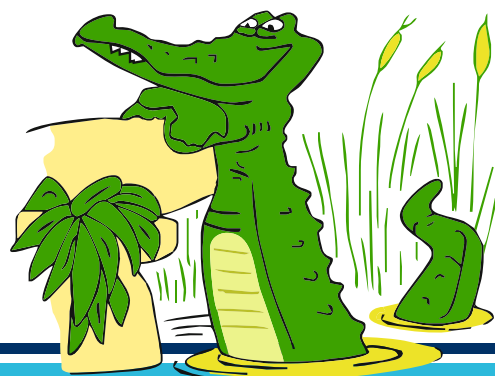


# BURKE SHIRE *Council* Newsletter



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## Memory Walk & Jog and six-a-side cricket

Easter Saturday saw the community come together at Gregory to raise funds for two great organisations, **Alzheimers Australia** and the **Royal Flying Doctor Service - Queensland**.

Holly Hammond of Almora Station conducted a Memory Walk and Jog in memory of her grandmother, June Clarke who lived in the Burke Shire for most of her life. June suffered dementia in her later years, sadly passing away in December 2015. 62 people registered for the walk and despite the dreadful humidity, at around 9am set off around the Gregory racetrack.

Winners were: Ladies' – Hannah Simms of Blackall, Men's – Tom Pattison of Armaynald Station, and Under 12 – James Geeves of Gregory Downs Station. Following the walk the 6-a-side cricket tournament started. Jason Munchenberg of Gregory Downs Station organized the cricket as part of

his fundraising for the R.F.D.S Kokoda Challenge. Jason will be walking the Kokoda Track in November. Seven sides competed with some great batting, bowling, fielding and sledging! The final was fought out between the Gregory Goats and the Almora All Stars, with the former being victorious. Lunch, smoko and dinner were all enjoyed by the crowd with all the food and soft drink donated. Raffles and auctions were conducted with the sought after football donated by The Cowboys and signed by Jonathan Thurston being won by Tess Arnold.

Thanks to all who supported the day by participating, donating prizes and food and working in the kitchen and bar. Thanks to the Burke Shire Council for again supporting community events. Holly and Jason are thrilled to advise that about \$8,000 will be shared between the two charities.





# Recent Events in the Shire

## Sunday Family Fishing Funday

When the Burketown Barramundi Fishing Championship competition was cancelled for the Easter long weekend due to late flooding, a group of locals came together and decided to hold a Fishing Family Funday on Easter Sunday to raise money for the Burketown Kindy.

At the end of the Funday and evening event \$700 was raised for the Burketown Kindy. The participants for the event consisted of over 65 Adults and 24 kids, not a bad turn out for a last minute Easter Fishing Funday. Prizes were donated by businesses throughout Burketown.

The group would like to thank Mougibi, Savannah Bakery and Butcher, Peter Cooling Transport, Burketown Caravan Park, Marto's Seafood, and a big thanks to the Burketown Pub for putting on a BBQ dinner for all the competitors and families. There were plenty of fish caught, with most species of fish weighed in.



## Fishing Results

The results for the Sunday Family Fishing Funday are:

### OPENS:

**Barramundi:** 1st Treb O'Neill, 2nd Neil Tritton, 3rd Neville Edwards

**Bream:** 1st Neil Tritton

**Fingermark:** 1st Treb O'Neill

**Grunter:** 1st Col Baker

**Salmon:** 1st Jenny Kumsing and Neil Tritton

**Queenfish:** 1st Karen McGrath

**Jewfish:** 1st Jenny Kumsing

**KIDS:** 1st Harlie Judge, 2nd James Aitkens JNR, 3rd Leilana Ned.

**TEAM EVENT:** Pom Angels (Neil Tritton, Treb O'Neill, Neville Edwards and Greg Hyle) took out the team's event, catching all 7 species, with the total fish weighing 19.5kg.



# Message from the Mayor

Ernie Camp



The Local Government elections were held in mid-March. I congratulate and thank Paul Poole, Tonya Murray, John Clarke and John 'JY' Yanner for their commitment to serving the community. At the post-election meeting, Cr Poole was elected Deputy Mayor for a second term.

