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THE GULF COUNTRY: THE STORY OF PEOPLE AND PLACE IN OUTBACK QUEENSLAND

BY RICHARD MARTIN



On the 17th of April, 'The Gulf Country' was successfully launched in Burketown. The Author, Richard Martin, was kept busy signing numerous copies for the attendees and invited guests.

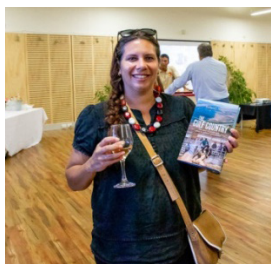
Burke Shire Council commissioned Richard Martin to write the history of the Burke Shire region, sharing the stories handed down to descendants by their forefathers. Richard says that he has tried to tell the story of all who call the gulf country home, aboriginal

and non aboriginal. The gulf country is an unusual place and its history is unique. This book tells the story of colonisation, mining, building of the cattle industry, missionary's involvement and indigenous activism all coming together to form the gulf country as it is now.

'The Gulf Country' book can be purchased over the counter at the Burketown Council office or via phone - 07 4745 5100.

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OPENING OF THE BEAMES BROOK JOHN YANNER MILMARJA NGARNARA BRIDGE

The new Beames Brook Bridge, has been named after a local indigenous person, Johnny Yanner. A fitting name as JY (as he's known) has worked on every road in the Burke Shire for most of his working life. Milmarja Ngarnara means 'Egg laying barramundi swimming upstream in fresh water to lay her eggs.'





CEO CLARE KEENAN

Catch up With Clare

What an extraordinary community my family and I have joined. Everything and everyone has a story and a history and just when you think you might be getting some understanding – there is another story behind that one. I'm so lucky to be surrounded by people who have a depth, complexity and authenticity that you don't see much in this world. So lucky to be here under these beautiful skies.

But the wonderful lifestyle and the incredible natural beauty of Burke are a bonus. I am first and foremost here to do my job. It is my job, and the job of each member of my staff, to work towards the aspirations that the Burke community expressed in electing my boss, Mayor Camp, and Deputy Mayor Poole, Councillor Murray, Councillor Clarke and Councillor Yanner.

At the launch of 'The Gulf Country', a great read on the history of Burke Shire, Murrando Yanner said something that really struck home for me. He said that the community had traditionally imported people who had the skills to help them – from Chinese market gardeners to Afghan cameleers. While my gardening ability is pretty average and I am nervous around camels, my hope is that Burke Shire can use the skills I have accumulated over my years in Africa, the Middle East and New Zealand.

I leave you with the message I gave to my staff when I started as CEO to explain two key concepts of how I work and my expectations of Council staff – 'no broken windows' and 'solutions':

NO BROKEN WINDOWS

There is a theory called 'The Broken Window Theory'. It states that – 'Where there is one broken window, there **will** be more'. I first came across it when I moved into a house in Spain with a nine foot wall covered in graffiti. A friend told me about the theory – I had to remove all graffiti and soon there would be none. I got litres of paint and painted and painted and... painted. The final coat had just dried when someone had spray painted a black enamel line across the whole wall. I was devastated. My mate said "Get more paint and paint right now." I painted over that same day and there was never any more graffiti in the six years I was at that house. I had shown zero tolerance.

A broken window, graffiti, weeds, litter, stray dogs – these are all physical symbols that people don't care about their town or shire, and that low level bad behaviour and neglect is tolerated. I am so happy to see that this is generally not the case here. But we can always do better.

Even outside of Council, I expect us all, as representatives of our Shire, to pick up a dropped bottle or can. We determine the

behaviour of other people in the community and visitors to Burke by setting high standards.

The broken window theory has at its basis zero tolerance – in the same way there will be zero tolerance to racism, sexism, discrimination due to sexual identity, aggression and absenteeism.

SOLUTIONS

My goal here is for us to be better at doing just one thing – finding solutions.

