



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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(Issued on 11 February 2008)

I trust you all had an enjoyable break and are looking forward to a busy year. Please check notice boards regularly as soon there will notices calling for nominations to form committees for such events like the Ball, Art & Craft Show & RADF. I assure you that you are welcome to join these committees and fresh input is always needed.

If you have a event/occasion concerning Burke Shire Community that you would like advertised in our newsletter then please contact me at Council office in Burketown on Ph: 07 4745 5100.

Cheryl Portch

Some Key Council Dates

Ordinary Meeting of Council (February)	21 February 2008
Deadline for contributions to next newsletter	25 March 2008
Local Government Elections.....	15 March 2008
Good Friday	21 March 2008
Easter Monday	24 March 2008

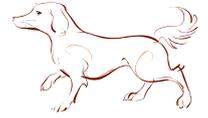
CURRENT PUBLIC NOTICES

All public notices are displayed at Nowlands, Burketown Post Office, Burketown Pub, Burketown Health Centre, Gregory Downs, Mougibi and the Shire Office.

Dog Baiting
Mosquito Fogging
Calico Bag Give Away
Changes to MacAir Agency
Cyclone Season -Be Prepared
Fines for Dogs Found at Large



RANGER'S REVIEW



Handling Your Fish

Maintaining the quality of your catch

The tropical waters of Burketown offer a smorgasbord of exotic seafoods. Because seafood products deteriorate rapidly at high temperatures, proper care and preparation will enhance the eating quality of your catch. Remember, once fish die they begin to spoil. Spoilage occurs mainly from within the fish for two reasons. Firstly, the controlled biochemical processes that occur in all living animals to assist the digestion of food continue after death in an uncontrolled manner. The digestive enzymes attack the surrounding flesh, which is sterile. Soon after death, the micro-organisms on the skin, slime and intestines multiply rapidly and spread into the softened flesh under the skin and around the belly. The spread into the flesh is more rapid if the fish has been damaged in any way.

For release

If practical and safe, remove the hooks while the fish is still in the water. Alternatively, the use of a landing net is recommended as a safe option for the angler and the fish. The fish should be released as soon as possible after capture. Most fish can be fatally damaged if they are suspended by the gills so a cradle hold is recommended, especially for larger fish. To reduce such damage, many anglers weigh larger fish while they are still in the landing net and then subtract the weight of the net to gain an accurate weight of their released fish. Smaller fish without teeth can be held by gripping the lower jaw firmly.

Don't lay a fish which is to be released on a hot surface or allow it to thrash around on a boat's deck or the ground. If it is safe to do so, revive the fish by holding it gently in the water with its head facing into any current to allow water to pass over its gills. Pelagic fish such as tuna and mackerel are fragile and tolerate minimal handling. It is often best to spear them head first back into the water to force a rush of water through their gills.

Swim bladders of many fish caught from deep water often distend resulting in fatality after release. It therefore makes sense to move or target a different species if your catch is nearing a possession limit or the amount of fish required.

The use of barbless hooks is also worth considering as they can usually be removed quickly and easily from the fish or a hapless angler. You can catch just as well with barbless hooks, provided you keep tension on the line.

The following points will assist in maximizing the quality of your catch.

Mud Crabs

- Once a crab is removed from a trap or net, tying the claws to the body will avoid personal injury and damage to the crab.
- Crabs may be kept alive for a number of days if kept in a cool, dark, fly-proof and moist environment. Place them in a well ventilated plastic basket, cover them with a wet bag and ensure it is kept wet. Your catch may then be utilized over a number of days. Mud crabs should be killed prior to cooking. This may be achieved by either placing them on ice or by inserting a sharp instrument into the middle area of the underside of the body. Never place a live mud crab into boiling water because it will drop its claws and legs and water will be absorbed into the flesh.