In advance I also thank their families for, indirectly, they also become involved in that commitment – supporting them and taking on extra roles to allow them to attend meetings and travel away. I also thank the other candidates – Kelly Gardner, Kenny Booth, Annie Clarke, Rosita Wade – for their willingness to put their names forward to represent the community.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Crs Forshaw, Duff and Lauder for their service to Council and community in the previous term.

The Wet delivered a mixed result this year. There was enough rain to give some much needed relief for our rural residents but rainfalls were down on average and many of our pastoralists still face challenges on parts of their properties as a result. Mustering has started on properties where rain has not delivered enough and cattle are on the move. There has also been an impact on the end of my, and many others' fishing lines. Perhaps the recurring years of drier wets have affected the fish population. It was not just the volume of rain but the way it fell that has also created issues. The week of wet weather in late March, sadly, forced the Fishing Competition to be cancelled. It also delayed road inspections and the subsequent opening of roads.

I know the delayed opening of roads has caused much consternation to residents, travellers and local businesses. As a business owner myself, I understand the impact delays and road closures can have. However as a Councillor, I also understand the responsibilities Council assumes for public safety and welfare and the implications when road users make choices that get them into difficulties and ultimately require others, often members of the public, to adopt risk in order to assist. It also is an expensive exercise, for emergency management, police, health services to assist and/or retrieve those in difficulty.

There have been too many accidents already this year; most of which have occurred on closed roads. Accordingly, Council is reluctant to open roads prematurely and accept liability for accidents caused by inexperienced or over-ambitious drivers. There seem to be more of these on the roads each year and a general failure to appreciate the performance levels of 'very remote' roads. The fact that DTMR was recently able to claim a Fatality Free Easter for the first time in many years is a testament to tighter controls being exercised over road openings and closures. We do offer a local permitting system to allow essential services and businesses that need to use closed roads to travel in Burke Shire.

Coming up, we have ANZAC Day, Saddles and Paddles Races and Canoe Race at Gregory, Flamenco Fire performance at the Nijinda Durlga in May and, by the time this is in your mailbox, His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland and Mrs Kaye de Jersey will have visited our Shire. I hope to catch up with you at some or all of these events over the next couple of months.

# Burke Shire Works and Services Department

Chris Rohan

## Drive Past a Restricted Road Permit

**Local roads** – Any person wishing to travel on Shire Roads past a restricted point (road closed sign) must apply for a permit to council. Restricted road use permits will be approved at Council's discretion based on reasonable needs of the community and the individual. Such reasons may include the provision and delivery of food, emergency services, emergency trade services and compassionate grounds. Permit travel is restricted to daylight hours on the day of the requested date.

**State roads** – Permission to travel past a restricted point of state roads must be approved by the Department of Traffic and Main Roads.

The two State controlled roads in the Shire are the Wills Developmental Road and the Gregory to Camooweal Road. Despite efforts to signpost affected roads, there is still a significant amount of traffic travelling without permits past restricted points. Variable message boards have now been placed on the Doomadgee East and Gregory – Lawn Hill Roads to remind people of potential road closures and to contact the Burke Shire Council for the most up to date information.

## National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements

### Gulf Tropical Low – March 2016

The tropical low that impacted the Shire prior to Easter has been declared as a disaster event by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. This will allow the Shire to make claims for the restoration of public assets (primarily roads) from damage caused by rain and flood. The works will be completed in two parts, firstly emergent works (works undertaken to ensure the safety of drivers and to re-establish connectivity of the road network) and finally, restorative works (to bring roads back to condition prior to the event). Emergency works will commence from the 11th of April. Although all efforts are made to ensure that road connectivity is re-established after any weather event, the Burke Shire Council is conscious of the safety of all road users and will keep roads closed to firstly protect all drivers (particularly visitors to the Shire) and secondly to protect road assets from further damage.