I went into government because I believed that we had everything wrong – that some policy geeks in an office thought they could find all the solutions without local knowledge. I believe that solutions to our issues can come from anywhere in this organisation. **Anyone** in this organisation or the community has the potential to solve a problem. My door will always be open to anyone who thinks they may have a solution, no matter how left field it is, no matter if it has nothing to do with your job description. I will involve as many of you as possible in problem solving. What I can give to you are the tools to test your solutions which will be useful to you no matter what job you have. And one day you won't need people from South Africa or Scotland or Perth or Ireland or anywhere else to help you – you will have the ability and confidence to run this Council yourselves.

My time is short here – I will **need** responsiveness, I will **need** full and detailed answers to my questions – for you to look me in the eye and tell it as it is. I am curious and inquisitive – I will look over your shoulders to see what you are doing so I can learn what you do and see if we improve processes.

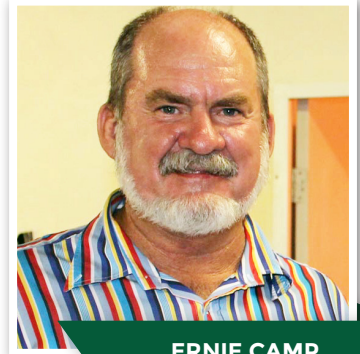
We have a lot to do. You'll find I have no time for petty squabbles, gossip – 'he said, she said' nonsense. BUT if anyone has feelings of hopelessness or desperation you come straight to me. Life is sometimes not an easy journey. I get that.

I'll be loyal to you, my staff, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors and expect – and demand – the same from you, whether at Council or after a few beers at the pub.

Burke Shire can be the model for remote Australia as an inclusive, multi-cultural, innovative and successful remote community. Australia desperately needs this model. I am working here because I have that vision and because your Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors think I can progress the Shire towards their goals. But you, you are working for your families, your children and generations to come. People you love. You have a lot at stake.

So, let's get to work.

Message from The Mayor



ERNIE CAMP

Book launches, boat ramps, bridges, barramundi competitions and the Gregory races – what a few months!

The Burke Shire Council completed a \$3.6m upgrade to the Burketown Wharf, including construction of a barge-capable boat ramp and all-weather car-park. This delivered on a range of commitments to improve remote liveability, drive economic development and improve emergency services capability.

Fishing is a large part of life here and a key tourism driver. With this upgrade project, the road to the Wharf has become the busiest in the Shire and it's getting busier. This is great news for locals and for local businesses servicing the tourism industry and also means that commercial fishing operators can use the facility.



Hon. Senator Ian Macdonald, Mayor Ernie Camp & Bill Reed (DTMR)



Hon. Senator Ian Macdonald & Mayor Ernie Camp cutting the ribbon for the official opening of the boat ramp.

The Wharf Upgrade project generated 25 jobs during construction and, upon completion, has enabled Yagurli Tours to commence operations. We were treated to a sunset cruise on the river and I would highly recommend the experience as a great thing to do with out-of-town visitors to showcase the Albert River and get local knowledge from the rangers.

Senator the Hon Ian Macdonald was in Burke for the opening ceremony and encouraged us to provide submissions to the Productivity Commission on regional tax concessions to reflect the large costs of living in a remote area – from freight to flights. I am very proud that Council staff and local businesses supplied such a great response. 15% of national submissions came from Burke so our hope is that we will be consulted going forward.

We are proud to assist with a community event such as the Gregory Races, and sponsoring the Burke Shire Cup is one way we help – another is that I happen to be the official Starter. It was a glorious day, with wonderful food, amazing outfits and some lucky winners. It was also a goodbye to the old shed, with that one demolished and a new one on the way.

Following the federal elections, I got a call to meet with the new Prime Minister in Cloncurry and managed to bring our proposed flood resilience project to his attention. I also met with Andy Penn, CEO of Telstra, and his team to progress this incredibly innovative initiative that will lead to accuracy and timeliness of information to reduce the impact of flooding in Burke Shire and neighbouring Shires and provide valuable data that can be used to innovate agricultural practices.



Attending dignitaries take the opportunity to experience the Yagurli Tour 'Sunset River Cruise.'

ANZAC DAY



Burketown produced a lovely cool morning at the dawn service, with a slight breeze, flags flapping and the bugle playing the soulful sounds of the Last Post. You couldn't help but be in the moment, thinking of those that sacrificed their lives and you would have to wonder what they were feeling, hearing the Last Post, thinking that they have survived another day and then waking up to the Rouse, not knowing what the day would bring and hoping that they would get to hear the Last Post again.