Fish

- When a fish is landed, treating it gently will assist in keeping it calm.
- Never drop or throw the catch about – it may lead to violent thrashing and stress, especially on a hot deck.
- Fish should be killed and bled immediately. Rapid killing may be achieved by stunning the fish on the head area only, spiking the brain or bleeding alone. To bleed a fish, cut the gills or throat area. Ideally, bleeding should take place in a large bin of ice and water, which reduces blood clotting, assists in bleeding and reduces the temperature of the catch.
- Rapid gilling and gutting are recommended if a fish is to be kept whole. Thorough removal of all intestines and blood will reduce spoilage. Avoid breaking and spilling gut contents, or cutting into the flesh in the abdominal cavity, which will enable micro-organisms to enter the flesh.
- Fillets should be placed in a waterproof plastic bag and immediately put in ice. Liberal amounts of ice should be used to cover fish completely. The use of plastic reduces the contact of flesh with ice water and ensures the natural juices and flavours are not leached from the fillets. Do not simply throw fillets in the esky with bait and assorted contaminants.

Ranger Review cont.

At high temperatures, fish will pass through rigor mortis rapidly. The muscle contractions will be violent and cause the muscle blocks to “gape” or fall apart when filleted, and loss of natural juices will result. This will be evident by severe drip loss when frozen fillets are thawed out. If fish are well iced, rigor mortis will be gradual, resulting in better quality. Never straighten a fish that has been bent during rigor mortis because this will simply tear the flesh apart. Allow the fish to relax, and always under chilled conditions.

A couple of recipes to try out on your catch are listed

NUMUS

2 queenfish fillets
½ bulb of garlic
Small piece of ginger
White malt vinegar
3 tablespoons dark soy sauce
2 onions
2 tablespoons olive oil

2 tablespoons sugar

Method

Remove bloodline from fillets. Slice fish across the grain into thin slices (2 - 3 ml thick). Finely chop chillies, ginger ,garlic & onion, add to fish pieces and mix well. Add soy sauce& sugar then let stand in fridge until flesh has darkened (approximately 20 mins) Add oil and mix well. Refrigerate for further 30 - 40 minutes before consuming.

Serving-

Serve on a bed of fresh greens such as bok choy.

MEDITERRANEAN MUD

CRAB (serves 2)

2 mud crabs (1kg each)	Olive oil
4 or 5 red chillies	24 black olives
6 large ripe tomatoes	1 cup white wine
2 large onions	Salt & Pepper
1 x 500ml tomato puree	3 cloves of garlic
1 tablespoon dry mixed herbs	bunch fresh basil

Method

Remove top shell of mud crab (place thumb under rear flap and lift) and wash out. Set aside. Crack claws and body and set aside. Sauce - Finely chop onions & garlic and fry in olive oil. Add dry herbs. Skin tomatoes and chop coarsely. Mix tomatoes with onion and garlic, add white wine and bring to the boil. Reduce by half and add 500ml of tomato puree. Cook for 20 minutes. Replace top shell on mud crab, place in sauce and simmer with lid on pot until crab is cooked (approx. 7 minutes). When cooked add coarsely chopped fresh basil and olives.

Serving

Place mud crab on plate and pour sauce over. Suitable with pasta or polenta. Note - if sauce to dry, add more wine or tomato puree when cooking.



Burketown Tennis Tournament

For 2008 will start on
MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Please make sure you have nominated if you are interested in playing. Nomination sheets are located at Nowlands, Post Office, Pub, Council Office & Mougibi. This tournament is a “Mixed Doubles” competition and nomination fee is \$10 to be paid by round 3. Balls will be supplied and racquets too if needed. The draw and rules will be available from Friday 15 at the aforementioned places. Any queries please contact Cheryl Portch Ph: 07 4745 5271 or Mob: 0428 578442

AUSTRALIA DAY



Congratulations to Hannah Clarke receiving the “Junior Sports Award & Young Citizen of the Year”, presented by Mayor Annie Clark & Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp at the Australia Day celebrations. Hannah was nominated for her achievement in cricket, representing Queensland in the Ladies Under 17 team and her involvement in coaching juniors in cricket.

Mayor Annie Clark and Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp presenting Cheryl Portch with “Citizen of the Year” award for her involvement and participation in community events & activities.



Sage Marshall, Aidan Camp, Natasha Camp, Tyrone Cooling and Zara Camp lining up for the start of the balloon race.

Brian Gaunt & Brett Harris cooking up a feast for the BBQ lunch.



Hitting the Piñata was a popular event for the younger children at the Australia Day celebrations. A blind-folded Shakiah Douglas lines up the piñata as other children stand impatiently in line awaiting their turn.

