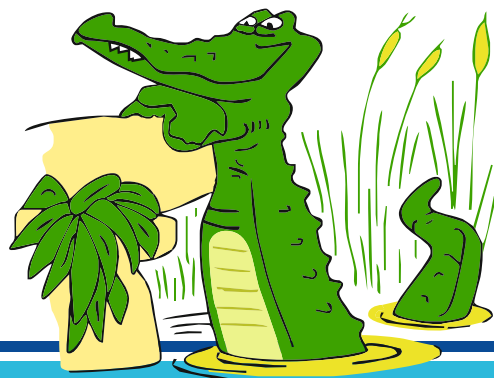


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ORDER OF THE OUTBACK BALL

BRINGS SPARKLE TO BURKETOWN



The 2016 Order of the Outback Ball attracted 160 people to Burketown's Nijinda Durlga Hall on Saturday 30 July. The guests were there to celebrate the awarding of the Order of the Outback to rural volunteer organisation BlazeAid.

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APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

It is with great pride that Burke Shire Council can report that Dave Marshall, our Water and Sewerage Officer, has been awarded the MIGATE Apprentice of the Year Award.

Dave, who is in the final year of his plumbing apprenticeship, was selected from a field of apprentices across the region to take out the award in Mount Isa on May 29th. Dave is one of three trainees and apprentices working at Council, and his qualification will formalise over 12 years of experience working in Council's utilities department. His success highlights the fact that, despite our remoteness, our staff can not only access training and skills equivalent to those available in the larger centres, but achieve just as highly.

DAVE MARSHALL



DONNA MARIE CHONG HONoured FOR BRAVERY

The Royal Humane Society of Australasia has recognised Burketown born Donna Marie Chong with a posthumous Medal for Bravery.

The medal, which was presented to family members on Thursday 21 July by Brisbane Lord Mayor Graham Quirk, recognises Donna's bravery in rescuing her young nephew when he was swept away from a stranded vehicle at the Leichhardt River crossing on 1 January 2011.

Donna's body was recovered later. Donna's bravery and act of selflessness is remembered by people in the Burke Shire and far beyond.

FLAMENCO FIRE LIGHTS UP THE NIJINDA DURLGA

Saturday May 14 saw the Flamenco Fire dance company return to Burketown with their new show 'Viva Sevilla - The Golden Age of Flamenco!'. Featuring three performers direct from Spain, along with some of Australia's finest flamenco artists, the troupe kept the crowd in the Nijinda Durlga hall enraptured.

As part of their visit to the Burke Shire, the artists also spent some time educating Burketown's school children on Spanish culture and the finer points of flamenco dancing – skills that the kids were able to put on display as part of the evening's encore performance. The show, funded by the Queensland Government's Regional Arts Development Fund again highlighted the exceptional quality of the Nijinda Durlga hall as a performance venue, and will hopefully be just one of a succession of performances that Shire locals and visitors will get to enjoy in the months and years to come.

GETTING BURKE SHIRE DISASTER READY

The 21st of June saw Burketown's Local Disaster Management Group putting itself to the test, with members of the Queensland Police, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Rural Fire Brigade, State Emergency Service, Gangalidda Garawa Rangers, and Burke Shire Council getting together to conduct some live and desktop emergency exercises.

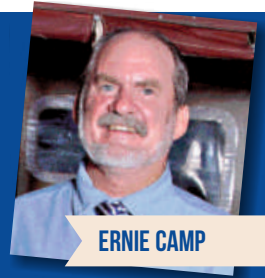
The exercises included a mock plane crash rescue, as well as a mock car accident – both of which gave participants the opportunity to test out their training, as well as a range of rescue and fire-fighting equipment.

It also highlighted the need for more volunteers with the Burke Shire SES and Rural Fire Brigade. In addition to receiving a wide range of training and assistance, volunteers are also covered by insurance when assisting with incidents and disasters - something important to consider in a small community where everyone tends to pitch in and help in times of need.

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OUT MORE, EMAIL THE COUNCIL
AT OFFICE@BURKE.QLD.GOV.AU
OR CALL 07 4745 5100 MONDAY
TO FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM.
WE WILL PUT YOU IN TOUCH
WITH THE LOCAL GROUPS.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



ERNIE CAMP

By now, many of you will have met our new CEO, Sharon Daishe. Sharon comes to Burke Shire with previous experience in WA local government and a keen commitment to, and interest in, the outback and its communities.

