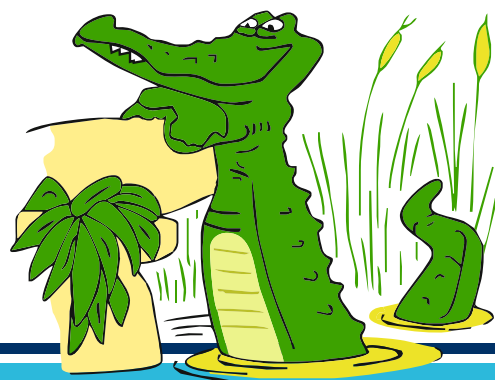


# BURKE SHIRE *Council* Newsletter



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## Australia Day Celebrations

**This year the community members of the Burke Shire kicked off Australia Day with a game of indoor cricket at the local tennis court. There was some new talent discovered in Lisa Anderson, the only female brave enough to take on the boys.**

Frosty Marshall and Lenny Booth brought some old-school class to the game, with Frosty taking the 'catch of the match' and Lenny Booth bowling 150k/per hour thunderbolts at the younger generation. While both teams acquitted themselves admirably, there can only be one winner on the day, with Team Anderson defeating Dylan's Team with a final score of 168-135. Jeremy Booth was awarded 'Man of The Match' for an outstanding effort of 75 runs, some pretty handy fielding and very economical bowling.



We were privileged enough to host the Distinguished Professor James Dale and his wife Gerardine as the Australia Day Ambassador this year. Heading up QUT's Centre for Tropical Crops and Bio commodities, James is not only a scientist, but he is also an incredible entrepreneur and humanitarian. Specialising in plant and medical biotechnology research, he has worked on genetic modification for disease resistance and bio fortification to help protect Queensland's crops. He most recently developed pro-vitamin A-enriched bananas, which has the potential to dramatically reduce disease in developing countries. Professor Dale and Mrs Dale fitted in well with community, shared their knowledge and were eager to learn about the area, its people and traditions.

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# Australia Day Celebrations

The Dales also donned the judges' mantle in the Australia Day cooking competition, with Amanda Douglas taking out the best damper award, while Amanda Wilkinson and Jenny Williams both received an award for their scones. Quiz Teams had to dig deep into their respective wells of knowledge for the trivia competition. The 'Chicks with Attitude' proved that their well ran deepest, taking home the chocolates with a comfortable margin.

Professor James Dale and Mayor Ernie Camp honoured our local champions for their contributions to the Shire by presenting the Australia Day Awards to some very deserving recipients:

- Community Champion – Tracy Forshaw
- Community Event of the Year – QCWA Gregory Horse Sports & Family Fun Day
- Citizen of the Year – John Clarke

Unfortunately Tracy and John were unable to attend on the day however gifts were received on their behalf. WELL DONE! Thank you to the help of the Burketown Police, they cooked a wonderful BBQ lunch for everyone followed by lamingtons and pavlova.

Despite the sweltering afternoon heat the kids enjoyed some fun games in the park, won some awesome prizes and kicked back to enjoy their much deserved icy poles before retiring for the day. Everyone had a wonderful time and we look forward to doing it all again next year.



Happy  
Australia  
Day!

## BURKETOWN

To Darwin

Doomadgee  
Gregory

Normanton

Cairns

Burke & Wills  
Roadhouse

Mt Isa

Townsville



# Burke Shire Council Update

*To ensure compliance with section 90D of the Local Government Act 2009 – "Prohibition on Election Material in Caretaker Period" – a range of content normally featured in the newsletter has been edited or removed.*

Rain has been a welcome visitor over the festive season with most areas of the Shire receiving some much needed relief. There was the potential for a cyclone and very heavy falls over an extended period. However, as is the nature of lows, it did not eventuate. While parts of the Shire were cut off due to the rain, it was necessary to rescue some stranded folk and to arrange resupplies. Thankfully we were spared the more serious consequences of this kind of event.

Thank you to all those in the Local Disaster Management Group, District Disaster Management Group and local organisations for your support and responsiveness to emerging information and situations. Council also received a phone call during this time from Premier Palaszczuk offering the State's support and assistance as required. It was reassuring to know that despite our remote location and relatively small population we were not forgotten.