## Suspicious Dog Deaths

There have been four dogs reported to have died in suspicious circumstances over the past week. If you observe that your dog is behaving unusually or erratically, please contact the Ranger or Works Manager immediately. Council continues to work with North West Vets to investigate the cause of dog deaths. Please keep your dogs in your yard or restrained at all times.

## Roaming Dogs

Over the last month, Council has received a growing number of complaints about roaming dogs in Burketown. These dogs have in some cases shown aggression towards both people and animals. If a dog displays aggressive or menacing behaviour it can be declared as either a dangerous or menacing dog in line with the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008. Once a dog has been declared it must be restrained in accordance with the act or controlled by the owner at all times if removed from its enclosure. Council supports responsible dog ownership and will continue to work towards ensuring the safety of the community by controlling aggressive and menacing dog behaviour.

# From the CEO's Desk *Phil Keirle*

## Local Government Elections

Many local governments around Queensland captured headlines for all the wrong reasons during the Local Government elections. This was not the case for Burke, with the campaign and vote-counting going ahead with a minimum of fuss. Thank you to Returning Officer Karen McGrath on administering the process so effectively.

## Post-Election Council Meeting

Burke Shire was among the first Councils in Queensland to get back to work following the 30 March 2016 Declaration of the Election Results, holding the post-election Council meeting at the earliest opportunity on 4 April 2016. Thank you to Madison Marshall and Shannon Moren for all their hard work in preparing for the day, it was very much appreciated by all who attended! Thank you also to Doug Jones for leading the prayer at the commencement of the meeting. Council is required to do two things at the post-election Council meeting. The first is to appoint the Deputy Mayor; the second is to confirm the Council meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. The latter is usually uneventful, the former is always of considerable interest!

As mentioned in the Mayoral spiel, Paul Poole was appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor.

## Council Induction and Budget Preparation

With a new Council and only a few months until the passage of the budget, there is plenty of training and planning to complete in the coming days, weeks and months. Please see below for a guide to the Councillor induction and budget process.

Wed 13 Apr 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Economic Development Queensland – Burketown Development Project
Thu 14 Apr 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Budget Process; Operational Plan Workshop; Asset Management Strategy; CapEx Project Prioritisation
Wed 20 Apr 2016	13.00 – 18.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Department of Local Government (Peter Whiting) and Department of State Development (Greg Palm); Elected Members Training; CEO Recruitment Update
Thu 21 Apr 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Ordinary Council Meeting: 3rd quarterly review of Operational Plan 2015-2016; Endorse committee's recommendation in relation to CEO appointment
Mon 09 May 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Mead Perry Group; Rates information session; Rates modelling session; Revenue Policy and Revenue Statement
Tue 10 May 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Roads Workshop: RRTG; TIDS; R2R; RMPC; NDRRA; Beef Roads; Property Access; Road Registers; Drought Communities Program; Consultancies; Budget Policies; CEO Recruitment Update
Wed 18 May 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Operational Plan 2016-2017; CapEx Project Prioritisation
Thu 19 May 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Ordinary Council meeting; Adopt Revenue Policy
Tue 07 Jun 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	LGAQ: Elected members training
Wed 08 Jun 2016			
Wed 15 Jun 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Final review: Operational Plan 2016-2017; Budget ; Budget Policies
Thu 16 Jun 2016	9.00 – 17.00	Nijinda Durlga Boardroom	Budget Council meeting; Adoption of Corporate Plan 2016-2021; Adoption of Operational Plan 2016-2017; Adoption of Budget 2016-2017; Adoption of Budget Policies

## External Funding

Attracting external investment to fund infrastructure projects is of considerable importance to Council, increasing the range of projects Council is able to undertake and assisting to secure the long-term financial sustainability of Council. Recent funding submissions for Council include:

- The Upgrade to the Burketown Wharf Precinct Project: National Stronger Regions Fund
- Gregory Solar Power Project – Phase 1: Building our Regions

## Doomadgee to Burketown Fibre Link Project

Residents will see a range of work being conducted over the coming months as various Telstra crews head to the region to complete upgrades to the Burketown Telecommunications Tower, the Burketown Exchange and, of course, to lay the fibre optic cable between Doomadgee and Burketown. Council and Telstra will also be arranging for representatives from Telstra Retail and the Telstra Business Centre to come to Burketown to discuss how best to take advantage of the high-internet speeds and associated services that will be available once Burke is connected to the fibre optic. Updates to follow.