Unseasonal rains continue to create challenges for our roadwork plans. While Council is mindful of the impact of road closures, it is also aware of its obligations towards safety for travellers, undue imposts upon local emergency response groups, protecting the integrity of Shire assets, the budget implications of repeated repairs to roads due to traffic and weather damage, and Council's underlying obligation to deliver value for money.

Council relies upon external funding for a large portion of its roadwork. To obtain this funding Council must abide by terms and conditions attached to such funding – two such conditions being that before commencing work approved parties must undertake an assessment supported by appropriate reporting and evidence for consideration prior to funding approval, and also that work completed before the grant is approved may not receive retrospective funding. Hence, Council cannot always immediately respond to emerging road damage; it must exercise restraint and responsibility to deliver safe and financially sound decisions.

Council is about to adopt the first budget of this term. Both State and Federal governments have further tightened their funding belts whilst concurrently devolving more responsibility down the line; requiring more administrative functions attached to funding/general operations. This creates increasing challenges in smaller, remote Councils that must not only compete with larger, more urbanised councils for a share of this smaller pie, but have limited ability to generate increased revenue through rating growth.

Not only is Council continually looking for cost saving and further funding opportunities, but also to identify potential innovative and collaborative approaches to projects, seek to create those, and bring projects to fruition. Such partnerships could be with other local governments in the region, with government departments, or with corporate stakeholders.

An example of a recent successful collaboration is the fibre optic project. On 31 May Council attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the laying of the fibre optic cable from Doomadgee to Burketown with representatives from Telstra, North West Regional Development Australia and State Government, school students and community members. The optic fibre will be a game changer for businesses, residents, service providers and visitors. We are also working collaboratively with other regional local governments with an application for a mobile phone tower at Burke and Wills Roadhouse and to extend the fibre optic network to Normanton which would create a loop that would provide, once complete, service backup for much of North Queensland.

I would like to congratulate Burketown State School staff and students on their participation in recent community events. I am very proud of the involvement of senior students in the Youth Parliament in Mt Isa recently – I heard them on the radio and they spoke very well. I would also like to congratulate the two School of the Air students whose entries won the ANZAC Day poetry competition.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all those involved in the recent events in the shire being the visit by His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland and Mrs Kaye de Jersey, ANZAC Day, Gregory Races, Gregory Draft, and Hells Gate Ladies Day. Coming up we have the Order of the Outback Ball and I look forward to sharing an evening with you and, together, thanking an individual or an organisation who has helped the Outback in some way.

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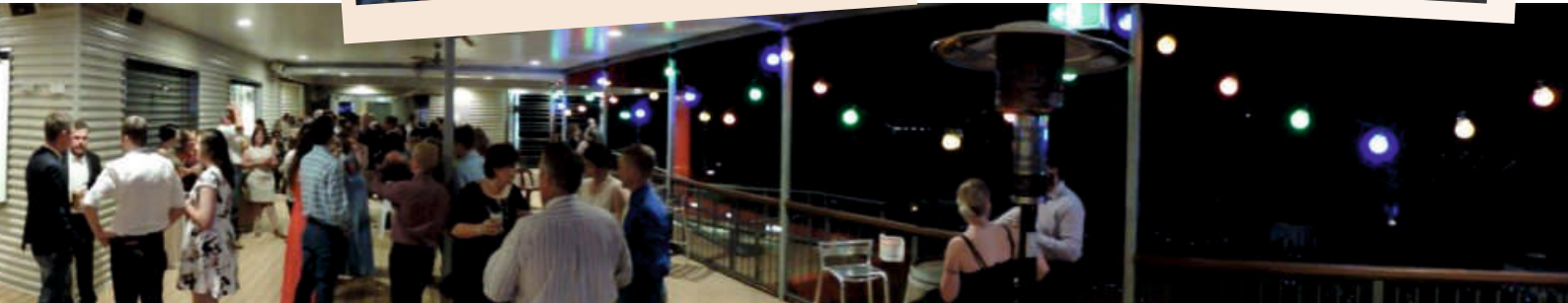
Rural recovery volunteer organisation **BlazeAid** got the gong at the 2016 Order of the Outback Ball in Burketown on Saturday 30 July.