In response to the flooding events in the North West, Acting Premier Trad visited the region, flying into Burketown in early January. Council hosted the Acting Premier and her party, which included the Chair of the Qld Reconstruction Authority. Council highlighted the need to focus on betterment funding for infrastructure repairs in the aftermath of declared events; the situation with the Beames Brook Bridge; as well as outlining a number of projects in the pipeline for the Burke Shire.

Council representatives met with Telstra in Cairns in order to finalise the Doomadgee to Burketown Fibre Link Project.

All remains on target to commence after the Wet with project completion envisaged by 31st October 2016. Council representatives also discussed the mobile phone connection for Gregory and were advised that investigations were underway on the provision of the backhaul necessary for a successful connection. While this is no easy task, the creation of this backhaul has the potential to upgrade infrastructure and vastly improve existing services.

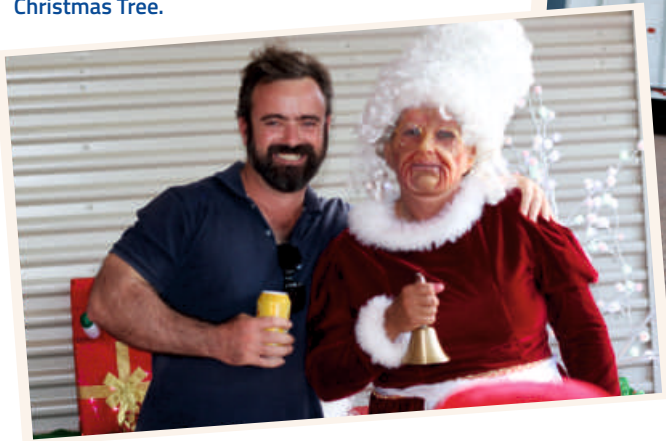
In Townsville, Council met with representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to discuss Planning Schemes and future projects. Council also met with Minister Coralee O'Rourke to bring her up to speed with all that is happening in the Shire. Council met with NW Regional Development Australia CEO, Glenys Schuntner to discuss similar projects and had the opportunity to meet with Senator Ian MacDonald's office to thank him for his efforts in advocating for the fibre optic project in Canberra.

It is with great sadness that Council recognises the passing of Digger Clarke on Christmas Eve. Digger was a previous Shire Chairman, the Mayoral equivalent during those years. Digger dedicated over 20 years of his life in service to the community through Council as well as involvement in various organisations. Our thoughts are with the Clarke families who sadly also lost Digger's wife, June, only a few days prior.

Council would like to wish all those starting school all the best for the coming year. To those who are heading to boarding school, we wish you safe travels and encourage you to make the best of the many positive opportunities you will find.

## Community Christmas tree

On the 11th December 2015 Burke Shire Council hosted the Shire's annual Community Christmas Tree.



It was a wonderful evening that brought the community together before everyone headed off on their Christmas holidays. Mr & Mrs Claus and their little helper made a visit to the children and came loaded with gifts!

Some welcomed the gifts and cuddles from Santa however there were a few that were still a little unsure but took their presents anyway.



The local Volunteer Marine Rescue obtained some much need funds through running the bar and the local community markets ran raffles with some wonderful prizes, which will be donated to a local community group.

It was great to see everyone have such a wonderful time and support this event and we look forward to doing it all again this year!

# From the CEO's Desk – Phil Keirle

## The Local Government Elections

19 March 2016

Councils all over Queensland will head to the polls on 19 March 2016 after, Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk formally requested the Governor's approval to issue elections on Saturday 6 February 2015.

There are a range of great resources on the Department of Local Government's webpage for those who are interested in learning more about the various aspects of the election process. These include:

### The Caretaker Period

(<http://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor/caretaker.html>)

Once the Election is called by the Electoral Commission of Queensland, all Council's in Queensland enter the "caretaker period." Councils can continue to conduct business as usual, although there are a few things that can't be done:

- **Council cannot publish or distribute "election material."**
- "Election material" is anything able to, or intended to influence an elector about voting at an election; or affect the result of an election.
- **No major policy decisions:**
- Councils are unable to enter into contractual arrangements over \$200,000 (GST excl.)
- Council is unable to make a decision about the appointment, remuneration or termination of a chief executive officer of the local government.

### Eligibility to Nominate for Mayor / Councillor

(<http://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/so-you-want-to-be-a-councillor>)

The first step is to determine whether or not you are eligible to nominate for councillor or mayor.

#### Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ I am an adult Australian Citizen
- ✓ I am currently residing in the Burke Shire
- ✓ I am on the electoral roll
- ✓ I have not been convicted of treason
- ✓ I have not been convicted of an electoral offence
- ✓ I have not been convicted of a bribery offence
- ✓ I have not been convicted of an integrity offence
- ✓ I am not in prison
- ✓ I am not an undischarged bankrupt
- ✓ I am not a Federal or State MP

### The Nominees:

Nominations closed on 16 February 2016. The following candidates have nominated for Mayor / Councillor.

Mayor	Councillor	
Ernie Camp	Paul Poole Kelly Gardner Annie Clarke Kenneth Booth	Rosita Wade John Clarke Tonya Murray John Yanner

For all the details on the upcoming election, please see the Electoral Commission of Queensland's homepage, which provides all the answers to queries related to postal voting, ballot voting, pre-ballot voting and other frequently asked questions.

<https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/2016-local-government-quadrennial-elections/information-for-electors>

<http://results.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/local/LG2016/BurkeShireCouncil/index.html>

### Where to Vote

For this coming election, Burke Shire will have BOTH ballot voting at the Burke Shire Nijinda Durlga and Postal Voting.

- **Ballot Voting:** Burke Shire Nijinda Durlga
- **Postal Voting:** send your vote to PO Box 27, Burketown 4830

Further information on polling times will be distributed by the Returning Officer Karen McGrath.



## From the Acting CEO's Desk – Nils Hay

### Blue Cable is coming to Burketown

It's no secret that in recent months and years, Burketown's aging telecommunications system has been a source of increasing frustration. Internet speeds have dropped off, while phone and EFTPOS systems have also become less reliable.

Telecommunications is generally the province of the Federal Government, and is certainly not something many local governments involve themselves with. However, in response to the growing issues, in early 2014, Council examined the possibility of upgrading Burketown's aging radio-based telecommunications system. It subsequently emerged that upgrade was not possible and the existing system would require replacement, at a cost of approximately \$680,000.

At the October 2014 Local Government Associate of Queensland Annual Conference in Mackay, Council representatives made contact with Telstra executives and began discussion and planning of the Doomadgee to Burketown Optic Fibre Link Project – which would see Burke Shire taking the lead on an ambitious project that few other local governments would attempt.

Planning and design of the project continued throughout 2015, along with extensive lobbying of State and Federal politicians to raise awareness and garner support. Council budgeted \$2m (roughly half of the total project cost) in the hope that the remaining funding could be secured elsewhere.

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## From the Acting CEO's Desk - Nils Hay (Continued)

In late 2015, Council submitted four funding applications, three to the State Government and one to the Federal Government to assist Council to fund the project. The first two applications were unsuccessful. However, in December 2015 Council received confirmation of success in the last two, with both State – through the Building our Regions program – and Federal Government – through the National Stronger Regions Fund offering to contribute heavily to the project. Combined with an in-kind contribution from Telstra, Council will be able to deliver this transformative project for a fraction of the amount it had originally budgeted.

At the Council meeting on January 21, Councillors resolved to enter into a formal agreement with Telstra, which should see project works commencing as soon as May 2016, with completion due in late 2016.

### What is included in the project?

In terms of infrastructure, the project includes the following:

- Roughly 90km of optical fibre from Doomadgee to Burketown
- An upgrade of the Burketown telecommunications exchange
- An upgrade of Burketown's mobile telephone tower
- At least one public Wi-Fi hotspot in Burketown

### What does this mean for Burketown?

Residents of Burketown will have access to:

- Much faster ADSL2+ Internet services
- 4GX mobile phone services
- Telstra Air Wi-Fi
- A far more reliable fibre-based service

Businesses and services (including Police, Education, Clinic and Council) will also have the option of installing a dedicated fibre-to-the-premises connection.

In short, Burketown will have access to the same suite of services and internet speeds that is available to our more urban counterparts who already enjoy an optic fibre connection.

### What Next?

Telstra are finalising the cable route and design elements. It is hoped that installation will commence following the wet season. Council will issue updates as they become available.

## Burke Shire Receives Visit from Acting Premier

Following the rain event in late December and early January, the Acting (Deputy) Premier of Queensland, Jackie Trad, led a delegation to a number of flood-affected communities in North-West Queensland, including Burketown. While it was only a whirlwind visit, it did provide Council with an opportunity to highlight the obstacles we face due to the isolation that floodwaters can bring, and the difficulties we have with a number of key river crossings in the Shire. It was noted, at the time of her visit, that the Gregory, Nicholson, Leichhardt and Beames Brook crossings were all impassable.