Council Meeting Minutes

Council meeting minutes are produced within 10 days following each Council meeting and are available free of charge to all rate payers and residents. If you are not on the mailing or emailing list for the minutes and want to be, please contact the Council office and let us know. They are also posted to our website:- www.burkeshirecouncil.com

2007/08 Dog Registration

only \$2.20 per dog.

Registration forms are available at the Council office.



**BARRAMUNDI SEASON
OPENED ON
TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008**



Burketown Rainfall
December - 49.4mm
January - 199.6mm

RECYCLE OLD PRINTER CARTRIDGES

by putting them in the box provided at Burketown Post Office

MOBILE MUSTER

Obsolete mobile phones can be left at Council office to be sent away for recycling.



Library News

If any children would like the pictures they coloured over Christmas, please come in and collect them.

Time to start adding more leaves to the Library Tree Of Knowledge.



We have Nursery Rhymes to colour in and learn.

Come in, colour in a picture, read a book or watch a DVD.

Membership for the library and Sports Library is free.

Library Hours – 8.15am to 4.00pm weekdays

See you in the Library - Jenny

TV TIMES

A copy of the TV Times is available to be picked up from the Council office every Friday after 10:00am. Also available on website - www.ourguide.com.au



QLD RECREATIONAL FISHING RULES & REGULATIONS GUIDE

is available at the Council Office and the Tourist Information Centre.

For more information on this guide please contact Caroline Dalton Ph : (07) 3225 1038 or email: Caroline.Dalton@dpi.qld.gov.au

**TIDE TIME CHARTS
ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL
OFFICE OR CAN BE ACCESSED ON
THE DPI FISHERIES WEBSITE**





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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE IN BURKETOWN MACAIR AGENCY

Please note that effectively from Saturday 1 December 2007 Council will be taking over the Macair Agency from the Burketown Post Office.

From this date all check-ins of passengers and luggage, etc will occur at the Shire Office in Burketown. Check-ins close one hour prior to the scheduled departure time of each flight.

If you require further assistance or have any queries in respect of this matter please contact the Shire Office.

Craig Turnour
Chief Executive Officer
30 November 2007





Salvation Army donated to the Burke Shire Community a 5m Christmas tree, 2 reindeers and several toys to the Burketown Kindergarden. Captains Col & Bev Kingston from the "Flying Padre" service presenting Deputy Mayor Ernie Camp with one of the reindeers.



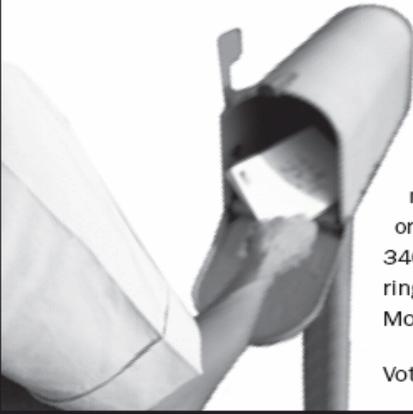
5m Christmas tree donated by Salvation Army which was decorated and featured in the court yard of the pensioner units over the Christmas break.



Sarah Stevens (director), Melissa Thomas (assistant) & Kindy children with the toys donated to the Burketown Kindergarden by Salvation Army.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS. SATURDAY 15TH MARCH.



Local Government Elections will be held on **Saturday 15th March**. To let you know about voting arrangements, every elector in Queensland will be sent a letter with full details (including addresses of polling booths). Watch out for your letter late in February or early in March. Polling booths will be open from **8am to 6pm on Saturday 15th March**. Need more information? Visit our Website www.ecq.qld.gov.au or call us (for Brisbane City Council elections ring 3403 8888 at any time; for all other elections ring 1300 881 665 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday).

Voting is compulsory.



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR ALL QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Nominations for all Queensland Local Government Elections are now open, with the deadline for nominations at **12noon on Tuesday 19th February**. To nominate as a candidate go to our Website www.ecq.qld.gov.au. Completed nomination forms, together with the requisite deposit can be lodged from Monday 4th February. Intending candidates should check our Website for more information, including contact details for each Returning Officer – or ring us on 3035 8055. Election day is Saturday 15th March.