Started by Kevin and Rhonda Butler from Kilmore East in Victoria, BlazeAid is a volunteer organisation that harnesses the skills of hundreds of people from across Australia, repairing infrastructure on farms and rural properties that have been affected by natural disasters.

BlazeAid Vice-President Brian Carr accepted the Order of the Outback from Cr Camp.

BlazeAid and two other organisations were nominated by residents of the Burke Shire for the 2016 Order of the Outback.

They were the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners and the 'Who Got the Rain' Facebook page.



OUTBACK BALL



BlazeAid Vice President Brian Carr (top left) with Burke Shire mayor Ernie Carr at the 1897 Burketown Bore. The photo Brian is holding, of a mangrove tree at the mouth of the Albert River, was taken by local photographer Madison Marshall. Brian was also presented with an engraved camp oven.



PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS INCLUDE...

DR DON BOWLEY FROM THE MOUNT ISA BASE OF THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

IAN MCNAMARA FROM AUSTRALIA ALL OVER

THE FLYING MINISTRIES OF THE SALVATION ARMY AND THE UNITING CHURCH

THE BURKE SHIRE EMERGENCY SERVICE GROUPS

AUTHOR COLLEEN MCCULLOCH

SNAKE EXPERT RAM CHANDRA; AND

AUSSIE HELPERS.

THE NEXT ORDER OF THE OUTBACK BALL IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN 2018

FROM THE CEO'S DESK



SHARON DAISHE

HANDOVER FROM PHILIP KEIRLE TO SHARON DAISHE

It is a pleasure to take over the reins from Philip Keirle as CEO of the Burke Shire Council. Under Phil's stewardship, backed by solid strategic direction and leadership from Council and supported by a team of competent and dedicated staff, Burke Shire has gone from strength to strength in delivering community outcomes. I very much look forward to working with Mayor Ernie Camp, councillors and staff to continue to build on Burke's reputation as a leader in strengthening community capacity and resilience.

STRONG COMMUNITY, STRONG ECONOMY

You, the community of the Burke Shire, shared your hopes and desires through a consultation process that informed the Burke Shire Community Plan 2011-2021. You said that it is important that the Burke Shire is a safe, inclusive and friendly community with a self sufficient, strong and diverse economy. On arrival in Burketown I was impressed by the presentation of our spacious and beautifully maintained parks and gardens, and have subsequently felt safe, supported and welcome in my friendly new home town. The Hell's Gate Roadhouse Ladies Luncheon provided a delightful recent outing. I am looking forward to the next event on our enviable social calendar, the iconic Order of the Outback Ball, and anticipate enjoying the Gregory CWA Horse Sports followed by the Burketown Rodeo and Sprint Races.

To help you achieve your aspirations, Council has already delivered a large, unique and well-appointed community facility, the Nijinda Durlga. A new pontoon on the Albert River has significantly improved comfort and accessibility for marine traffic. An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) has opened up land for future residential, commercial and industrial development. Communication projects current and future include optic fibre that is being laid now between Doomadgee and Burketown, a mobile telephone tower funded and approved for Gregory, and a future proposal for optic fibre from Burketown to Normanton. If successful this last project will close a loop that will improve community resilience for around two-thirds of the population of Queensland. Council will continue to drive this and other strategic economic development projects particularly widening of the Burketown wharf to accommodate barges, and development of new land for sale as a result of the ILUA.

ENVIRONMENT AND GOVERNANCE

You also said that you want to strive for a sustainable, healthy and managed environment, along with transparent, accountable and inclusive governance. In this area, Burke Shire will be working on a new Biosecurity Plan this year. As usual we will take the lead to develop a living plan that is relevant to the local context. Council is developing several capital projects that are expected to achieve durable environmental outcomes, along with the added benefit of driving costs down.

These future transitional projects include solar power to the water treatment plant in Gregory, a more effective passive lagoon sewerage system in Burketown, and waste transfer stations rather than tips in both towns. In the area of governance it has been extremely satisfying to discover that the systems that we have in place are far more mature than I could have expected in a small, remote local government. Auditors from the Queensland Audit Office were recently on site for a week. They reported helpful and cooperative staff, robust systems, and no major governance issues.