## CEO Recruitment

The recruitment process for Burke Shire's next CEO is well underway, with Council shortlisting five candidates for the position on Thursday 7 April 2016. Interviews with shortlisted candidates took place in Cairns on 17 April 2016 with a recommendation for appointment to be made at the Council meeting on 21 April 2016.

**All the best from behind the desk, Philip Keirle.**



## Fleet Manager *Brett Harris*

Utilising the Local Buy and Tenderlink procurement agencies to comply with Local Government purchasing regulations, Council was able to purchase the Toyota Hilux for Gregory, pictured with Glenda and Doug, and the Isuzu NPR75-190 Job Truck, pictured with Isaam.

The Job Truck will be used for the fuelling and daily servicing of our Fleet. Recently our Case Skid steer was advertised for sale locally through Tenderlink, unfortunately there were no responses.

It has been identified by Workplace Health and Safety that Council requires a forklift at our Gregory Depot for handling chemicals etc., this was tendered for through Local Buy and will be presented at the April Council Meeting for resolution. Due to a revision of the budget, the plant replacement program has been finalised for this financial year.



*Glenda & Doug with Gregory's Toyota Hilux*



*Isaam with the Isuzu NPR75-190 Job Truck*

## Work Health & Safety

### Mosquitoes & You: Don't Get Bugged! *Tammy Baptie*

Some mosquitoes found in and around your house can cause diseases such as Ross River Virus, Barmah Forest Virus and possibly Dengue Fever. Did you know mosquitoes can also give your dog heart worm?

Mosquitoes can breed in shallow water-filled containers or objects such as buckets, pot plant bases, palm fronds, bird baths and old tyres. By simply cleaning up water holding items or emptying out containers in and around your house and yard weekly, you can help stop mosquitoes from breeding.

Other ways to reduce your risk include using insect repellent, ensure your house is screened, use mosquito zappers or coils and wear long sleeved light coloured clothing.

### Mozzie Hit List

#### ✓ TIP IT

Tip water from containers & objects

#### ✓ STORE IT

Store items away when not in use

#### ✓ THROW IT

Throw away items you do not use

For more information please visit:  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/mozziediseases/default.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mozziediseases/default.asp)

## Biological control of Parkinsonia - establishing UU and UU2

CSIRO, with the help from Burke Shire Council, have been releasing the latest biological control agent for Parkinsonia around Burketown as part of a national mass-rearing and release project.

*Eueupithecia cisplatensis*, nicknamed 'UU', and the closely related *Eueupithecia sp.2*, nicknamed 'UU2', are geometrid moths originating from Argentina, part of the native range of Parkinsonia. Host-specificity testing of the moths was carried out in CSIRO's quarantine facility in Brisbane and permission for their release was granted in 2012 and late 2014 respectively. UU2 was first released in the Burketown area in November 2014. Over 25,000 larvae, which feed on the leaves of the plant, have now been released in the area.

A recent survey conducted by Andrew White, CSIRO, and Russell Cunningham, Burke Shire Council, recovered impressive numbers at the release sites outside Burketown. Biological control agents typically take many years to establish and build up populations to the level required to inflict detectable damage to the target population. The potential success of introducing these new agents into Australia for the long term control of Parkinsonia is dependent upon establishing self-sustaining populations in key areas in Qld, NT, and WA.

# Queensland Country Women's Association, Gregory Branch

## YWCA Queensland Women's Week Celebrations



Thank you to all the women that attended one of our uplifting and invigorating luncheons or writers workshops during QLD Women's Week.