All election/nomination enquiries to be directed to the
Returning Officer — Oliver Pring: 0408 725614



COUNCIL WORKS RELATED NEWS & ACTIVITIES



MAJOR WORKS RECENTLY COMPLETED

- Sealing of 15kms of Doomadgee East Road
- Sealing of 7kms of Doomadgee West Road
- 20kms resealing sections of Floraville Road, Doomadgee East Road and Doomadgee West Road
- Sealing Burketown Cemetery Road
- Sealing 1.5km Truganini Road
- Widening of Musgrave Street, Burketown
- Flood damage repairs of roads including Bowthorn, Lawn Hill - Doomadgee, Punjaub & Nugaburra
- Sealing extension works around Burketown
- Maintenance grading Wills Development Road, North of Gregory, Doomadgee Road
- Modification to water tower in Burketown

CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

- Construction of Gregory Water Supply - final commissioning & plant modifications
- Burketown Sewerage Treatment Plant - complete upgrade works associated with the Blivet unit
- Flood damage repairs of roads from January/March/April 2006 event
- Aquatic facility for Burketown - waiting on security turnstile to be installed

FUTURE MAJOR WORKS & WORKS IN PLANNING STAGE

- Gregory - Lawn Hill Road - upgrade and seal some sections (approx. 7 km)
- Introduction of a Waste Management Plan, including recycling
- Permanent repair of China Wall Culvert on Truganini Road - to be done after upcoming wet season
- Albert River Boat Ramp & Pontoon - to revisit proposal
- New dual lane Albert River Bridge—tender has been conditionally let
- Barramundi Fingerling Growout Facility - concept plan, design & costing has been approved
- Kids water play feature for Burketown - subject to funding application
- New Water Treatment Plant for Burketown - Tendered accepted
- Safety upgrade at Truganinni wharf & improvements to boat ramp

CYCLONE TRACKING MAP & INFORMATION SHEET

ABC Radio, the Bureau of Meteorology and Emergency Management Queensland have developed a Cyclone Tracking Map and an information sheet on what you do should do before, during and after a cyclone.

The electronic version of this is available on the website at the following link:-
http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq/css/pdf/cyclone_tracking_map.pdf

ABC Radio Longreach have provided a number of large (B2 size – approx. 50cm x 70cm) prints of this map & information sheet and these are now available for collection from the Shire Office for any interested members of the community. Numbers are limited and any stock of the maps will be kept until the end of March 2008 so if you want a copy please contact the Shire Office on (07) 4745 5100 and let us know.

HACC NEWS

Since our last newsletter we held our Christmas break-up luncheon, which was enjoyed by all who came. As it is still our wet season we are only doing art and craft activities at the old church. We have our centre based care activities at the old church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:00am to 12:00pm.

If you would like to join our HACC program or know someone who would like to join please contact Amanda Douglas at the Council office on Ph:4745 5100 or mobile: 0427 490220.

Whats available:

Centre Based Day Care

- * Group Activities
- * Arts & Craft

Social Support

- * Assistance with letter writing, filling in forms, having a chat, keeping in touch with the community, transport to events, transport to and from the Post Office (banking and shopping).

BURKE SHIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Easter</u> 21 – 23 March	The Burketown Barramundi World Fishing Championships <i>Contact: Garry Jeffries</i> <i>Ph: 0418 711734 Fax: 07 4745 5181</i>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> <u>3 – 5 May</u> Saturday 3 May	Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 474 5507</i>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> <u>3 – 5 May</u> Sunday 4 May	Gregory Downs Canoe Race <i>Contact: North West Canoe Club Mt Isa</i> <i>Ken Glasco (President): Ph: 07 4743 3456</i>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> <u>3 – 5 May</u> Sunday 4 May	Gregory Downs Bull Spectacular <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 4748 5507</i>
(TBA) May	Burketown Campdraft and Horse Sports <i>Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193</i>
21 & 22 June	Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports <i>Contact: Sue Clarke</i> <i>Ph: 07 4748 5575 Fax: 07 4748 5670</i>
16 August	Arts & Craft Show <i>Contact: Burke Shire Council</i> <i>Ph: 4745 5100 Fax: 4745 5181</i>
8 – 12 September	Gregory Mini School <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>
21 September <i>(1st Sunday of school holidays)</i>	Gregory CWA Horse Sports <i>Contact: Kylie Camp Ph: 07 4748 5585</i>