INTO THE FUTURE

The Burke Shire is an exciting place to be, thanks to its strong community and strong leadership. It will be my privilege to work with you and serve you as CEO of the Burke Shire Council.

COUNCIL'S FEES & CHARGES APPROVED

The Burke Shire Council is making it easy for you to get information about its fees and charges as well as General Rates and utility charges.

What's happening with Council fees and charges:

- At its meeting on 21 July, the Burke Shire Council adopted its annual budget and set the amount of rates, utilities, fees and charges for the 2016 / 2017 financial year.
- Some Council fees and charges attract GST whilst others do not. To assist you, Council prepares a schedule that differentiates between GST and non-GST fees.

How you can find out more:

For information on all Fees and Charges as well as General Rates and Utilities for 2016 / 2017, visit <http://www.burke.qld.gov.au/rates>.

Alternatively, email us at office@burke.qld.gov.au to request a copy.

If the internet and email aren't convenient, drop in at the Council Administration office at 65 Musgrave Street in Burketown or call us on (07) 4745 5100.

DOG REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE

Give your dog extra protection by making sure it's registered. It's free to register an 'unregulated' dog in the Burke Shire.

To obtain a copy of the Registration Form, you can download a copy from www.burke.qld.gov.au/pet-registration or call the Council office on (07) 4745 5100.

Your pet will thank you.

WWW.BURKE.QLD.GOV.AU

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

STAYING SAFE AROUND SNAKES

BY TAMMY BAPTIE

SNAKE BITE PREVENTION

Always leave snakes alone. Do not attempt to hold, touch, feel or interfere with a snake. Dead snakes can still inflict a fatal bite & there have been many documented incidents.

Don't bury a dead snake in the garden bed; someone may scratch themselves on it, digging around at a later date. Don't throw the body of a dead snake into the paddock, someone may tread on or scratch themselves on the skeleton which may contain crystalized venom, still being lethal! Sometimes the nerves of a dead snake, severed in pieces can still be responsible for a potentially fatal bite.

95% of people that are admitted to hospital due to snakebite are those whom have tried to kill and/or interfere with the reptile, (statistical studies done in WA).

Reptiles/snakes are cold blooded & ectothermic, meaning they need to draw & control their body temperature, by using the outside elements. This is why they are more commonly encountered in the warmer months of the year.

When temperatures are 32°C & above, snakes/reptiles will seek areas to cool down, be aware when walking in long grass, around objects lying on the ground and when attempting to pick up items.

Use a long stick, crow bar or another long implement to first lift up an item before attempting to manually handle. Never put your hands where you can't see. Use good leather gloves when handling items or gardening. If possible, don't leave items lying around on the floors of sheds, especially near front/back doors. Try and use shelving and stack items at least 30cm off the ground.

Prune overhanging bushes, shrubs and trees up off the ground, removing secure areas where snakes like to hide. When doing any gardening remember that ground covers provide excellent and secure places for snakes to hide and live in, particularly cavities left behind after soil movement.

SNAKE-BITE PREVENTION IS FAR BETTER THAN A CURE.



IF YOU HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE

Venomous snakebites are not always painful and may not be visible to the naked or untrained eye. There may or may not be puncture or scratch marks, let alone two puncture marks as most commonly seen in the movies.

Venomous snakes have more than just two fangs in their mouth, they have other teeth both top & bottom as we do, consequently multiple scratch or puncture marks may be seen. A venomous snake only needs to break the top layer of skin & leave a tiny sample of venom (invisible to the eye) and this could be responsible for a fatality. Symptoms developing within an hour may include headache, impaired vision, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, breathing difficulties, drowsiness, faintness, and problems speaking or swallowing. Try to remain calm if you have or think you have been bitten, move as little as possible, treat with immediate First Aid, (pressure bandage and immobilization technique) and call the ambulance (000) immediately.

FIRST AID

1. Follow DRSABCD. Reassure the patient and ask them not to move.
2. Apply a broad crepe bandage over the bite site as soon as possible.
3. Apply a pressure bandage (heavy crepe or elasticised roller bandage) starting just above the fingers or toes of the bitten limb, and move upwards on the limb as far as can be reached (include the snake bite). Apply firmly without stopping blood supply to the limb.
4. Immobilise the bandaged limb with splints.
5. Ensure the patient does not move.
6. Write down the time of the bite and when the bandage was applied. Stay with the patient. Regularly check circulation in fingers or toes.
7. Manage for shock. Ensure an ambulance has been called.



