



BURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER

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(Issued on 4 April 2008)

What a busy month we've had, elections, Burketown Fishing Competition and Easter, but there is no time to rest on our laurels as we have Anzac Day, Gregory May Day weekend events, Burketown Campdraft & Horse Sports, not to mention a Ball & the Arts & Craft Show to organise (details inside).

Congratulations to all candidates who ran for the Local Council Elections. It was great to see so many nominations, proving we have a committed and caring community.

I have added a new page to our newsletter titled "Have Your Say" which will be dedicated for the public to voice their concerns/opinions. So if you have any comments on local issues please send them into me and I will include them in the next edition. (*Please note - Articles will be printed on Editors discretion.)

Some Key Council Dates

Ordinary Meeting of Council (April)	10 April 2008
RDO	21 April 2008
Anzac Day (Public Holiday)	25 April 2008
May Day (Public Holiday)	5 May 2008
RDO	19 May 2008
Ordinary Meeting of Council (May)	21 May 2008
Deadline for contributions to next newsletter	25 May 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

2008 Local Government Elections

Mayoral Report

Congratulations to the Burketown Fishing Competition Committee for an absolutely wonderful event over the Easter period. Sunday night was a well organised thoroughly enjoyable event. Well done and thank you.

I welcome all who were elected and send thanks on behalf of the Community to those retiring Councillors who have contributed their time and wisdom to get our Shire to where it is today. Thanks to Irene Marshall who was our longest serving member, Kenny Booth for his 7 years and Murradoo Yanner for his 3years. Our induction day was attended by family, friends and office staff. Faye and Doug Jones attended and Doug kindly gave us a lesson on our roles for and in the community and took his wisdom from a bible reading, reflecting on the laws handed down through the 10 Commandments. His prayer for the good of the community through sound decision making by the Councillors elect was a good and proper start to this term of Council. Thank you, Doug and Faye. It is interesting to note that Cr Tonia Booth is third generation of the Booth Family represented on Council. (To the best of my knowledge) On behalf of the newly elected Council I am sending out thanks to one and all for the efficient, well conducted occasion the elections turned out to be. Without the interest of the candidates who nominated and the voters who selected the elections would be a non-event. Thank you all sincerely. Council has already decided to address the problems that arose over that period with the Electoral Commission and the Government. These include the return of a polling booth, the timing of the election and our basic democratic right to have our say and to make sure it is actually achieved. Since the finalisation of the election the new roles under amalgamations have begun. Even though we have not been amalgamated we are down to five Councillors and the job is in front of us.

Since the departure of our previous CEO Craig Turnour who was farewelled with numerous tributes including the gift of a painting of the Burketown Aquatic Centre from Burke Shire and the Community, thanks and lots of memories we welcomed the arrival of Mr. Paul Maberly to act in the position of CEO until Council has decided who will fill the role permanently. Paul has decided to accept another position at home and we wish him well in his new endeavours, as he is leaving at the end of the week. Oliver Pring has been appointed acting CEO whilst we readvertise the position. Thank you to all the staff who have maintained the works over this transition period.

The Premier called all Mayors to Brisbane for a briefing and we were informed, instructed and lectured by the speakers and put on notice to make things work and seize opportunities. Premier Anna Bligh spoke on the amalgamations and how this action would give amalgamated Councils "grunt". I was able to ask the question how do the 'squealers' (the not amalgamated) then get to the grunt stage. This got a laugh but the Premier spoke to me privately and invited us down for a meeting with her on all the issues. Deputy Premier Paul Lucas, Minister for Local Government Warren Pitt, Federal Minister Albanese, and Minister for Transport, Local Government and Infrastructure ask us all to work with Government for our communities and take advantage of opportunities that will be available. I was able to attend an Alcohol Management meeting at the invitation of Mornington Island Mayor Cecil Goodman. Only the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Mayors had been advised that the meeting was on. I was able to make the point that we were under the legislation as well and should naturally have been included. It was heartening to hear the discussion and the criticism that whilst alcohol has been a problem it is not the only item that needs discussion. The mood was one of getting on with the jobs that need to be done, and the ability to do so developing commercial opportunities to become self-sufficient, potentially using some of them as opportunities to solve the problems.