PUBLIC NOTICE

CYCLONE SEASON – “BE PREPARED”

The following is provided on behalf of the Burke Shire Local Disaster Management Group for Burketown residents’ information and action during the upcoming cyclone season:-

LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO (OR TV IF AVAILABLE) FOR CYCLONE UPDATES OR RING THE COUNCIL OFFICE ON 4745 5100. PLEASE NOTE THAT A WAILING SIREN BROADCAST ON YOUR RADIO OR TELEVISION MEANS THAT AN URGENT SAFETY MESSAGE IS ABOUT TO BE MADE

IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS DECIDED TO EVACUATE RESIDENTS TO CENTRALISED LOCATIONS THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:-

THE FIRE TRUCK WILL SOUND IT’S SIREN THROUGH THE STREETS TO INDICATE THAT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL RESIDENTS SHOULD MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE FOLLOWING CENTRAL AREAS (IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE TO DO THIS PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNCIL OFFICE).

THESE LOCATIONS ARE THE COUNCIL BUILDING, SCHOOL TOILET BLOCK AND THE POLICE “LOCK UP” (IF YOU ARE ON MEDICATION PLEASE GO TO THE COUNCIL OFFICE AS THE HEALTH PERSONNEL AND AMBULANCE WILL BE BASED THERE). DOGS ARE ALLOWED AT THESE AREAS BUT THEY MUST BE ON A CHAIN.

EACH CENTRE WILL HAVE A SUPERVISOR - PLEASE REPORT TO THEM ON ARRIVAL.

PLEASE BRING AN EMERGENCY KIT – IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THIS CONSIST OF A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, SOME TUCKER (DON’T FORGET BABY FOOD, MILK & DISPOSABLE NAPPIES IF NEEDED), TORCH, BLANKET & ANY TABLETS OR MEDICINE YOU MAY NEED. BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOUSE PLEASE TURN OFF POWER AND GAS.

EACH LOCATION WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND BASIC SUPPLIES, INCLUDING DRINKING WATER.

MACAIR PHOTO COMPETITION 2008

ATTENTION ALL ASPIRING PHOTOGRAPHERS!!

This is a fabulous opportunity to have one of your photos printed on the front cover of Inflight Magazine!

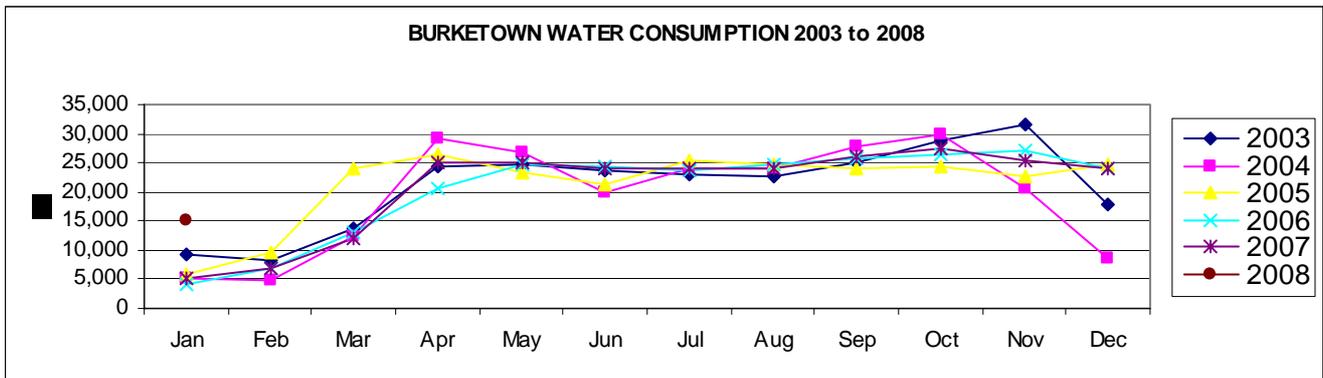
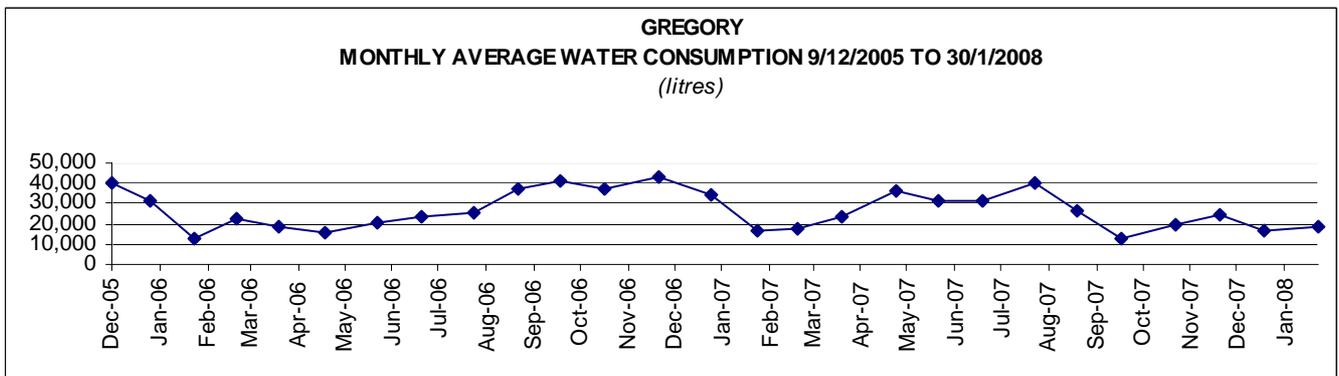
MacAir are searching for the most standout image taken at a MacAir destination. The image needs to be **digital**, available in **high res** and preferably in **portrait layout**.