Following the dawn service, Council hosted a sumptuous breakfast for the attendees cooked by volunteers, Katrina Rex and her daughters Madison and Jordan Marshall. The mid-morning march was led by our local policeman Francis Smith, and with a great turnout from Burketown State School by both staff and students.

Thank you to all that volunteered their time to ensure ANZAC Day in Burketown was a fitting tribute to our soldiers.



Winning entries of the ANZAC Wreath making competition
Lacey Moren, Elizaia Rankine, Wadjullabinna Yanner



Burketown Rodeo arena gets a much needed face lift with funding from Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Burke Shire Council. The work won't stop there as the Burketown Rodeo and Sporting Association have also received a grant from The Gulf Communities Trust to include a shade structure. The Burketown Rodeo and Sporting Association have been working hard to improve the grounds making it a venue Burketown can be proud of.

KARUMBA – QUEENSLAND

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Times and Heights of High and Low Waters

2019

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Times are in local standard time (Time Zone UTC +10:00)

Moon Phase Symbols ● New Moon ○ First Quarter ○ Full Moon ○ Last Quarter



WOMEN'S LEAGUE KICKS OFF IN THE GULF JORDAN MARSHALL

In April, the very first rugby league trials for a Northern Outback Women's team were held in Normanton. Madison and I played for the Mornington Island team and versed teams from Mount Isa and Normanton. I was successful in gaining a spot on the Northern Outback team and Madison was selected as a Shadow.

Following Normanton, the Northern Outback team competed in the Northern Region Women's Championships held in Townsville on May 4 - 5. Northern Outback went up against Cairns, Mackay and Townsville. Although we didn't get a win, we left with our heads held high and proud to have represented our region.

Selectors were present at these Championships to create North Queensland Open and Emerging Marlins Women's teams to take part in the Harvey Norman Queensland Country and Emerging trials in Mackay on May 18. I was stoked to be selected in the North

Queensland Emerging Marlins team and played the QRL Central Region Emerging team. There was plenty of talent shown by both teams but unfortunately we went down to the Central Region 20-14.

I haven't played sport since leaving high school but reflecting on the past few weeks I can say that it's been a great experience and makes me proud to have represented Burketown. I'm honoured to have been a part of this journey as women's rugby league takes off in our region.



BURKETOWN ROOSTERS – MUDGE MURRAY



Well the 'Battle of the Gulf' season has kicked off, with the first cluster held on the 27th April. With most of the 2018 guys returning and a couple of new faces around the squad saw the Roosters off to a flying start with wins against Doomadgee Dragons, Normanton Stingers and narrowly losing to Mornington Raiders. This put the Roosters at the top of the ladder.

The second cluster being held on the 18th May proved to be a monstrous task with a number of key players unavailable

on that weekend. Going down convincingly to the raging Kowanyama Wallabies as they looked to improve from last season. With a large casualty ward going into the 2nd and 3rd games against Stingers and Dragons, seen the Roosters go down in both games narrowly improving on their first game. The boys showed a lot of courage and just how tough they are by holding both teams to shorter score line than the first game.

The last cluster is planned to be held on the 22 June, so it's back to the training

paddock to try and tap into the sizzling form which saw the mighty Roosters be the minor premiers and also take the inaugural Battle of the Gulf premiership in 2018.

Come on Burketown, don the red, white & blue, get behind your team and support the Roosters at the sideline at the next cluster. It's a great day out and you can see first hand just how tough this competition is.