The visit was also a great opportunity for Council to highlight a range of the exciting projects that are planned over the coming year, including the widening of the Burketown Boat Ramp, Mineral Baths at the Artesian Bore, and the many exciting developments that will arise from the recent Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

Visits like this are a great opportunity for Councillors and Council Staff to interface with the people that ultimately hold the purse-strings on a range of the grants that we apply for, and to remind our leaders in Brisbane that, despite the great distance, there is a lot happening in the Burke Shire.

The Acting Premier left with a beautiful Rowan Jerry painting, a greater appreciation of the challenges that both Councils, and residents, face in this part of the State – and hopefully an increased willingness to lend support in our future endeavours.

## Beames Brook Bridge Re-Opens

On Tuesday 19 January, after around a month of closure, the Beames Brook Bridge has reopened. The new bridge, approximately 1.75m above height of the old one, will hopefully see the Wills Development Road between Gregory and Burketown closed less during future rain events. It's acknowledged that the closure was the cause of some inconvenience and frustration.

### Why was it closed in the first place?

Following a bridge inspection by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) in late 2015, serious concerns were raised about the old bridge's structure. The options at the time were to place a 5 ton load limit on it (which would have forced truck access to both Burketown and Doomadgee onto alternative, unsealed, routes), or to replace it completely.

Given the expected late wet season, DTMR forged ahead with the works, only to be brought undone by the monsoonal low that swept the Gulf in mid-late December.

### Why didn't Council do more?

The Wills Development Road and Beames Brook Bridge are State infrastructure. While Council does perform road maintenance work on behalf of the State, decisions regarding this section of road are not Burke Shire Council's to make.

Council did work closely with DTMR to expedite works following the rain event and, where they were able; DTMR also assisted Council with resupply activities.

### What are the long-term plans for Beames Brook Bridge?

The current bridge is only a temporary solution, with an expected lifespan of 2-5 years. In the coming years, planning and design will take place for a more robust, permanent structure over the Brook.

Council will be lobbying DTMR, and the State Government more generally, for a higher and wider solution, to further increase the flood resilience of the Shire and ensure local residents, businesses and visitors have improved access through the wet.





# Burke Shire Works and Services Department

By Chris Rohan

## Beames Brook Bridge

The Department of Transport and Main Roads have completed construction of the temporary bridge at Beames Brook. Works were due for completion prior to Christmas but were unfortunately delayed due to flooding. The bridge has been raised approximately 1.7m and will offer increased accessibility to towns and communities throughout the Burke Shire.

Even though the temporary bridge has a nominal two year life, history indicated it was highly likely that the bridge would be submerged a number of times during its life. Consequently the steel deck Unibridge design was modified to improve its resilience to flood forces.

Unibridge is a modular predesigned and prefabricated steel bridge system designed for road-trains. A single lane configuration with a steel deck system with an anti-skid coating was adopted at Beames Brook.

The superstructure consists of two steel box girders and infill deck panels with all the structural members below deck level. The bridge was transported to site in 11.4m long segments and assembled on site.



## Fogging and Misting

Fogging and misting continues throughout the Shire to deal with the increase of Mosquitoes and Sand-flies through the wet. Please ensure that you keep containers, bucket and pots empty to reduce opportunities for mosquitoes to breed. Please contact Council if you require additional any additional treatment to combat mosquitoes.

## Road Safety

As a result of the flood event in late December of 2015, Council is undertaking assessment of its transport network to make claims for restoration under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA). Council will not recommence its roads maintenance program until these assessments have been completed and road/weather conditions permit.

Road conditions at this time of year may worsen without notice due to heavy rain and localised flooding. Council will always attempt to ensure that appropriate signage is in place, however, sometimes conditions may not allow for us to place signage on all parts of the network. Please keep yourself informed by either contacting the Shire, the Shire website: <http://www.burke.qld.gov.au/web/guest/road-and-traffic> or the DTMR website: <http://131940.qld.gov.au/Home.aspx>. Applications must be made to council to access roads that are closed.

## Fleet Manager

Brett Harris

At the recent meeting, Council authorised the purchase of a new Isuzu water truck replacing our ageing Mitsubishi truck and tank which was traded in on the new vehicle.

Also our Mitsubishi FEB91 unit #544 will be traded for an Isuzu job truck with suspension upgrade. This new vehicle will be fitted out as the fuel and service vehicle for our Road Crew.