Ranger Russell Cunningham and I are meeting with DPI to discuss the Caring for Country, the Burke Shire Pest Management Plan and potential models for engaging the community. We are looking forward to a forum with DPI in mid-May bringing quite a road-show for our information. Council will be attending the Community Forum in Richmond on the 7th April, a pre-start RoadTek meeting in Cloncurry on the 9th April, a Council meeting on the 10th April. The 13th April – 19th April I will be attending AgForce and LGAQ Infrastructure and Development meetings in Brisbane. Our local Member Betty Kiernan offered her congratulations and we had a lengthy discussion and a meeting will be set up while I am in Brisbane. We try to capitalise on the time away by lining up as many items as we can. It means I have to do fewer trips, but with the new regime Councillors will be sharing more of the load as well. On the 21st of April Kath Logan, Chair Gulf Board of the North Queensland Area Consultative committee is hosting a meeting of the Board at Century. Both Cr Tracy Forshaw and I are members and will be attending. I am attending the Council meeting of NQACC in Hughenden on the 23rd April and will be back to attend Anzac Day. We then look forward to the May long week end with the canoe race, Gregory Races and Bull ride. If anyone reckons they are bored they certainly don't reside in the Burke Shire.

It is fantastic to see the road works well underway and the improvement to the roads thanks to the road crew and the people who keep them going. Parks and gardens and are one of the many compliments that I receive constantly both here and Gregory. I must comment on the extraordinary efforts put in by Elvee Portch and Don McEvoy in relation to getting the Gregory water right and to thank them.

Finally, I will be spending more time in the office and am available to meet with anyone. If you would like to discuss any matter with me please call the office to make an appointment.

Annie Clarke
Mayor



Thanks to all those that voted for me and have given me the opportunity to represent the community on Council. I'd like to reiterate that I am committed to representing the people of Burke Shire and I will do my very best to make improvements where necessary. As I have stated previously, I am a strong advocate for young people and I intend on sharing my knowledge and experiences to strengthen and enable our youth to do well. I am also very dedicated to protecting and caring for the environment so that future generations can enjoy what we have. I'm always out and about town so feel free

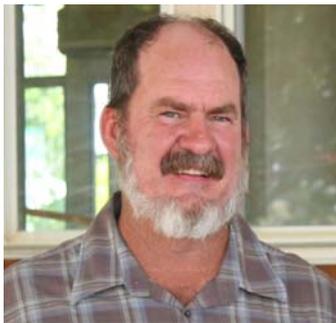
to have a yarn with me about any issues that may be concerning you.

Tonya Murray
Councillor

Thanks to the people of The Shire of Burke for voting for me. It is a privilege to be in Council again after 16 years of service as a Councillor. I have lived around Cliffdale & Hells Gate Roadhouse since 1972 where I have built up quite a business. I miss out on a lot of town events as we have to drive approximately 180 - 200km each way and it makes it a very long day. Feel free to contact me with any problems you might have and be assured that I will put it on the table at Council meetings.



Bill Olive
Councillor



I appreciate the community giving me the opportunity to work with and for you for another four years for the betterment of our Shire. I see it as a privilege to be able to give of my time and effort to the Shire that has given much to my family and I over the years. I would like to thank all those who those who participated in the recent council election whether it be those standing for positions or those who exercised their democratic right to vote, a privilege those in many other countries are denied. To those who were successful I offer my congratulations and to those who were unsuccessful I thank for them for

giving people a choice and for showing a willingness to make commitment to our community. A willingness to participate is what makes communities strong. I am quite willing to listen to the community on any issues that they wish to discuss. Please take the opportunity to raise these with me.

Ernie Camp
Deputy Mayor

Thank you for your support in the Burke Shire Council Election. I am willing to commit for the next four years to represent the overall public interests of this shire as a newly elected Councillor. As many of you would be aware I have lived, worked and played in the Gulf for the last 19 years. Over the years, my husband Ian, and I have built up our earthmoving/quarry/concreting business, which now employs up to 14 people. I handle all the office work and have a good understanding of all business associated with contracting, as well DNR/EPA regulations. Ian and I have three daughters. Courtney and Belinda are at boarding school in Charters Towers and Nicole attends the local Gregory School. I am very proud of our community and have been actively involved with many local organisations and will continue to be helpful where ever possible in Gregory and Burketown. In 2007 I was honored to receive the Burke Shire Council "Citizen of the Year" Award. If you have any queries or concerns that I can take to the Council meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me via Ph: 47485521, Fax: 47485527 or email: tforshaw@bigpond.com



Tracy Forshaw
Councillor

Carpentaria Land Council Weed & Fire Report

Six fulltime Gulf rangers have started work for the Carpentaria Land Council and been working on the Rubber-vine infestation along the Albert River in the town area. The Rangers have been applying a cut and paste method to the rubber-vine and using an herbicide called Vigilant to kill the weed. Over the next couple of years we will put hot fires through this area to kill any seeds. The rubber-vine work will continue for the next month around town so if you can please notify your children to keep out of the area on the eastern side of town and we will notify you as soon as the area is safe for the kids to enter. It looks like the wet season has just about finished for the year and with the high temperatures still around the grass is starting to dry off already so it is time to start looking at putting in fire breaks around your properties to protect yourselves from wildfires.