KOBE MARSHALL REPRESENTS NQ IN 17 - 18 YEARS RUGBY UNION

Kobe is a Burketown boy who attends school at Columba Catholic College in Charters Towers. Growing up in Burketown Kobe only played rugby league like most of the kids here did. When he went off to boarding school he decided to play rugby union for the Charters Towers Bulls as his older brother Sage had been playing for the Club as well. Kobe found that he enjoyed rugby union and has played for the Charters Towers Bulls for 4 out of the 5 years he has been at school. This year he decided to try out for the

NQ team again as he had represented them previously in 2017. Kobe made the 17-18 years side to play in Brisbane which meant that he had to have a parent travel with him to Brisbane to compete. As most people are aware the cost to travel is expensive, even more so from a remote area like Burketown. In addition to travel costs he also had to pay for uniforms, accommodation, taxis and meals whilst at the competition. Kobe and his family would like to acknowledge the sponsorship he received from the

Burketown Community and Sporting Association for paying most of his team levy. A big thank you also to the Burketown Pub who provided the venue where extra funds were raised by selling raffle tickets. Thank you to all who bought tickets in the raffles. We truly are grateful for the financial support from our community! Whilst Kobe didn't make the representative team from this competition, the experience and memories will stay with him.

WORLD BARRAMUNDI FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



This year the 39th World Barramundi Fishing Championships attracted a total of 265 men, women and children to battle it out for the many prizes on offer. Our thanks go out to all the sponsors, volunteers and helpers that helped bring it all together, with the weekend culminating at the presentation night at the Nijinda Durlga, where everyone enjoyed a night of food, drink and live music. The many prize winners were presented with their trophies and winnings and the most successful anglers were:

- Ricky Whittaker taking out the Open Barramundi winning \$3900;
- Kesa-Lee Savuro scoring 1st prize in the Junior Barramundi for a prize of a Baitcaster rod/reel combo and some fishing tackle;
- Kevin Anderson took out the All Round Men's Angler;

- Tonya Murray won the Women's All Round Angler; and

- Lailana Ned won the All Round Junior Angler.

The lucky nominations prizes of a \$5000 BCF for the adults and a \$500 voucher for the juniors were won by Kenny Page and Clinton Murray Jnr. respectively. Once again, thanks to one and all for your efforts in helping with the organisation of the competition and to the sponsors that help make it possible. Additionally, a special thanks to Burke Shire Council for coming to the party and making the Nijinda Durlga available on short notice, when we were unable to use the Rodeo Ground. We'll see you back in Burketown in 2020 for the 40th World Barramundi Fishing Championships.



KINDY KAPPERS



This year we have had visits from Steph (Burketown Police) who has shown us the police car and the lock up at the back. We went on an excursion to the wharf and the bridge where the Martins took us for a drive on their boat. To finish off Term 1 we had a visit from the Mt Isa Remote Area Families Services team and had our Easter bonnet parade. Over the holidays we

welcomed families up to Kindy for a family fun day and Easter egg hunt, which was enjoyed by all. This term we went for an excursion to the airport to explore the RFDS plane where the pilot showed us the cockpit and how to steer the plane. We also watched a helicopter land, it was very loud. We have just started learning about different occupations within

our community and are looking forward to going on excursions to see how different jobs are done. We have been doing lots of role play being police, fireman, cooks, shopkeepers, doctors, nurses and vets. We have also been revising our letters of the alphabet, learning to identify and write the letters within in our first and last names.

Playgroup has been very busy this year with children exploring different fine and gross motor skills every week. It is on every Thursday from 9:00 - 12:00 during the school terms and we welcome everyone, bring your children down to join in the fun or come along and help us with our activities or share your knowledge/skills with the children.

SCHOOL MATTERS



Burketown School Leadership Group



Community Colour Run held at the school oval on 29 March 2019

GREGORY LANDCARE GROUP

Gregory River Landcare Group members were active before and during the Gregory Canoe Races. On Wednesday our first project was to refresh and replant four raised garden beds at Burketown State School. The "fresh foods gardens" at the school are now in their tenth year.

This initiative would not have happened or been possible without the ongoing support of a landcare group in Brisbane called "Bulimba Creek Catchment" (B4C). Each year B4C gives us some financial support and they send a staff member / volunteer to help do the physical work. The volunteer this year was Ben Bruynesteyn. A big thank you to our other sponsors: Burke Shire Council for funding the garden materials; and Gregory River Landcare Group who donated two extra raised beds.

The four raised beds are planted using the "no dig method". Each year we create layers of Lucerne and potting mix before planting seedlings in a top layer of potting mix. A timer is plumbed onto an irrigation system so the plants are self-watered three times per day.

