcomes of the recent State Government election as several projects had tentatively attracted funding but these commitments may not be honoured by an alternate incoming government and so delay or halt delivery of these key infrastructure and programmes. Meetings with government departments have been put on hold pending outcomes.

Several of the election policies and statements made by some of the parties would, potentially, be detrimental to the advancement of not only Council but businesses and residents in Burke Shire. Regardless of the outcome however, Council looks forward to strong leadership and engagement.

Council will continue to engage, individually, through GSD and our local Regional Organisation of Councils (ROC), with relevant departments and MP's to deliver outcomes and projects and minimise, as much as possible, disruption to our plans as well as the negative effects potential policy change may make upon residents and business.

December was a busy month as well – the annual Community Christmas Party, Christmas Carols, Council Breakup, Christmas Lights Competition – providing many opportunities for us all to relax, catch up and be part of the Christmas spirit. Thank you to all you on council and in the community who organised, donated or participated in the events. My family certainly enjoyed all the events.

It was also the time for our local schools to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of their students over the past year and farewell those going onto higher levels of schooling. I was honoured to present graduation packs to Burketown State School students in Yrs 6 and 7 as well as the McCalman Bursary to Kobe Marshall and Kaydee Tritton.

Graduation packs were also sent to the graduating students on properties in the Shire. Thank you to those community organisations, businesses and individuals who gave items to the graduation packs. The children, and their parents, have always appreciated their contents.

In early December I was also honoured to perform a Citizenship Ceremony for the Chimpaka family. When you see Simba, Karen or Shaun out and about say "G'day".

We celebrated Australia Day with Ambassador Professor Roly Sussex. A hot, humid start presented a challenge for the cricket players but didn't dampen their enthusiasm. The Car Rally was hotly contested and allowed participants to have fun from the air conditioned comfort of their car.

The local police braved the heat and stood over hot BBQ's to cook lunch for the hungry crowd. I congratulate Ian Forshaw, Madison Marshall, Shannon Camp and the Gregory Melbourne Cup Celebrations, hosted by the combined Gregory community clubs, won Event of the Year.

The after lunch games were enjoyed by the big and little children alike. After a great day we were all rewarded when the sky opened up and much needed rain cooled us all. Thanks to Woolworths for sponsoring the Australia Day Ambassador Programme and to the Council and community

members who worked hard to ensure all had an enjoyable and memorable day. School is back in and I hope those at boarding school had a safe trip back and are adjusting to communal life and hopefully planning to take advantage of the varied opportunities available to them.

Do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the other Councillors should you wish to discuss Council's programmes, potential projects or to seek support / advice for a community initiative. Community feedback, whether brickbats or bouquets, is valued and valuable to assist us in determining direction and setting the path going forward.

I look forward to more wet weather, barra fishing and to seeing you all throughout the next few months.

## Message from Councillor

**Cr Tracy Forshaw**

**I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. A bit more rain across our Shire and neighbouring shires would be wonderful. Welcome to our new council employees and residents.**

Congratulations to all of our Australia Day Award recipients – well done! All of the Burke Shire Community appreciates your continued efforts.

Happy Easter to Everyone in the Burke Shire. Apparently sharing a hot cross bun with another is supposed to ensure friendship throughout the coming year, particularly if "Half for you and half for me, Between us two shall goodwill be" is said at the time. If everyone did this across the world life would be so peaceful.

Good luck to all the participants at Burketown's Easter Barra Fishing Competition. Later this year the longed-for Pontoon will be ready to use, and it will make a big difference to a lot of people.

April is a busy month with Easter, the Fishing Competition and ANZAC Day. 'ANZAC' stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. This year the Council has helped our Burke Shire Kids in years 5, 6 & 7 attend the ceremonies in Townsville.

In 2016 Council has budgeted seed funding of \$20,000 each for Burketown and Gregory to help celebrate 100 years since the beginning of ANZAC Day. Interested people will form a committee to advise on what each town would like to make this a special occasion and make it happen. I hope to 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 2nd May and, to top the weekend off, watch the paddlers in the 40th Gregory Canoe Race.

### A quote from Dr Seuss

You have BRAINS in your HEAD

You have FEET in your SHOES

You can STEER yourself in any DIRECTION

You CHOOSE...

Please do hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything.