DO NOT wash the bite site. A doctor can use a sample from the bite site to help identify the venom by using a Venom Detection Kit test, aiding in the administering of the correct antivenin.

DO NOT give food or drink - small sips of water are acceptable if there is a great delay in the victim being transported to hospital.

DO NOT cut the bitten area.

DO NOT try to suck venom out of wound.

DO NOT use a tourniquet.

DO NOT try to catch the snake.



FLEET MANAGER BRETT HARRIS

The Council has a new DP30N Cat forklift with fork positioner which Council purchased to allow our DP25P Forklift to be transferred to the Gregory Depot where it was recognised as necessary for water treatment plant operations and to greatly minimise workplace health and safety issues.

Also, see below, a photo of Noel Henderson excited with the Council's recent purchase of an Isuzu FXZ1500 Water Truck. These purchases help keep Council's Work Fleet reliable and with up to date, fit for purpose machinery.

ON THE SHELVES

CHILDREN'S CORNER

We now have a dedicated area for children to come and visit the library during the school holidays and after school. This includes plenty of books, colouring-ins, and games to play. We also have a desk and computer specifically setup for children to use.

The up-coming month's themes will include: August – Family, September – Rhymes and Games, October – Travelling, November – Around the World.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

In July we held school holiday activities including a dress-up day and a games day. Children came along dressed as different characters and some Council staff and parents also joined in.

NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

During the school holidays, the Burke Shire library is a great spot to enjoy a read, loan sports equipment and play games. Any special activities will be promoted in our Public Notices including the Burke Shire Council Facebook page.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

The Artist of the Month Award is open to any primary school children in the Shire. Winners of the popular award this year include Annie Fox, Anna-Leigh Cooling and Hahli Grace Murray. To find out more, call the Council Administration office on (07) 4745 5100.

INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

WWW.BURKE.QLD.GOV.AU

You can find information on: Current Tenders, Positions Vacant, Council Meetings, add in your event information, notices & more.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK



Burke Shire Council has a Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/BurkeShireCouncil

WORKING WITH BURKE SHIRE

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

PUBLIC NOTICES BY EMAIL

If you would like to be added to our Public Notice email distribution list, email office@burke.qld.gov.au.

ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

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

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

Articles will be approved at Council's discretion. The closing date for articles to be submitted for the next edition will be 14 October 2016.

STITCH IN TIME @ GREGORY

The Gregory QCWA hosted a quilting day at the Gregory Hall on Saturday 16th July with assistance from the Regional Arts Development Fund through the Burke Shire Council and Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal funding. Aussie Quick Quilts turned up on Thursday night to set up the Hall for 15 enthusiastic sewers for the 8 hour lesson.

The course had been greatly anticipated; when it was advertised it filled very quickly with, around 30 potential participants missing out this time. On the day there were 5 Gregory QCWA members, plus ladies from Burketown, Doomadgee, Normanton and surrounding cattle stations.

Due to unseasonal weather a couple of the ladies were not able to attend, however Ellah Dixon was able to slip into one their spots. Ellah, still in primary school, had never operated a sewing machine let alone done any sewing before, however she too finished a beautiful quilt in the 8 hours and has since become an avid sewer. Participants were also treated to morning and afternoon tea and a beautiful cooked lunch. They didn't even have to do the dishes!

If anyone is interested in doing the course in the future, you can contact Aussie Quick Quilt on their website www.aussiequickquilt.com, or contact Gregory QCWA Secretary/Publicity Officer - Annie Backhaus annieb73@live.com.au or phone Mobile: 0400 737 666.



FASTER SPEEDS ON THE WAY

Another big step forward was taken in the Burke Shire on Tuesday 31st May with the first sod being turned for the Doomadgee to Burketown Optic Fibre Project.

For the past two years Councillors and Council staff have been working hard, preparing and submitting numerous grant applications to make this project a reality.

With a price tag of over \$4 million, the installation of this key piece of infrastructure would not have been possible without the assistance of the Federal and State governments.

The Australian Government contributed \$2 million through National Stronger Regions Fund, the Queensland Government contributed \$1.9 million through Round 1 of the Building Our Regions program,

Burke Shire Council is funding over \$90,000 and Telstra – who are conducting the work – are providing and in-kind contribution worth \$370,000.