We had a staggering attendance of 97 women over the 4 events, which were run in Gregory, Burketown and Doomadgee during the week of the 6th March. The objective of the events was to celebrate and praise the efforts of women in the Gulf. Our daily lives, in such a remote and rural area, present joys and challenges that urban women find intriguing and in some cases, unbelievable!

Our guest speaker and published author, Bronwyn Blake, spoke of her passion to work with the QCWA Gregory Branch and the women in our area to compile a book that records our stories. We are excited at the prospect of producing a professionally edited and publically available book of collated stories from women in our area and invite all women to contribute to our written history.

So if you could not make it to a lunch or workshop but would like to contribute to the book, please do not hesitate to contact Annie Backhaus on 0400 737 666 or Bronwyn Blake on 0419 531 811. We would also like to thank YWCA, Dept of Communities, Burke Shire Council, Peter Cooling Transport, Clemmets Electrical Pty Ltd and the volunteers from the QCWA for your support and assistance.



## Public Rural Crisis Fund

The Public Rural Crisis Fund was established by the QCWA to help women and their families in crisis, whether from natural disaster or personal crisis.

QCWA branches, including ours, and individuals donate to the PRCF, with 100% of that donation going directly to helping the recipients recover, rebuild and get ahead. Donations also send a message that someone cares.

Practical assistance is given in the form of grocery store gift vouchers, LOCAL store credit or payment of accounts. No cash payments are made. By helping in this way, not only is the recipient assisted but the money stays in the local community. Every little bit helps, with donations over \$2 tax deductible.

We are aware that in small communities, pride may prevent people from asking for help when they need it, which is why we are endeavouring to circulate and display Public Rural Crisis Fund Application Forms in various places throughout the community so that people might pick them up for themselves or for someone they know and be able to privately apply.

If you are interested in displaying these forms or would like one sent to you, please call Annie Backhaus on 0400 737 666 or email [annieb73@live.com.au](mailto:annieb73@live.com.au).

*New members are always welcome... Come along & see what we do!*



# Queensland Country Women's Association, Gregory Branch

The Gregory Branch held their first meeting of the year on Sunday 6th March. It was a wonderfully productive meeting with our North West Division President, Frances Gray, in attendance along with NW Division Treasurer, Dianne Dredge and NW Division International Officer, Naomi Douglas.

There are quite a few projects on the table for the coming year. We are hoping to bring an Aussie Quick Quilt (formerly Quilt in a Day) Workshop to our area in July, along with our regular events, such as the Horse Sports and Family Fun Day in September and the Melbourne Cup Day Event in November.

## About Us...

Did you know that our Branch is a member of Southern Gulf Catchments NRM Group and The Gregory Landcare Group?

Did you know that we have an Agricultural and Environment Officer?  
Did you know that we have an International Officer and our Country of Study for 2016 is Greenland? Did you know that the QCWA is the largest Women's Group in Queensland and is 93 years old? It's not just tea and scones at the QCWA Gregory Branch!

If you would like to be involved, please do not hesitate to contact Tess Arnold, President, Gregory Downs Station on 4748 5584, Annie Backhaus, Secretary, on 0400 737 666 or Rose-Marie Newton, Treasurer, Talawanta Station on 4745 3526.

## Coming in May: Bruce & Denise Morcombe - The Daniel Morcombe Foundation

Bruce and Denise Morcombe will be visiting the Doomadgee and Burke Shires on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May.

Please join us for "Dinner with the Morcombes" at The Burketown Pub on Wednesday 25th May at 6.00pm.  
Watch in coming weeks for the flyer with details!!

## Australian Small Business Advisory (ASBAS) Conference

Gillian Teague and Annie Cork from Gulf Savannah Development (GSD) recently attended an Australian Small Business Advisory (ASBAS) Conference which was held in Parliament House, Canberra.

They had the opportunity to meet the Minister for Small Business and Assistant Treasurer, the Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer. As well, they met with AusIndustry and Treasury personnel and networked with other ASBAS service providers.