Kevin Anderson

Fire Project Officer Carpentaria Land Council



Rangers at work killing off rubber vine



Burketown Tennis



Burketown Tennis tournament is well underway and have completed Round 6 with only 5 rounds to go. To those who haven't paid their \$10 nomination yet please do so ASAP. This money can either be given to Cheryl Portch or paid at Nowlands. Finals will be played sometime in the end of May, date TBA . The top 4 point scorers for the mens & womens will play off in the finals. Partners will be drawn from a hat. Winners from those 2 games will play off for the grand final (again partners will be drawn from a hat).

Remember we also hold the "Gulf Community Shield" which we won in Normanton. Expect another "Gulf Community" to challenge us for this shield sometime this year so we will need to be ready for this. Also we have our own "Burke Shire Shield" where we challenge Gregory annually, which will be arranged at a date to be decided, hopefully around August/September.

Burketown Tennis has also received a grant from NAWAMBA in Mt Isa for \$720 to help pay for new racquets, balls, nets & trophies. This grant will ensure that we have a good start to next years tournament. A big thank you NAWAMBA.

Please note* New draws (pink) are out to replace the current draw (blue) as there is an error in the dates games are played. Round 7 should start 31 march 2007 not 7 April as stated.

Jim Floyd from Tennis Qld will be conducting Tennis & "Orientation to Coaching" Thurs 10 April, 5.30 to 9.30pm at the Shire Hall. If interested in attending or futher details please phone GSRA Inc PH: 4745 1010 or contact Cheryl Portch Ph:47455100

Have Your say!

This will be a regular addition to our newsletter. We welcome your comments & views. Please address your item to "The Editor" Burke Shire Newsletter and can be sent via the following:

Email: burkesc@bigpond.com Fax: 07 4745 5181 Post: PO Box 90 Burketown 4830.
or over the counter at the Council Office.

Cheryl Portch
Editor

OBSERVATIONS FROM A VISITOR

Easter Fishing Competition

All roads lead to Burketown over the Easter weekend. People from far & wide were coming to Burketown for a whole range of different reasons but mainly to compete for "bragging rights" for the biggest barra. Well, Margie Cheetman certainly won these rights for the next 12 months with her 8.07 kg barra! I would like to offer my congratulations to all those who played a part in the 2008 Easter Fishing Competition. There was a small group of volunteers who gave up a fair slice of their weekend to make sure that nominations were processed, fish measured, raffle tickets sold, music was available (when the power came back on!) etc etc etc. The weekend was a success as judged by its fund raising outcome but it was equally successful in the way that it brought residents and visitors together to party in the unique Burketown way.

March 2008 Elections

The council elections were hotly contested again this year with 3 candidates standing for the position of Mayor and 8 candidates standing for the four available positions of Councillor. The elected members were:

Mayor: Annie Clarke
Councillor: Ernie Camp
 Bill Olive
 Tracy Forshaw
 Tonya Murray

Councillor Camp was elected as Deputy Mayor at the Statutory Meeting held at the Council Chambers on Monday 31 March 2008. The newly elected Council was enthusiastic about the future of the Shire and each of the five elected members is looking forward to working with the Community to make some significant improvements over the next four years.

If residents have a suggestion or point of view on a particular issue then the best way forward is to either write to the CEO or have a chat with the Mayor or one of the Councillors.

Burketown – the Tidy Town of the Gulf

It has been a real pleasure seeing the improvements made over the last 20 years. Burketown still has the classic outback lifestyle but the cosmetic improvements around the town, both in public amenities and businesses, is a credit to the Shire. It's also great to see that there are a couple of wood craftsmen supplying a range of products locally.

Gregory – Gateway to the Shire

The changes in Gregory and surrounds is a real credit to the residents who have obviously taken great pride in getting a lot done with limited resources. The State Government should take note of the initiatives at the Gregory Airport and its solar powered lights and look at other ways of using renewable energy in the township.

Paul Maberly

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.



Mother's Day



Sunday 11 May 2008



Burketown Rainfall
February - 81.0.4mm
March - 51.2mm

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 any pictures they coloured in at the library, please come in and collect them.