**Take care, regards Cr Tracy Forshaw.**

# From the Chief Executive Officer's Desk

## Phil Keirle

In 2014, Council worked hard on breaking the back of a number of legacy issues. These included the acquittal of three years of flood damage funding (a notoriously tricky beast), the acquittal of five years of Roads 2 Recovery program funding (an even trickier beast), processing and clearing a 10 year backlog of outstanding Development Applications as well as completing a full review of Council's records and record keeping practices.

At the same time as tackling these legacy projects, Council commenced a number of new projects and continued to progress those already commenced. Below, you will find some brief insights into these projects.

### MANAGED SERVICES

Council has made the transition to "cloud-based" computing, a move that will provide additional data security and improve the functionality of computer services for staff (particularly at the Management and Councillor level, where remote access is crucial). While there has been some initial teething problems, the system is subject to continual improvement. In the next 4-6 weeks, the data centre will be upgraded and additional data compression/acceleration hardware will be built into the system to improve overall speed and performance. Congratulations to Jenny Williams for bringing this project to its fruition.

### RECORDS MANAGEMENT

A quality records management is integral to the success of any organisation. Burke Shire is dependent on the availability of accurate and reliable records for the effective and efficient conduct of its business. Recognising shortcomings in its records management processes, Council has recently completed a major overhaul of this core business function, which included the development of new business processes for keeping and maintaining records, the authorised destruction of obsolete records and training for staff in records keeping responsibilities. These changes ensure Council is better placed to provide evidence of actions and decisions; to make good use of precedents and of organisational experience; and to support consistency, continuity, efficiency and productivity in programme delivery, management and administration.

### EXTERNAL AUDIT

Council has received an unqualified audit from the Queensland Audit Office. This was no easy feat given the scrutiny placed on Burke Shire's books after Council commenced legal action against former Deputy CEO Fred Aquilin for a \$1m fraud. That Council was able to pass through the audit process relatively unscathed is due, in large part, to the skill, professionalism and dedication of Council's Finance Manager, Simba Chimpaka.

### ROADS

On Friday 13 February 2015, Council held an information session for local contractors interested in tendering for the 2014 Flood Damage works. The assessment criteria detailed in the tender include preferential treatment for submissions which incorporate local content (i.e. local contractors). For further information on Council's works program, please see the Works Manager's report.

### RUBBISH TIP

One of the last remaining legacy items for Council to address relates to the administration of the Burketown and Gregory landfill sites. We plan to knock most of the issues on the head at the Burketown landfill by August of this year. This will be done through 1) the removal of scrap metal; 2) the removal of waste tyres from the tip; 3) the complete enclosure of the tip; 4) the division of the tip into different sections for receipt of different waste

types; and 5) through the dedication of additional resources to tip operations and reporting requirements. Prior to completing the same for Gregory, Council will look to obtain the appropriate tenure over the Gregory landfill. The landfill is currently sited on a Camping and Water Reserve. The most appropriate tenure, as determined by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, is Council freehold. This item is currently being discussed as part of broader land tenure discussions in/around Gregory.

### SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Council are investigating a couple of re-designs to the sewerage treatment plant in Burketown in order to 1) reduce our reliance on machines; 2) reduce maintenance spending on treatment plant components; 3) reduce monitoring costs; and 4) explore scenarios for using treated wastewater to irrigate sporting fields.

### PONTOON UPDATE

Phase 2 of the Burketown Pontoon project is due to be completed in the second week of May 2015. While it would be great for the pontoon to be installed by the time the fishing competition is run, staging the project in this way allowed Council to take advantage of pre-mobilised pile-driving equipment during phase 1 (saving of ~\$100,000) and to apply for Royalties for the Regions funding for phase 2 of the project. Council will know shortly whether the new State Government will honour the \$180,000 promised by the previous government to phase 2 of this project (installation of floating pontoons and gangway).

### BOAT RAMP & WHARF

Council are in discussions with the Department of Main Roads and Transport in relation to the widening of the Burketown Boat Ramp. In order to trigger DTMR funding for this project, Council is required to establish a 45 CTU (car trailer unit) all-weather car park. Preliminary planning, including survey and car park design are currently taking place.

### GREGORY LAND TENURE

Council are currently engaging key stakeholders in/around Gregory to discuss proposed land tenure changes. It is likely the variety of land tenure changes proposed will be addressed through an ILUA process. A meeting with Gregory residents has been held on the 16th of March 2015 in the Gregory Hall.

### ASSET MANAGEMENT

Council will be conducting a full revaluation of all assets in line with Queensland Audit Office requirements. We will look to have this process completed by May 2015. Once completed, the information generated (financial and engineering) will assist Council in resetting its 5 and 10 year infrastructure upgrade, replacement and renewal budgets.