These plant upgrades are possible due to Council's best used by dates from the current plant replacement program.

These plant items are still to be replaced this financial year so keep an eye out for the local tender if you are interested. #469 Multi Tyred Roller, #524 2wd Hilux tray back and #530 Hilux Extra cab with tray.

## Work Health & Safety

Tammy Baptie

### Hydrate Your Body

During the hot and humid summer months we must all take precautions to ensure our bodies don't get over heated and dehydrated.

Dehydration occurs when you lose more fluid than you take in, your body doesn't have enough water and other fluids to carry out its normal functions. If we fail to replace the fluids lost through sweat, the body must borrow water from our vital organs. This puts them under strain and causes many of the symptoms associated with dehydration.

When we sweat we not only lose water but also essential salts and minerals known as electrolytes. Electrolytes play a number of key roles in the body, and one of these is water retention. As dehydration worsens, the body has insufficient fluid to produce the amount of sweat required to cool itself and the core temperature rises. This in turn results in the onset of heat related illnesses such as heat stress, fatigue and heat stroke.

Anyone may become dehydrated, but young children, older adults and people with chronic illnesses are most at risk as are outdoor workers. To ensure you are adequately hydrated drink plenty of water but don't over do it and don't wait until you feel thirsty because your body is already starting to dehydrate. Make sure you eat meals at regular intervals so your body has the ability to soak up the water you're drinking.

It's always a good idea to have an electrolyte drink or sachet available, but drink these periodically because too much electrolyte drinks can make you ill as well.

Concentrate on staying hydrated with water.

Frequent shaded rest breaks also aid in regulating body temperature after exertion from working.



# Library News

This year in the library we have quite a few activities for children to come in and see and do.

## Artist of the Month

The Burke Shire Library would like to introduce a new program called **Artist of the Month** for all children aged 5-17 who are library members.

To enter, it is as simple as bringing in a colouring in to the front reception or colouring in here at the library. There is no limit to the amount of times someone can enter. All pictures handed to the library will be put on display at the library for people to come in and view.

The artist of the month will be chosen at the end of the month, and the picture and name of the artist will be displayed here in the front reception as well as on the Burke Shire Council Facebook page for everyone to view.

**Congratulations to Jerome Shadforth, the winner of the January award, which was presented to Jerome by CEO, Philip Keirle at the Burketown State School's Friday parade on 5 February 2016.**

## School Holidays

The library will be holding an activities day on a Wednesday during the school holidays. These days will vary in activities with each school holidays, with some days holding a colouring in competition, a sports day and a fantasy dress up day. Please see the schedule for what days contain what activities.

This will also be posted on the Burke Shire Council Page closer to the dates. Please watch this space and the Burke Shire Council Facebook page for updates on these activities as they come. All children aged between 5 and 17 who are members of the library are invited to attend. If you have a child who would like to attend but are not members, contact the Burke Shire Library to find out how to become a member. There will be permission slip coming out closer to the school holidays for parents to sign, and we ask that if your child/children would like to attend, to please fill in and sign.

### 30th March: Easter Theme Colouring Day Competition

Colouring ins received will be put into the following age groups:

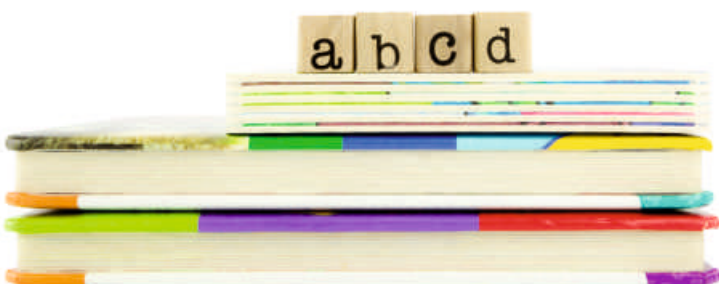
5-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-17 years.

### 6th April: Games Day

## Months of the Year themes

Each month we will be having a different theme in the library with different books on display for library members to borrow.

January's theme was Australia, and February's theme was love and friendship. With each month there will be new colouring ins for the children to colour, different books on display and different storytelling kits for parents to come in and read to their children.



## Information on our 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, notices & much more.

## Follow us on Facebook

Burke Shire Council has a Facebook Page:  
[www.facebook.com/BurkeShireCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/BurkeShireCouncil)



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@burke.qld.gov.au).