As of late July, the project was progressing very well according to schedule; over 70km of cable had been laid and Telstra's contractors had completed a challenging 550m directional bore underneath the Gregory River. With completion planned for no later than 30 November 2016, it's only a matter of months before Burketown will enjoy comparable (and in some cases better) connectivity than our counterparts in the urban and coastal regions and local businesses, emergency and health services, schools, residents and visitors will be provided with the infrastructure and tools to be competitive, effective and stay connected with the rest of the world.

2016 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

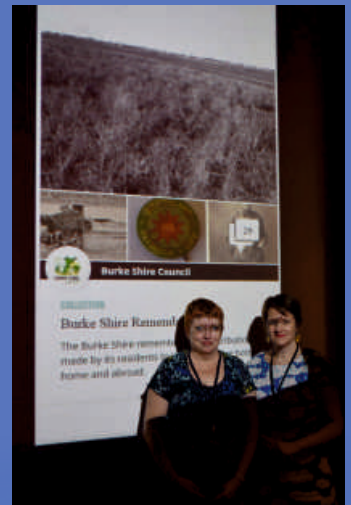
Pursuant to Section 257 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Chapter 8 Administration, Part 2, Frequency and Place of meetings, the following is a schedule of dates for the Ordinary Meetings of the Burke Shire Council 2016 which are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Boardroom at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



BURKE SHIRE REMEMBERS

In May the State Library of Queensland hosted the Heritage Leaders Workshop, a two-day program of workshops and talks which brought together Queensland heritage workers and volunteers to explore capabilities in researching, interpreting and sharing First World War collections and content. On the first day of the program Rachael Browning presented a session on sharing local stories on Historypin.

One of the sites showcased was Burke Shire Council's Historypin page, "Burke Shire Remembers" which was created last year with the assistance of Dr Hilda Maclean from the University of Queensland, and a number of local residents. For those interested in viewing and contributing to the Historypin page, you can do so by visiting <https://www.historypin.org/en/first-world-war-centenary/memories-for-a-new-generation/burke-shire-remembers-2/>.



SPORTING MAKE-OVER

With help from the State Government's Get Playing Places and Spaces grant program, the multi-purpose courts on Musgrave Street in Burketown have been resurfaced.

The courts, which were growing increasingly cracked and brittle have received a fresh top-coat and new lines have been marked.

The work will ensure several more years of safe enjoyment of the courts by locals and visitors alike.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL LIBRARY ALSO LOANS OUT SPORTING EQUIPMENT?

If you would like to make the most of the new surface, drop by the library to borrow some equipment.

It's free for all eligible library members!



QCWA GREGORY BRANCH

DANIEL MORCOMBE FOUNDATION



The QCWA Gregory Branch recently facilitated a visit by Bruce and Denise Morcombe of The Daniel Morcombe Foundation to Doomadgee and Burketown.

It was lovely to see the compassion and empathy shown by the communities with people feeling compelled to come up to Bruce and Denise, take their hands, and offer them sincere condolences and praise for their bravery. In an impromptu talk with a group of adults at Doomadgee Bruce spoke about how life is not a bed of roses.

It doesn't matter who you are, what money you make or what colour you are – we can all be affected by something tragic in our lives and it is not who we are but how we choose to deal with it that will make all the difference. The choice is ours. This was a powerful message delivered by people who have been through a tragedy that most of us could not fathom - the loss of a child.

The following community BBQ at the Doomadgee State School was wonderfully supported. And there was no denying the support of the Burketown community! Over 70 people attended the 'Dinner with the Morcombes' event at the Burketown Pub on Wednesday 25th May.

Thanks to the QCWA, The Burketown Pub and some generous locals, our little community raised around \$1000 for The Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Many attended just to let Bruce and Denise know that through all the events that have occurred for them, we have all been there, thinking of them and Bruce and Denise were touched by this compassion. The following day Bruce and Denise visited the Burketown State School and were also joined by children who participate in School of the Air. The children were extremely well behaved, enjoyed the interactive sessions and gave Bruce and Denise a sausage sizzle and a send-off to remember. The Daniel Morcombe Foundation sends out a very strong safety message for children.