All finalists will feature in Inflight as well as on the MacAir Website and the winning image will be printed on the **front cover** of our Inflight Magazine.

You do not have to be a photographer to take a great photo so if you think you may have the winning image send it to photocomp@macair.com.au and ensure the email does not exceed **6MB** (the entry form can be found at www.macair.com.au under competitions). The Competition closes **Friday 2nd May** so make sure you get your entries in as soon as possible!!

GREGORY WATER CONSUMPTION

Date of Reading	Average Daily Consumption Over the Month <i>litres</i>	Meter Reading <i>litres</i>
31-Jan-07	16,224	11,460,205
27-Feb-07	17,491	11,932,455
27-Mar-07	23,997	12,604,379
1 May- 07	36,374	13,877,462
15-May-07	31,187	14,359,597
29-May-07	31,172	14,750,689
26-Jun-07	40,256	15,623,499
31-Jul-07	26,041	16,709,745
27-Aug-07	12,881	17,735,595
25-Sep-07	12,881	18,109,136
30-Oct-07	20,056	18,811,092
27-Nov-07	24,172	19,487,907
26 Dec 07	16,931	19,978,909
30 Jan 08	18,862	20,639,078
Total Consumption		20,599,187
Average Daily Consumption		26,342



BURKETOWN WATER CONSUMPTION (kilolitres)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
2003	9,319	8,173	13,696	24,222	24,614	23,518	23,092	22,661	24,888	28,854	31,575	17,894	252,506
2004	5,007	4,700	12,470	29,295	26,660	20,017	23,989	24,081	27,720	29,942	20,591	8,669	233,141
2005	5,923	9,569	24,149	26,580	23,482	21,419	25,317	24,683	24,143	24,295	22,554	24,655	256,769
2006	4,283	6,876	12,879	20,685	24,684	24,267	23,567	24,582	25,796	26,500	26,500	24,000	245,119
2007	5,000	7,000	12,000	25,000	25,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	26,000	27,500	25,400	24,000	248,900
2008	15,000												

Consumption since October 2006 are estimates only

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BURKETOWN & GREGORY ITINERARY FOR JANUARY to JUNE 2008

FEBRUARY

DATE	DISCIPLINE
Burketown 7 th & 8 th	Indigenous Cultural Liaison Officer Dietitian Speech Pathologist
Burketown 28 th & 29 th	Psychologist Occupational Therapist

MARCH

DATE	DISCIPLINE
Burketown 17 th & 18 th	Dietitian Speech Pathologist Physiotherapist