This year the senior kids had to prepare and



plant three beds. The children are always keen to help set up the garden, but this year what surprised me was how some of them started telling me how to plant the seedlings. "How do you know that?", I asked. The reply was "I read the instructions". Their initiative was then harnessed and I now could delegate sections of garden bed for these kids to look after.

We returned to the Gregory River to help Paul Johnson from O'Regan Partners Accountants continue cutting and spraying rubber vine. Charles Curry from Southern Gulf NRM joined us and we gathered at the Gregory Downs Hotel to conduct our landcare Annual General meeting, chaired by local resident Megan Munchenberg.

Saturday morning was registration time for the canoe race. Gregory Landcare handed out enviro-bags to most of the paddlers. The bag could also be called a hygiene pack as it contains various rubbish bags, gloves, shovel and tongs to encourage campers to dispose of waste correctly. It also includes information on weeds and advice on correct camping protocol.

Finally, on Sunday after a couple more sessions cutting and spraying rubber vine, Charles and Paul gave further assistance to the canoe club by manning the last check point.

Overall, another successful working bee week for our landcare group at the Gregory River. It was encouraging to find the other campers were keen to borrow our

knapsacks and pruners to go cut and spray more rubber vine.



COUNCIL ROUND UP

Burke Shire has been exceptionally active on a range of Projects over the past few weeks:

1. Roads – On top of the enormous effort post the flood events, there are major Roadwork projects in progress on Escott Road, Lawn Hill Road and, Bowthorn Road. This is in addition to our annual slashing program, which is well underway.
2. Water – New Filters and Pumps have been installed at Burketown (see attached photo). Unavoidably, the installation and commissioning required a temporary reduction of water flow and pressure. We thank the community and especially local business owners, for their patience.

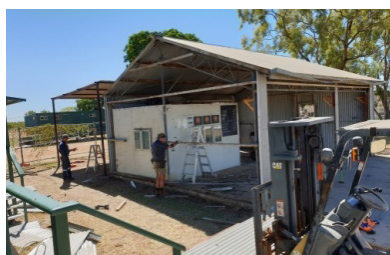
Gregory – After the Paddles and Saddles weekend, the old bar was demolished to make way for a new spectator facility. Civil works are in progress ahead of construction, which is planned to commence on 4 June.

4. Phillip Yanner Oval – The overall project consists of three phases: installation of a new fence; oval development into a Queensland Cup standard playing surface; and, in parallel, installation of irrigation.

The old fence has been removed and new fence installation is underway.



Escott Road freshly graded



Demolition works at Gregory Showground



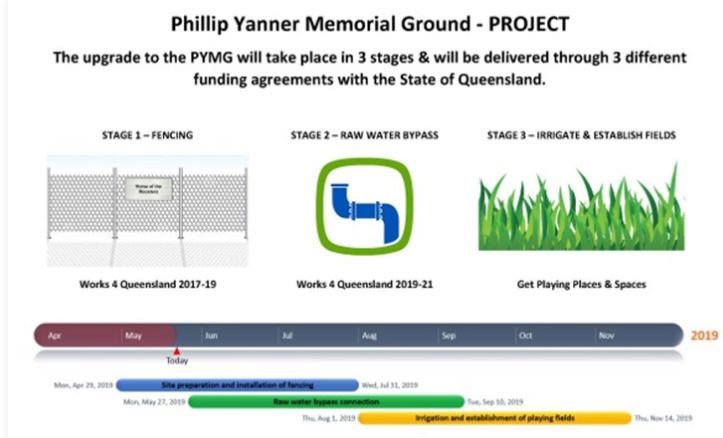
The newly cleared pad before construction of the new facility



New pipes & filters for water treatment plant



Self bunded fuel storage tank with new fuel management system



THE GULF COUNTRY Frontier Days Festival

15-18 AUGUST 2019
BURKETOWN QLD

RODEO // MUSIC // CULTURE // COMMUNITY

With a vision to create a landmark Indigenous festival in the Lower Gulf of Carpentaria, the inaugural Gulf Country Frontier Days Festival is now in its third year. Presented by Goodidja Productions, the event includes:

- A combination of National and International First Nation's Dance Performances
- The first APRA affiliated Australian Indigenous Rodeo Championships
- Three nights of live concerts by Australia's top Entertainers and International Acts
- Jibardi Pride Young Women's Empowerment Program Presentation

www.thegulfcountryfrontierdaysfestival.com.au

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MARCH MOVERS

(Initiative by Burketown Sporting and Community Association Incorporated to encourage community to participate in exercise)

March Movers was well attended. Steph Poole volunteered her time to lead the group in Water Aerobics and Exercise in the park. There were up to 12 people (men and women) attending the water aerobic session which was held every Tuesday. Exercise in the park was held at the gym equipment in MG Park and was on every Thursday during March.