## Articles for BSC Newsletter

Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Send through your information to [newsletter@burke.qld.gov.au](mailto:newsletter@burke.qld.gov.au). Articles will be approved at Council's discretion. The close date for articles to be submitted for the next edition will be 15th April 2016.

## 2016 Council Meeting Dates

Pursuant to Section 257 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 Chapter 8 Administration, Part 2, Frequency and Place of meetings*, the following is a schedule of dates for the Ordinary Meetings of the Burke Shire Council 2016 which are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Boardroom at the Nijinda Durlga, Sloman Street, Burketown, and are scheduled to commence at 9.00am:-

March	Thursday 17
April	Thursday 21
May	Thursday 19
June	Thursday 16
July	Thursday 21
August	Thursday 18
September	Thursday 15
October	Thursday 20
November	Thursday 17
December	Thursday 08

# Home and Community Care Update

## The HACC Program

The Home and Community Care Program (HACC) is a Commonwealth Program administered by various agencies throughout the State.

For many years, the Federal Government funded the Burke Shire Council to provide these services, and, for many years, we were very fortunate to have Pam de Joux working in this role. Pam not only discharged Council's HACC responsibilities, but provided HACC clients with a range of activities beyond the scope of the program.

## The Evolution of the HACC Program

### From HACC to CHSP (Commonwealth Home Support Program)

The program we traditionally know as HACC has been incorporated into the Commonwealth Home Support Programme.

This program consolidates a number of others including NRCP (National Respite for Carers Program), DTC (Day Therapy Centres Program), the ACHA (Assistance with Care and Housing for the Aged Program) and HACC.

In order to ensure high quality services are provided to HACC/CHSP clients, the Federal Government has placed increased focus on the experience and qualifications of staff as an element of its funding criteria.

While this kind of evolution is commendable, it is also difficult to recruit appropriately qualified staff to rural and remote communities to deliver part-time services. Accordingly, Council has gone further afield in its search for the expertise and dedication required to deliver the HACC/CHSP program.

In the last quarter of 2015 Council engaged North West Remote Health to deliver the HACC program on Council's behalf. NWRH is a not-for-profit organisation comprised of a large team of multi-disciplinary health care professionals and teams who are able to deliver comprehensive primary healthcare services in remote and indigenous communities across Queensland.

No doubt residents will be familiar with the range of services – dietitian, physiotherapist, podiatrist, occupational therapist, speech pathologist etc. – that NWRH delivers in Burketown and Doomadgee on a regular basis.

## Transitioning directly to North West Remote Health

While Council currently engages NWRH to deliver HACC/CHSP contract, it is Council's intention that the Federal Government and NWRH engage directly to administer and deliver this contract in financial year 2016-2017.

Given the Federal Government holds the purse strings, it is ultimately the Federal Government who will determine which organisation administers the HACC/CHSP program. However, given the quality of services delivered so far, there is every reason to believe that NWRH will continue to deliver this important program.

## Keeping tabs on the Program

While Council will no longer be directly involved in the program, Council will keep a very close eye on the quality of the services delivered to HACC/CHSP clients.

Council will raise any issues of concerns with the provider, with the board of NWRH and with state and federal contacts as required. Updates on the HACC/CHSP program will continue to feature in the Burke Shire newsletter.



# Tapping into Tourism

Gulf Savannah Development's "Developing the Gulf" program is offering one-on-one discussions, planning and resource support for any business looking to build or access tourism income.

This is vital for "tourism" businesses and those that benefit from visitors in the region – most businesses. This program looks particularly at digital options to keep up with the rapidly changing world of marketing. Find out about the ways visitors are researching and booking, and some cost effective activities to keep up with your potential customers. You'll also receive an update on tourism networks, promotions and research.

This service is free of charge however numbers are limited. Contact Russell Boswell on [info@savannahway.com.au](mailto:info@savannahway.com.au) or 0408 772 513.

## Help Your Business Grow

GSD is also pleased to advise that our Australian Small Business Advisory Service (ASBAS) currently offers small business operators or enterprising people expert consultation in:

- Funding Avenues and Financial Analysis
- Building Your Business
- Making the Most of Your Talent and Team
- Management Capabilities
- Digital Engagement Implementation

Eligible small businesses can receive up to 20 hours of one-on-one professional support from our ASBAS Panel of consultants at \$25 (inc GST) per hour. Funds are limited so please contact Annie Cork on [smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au](mailto:smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au) or 0437-029-668.