JUNE

DATE	DISCIPLINE
Burketown 12 th & 13 th	Indigenous Cultural Liaison Officer Dietitian Speech Pathologist

APRIL

DATE	DISCIPLINE
Gregory 9 th	Indigenous Cultural Liaison Officer Team Leader Occupational Therapist Psychologist
Burketown 10 th & 11 th	Indigenous Cultural Liaison Officer Team Leader Occupational Therapist Psychologist
Gregory 30 th	Podiatrist Dietitian Speech Pathologist

MAY

DATE	DISCIPLINE
Burketown 1 st & 2 nd	Podiatrist Dietitian Speech Pathologist
Burketown 22 nd & 23 rd	Occupational Therapist Psychologist

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NIGHT GOSPEL MEETINGS BURKETOWN CHURCH

Dates

- 10 February 2008
- 24 February 2008
- 9 March 2008
- 27 April 2008

Times

Sunday School 9:30am
Night Gospel 7:30pm -

Contact

Doug & Faye Jones
Ph: (07) 4745 5058

31st WORLD BARRAMUNDI FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



**OVER \$20,000 IN CASH,
PRIZES & TROPHIES**

1st Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$3,100*

2nd Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$1,000

3rd Prize for Heaviest Barramundi \$500

16 Other Prizes in Categories for

Open, Men, Women and Children

**Team Event (Team of 4) – The more teams that
enter the bigger the prizemoney!!!**

**Plus a BOAT, MOTOR & TRAILER Giveaway as
major Lucky Nomination**

A FUN WEEKEND

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**held in BURKETOWN, Queensland on
21st, 22nd, 23rd March 2008**

***Supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service and other
Community Service Groups***

**Don't miss the boat for the only fishing
competition to be at on Easter Weekend 2008**

**Further information can be obtained by contacting
Garry Jeffries on mob: 0418 711734
or e-mail bbforg@gmail.com**

Police Beat

Police Beat

Firstly I would like to introduce myself for those who haven't met me yet. I've taken over from Paul Griffith's as Officer in Charge of Burketown Police station. Chris and I hope everyone had a good Xmas and a happy New Year. I am looking forward to working with the community to make Burketown a safe and happy place to live.

I am pleased to report that there were only a few minor traffic accidents during the festive period and that those using the road were careful and did so in a safe manner. The community of Burketown are to be congratulated for this. Just a reminder to those using the roads during the wet season to make sure you drive to the conditions. Please ensure everyone is wearing a seatbelt and the driver has not consumed any alcohol.

I'm hoping over the coming months I will get around and met a few more of you in the community, or if your passing by drop in for a cuppa. Otherwise you might catch me down by the river trying to land one of Burketown's famous Barramundi.

I am sure that 2008 will be an enjoyable one and I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Tim FECKNER
Sergeant
OIC Burketown Police



MINI FISHING COMPETITION

Burketown Caravan Park's mini fishing competition will be held on Saturday 23 February 2008. Nominations open from 6am Saturday morning at the Burketown Caravan Park.

VMR NEWS

G'day all,

VMR is going from strength to strength with new members participating in meetings and also on the water, but we can always use more active members so if your interested come and see me anytime. We are now opening at 7:00 pm every Friday.

As everyone out there is boating safely we have not had any callouts this month but we need to remain alert as you never know what may happen.

It only costs \$3.50/ year to become a member so come and join in and remember our motto "Drinking for a Cause".