PROJECT UPDATES

Phil Keirle

ROAD WORKS

Escott Road 2017

- Scope: restoration of asset (re-sheeting)
- Funded by: Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA)
- Delivered by: KG Booth, True Blue Grader Hire, CM Contracting, Council
- Completion: end of May 2019

Escott Road 2018

- Scope: restoration of asset (re-sheeting)
- Funded by: QRA
- Delivered by: KG Booth, True Blue Grader Hire, CM Contracting, Council
- Completion: December 2019.

Riversleigh Road

- Scope: restoration of asset (re-sheeting)
- Funded by: QRA
- Delivered by: KG Booth
- Completion status: to commence from 1 July 2019
- Gregory to Lawn Hill Road
- Scope: restoration and betterment of asset (re-sheeting + sealing works)
- Funded by QRA, Department of Transport & Main Roads, Council
- Delivered by: Spence Contracting
- Completion Status:

Doomadgee West, Nugaburra Road, Bowthorn, Doomadgee-Lawn Hill

- Scope: restoration of asset (re-sheeting)
- Funded by: QRA
- Delivered by: Graham Bailey Earthmoving

WORKS 4 QUEENSLAND PROJECTS 2017-19 - proudly funded by the State of Queensland

- Bulk Fuel Supply

- Scope: installation of 2 x automated, self-bunded fuel storage tanks in Burketown and Gregory. Fuel management system will drive efficient use and reporting of fuel consumption to Council and ATO (for fuel tax credits).
- Delivered by: NQ Petrol Solutions
- Completion: completed

- Gregory Airport Shed

- Scope: installation of secure container storage at the Gregory Airport.
- Delivered by: Council and Royal Wolf Containers
- Completion status: completed

- Gregory Showgrounds

Spectator Facility - Phase 1

- Scope: construction of a 24m x 14m spectator shed at the Gregory Showgrounds, connecting to the existing Gregory Community Hall.
- Delivered by: Council, Erscon, CCKI, Ken Fox Homes
- Completion status: earthworks complete. Construction to commence first week of June 2019.

- Burketown Water Treatment Plant Filter Replacement system + VSDs

- Scope: replace existing filters and install Variable Speed Drives at Nicholson River Pump Station to improve service along pipeline and to enable future raw water supply projects.
- Delivered by: QEE, MBS Water Solutions
- Completion status: completed

- CCTV installation in Burketown and Gregory

- Scope: installation of CCTV cameras at various Council sites (depot, admin office, water treatment plant, waste management facilities) and at public sites managed by Council, including the Burketown Wharf and Nijinda Durlga facility to manage compliance, promote safety and to deter unlawful activity (e.g. illegal dumping, diesel theft).

Delivered by: Fourier Technologies, Green Frog, Tim Wilson.

Completion status: scheduled for completion by end of June 2019.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS & SUBSIDIES

- Burketown Sewerage Treatment Plant Re-design

Scope: install passive lagoon system + wet weather storage to deliver improved

compliance and reduce long-term costs of sewerage treatment in Burketown.

Delivered by: MBS Water Solutions, Erscon, Council.

Completion status: complete by 30 November 2019.

Combined Projects

- Upgrade to the Phillip Yanner Memorial Ground

Scope: installation of fencing, sub-surface irrigation and establishment of playing fields at the Phillip Yanner Memorial Grounds to deliver a regionally accredited NRL ground.