Recognise - recognise your body clues when you feel something is not right, there is a danger or there is someone near you that scares you. This might be sweaty palms, funny tummy, crying, etc.

React - run away, have a plan B, etc.

Report - have at least 4 or 5 adults that you can contact if you do not feel safe. These people should be made up of people who live with you and people who don't, like a teacher, policeman, caregiver, parent, Auntie or Uncle.



We are so very grateful for Bruce and Denise making the effort to come to our remote area. It made a lasting impact on many of the adults and children. I know, my little two year old, Jack, still stomps his foot, holds out his hand and yells, "No! My body belongs to me!" a technique used in Bruce and Denise's talks with the children to empower them to stand up for themselves. Thank you Bruce and Denise. Your visit will be long remembered and we hope to stir up some enthusiasm in October and get some Day for Daniel events happening!

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.

WHO'S NEW?

SHARON DAISHE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1. HOMETOWN:

Born in Melbourne but my family were all born in East Africa and my childhood was full of tales of lions and safaris. The first time that I saw a horse in a paddock I knew I was a country girl at heart.

2. FAMILY:

Three much adored sons aged 31, 29 and 28. Also three equally adored grandchildren aged 10, 9 and 7 (two girls and a boy).

3. PREVIOUS POSITION:

Chief Executive Officer.

4. LOCATION OF PREVIOUS POSITION:

Shire of Yalgoo in the Western Australia outback, 220kms east of Geraldton.

5. FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE BURKE SHIRE:

Being in the bush again with endless skies, clean air, strong community and a dedicated team of councillors and staff striving for a strong future. I was also thrilled to see my first morning glory recently.



ANDREA WHITING

PARKS & GARDENS CLEANER

1. HOMETOWN:

Chillagoe, QLD.

2. FAMILY:

My partner works as a mechanic at Nowlands. I also have a daughter, Ursula, in Burketown & a son-in-law, Bubbles (Brenton), 3 grandsons, Tyson 5, Philip 2, & Alward 3 weeks.

3. PREVIOUS POSITION:

Tool Storeperson.

4. LOCATION OF PREVIOUS POSITION:

Century Mine.

5. FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE BURKE SHIRE:

The morning glory clouds, I saw my first one this year it was incredible.



STEVEN BOOTH

ROAD CREW OPERATOR

1. HOMETOWN:

Burketown.

2. FAMILY:

I've got two daughters, one son, three granddaughters, one grandson.

3. PREVIOUS POSITION:

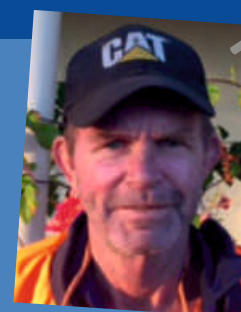
Mentor for a job provider company.

4. LOCATION OF PREVIOUS POSITION:

Mount Isa.

5. FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE BURKE SHIRE:

The wide open spaces.



FERNE CLARKE

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

1. HOMETOWN:

My hometown is Singleton in the Hunter Valley NSW, places of fine wines, thoroughbreds & coal mines.

2. FAMILY:

I'm married to Chris Clarke who is a cattleman and we have 2 daughters who work in Brisbane.

3. PREVIOUS POSITION:

Office Manager at NQ Solar, previous to that in Federal Government.

4. LOCATION OF PREVIOUS POSITION:

Cairns QLD.

5. FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE BURKE SHIRE:

The remoteness and the people. The seasonal change from dry to wet season is amazing.



JAMIE KERR

ROAD CREW OPERATOR

1. HOMETOWN:

Bendigo, Victoria.

2. FAMILY:

I'm married to Tammy, Council's Workplace Health and Safety Coordinator, we have two dogs.

3. PREVIOUS POSITION:

Mobile equipment superintendent.

4. LOCATION OF PREVIOUS POSITION:

Townsville.

5. FAVOURITE THING ABOUT THE BURKE SHIRE:

The fish!