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



Colouring in competition over the April holidays "Spiderwick Chronicles"

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





BURKETOWN AQUATIC CENTRE



Burketown Aquatic Centre is now opened to the public. Mayor Annie Clarke, Councillors and Community members presided over the local opening on the 20 March 2008. The official opening will take place at a later date where we hope to have the State Minister in attendance.

If you would like to access the pool then please call into the Council office and fill in an application form for a Access Card. Following are the charges for pool access:-

***Please note - \$20 deposit is required on receiving "Access Card" which will be reimbursed on return of card.**

Type	Local Fee	Visitor Fee
	\$ (incl GST)	\$ (incl GST)
Adult/family – per day access	n/a	4.00
Adult/family – one week’s access	n/a	20.00
Adult/family – one month’s access	20.00	50.00
Adult/family - three month’s access	35.00	n/a
Adult/family – six month’s access	75.00	n/a
Adult/family – annual access	150.00	n/a



Mayor Annie Clark, Cr Ernie Camp & Cr Ken Booth opening the Burketown Aquatic Facility.



Members of the Community awaiting for the "Cutting of the Ribbon" at Burketown Aquatic Facility

SUNDAY SCHOOL & NIGHT GOSPEL MEETINGS BURKETOWN CHURCH

Dates

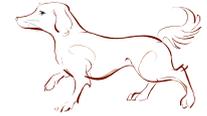
- 27 April
- 11 May
- 25 May

Times

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

Contact

Doug & Faye Jones
Ph: (07) 4745 5058



RANGER'S REVIEW

With the continuation of the wet season and the increased activity of our bird life it is an opportune time to enlighten residents on one of our shires bird species.

Bower Birds

Of the 3 species of bowerbirds found in the wet tropics only the **great bowerbird** has been identified in the gulf savannah and the Burke Shire in particular.

Mimics - All the male bowerbirds are known to mimic other birds, usually as part of their courtship display. From September to February each year they live in the bush in the vicinity of their stages, giving an impression of countless species of birds in full song. The males sing for much of the day and it is thought that the mimicry component is used specifically to attract females. However, the loud songs also seem to function as an advertisement of territories to other males since a bird will stop now and then to listen for its neighbors. Females of the great bowerbird are also known to mimic when disturbed at their nests. They usually choose to mimic predatory birds but can also produce cat and human noises (one great bowerbird near a quarry, can mimic the noise of rocks being thrown into a trailer and a two-way radio)

Bowers – Bowers are not nests but display areas, built by male bowerbirds to attract females for mating. Females choose their mates after carefully inspecting the structure and decorations of each bower (rare items gain bonus points) as well as the male's plumage, his display and his vocal repertoire. Males with the best displays get to mate with the most females – in any population only a few experienced males, with the most impressive bowers, may actually father the young, this creates much competition with males actively destroying the bowers of rivals and stealing trophies. This forces the victims to spend more time on rebuilding and less on seducing females. Following his conquest, the male bowerbird takes no further interest in the female or his offspring. In contrast to their mate's elaborate structures, the females build rather ordinary cup or saucer nests made from twigs. Our species of bowerbird build avenue bowers. Thin sticks are neatly arranged in an upright position, forming two parallel walls, looking almost like a couple of old-fashion brooms sticking out of the ground with a narrow passage between. Decorations are mainly arranged at each end of this avenue, the great bowerbird choosing pale objects such as bleached snail shells, stones, bones and soft drink ring-pulls as well as green fruits (and often shiny objects stolen from homes). Further adornment is added by the males 'painting' the inner walls of the avenue with plant matter and saliva. Interested females enter the avenue, where mating takes place, after which she may be promptly chased away to leave the bower free for further seductions.

Visiting bowers – People are fascinated by bowers – but may unintentionally create a situation where all the bird's hard work is in vain. Bowerbirds put an immense amount of effort into their creations, spending up to 20 years building, renovating and decorating. A good bower is the key to a male's breeding success – as long as the females come to visit him. Females however, are shy and if a bower is frequented by potential predators, such as humans, they may stay away. The sad result is that the most spectacular bowers, which attract most human visitors, are the most likely to be a waste of effort. Having invested so much time and energy the males often cannot afford to start anew. If you want to visit bowers, or take others to visit them, please put the needs of the birds first. Time your arrival carefully so that you visit the bower in the middle of the day. The females visit for mating in the morning and evening, so visits between 11 am and 2 pm will help minimize this disturbance. Try and stay at least 5m away from the bower and make your visit brief. By hanging about, trampling and dropping rubbish you may not only scare away females but also alert potential predators to the bower's position. I trust this gives you some insight into this resourceful bird and look the other way when he picks the green fruit from your fruit trees to decorate his bower.