Gillian did a presentation at the conference on how GSD runs their ASBAS Program, which was very well received. GSD felt honoured because they were one of only four service providers chosen from across Australia to give a presentation. This demonstrates that their method of delivering the program works well, produces tangible outcomes, and is respected at Federal Government level.

Under the current ASBAS 'Business Solutions' Programme, GSD delivers small business advisory services to nine shires. These include the six Gulf Shires of Burke, Carpentaria, Croydon, Doomadgee, Etheridge and Mornington, as well as Kowanyama, Atherton Tablelands and Mareeba Shires. This area covers almost 300,000 square kilometres which is roughly the same size as Tasmania and Victoria combined.

GSD's continued success of delivering small business programmes has been largely due to having a panel of professional consultants who have a diversity of skills. The panel has 11 members, mostly consisting of expert business advisors who have been involved with GSD's small business programmes for many years. The consultants are extremely knowledgeable about the regions GSD cover, are well known across the Gulf and Far Northern Queensland, and they have built up a lot of trust with business operators.

Gillian and Annie will be out in Burke Shire later this month and hope to catch up with as many of you as possible. In the meantime, if you have not received our ASBAS Consultant's Pack, please contact Annie on 0437 029 668 or [smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au](mailto:smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au) and she will email one out to you.



ASBAS service providers with the Minister for Small Business & Assistant Treasurer, the Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer



# Library News

Over the last couple of months, we have been very lucky to have had some people very generously donate books to the Burke Shire Library and for this we would like to thank the following:

The Bambach Family – *Autism Breakthrough* by Raun K. Kaufman

Harriet Cuming – *Where do Teachers go at Night?* by Harriet Cuming

Harriet Cuming – *Mundis Veridis and the End of the Works* by Mim Lennon

The Department of Veteran's Affairs – *Here they come*

On the Wednesday 6 April the Burke Shire Library held its first School Holiday Fun Day where the kids came and coloured in, read books and played puzzles, a fantastic time was had by all. We cannot wait to see everyone back next school holidays for our Dress up day on the 29th June and sports day on the 6th July.

We have had a number of entries into the Artist of the Month competition every month, and it is becoming harder to choose a winner each month with the quality of art that we are receiving.

**Our winners so far have been:** January – Jerome Shadforth, February – Shartisha Butcher, March – Emmy Rose Moren.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL & NIGHT GOSPEL DATES

**Burketown Sunday School** 9:30am – 10:30am  
**Night Gospel Meeting** 7:30pm – 8:30pm

**Dates with Doug and Faye Jones:** 1st May, 15th May, 29th May, 12th June, 17th July, 31st July, 14th August, 28th August, 11th September, 9th October, 23rd October, 6th November, 20th November.

## 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](https://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.

## 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:-

May	Thursday 19th
June	Thursday 16th
July	Thursday 21st
August	Thursday 18th
September	Thursday 15th
October	Thursday 20th
November	Thursday 17th
December	Thursday 8th



# Burketown Kindergarten

Term 1, We have five children enrolled Kimberly Martin, Isobelle Hitchenor, Pamela Amini, Gabreilla Crompton and Emmy Moren, four being 3 year olds coming into our Centre.

This gives them the opportunity to be encouraged in a variety of stimulating experiences that help build essential skills. We have spent many happy, relaxed sessions together and the children have settled in really well. We have had many positive comments by the children and their parents about their time here at kindy.

The children have been given lots of time getting to know our Kindergarten environment, routines and also the staff Teacher Laylee and Teacher Nikita. It has been very enjoyable experience getting to know each other. Our Educational Program is based on the observed interests and developmental needs of all our children.

Children have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of play experiences such as sensory play, art and crafts, dramatic play, numeracy and literacy experiences, block play, puzzles, sand pit play, constructive play, music/sing songs, and home corner. The children have explored and built on their social interactions daily.

The children are developing their autonomy through making their own suggestions and ideas about their play and/or what it is that interests them. The children are becoming more adept at remembering the routines of the day and what they need to do to take care of themselves and each other. These include finding and remembering their hats, art smock and recognising their own names on the hats, lockers, their own cups to drink water and their own art work.