HONOURING THE ANZACS

2016 ANZAC DAY POETRY COMPETITION

"I AM AN ANZAC"

In 1914 the Prime Minister said "We are at war".
I saw a poster which said "We now need more!"
I knew what I must do,
I did my bit and joined the army too.
We started training in a camp,
It was dirty dusty and sometimes damp.
We did shooting, marching and digging trenches.
It was much, much harder than fixing fences.
The Major said "Boys it time to go".
We gave three cheers then we marched down the road.
The people clapped and cheered as we boarded the ships.
We flipped a coin to see who would be the first to load the rifle clips.
We landed on the beach with the annoying sound of ringing gunfire. We took a stance and the Major yelled "Run for the trenches and look out for barb wire!"
We all reached the trench and the Sargent yelled "Over the top!" We ran to the Turkish trenches shouting a lot.
Bullets were flying left and right my friends are getting shot, and I ran with all my might.
I felt a burning in my side, I fell to the ground, the world went black!
Then all was peaceful and quiet.

Written by Aidan Munchenberg

GREGORY DOWNS OUTSTATION, GRADE 5,
MT ISA SCHOOL OF THE AIR, 30TH MARCH 2016



AIDAN MUNCHENBERG

"I AM AN ANZAC"

I am an ANZAC, I fought in the great war,
I am a legend forever more.
I am an ANZAC, Bold and Game,
I had no idea history would honour my name.
We didn't go for honour and glory,
But I'm honoured and proud you know my story.
I watched John Simpson until the third attack, Carry the wounded, on old Duffy's back.
I am an ANZAC, I seen Shanahan ride,
That horse called Bill with four men on the side.
Bill galloped two k's through desert sand,
To rescue the soldiers in Shanahans command.
I am an ANZAC, I seen soldiers and mates,
Go over the top, and greet their fates.
I was there when Jacka, brave soldier and true, Earned his V.C., The first Aussie ever to.
I am an ANZAC, I saw Throssell and his crew, Catching and returning the bombs the Turks threw.
On hill 60, and laughing, those soldiers so brave, There's no counting the lives those four men saved.
I am an ANZAC, I charged with the light horse, At Beersheba we took the wells by force.



JAMES GREEVES

I seen Matron Wilson so brave and caring,
On the Isle of Lemnos she was an angel of daring.
I am an ANZAC, I died for my mates,
And I'd do it again, I wouldn't hesitate.
I am an ANZAC, my spirit lives on,
Though my mates and I are dead and gone.
Australians all let us rejoice for we are young and free, I am an ANZAC – it's because of me.
Lest we forget.

Written by James Greeves
GRADE 4, MT ISA SCHOOL OF THE AIR

DATES WITH DOUG & FAYE JONES

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



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CONNECT IN THE GULF



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL
BURKE.QLD.GOV.AU

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA RDATANWQ.ORG.AU

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- 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.

CLOUD APPRECIATION SOCIETY CLOUDAPPRECIATIONSOCIETY.ORG

Morning Glory Cloud information.

GANGALIDDA-GARAWA TRADITIONAL OWNERS WWW.GANGALIDDA-GARAWA.COM.AU

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Permits can either be applied for by visiting the Visitors Information Centre at the corner of Musgrave and Burke Streets, Burketown, or on the website.

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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.

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QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WWW.QCWA.ORG.AU

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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.

STAYING IN THE GULF

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BURKETOWN BAKERY — SEE FACEBOOK PAGE

BURKETOWN CARAVAN PARK — BURKETOWNCARAVANPARK.NET.AU

BURKETOWN PUB — BURKETOWNPUB.COM

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E: GREGORYDOWNSHOTEL@HARBOURSAT.COM.AU

HELL'S GATE ROADHOUSE — SEE FACEBOOK PAGE

MORNING GLORY RESTAURANT, BURKETOWN —
MORNINGGLORYRESTAURANT.NET.AU

NOWLAND ENGINEERING, BURKETOWN — SEE FACEBOOK PAGE

SAVANNAH LODGE, BURKETOWN — SAVANNAH-LODGE.COM

TIRRAWA SPRINGS ROADHOUSE — TIRRAWASPRINGS.COM.AU

BURKE SHIRE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	MONTH	EVENT	HOST
13-21	August	Seniors Week	Burke Shire Council & Health Care Providers
18	September	54th Horse Sports and Family Fun Day	QCWA Gregory Branch
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
30	September	Burketown Rodeo & Sprint Races	Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association
1	November	Melbourne Cup Burketown Show Holiday Burketown Rodeo & Sprint Races	Burketown Pub & QCWA Gregory Branch Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association
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	Christmas Colouring Competition	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

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