### GREGORY SOLAR ARRAY

Council placed a data logger at the Gregory WTP to monitor load requirements. The results of the data logging process have been collected and will be sent to GHD, who are project managing the tender process for the installation of solar power to the Gregory Water Treatment Plant. This information – on how much power is used and how that load is distributed throughout the day/week/month – will help GHD to generate the performance specifications for the coming tender.

### RATES

Council's audit of all things rates-related is nearing the completion of its first stage: an historical audit of all rateable properties to identify and rectify any anomalies. Subsequent stages of this audit will include the review of all rates documentation sent to ratepayers (rates notices, explanatory material etc.), the establishment of new rating categories where appropriate (rural residential, for example) and a revision of all other rating category definitions.



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- Add in your event information
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## 2015 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 2015 will be held on:-

19 March, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 16 July, 20 August, 17 September, 15 October, 19 November and 10 December.



## Library Update

### eReading

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or ask at your local library.

## Burketown Sunday School

### 2015 Proposed Dates with Doug & Faye Jones:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9.30am – 10.30am

### NIGHT GOSPEL MEETINGS:

7.30pm – 8.30pm held in Church Building - Ph. 07 4745 5058

February	8th and 22nd
March	8th and 22nd
May	3rd, 17th and 31st
June	14th
July	19th
August	2nd, 16th and 30th
September	13th
October	11th and 25th
November	8th and 22nd

## Tasty Lunch Box Ideas

by Kylie Camp

### Mini Quiches

These can be frozen and put in the lunch box straight from the freezer – by lunch time they will have defrosted.

For each sheet of puff pastry you need ½ cup chopped or grated vegetables (carrot, zucchini, corn kernels, peas, spinach, shallots, capsicum), ¼ cup thickened cream or milk, ¼ cup grated cheese, 1 egg, pinch of mixed herbs or parsley.

Cut pastry sheet in squares and place into greased shallow patty tins. Combine the remaining ingredients and spoon into the cases. Bake at 210°C for about 20 mins until golden and filling is firm.

Optional – add chopped ham, bacon or drained and flaked pink salmon. Use slices of bread, crusts removed and cut to fit tins instead of pastry (butter one side of bread and place buttered side against the pans).

### Pizza Slice

Fry 1 finely chopped onion, ½ a green capsicum finely diced and 1 crushed garlic clove in 2 tablespoons of butter until onion is softened. Crush 1 packet of Jatz crackers into a bowl. Add 125g finely chopped ham and 125 g finely chopped soft salami. Add fried vegetables. Stir in combined ¼ cup milk, 1 teaspoon dried mustard and 2 beaten eggs.

Can add in a pinch of dried oregano or some parsley if desired. Press into a greased lamington tin. Spread the top with tomato paste and top with grated cheese. Bake at 180°C for about 20 minutes.

### Baked Bean Scrolls

Preheat oven to 200°C. Combine well - 2 chopped spring onions, 2-4 diced slices of either ham or salami, 220g can baked beans and ½ cup grated tasty cheese and set aside.

Sift together 2 cups SR flour and rub in 30g of softened butter until it looks like fine breadcrumbs. Make a well in the centre and pour in ¾ - 1 cup milk (add the lesser amount first and then add some / all the remaining milk if needed) and mix to make a soft but not sticky dough. Roll out into a rectangle shape and spoon over the baked bean mix. From the long side, fold in the short sides and then roll up to enclose the bean mixture.

Cut into 12 scrolls, each about ½ cm thick. Place on a greased and lined tray and brush with some extra milk. Bake for 15 mins or until golden.

### Energy Bars

Place 125g margarine, ½ cup sugar and 1/3 cup honey into a saucepan and simmer for 5 minutes. Place 4 cups Rice Bubbles, ½ cup chopped dried apricots, ½ cup each sunflower kernels and pepitas (pumpkin seeds) and 1/3 cup sesame seeds. Add honey mix and mix well. Press firmly into a slice tin with damp hands and refrigerate until firm.

### Cornflake Energy Bites

Pit and chop 1 cup moist prunes. Place in a saucepan with ½ cup dropped dried apricots and 1 cup water. Bring to the boil, reduce heat and simmer for about 5 mins or until fruit is soft and water has been absorbed.