## Australian Country Team Selection

Hannah Clarke was selected for the 'Australian Country' Female Cricket team, selected from the national championships held in Mt Gambier early January.

*Photo: Hannah Clarke & Clayton Hammond.*







## New Employee Profile

### Shannyn Anderson

Trainee Administration Officer

**1. Hometown:** For about 10 years I lived at Crystal Creek (Mutarnee) which is half way between Ingham and Townsville. Then I moved to Burketown in 2009.

**2. Family:** Single.

**3. Previous position:** Part time Nowlands Engineering.

**4. Location of previous position:**  
Burketown.

**5. Favourite thing about Burke Shire:**

What I like best about the Burke Shire is the fishing and the friendly people in the community.



## MMG Century Mine enters new phase

Like the rest of the Gulf Country, the remaining team members at Century Mine have been happy to see green pastures and water in creeks and gullies.

Coinciding with welcome rain, Century Mine has now completed all processing, including approximately 450,000 tonnes of ore that was trucked over a seven-month period from Dugald River for processing at Lawn Hill.

Most infrastructure at Lawn Hill and Karumba will now be placed in Operational Readiness, in the event that a future option such as tailings re-treatment becomes feasible. The ongoing number of employees' onsite will reflect the rehabilitation and care and maintenance priorities at Century.

The end of Century's operational life also means the conclusion of the community sponsorship program and non-MMG business related flight assistance. Community members can continue to contact Century on the Community Hotline – 1800 098 721.

## Summer Salad Recipes

By Kylie Camp

### Ham and Pasta Salad

375g dried farfalle pasta, 2 tablespoons olive oil, 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon wholegrain mustard, 1 tablespoon honey (blue gum if you have it), 300g coarsely chopped ham, 1 cup sundried tomatoes (sliced), 1 red capsicum (thinly sliced), 4 green onions (sliced), 2 tablespoons chopped parsley. Cook pasta until al dente. Drain, refresh under cold water and drain well again. Let cool. Whisk oil, vinegar, mustard and honey together to make dressing. Combine pasta with all other ingredients. Drizzle over dressing and gently toss to combine.

### Pumpkin, Red Onion and Spinach Salad

1 butternut pumpkin (about 1.5kg) sliced lengthwise into quarters, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced, 3 red onions cut into wedges, ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil, 300g baby spinach leaves, 200g crumbled full cream fetta, 1 tablespoon wholegrain mustard, 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar. Preheat a BBQ or grill plate to medium. Brush the pumpkin with the oil which has been seasoned with salt and pepper. Cook for approx. 1 min each side until tender. Remove to a plate. Grill red onion for about 2 mins, turning often, until softened. Combine remaining oil, vinegar and mustard in a jar and shake until well combined to make dressing. In a salad bowl combine grilled vegetables, fetta and spinach. Drizzle over dressing and serve immediately.

### Avocado and Prawn Salad

*with Green Goddess Dressing (a Bit Fiddly But Worth The Effort)*

500g green prawns shelled, deveined with tail intact, 1 long red chilli, finely chopped (deseeded if you want to reduce the heat), 2cm piece green ginger, peeled and grated, 1 crushed garlic clove, 2 limes, rind finely grated and juiced, 3 avocados, ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil, 1/3 cup coriander leaves, chopped, 1/3 cup mint leaves chopped, 1 ½ tablespoons chopped chives, ¼ cup coconut milk, 2 tablespoons water, 450g ripe, but firm, papaya (pawpaw), 1 iceberg lettuce cut into thin wedges, 2 teaspoons honey, chopped macadamias to serve.

Combine prawns, chili, ginger, garlic, rind of one lime and 1 tablespoon oil in a glass bowl and set aside to allow flavours to develop. Add salt and pepper to taste. Coarsely chop one avocado. Place in a food processor with herbs, 2 12 tablespoons lime juice and process until almost smooth. Add coconut milk, water and 1 ½ tablespoons of remaining oil. Season to taste and process until well combined and smooth. Cut the remaining avocados into wedges. Brush with remaining lime juice to prevent discolouration. Arrange on a platter with papaya and lettuce.

Combine honey and 1 tablespoon of remaining juice. Heat remaining oil in a pan over a med-high heat and quickly cook prawns, turning for 4 mins until changed colour and cooked through. Place on a plate and drizzle with honey/lime mixture. Place on top of lettuce etc. on platter. Drizzle over green goddess dressing and sprinkle with macadamias.