Funded by: proudly funded by Council and the State of Queensland

Delivered by: Council, Australian Turf Management

Completion status: November 2019

WORKS 4 QUEENSLAND 2019-21 - proudly funded by the State of Queensland

- Upgrade to the Phillip Yanner Memorial Ground

As above

- Gregory Showground Spectator Facility

Scope: kitchen-bar construction and fit-out

Delivered by: Council + TBD

Completion status: aim to have completed by September 2019

- Raw Water Bypass Project (BKT & GRG)

Scope: install raw water bypass infrastructure to enable supply of raw water to various sites in Burketown (PYMG, Rodeo Grounds, Cemetery, School Oval) and to various sites in Gregory.

Delivered by: Council + TBD

Completion status: aim to have BKT project completed by December 2019 and GRG project completed by 30 June 2020.

- Other Works 4 Queensland 2019-21 projects under development, focusing on improving water treatment, sewer treatment and waste management operations.



NEW STAFF

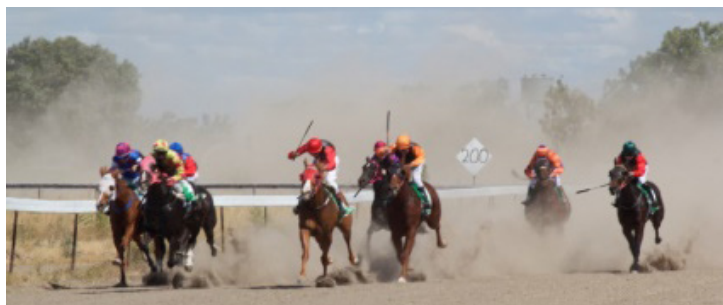
Geoff Rintoul is Council's new Executive Manager for Works & Infrastructure. Geoff hails from Magnetic Island, and being a true North Queenslander, is a staunch supporter of the NQ Cowboys, however he has added the Burketown Roosters to his favourite team list. Helping others to develop both

professionally and personally is his goal and Geoff is happy to be involved in the community. Burketown ticks the boxes on his hobby list: fishing, walking and meeting people. Not everyone gets what they wish for but Geoff's one wish is to catch a decent size barra - living in Burketown, that wish is a given.

BOXING

Burketown Sporting and Community Association Incorporate have purchased boxing equipment to help Scott Crawford deliver the boxing classes. The boxing sessions were a big hit but unfortunately Scott will be working away from the area for a while and will resume sessions in August. Scott is looking at forming a fight club and is looking for interested persons to do serious training. BSCAI is currently in the process of buying gym equipment for strength training which will also be utilised by the Roosters.

GREGORY SADDLES & PADDLES RACES



The 2019 May long weekend saw action aplenty at Gregory.

On the Saturday the annual Saddles & Paddles Race Meeting was well attended with the crowd enjoying the six, well contested races.

The day started with a luncheon in the hall followed by a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem sung by Megan Munchenberg.

WINNERS OF THE DAYS RACING WERE:

Race 1 - BRODIE & CO BENCHMARK 50 HANDICAP of 800 metres

READY ZAIM FIRE Trainer: Tanya Parry Jockey: Terrence Hill

Race 2 - CUSTOM STEEL FAB / KEVIN MALONE MEMORIAL QTIS MAIDEN PLATE of 1150 metres

VIOLET JANE Trainer: Tanya Parry Jockey: Ms Tamara Morris

Race 3 - NIVERAK SMASH REPAIRS BENCHMARK 45 Handicap of 1150 metres

DUTTON BAY Trainer: Jason Babarovich Jockey: Jason Babarovich

Race 4 - CLEMMENTS ELECTRICAL

BROOKLANDS Trainer: Denise Ballard Jockey: Dan Ballard

Race 5 - BURKE SHIRE CUP Open Handicap of 1300 metres

LOUD ENOUGH Trainer: Steven Royes Jockey Terrence Hill

Race 6 - ALMORA STATION / JUNE CLARKE PURSE Benchmark 60 Handicap of 1500 metres

FIRE RANGER Trainer: Tanya Parry Jockey: Terrence Hill

The children entered Fashions of Field and enjoyed the foot races. It was good to see School of the Air students Ayla and Cody, raise \$571.00 for their mini- school. They manned the gate asking for a gold coin donation. Well done to them.



Deputy Mayor Paul Poole presenting Steven Royes Owner /Trainer of "Loud Enough" winner of the Burke Shire Cup.