Hooroo

Brett Harris
President
VMR Burketown



AUSTRALIA, GULF OF CARPENTARIA – KARUMBA

LAT 17° 30' S LONG 140° 50' E

2008

TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

TIME ZONE -1000

FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m	Time m
1 0645 1.42 1617 3.62 FR	16 0511 1.13 1516 4.00 SA	1 0420 1.38 1433 3.80 SA	16 0353 0.81 1430 4.14 SU	1 0434 0.85 1448 3.90 TU	16 0524 0.75 1537 3.48 WE
2 0635 1.31 1646 3.89 SA	17 0550 0.89 1617 4.26 SU	2 0436 1.19 1517 3.94 SU	17 0500 0.71 1535 4.13 MO	2 0538 0.88 1538 3.69 WE	17 0608 1.06 1612 3.20 TH
3 0644 1.17 1724 4.09 SU	18 0644 0.75 1724 4.41 MO	3 0527 1.05 1608 4.00 MO	18 0603 0.71 1643 4.05 TU	3 0635 1.00 1625 3.52 TH	18 0633 1.47 1637 2.90 FR
4 0715 1.04 1806 4.22 MO	19 0740 0.70 1830 4.45 TU	4 0630 0.97 1701 4.02 TU	19 0700 0.83 1745 3.88 WE	4 0728 1.24 1708 3.28 FR	19 0233 1.78 1656 2.60 SA
5 0806 0.94 1849 4.30 TU	20 0830 0.75 1930 4.37 WE	5 0731 0.95 1752 3.99 WE	20 0747 1.07 1834 3.64 TH	5 0821 1.58 1745 2.96 SA	20 0036 1.68 0931 2.38 SU *○ 1248 2.31 ○ 1658 2.33
6 0900 0.89 1933 4.32 WE	21 0915 0.90 2021 4.18 TH ○	6 0827 1.02 1838 3.89 TH	21 0823 1.41 1904 3.33 FR	6 0236 2.03 0534 2.07 SU ● 0931 1.98 ● 1809 2.57	21 0048 1.59 0922 2.72 MO
7 0948 0.92 2016 4.26 TH ●	22 0951 1.15 2100 3.89 FR	7 0915 1.20 1919 3.71 FR	22 0833 1.78 1902 3.02 SA ○	7 0141 2.00 0746 2.46 MO *	22 0043 1.54 0935 3.02 TU 2257 1.41
8 1030 1.05 2056 4.12 FR	23 1016 1.48 2119 3.56 SA	8 0957 1.48 1955 3.43 SA ●	23 0512 2.14 0650 2.15 SU 0756 2.15 1904 2.73	8 0849 2.91 2301 1.51 TU	23 0952 3.26 2300 1.22 WE
9 1102 1.27 2127 3.88 SA	24 1008 1.86 2055 3.24 SU	9 1035 1.83 2019 3.07 SU	24 0245 2.05 1101 2.57 MO 1519 2.42 1856 2.47	9 0938 3.32 2328 1.16 WE	24 1015 3.44 2330 1.04 TH
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11 1133 1.89 2141 3.23 MO	26 0445 2.03 1339 2.72 TU 1625 2.65 1913 2.73	11 0346 2.16 0953 2.65 TU 1623 2.37 1805 2.40	26 0305 1.82 1117 3.19 WE	11 0015 0.88 1116 3.94 FR	26 0016 0.89 1118 3.67 SA
12 0543 2.12 2108 2.92 TU	27 0500 1.85 1330 3.05 WE	12 0347 1.98 1059 3.08 WE	27 0025 1.62 1137 3.43 TH	12 0115 0.68 1210 4.07 SA	27 0115 0.76 1155 3.71 SU
13 0533 1.93 1527 2.76 WE 1727 2.73 1940 2.78	28 0507 1.72 1340 3.35 TH	13 0119 1.64 1146 3.48 TH	28 0049 1.38 1202 3.63 FR	13 0220 0.55 1304 4.06 SU ●	28 0214 0.67 1233 3.70 MO
14 0532 1.71 1345 3.20 TH ●	29 0444 1.57 1401 3.61 FR ●	14 0159 1.29 1236 3.82 FR ●	29 0131 1.18 1234 3.77 SA	14 0327 0.51 1359 3.94 MO	29 0311 0.64 1313 3.63 TU ●
15 0505 1.43 1424 3.64 FR		15 0251 1.01 1330 4.04 SA	30 0226 1.02 1314 3.84 SU ●	15 0430 0.56 1451 3.74 TU	30 0403 0.70 1350 3.49 WE
			31 0329 0.91 1359 3.85 MO		

Datum of Predictions is Lowest Astronomical Tide

* Denotes extra Tides

Moon Symbols

● New Moon

◐ First Quarter

○ Full Moon

◑ Last Quarter

Note !!! For Burketown Tide times add the following

AND BOATING

1 hour mouth of Albert River
4 hours for Jetty
5 hours for bridge

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