Add ½ cup chopped blanched, roasted peanuts, 1 ½ tablespoons peanut butter and 3 cups of crushed Corn Flakes and mix well to combine. Roll 2 teaspoons of the mix into balls and then in desiccated coconut. Refrigerate until required.

**NOTE:** check if your school has a nut free school policy before you send these to school with your children.

## Gregory Grapevine

### Gregory Downs Jockey Club 2015 Races

- Saturday 2nd May
- 6 Races – Bookmakers on site
- Chicken & Champagne Luncheon
- Bar & Tea Stall open until late
- Music Saturday night
- Breakfast Sunday Morning

### North West Canoe Club

- Annual Canoe Race – Sunday 3rd May at the Gregory.
- Contact President - Larry Wilson Ph. 47435233
- River Café at the finishing line.

### Gregory 2015 Campdraft & Horse Sports

- June – 20th & 21st
- Friday night BBQ
- Bar & Tea Stall open until late
- Music Saturday night
- 2 days of fun and action
- Contact Campdraft President Ian Forshaw 4748 5521 or Secretary Stephanie Eckford on 4748 5556

### CWA – Gregory Branch

- How Many Grids To Gregory cookbooks are available for sale - \$10 each contact President, Tess Arnold Ph. 4748 5584

### Gregory QCWA 2015 Horse Sports & Family Fun Day

- Date Claimer – Sunday 20th September

### RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Wednesday Fortnightly  
(please note change of day to Wednesday)

- 11th & 25th March
- 8th & 22nd April
- 6th & 20th May
- 3rd & 17th June
- Health Nurse will also be doing talks at the clinics on topics about eyes, hearing, heart & lungs, flu shots etc.

### Tennis

- Family fun
- Great exercise
- Courts available
- Night-time – see Ian & Tracy for the key to the generator.

### Gregory / Lawn Hill SES Training & Joining-Up

- Become a member – get involved
- Contact Ian Forshaw 4748 5521 or email - iforshaw@activ8.net.au

### Town Planning and Land Tenure Information Night – Gregory

- Monday 16th March 6pm – Gregory Hall
- Everyone is welcome
- Bring your ideas!!!



# Burke Shire School Updates

## Burketown Kindy

Kindergarten children have enjoyed the company of the Ladies from RJCP (Remote Jobs and Community Programme) who supported the children's latest art interests.

The children have been exploring Indigenous design and patterns. The Ladies worked with the children on a series of local Totem designs that the children then transferred onto a series of tins that will make up a Totem pole for our garden. We always love to have Visitors at the Kindergarten so the children decided to make some special muffins for morning tea to welcome them. As always our Kindergarten acknowledges our Community as partners in our children's education and value their interaction, their participation and their wisdom.



## From the Rangers Desk

by Russell Cunningham

### Second Field release of the Parkinsonia Looper Moth

On the 12th November the first release of the Parkinsonia Looper moth *Eueupithecia species 2* nicknamed "UU2" was released at five sites on Escott Station by the CSIRO in an endeavour to control Parkinsonia in the Burke Shire. *Parkinsonia aculeate* is native to the Americas and is recognised as one of the twenty worst weeds in Australia. It has been declared in all states and territories. The Australian weed committee approved Parkinsonia as a target for biological control in Australia in 1983. Three insect species have previously been released in Australia but only one, the seed-feeding bruchid, *Penthobruchus germani*, from Argentina, established and dispersed readily. Although the bruchid is widespread (it is present in our Parkinsonia) it has so far failed to have a significant impact.

The leaf-feeding looper caterpillar, *Eueupithecia cisplatensis* (nicknamed "UU") and *Eueupithecia species 2* (nicknamed "UU2"), were identified in Argentina, and have the potential to be an effective biological control agent for Parkinsonia. On the 6th February a second release of 18 containers of looper caterpillars was undertaken at four of the selected sites on Escott station, the larvae were airfreighted in. To the untrained eye there doesn't look to be too much activity from the previous release in November last year so the second release was again at four of the first sites. These will be continually monitored.