# 38th World Barramundi Fishing Championships

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

- ✓ 1st Prize for Heaviest Barramundi **\$3,800**
- ✓ 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 **25th, 26th and 27th March 2016**

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 2016

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



# Burke Shire Calendar of Events

Date	Month	Event	Host
30	March	Colouring Competition - Easter	Burke Shire Council Library
25-27	March	Burketown Barramundi World Fishing Championships	Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation
6	April	Games Day	Burke Shire Council Library
25	April	ANZAC Day	Burke Shire Council
30	April	Gregory Races	Gregory Downs Jockey Club
1	May	Gregory Canoe Race	North West Canoe Club Mount Isa
14	May	Arts Queensland Performance - Flamenco Fire	Burke Shire Council
29	June	Dress Up - Fantasy Day	Burke Shire Council Library
18 & 19	June	Gregory Campdraft & Horse Sports	Gregory District Sporting Association
6	July	Sports Day	Burke Shire Council Library
13-21	August	Seniors Week	Burke Shire Council and Health Care Providers
21	September	Games Day	Burke Shire Council Library
28	September	Arts & Craft Day	Burke Shire Council Library
24 & 25	September	Gregory CWA Horse Sports	Queensland Country Womens Association – Gregory
TBA	September	Burketown Rodeo, Campdraft and Sprint Races	Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association
1	November	Melbourne Cup - Show holiday for Burketown	Burketown Pub & Gregory
11	November	Remembrance Day	Burke Shire Council
11	December	Games Day	Burke Shire Council Library
14	December	Arts & Craft Day	Burke Shire Council Library
18	December	Colouring Competition - Christmas	Burke Shire Council Library
TBA	December	Burketown Community Christmas Celebration	Burke Shire Council
TBA	December	Council Staff Christmas Party	Burke Shire Council
TBA	TBA	Order of the Outback Ball	Burke Shire Council & Committee
TBA	TBA	Burke Shire Tidy Yard Competition	Burke Shire Council

# Web Pages of interest...

## Regional Development Australia

[www.rdatanwq.org.au/newsletters](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 Ltd (Century Mine) [www.mmg.com](http://www.mmg.com)

Located at Lawn Hill, Century Mine at Lawn Hill was Australia's largest zinc mine while it operated between 1999 and 2015. MMG Ltd bought Century Mine, along with other Oz Minerals assets, in 2009.

Zinc and lead were mined and processed at Century, with the product piped as slurry along a 304km pipeline to a de-watering and shipping facility at Karumba. Product was then shipped to smelters in Australia, Asia and Europe. Century is now in a rehabilitation phase, which will be followed by a Caring for Country phase until the lease is relinquished to the Queensland Government in approximately 2046.

Over the life of the mine, over 1000 people connected to the Lower Gulf were employed at Century. For a significant number of those people, Century provided their first experience of mainstream employment.

## NWRH (North and West Remote Health)

[www.nwrh.com.au](http://www.nwrh.com.au)

Pioneering the delivery of community based health, wellbeing and outreach services in remote Australia since 2001, North and West Remote Health (NWRH) harnesses the diversity, energy and professionalism of a large team of multidisciplinary health care professionals teams delivering comprehensive primary healthcare services in remote and indigenous communities across Australia.

## 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.

## Gangalidda - Garrawa [www.gangalidda.com.au](http://www.gangalidda.com.au)

The Gangalidda website provides insight into Traditional Owners vision for the Gulf of Carpentaria, layout of the land, fishing locations and permit application.

## The Savannah Way [www.savannahway.com.au](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

[www.gulf-savannah.com.au](http://www.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 – [www.burke.qld.gov.au](http://www.burke.qld.gov.au)

Burketown Caravan Park –  
[www.burketowncaravanpark.net.au](http://www.burketowncaravanpark.net.au)

Burketown Pub – [www.burketownpub.com](http://www.burketownpub.com)

Savannah Lodge – [www.savannah-lodge.com](http://www.savannah-lodge.com)

Morning Glory Restaurant –  
[www.morninggloryrestaurant.net.au](http://www.morninggloryrestaurant.net.au)

Adels Grove – [www.adelsgrove.com.au](http://www.adelsgrove.com.au)

Kingfisher Camp – [www.kingfisherresort.com.au](http://www.kingfisherresort.com.au)

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