The adult section of Fashions of the Field was judged by major sponsor, Jo Start with the help of Carmel Swift. They both commented on the difficult job they had, with all participants looking splendid. Congratulations to all the winners.

The annual Gregory Gift for gents and ladies was a great way to finish off the racing. Dan Clarke conducted the Calcutta helping raise money for the RFDS. Official starter Ernie Camp started the races from the barriers and the heavy track took its toll on some of the runners. Tori Wilton from Armraynald won for the third year in row, taking out the hat-trick with a photo finish. Joel won the Gents race.

Dinner and music followed into the evening ending a great day.

Sunday saw the race club cater down the river for the North West Canoe Club who conducted their 44th Annual Canoe Marathon. 151 paddlers participated and it was good to see our local team, The Running River Rowers have a go in the teams half marathon.

President of the Gregory Downs Jockey Club, John Clarke would like to thank all volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during and after the weekend. Well done to all involved. Many thanks to the Burke Shire Council for their continued support of community events.



Local team, Running River Rowers participated in 44th Annual Gregory Canoe marathon.

22 & 23
JUNE

Gregory
Campdraft

Open Draft
Maiden Draft
Novice Draft
Ladies Draft
District Maiden Draft
Stockman's Workout
District Teams Draft
Juvenile Draft
Junior Draft
Mini Draft

Painted
Cow
Jackpot

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No power is available on grounds

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INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

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www.burke.qld.gov.au

You can find information on

**Current Tenders
Council Meetings
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Event information
Notices**

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LIBRARY NEWS!

The library has just completed our yearly book exchange so come on in and check out the new books while you are in Burketown. Don't forget we offer the following services:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Access to a computer
- Colouring in activities for kids



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2019

See more information on the Burke Shire Council website - www.burke.qld.gov.au

End July	Tidy Yards
2 & 3 August	Burketown Campdraft
15 to 18 August	Gulf Country Frontiers Festival
End of August	Burketown Rodeo & Sprint Races
Early August	Seniors Day
End of September	QCWA Gregory Horse Sports & Family Fun Day
11 November	Remembrance Day

2019 COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Burke Shire Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers at the Nijinda Durlga and are scheduled to commence at 9.00am. Meeting dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:

June	Thursday 20
July	Thursday 18
August	Thursday 22
September	Thursday 19
October	Thursday 17
November	Thursday 21
December	Thursday 12

ARTICLES FOR THE BSC NEWSLETTER

If you would like to contribute an article to the newsletter, please see the schedule below and send to office@burke.qld.gov.au. Articles will be approved at Council's discretion.

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MONDAY & TUESDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	0915	1015	ZL5474
DMD	ONG	1035	1115	ZL5474
ONG	NTN	1135	1225	ZL5474
NTN	CNS	1255	1425	ZL5474

MONDAY & FRIDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	1155	1325	ZL5459
NTN	ONG	1355	1445	ZL5459
ONG	BUC	1505	1545	ZL5459
BUC	DMD	1605	1630	ZL5459
DMD	ISA	1650	1750	ZL5459

THURSDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	0915	1015	ZL5474
DMD	ONG	1035	1115	ZL5474
ONG	KRB	1135	1220	ZL5474
KRB	NTN	1240	1310	ZL5474
NTN	CNS	1340	1510	ZL5474

TUESDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	1155	1325	ZL5453
NTN	KRB	1355	1425	ZL5453
KRB	ONG	1445	1530	ZL5453
ONG	DMD	1550	1630	ZL5453
DMD	ISA	1650	1750	ZL5453

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
ISA	DMD	0915	1015	ZL5464
DMD	BUC	1035	1100	ZL5464
BUC	ONG	1120	1200	ZL5464
ONG	NTN	1220	1310	ZL5464
NTN	CNS	1340	1510	ZL5464

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	1240	1410	ZL5453
NTN	ONG	1440	1530	ZL5453
ONG	DMD	1550	1630	ZL5453
DMD	ISA	1650	1750	ZL5453

NTN = Normanton

ISA = Mount Isa

ONG = Mornington Island

CNS = Cairns

BUC = Burketown

DMD = Doomadgee

KRB = Karumba

Schedules are effective 15 April 2019 and are subject to change.