Continue reading about the field release at [www.burke.qld.gov.au](http://www.burke.qld.gov.au)

## Mount Isa School of the Air

### TERM ONE - 10 WEEKS

20 – 23 January	Pupil Free Days
26 January	Australia Day Holiday
27 January	Class Allocation 8.00am on phone Dial 1800 141 220, follow the prompts and the conference code is 8145968840
28 January	On air classes P-6 commence
2 February	Western Alliance Secondary on air lessons commence
20 February	Cloncurry Activity Day
27 February	Julia Creek Activity Day
4 March	Boulia / Bedourie / Birdsville Activity Day
6 March	Mount Isa Activity Day
12, 13, 14 March	Governess In-service
19 March	Gregory Activity Day
20 March	Burke and Wills Activity Day
27 – 29 March	Scout Camp TBC

### TERM TWO - 10 WEEKS

3 – 19 April	EASTER VACATION
20 April	On air resumes
4 – 8 May	Western Alliance Secondary Multischool – Longreach TBC
12, 13, 14 May	Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 NAPLAN testing in Mount Isa
13 – 14 May	Home Tutor Seminar / Activity Days
15 May	Sports Day in Mount Isa
17 – 22 May	Year 4 Camp Magnetic Island Year 5 Camp Adel's Grove May Eisteddfod of the Air – Music, Speech & Drama
8 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
19 June	Mount Isa Show Holiday

### TERM THREE - 10 WEEKS

27 June – 12 July	WINTER VACATION
13 July	On air resumes
12 – 17 July	Year 6 Canberra Camp (TBC once flight schedules released)
7 – 8 August	Second Governesses In-service
9 – 14 August	Normanton Mini school
16 – 21 August	Boulia / Bedourie Mini school
23 – 28 August	Cloncurry Mini school
24 – 28 August	Western Alliance Secondary Multi school – Longreach
30 Aug – 4 Sept	Camooweal Mini school
6 – 11 September	Gregory Mini school

### TERM FOUR - 9 WEEKS

19 Sept – 5 Oct	SPRING VACATION
5 October	Labour Day Public Holiday
6 October	On air resumes
16 October	Rock Pop Mime
18 – 23 October	Julia Creek Mini school
TBA October	Western Alliance camp
27 November	On air concert
30 Nov – 4 Dec	Sports for Bush Kids
1 December	Graduation Ceremony
2 December	Christmas Activity Day / Family Christmas BBQ
4 December	Last Day

# Remote Jobs and Communities Program



2015 has begun with plenty happening for the RJCP Team in Burketown. Our yard maintenance service (which is offered free to pensioners) has been very popular and we've been getting some great feedback from our customers.

We're also continuing to maintain a close relationship with the Burketown Kindergarten where our team assists with grounds maintenance, minor construction and repairs to furniture and equipment and general support to the Kindy staff. The RJCP participants have recently assisted the school with a variety of tasks in the absence of usual staff. This has been a welcome addition to our activities and we hope to continue building our relationship with the school and expand our scope of activities there in the near future. We are keen to build up the skills of our participants and welcome opportunities to work with businesses and/or community groups. If you have a project or an idea that you would like to discuss with us you can see Tonya at our office in Bowen St or call on one of the numbers listed below.



Lois, Sophia & Freda working on a Tie Dye Project.



Steven with a completed rack built to store equipment.



Lindy & ShauRaye at the Kindy.

## CONTACT DETAILS for BYNOE CACS

### NORMANTON – MAIN OFFICE:

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# Burke Shire Young Ambassador Program

2014 Graduating Students were presented with their Young Ambassador packs at the Burketown State School graduation night and the rural property students received their pack via the mail.

### Recipients for 2014:

#### Burketown State School

Bryton Taylor  
Eston Hollingsworth  
John Roos  
Kady Tritton  
Kobe Marshall  
Letreya Boundy  
Shakiah Douglas  
Teian Butcher

#### Mount Isa School of the Air

Carina Zlotkowski  
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# 37th World Barramundi Fishing Championships



Over \$20,000 in Cash, Prizes & Trophies

- ✓ 1st Prize for Heaviest Barramundi **\$3,700**
- ✓ 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 prize for best dressed team)
- ✓ Plus Lucky Nomination Prize Giveaway:
- ✓ **Adults:** \$5,000 Fishing / Outdoor Voucher
- ✓ **Juniors:** \$500 Fishing / Outdoor Voucher

*A fun weekend for the whole family*

held in **BURKETOWN, Queensland** on 3rd, 4th and 5th April, 2015

Supporting our School, Kindergarten and other Community Service Groups

*Don't miss the boat for the "only" fishing  
competition to be at on Easter Weekend 2015*

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

# Burke Shire Works & Services

by Chris Rohan

## FLOOD DAMAGE

Tenders have been called for the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) flood damage works from Tropical Cyclone Fletcher last year. The works will be completed in three parts (being Earthworks, Concreting and Hydraulic Structures and Stabilisation works). The first tender (earthworks) has been called for and will close on the 16th of March. The remaining tenders will be released over the next 8 weeks.