Lastly the staff, committee and children would like to 'Congratulate' our other teaching staff member, Myka Irwin on the birth of her baby boy Jack Judge.



## NEW EMPLOYEE PROFILES

### Martin Powley

Executive Officer



- 1. Hometown:** Townsville (raised in Cloncurry)
- 2. Family:** Family are spread over Queensland and New South Wales
- 3. Previous position:** Communications Advisor MMG Queensland Operations
- 4. Location of previous position:** Century Mine (Lawn Hill)
- 5. Favourite thing about the Burke Shire:** The energy in the community, the 'can do' attitude and the pride that is taken in how the shire presents itself.

## RETIRING EMPLOYEE

Following the recent local government elections, Council farewelled a long-standing employee as JY left his position as Rural Foreman to take on a new role as Councillor John Yanner.

JY commenced full-time with Council on 18 June 1980 as a grader operator, and has spent over 35 of the following years working in a range of roles, including his most recent position as Rural Foreman. Over that time his experience, quiet efficiency, and intimate knowledge of Council's road network has proven invaluable. As staff farewelled him on April first this year, it was comforting to know that that wealth of information has not been lost to the organisation and we wish him all the best in his new role on Council.



# Saddles & Paddles Races, Gregory

Saturday 30 April 2016

*Please join us for a fun filled day*

- CHICKEN & CHAMPAGNE LUNCHEON - STARTING AT 12 NOON, ALL WELCOME
- 6 RACE PROGRAMME ▪ BOOKMAKERS ▪ FASHIONS OF THE FIELD ▪ CATERING & BAR FACILITIES ▪ DINNER & MUSIC IN THE EVENING TIL LATE ▪ FREE CAMPING

RACE 1: Benchmark 45 - 1150m | RACE 2: QTIS Added Stakes Maiden Plate 800m

RACE 3: Benchmark 60 Handicap 1150m | RACE 4: Benchmark 50 - 1500m

RACE 5: Class B 800m | RACE 6: Open Handicap 1300m

The Gregory Races is one of the last Bush Race Meetings (affiliated with Queensland Racing) in Queensland's Gulf Country. For over one hundred years the folk of Gregory have volunteered their time to keep this historic club racing.

**SUNDAY: CHEER ON THE COMPETITORS IN THE ANNUAL GREGORY RIVER CANOE MARATHON**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY**  
**\$60,000**

**PRESIDENT: JOHN CLARKE PHONE: 4748 5575**

**SECRETARY: BEC DIXON PHONE: 4748 5538**

**THANK YOU TO THE BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

## Century enters Care and Maintenance

After 16 years of mine life, Century Mine at Lawn Hill ended production in December 2015, with the last shipments of concentrate from Karumba in January this year.

Century's infrastructure at Lawn Hill and Karumba is now in Care and Maintenance. Key infrastructure will be kept operationally ready in the event that a future option such as tailings retreatment becomes feasible. The ongoing limited number of employees remaining onsite reflects 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 MMG's flights in the Lower Gulf. Community members can continue to contact MMG Stakeholder Relations on the Community Hotline 1800 098 721.





# Burke Shire Calendar of Events

Date	Month	Event	Host
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
7-8	May	Burketown Rodeo & Campdraft	Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association
14	May	Arts Queensland Performance - Flamenco Fire	Burke Shire Council
29	June	Dress Up - Fantasy Day	Burke Shire Council Library
25-26	June	Gregory Campdraft & Horse Sports	Gregory District Sporting Association
6	July	Sports Day	Burke Shire Council Library
23	July	Order of the Outback Ball	Burke Shire Council
13-21	August	Seniors Week	Burke Shire Council & 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 & Sprint Races	Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association
1	November	Melbourne Cup - Show holiday for Burketown	Burketown Pub & Gregory
11	November	Remembrance Day	Burke Shire Council
TBA	November	Burketown State School DUX	Burke Shire Council
TBA	November	Young Ambassador Program	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	Burke Shire Council Staff Christmas Party	Burke Shire Council
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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