Local contractors are reminded to submit a capability and equipment schedule to the Works Manager if they are interested in having their details disseminated to potential contractors.

## ROAD WORKS

A lack of substantial rain has seen the roads crew conducting maintenance on local roads sooner than anticipated this year. The lack of rain has allowed the commencement of opening grades on all Shire local roads and will see the completion of these works prior to the Easter Holiday period.

## ROAD CONDITIONS

Road conditions can vary greatly across the Shire and on occasion can change faster than our ability to report them. Although all efforts are made to ensure that road condition reports are accurate, we would like to remind motorists to drive to the prevailing conditions and avoid flooded crossings and floodways. If you are travelling out of the Shire, please plan ahead and make appropriate enquires with neighbouring authorities.

Always check the Department of Traffic and Main Roads website when planning a trip <http://131940.qld.gov.au/Home.aspx>

## PARKS AND GARDENS

New turf and plants for the Morning Glory Park will be laid and planted in March to complete the gardens and bare areas around the Nijinda Durlga. Please be mindful of the new plants and turf until they have had a chance to establish.

## WATERING OF LAWN

A lack of rain has seen an increase in water usage throughout the Shire. Remember - the most efficient time to water lawns and gardens is in the cool of the day (early morning or evening) and out of the wind. Where possible, always use timers!



**Top Picture:** New hook lift truck with the new rubbish compactor including kerb side bin lift. **Bottom Picture:** New hook lift truck with a waste transfer bin that Council has fabricated. These will replace current dumping points in the Shire.

# Burke Shire celebrates Christmas

The Burke Shire Community Christmas Party was held in December with residents throughout the Shire flocking to the new Nijinda Durlga in Burketown to celebrate the festive season.

"We are delighted to be hosting the Community Christmas Party for kids and families in the Burke Shire. Christmas is a time for giving and the Burke Shire's Community Christmas Party is a great way of bringing together our residents who contribute everyday to our community." Chief Executive Officer Phil Keirle said.

Children celebrated with Santa making his annual appearance in Burketown with gifts. Santa arrived on the Burketown Fire Truck. Santa's little helpers were also at the event, helping with face painting and taking photos of the children with Santa.

"A great time was had by all and we are very grateful for the generosity of Medicare Local and Century MMG who have shown their support by purchasing gifts for the children and donating our Lucky Door Prizes" said Phil Keirle.



*It is our goal at Burke Shire Council to bring hope and happiness to all in the Burke Shire over the festive season.*



# 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;
- 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 and 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.

## Cloud Appreciation Society – Morning Glory Cloud Information

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

## 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.

**If you would like your information added to this page, please email your request to [office@burke.qld.gov.au](mailto:office@burke.qld.gov.au)**



## 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>

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



26 January

Australia Day

3-5 April

Easter



The Burketown Barramundi  
World Fishing Championships



18 April

International Women's Day

25 April

ANZAC Day



2 May

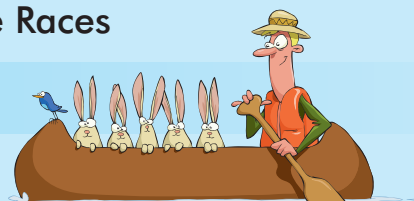
Gregory Downs Jockey Club – Horse Races

3 May

Gregory Downs Canoe Race

20-21 June

Gregory Campdraft &amp; Horse Sports

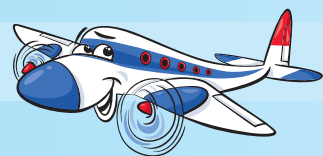


15 July

Tackling Tough Times - Community Event

August / September

Burke Shire Tidy Yard Competition



6-11 September

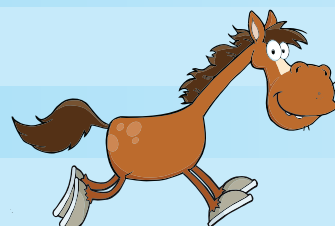
Gregory Mini School School of the Air

September

Gregory CWA Horse Sports

TBA

Burketown Campdraft &amp; Horse Sports



September

Morning Glory Festival

3 November

Melbourne Cup Day / Burke Shire Council Holiday

11 November

Remembrance Day

December

Young Ambassador

December

Community Christmas Tree

December

Christmas Lights

TBA

Artour



Keep an eye out for what is coming up throughout the year