Recent Activities

- 5 Burke Shire welcome signs have been installed at the 5 main road entrances to the Burke shire
- Barramundi Growout facility is progressing well with all of the equipment being ordered, shed flooring is being put down in conjunction with the new treatment plant concrete pour.
- New park table and chair setting installed in park near the Info Centre to replace the timber one that had fallen apart with dry rot.
- Table and Chair setting placed in Gregory Airport waiting shelter.
- Gazebo for the Pensioner Units has arrived and waiting for labour to install.

All rubbish bins out and local dumping points dug ready for the influx of visitors



SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES

COLOURING IN COMPETITION

Spiderwick Chronicles, a series of children's fantasy books written by Holly Black and Toni DiTerlizzi is being released as a film on April 3 2008. Book titles from this popular series include: *The Field Guide*, *The Seeing Stone*, *Lucinda's Secret*, *The Ironwood Tree* and *The Wrath of Mulgarath*.

Paramount Pictures has offered to host a competition for young readers leading up to the April school holidays (Mon 7 April – Fri 11 April).

Come into the Library or contact Jenny by email to receive a copy of the picture to colour in to go into the draw.

All pictures need to be dropped off to the Library by 14th April for judging.

Prizes will be awarded.





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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



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR OPERATION OF THE BAR FOR “ORDER OF THE OUTBACK” MASQUERADE BALL SATURDAY 5 JULY 2008

Council is seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) from any interested community groups (preferably) or local businesses for the operation of the ‘Bar’ for the “Order of the Outback” Masquerade Ball to be held in the Shire Hall, Burketown, on Saturday 5 July 2008.

The Committee will obtain a liquor licence for the event and will also arrange any security that may be required as a condition of such licence.

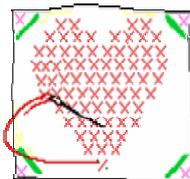
EOIs are to be submitted by close of business on Wednesday 16 April 2006, addressed to Cheryl Portch Burke Shire Council, PO Box 90 BURKETOWN 4830. EOIs can also be faxed to (07) 4745 5181 or emailed to burkesc@bigpond.com

PROPOSED 2007 ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

Council are considering holding the Arts & Craft Show again in 2008, (date to be decided).. The aim of the Show is to give members of the local community the chance to exhibit their arts & crafts works.

To gauge community interest in organising this event a meeting is being held at 10:00am on Saturday 10 May 2008 at the Shire Office. Subject to the interest shown an “organising committee” may be formed at this meeting. Therefore anyone interested in having input into organising this event is requested to attend this meeting.

Should you wish to have input into this but are unable to make the meeting in person then contact Cheryl Portch at the Shire office (also to whom any enquiries in respect of this matter can be directed to).



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR OPERATION OF THE BAR FOR ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL 2008

Council is seeking expressions of interest (EOIs) from any interested community groups (preferably) or local businesses for the operation of the ‘Bar’ on Anzac Day to be held in the Shire Hall, Burketown, on Friday 25 April 2008.

Council will obtain a liquor licence for the event and will also arrange any security that may be required as a condition of such licence.

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Queensland Government
Department of Emergency Services

Ph: 07 4742 2358

8/03/2008

Re: Gulf Communities Remote Airport and Aircraft Fire Fighting Training

To ALL Rural Fire Brigade Members,

Queensland Fire & Rescue Service – Rural Operations in conjunction with Air Services Australia – Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting wish to provide further training that will compliment the Remote Airport and Aircraft Fire Fighting Training held during May 2007.

This current round of training be inclusive of some "Refresher Training" and a "Real Life Exercise" at each location and could be included as part of CASA requirements on Local Governments / Councils as the Airport Owners to run an exercise Bi-Annually.

Target airports that will undertake this training are:

- Doomadgee, Burketown, Mornington Island, Normanton and Karumba

This training is being provided by Queensland Fire & Rescue Service – Rural Operations and Aviation Rescue and Fire Fighting for ALL (Rural Fire, QAS, QPS, SES, local authorities & councils etc) those who may be involved in an Aviation incident / accident.

We will be running the training on the following dates:

- Wednesday 2nd April - Training & Exercise at DOOMADGEE
- Thursday 3rd April - Training & Exercise at MORNINGTON Is
- Friday 4th April - Training & Exercise at BURKETOWN
- Sunday 6th April - Training & Exercise at NORMANTON
- Tuesday 8th April - Training & Exercise at KARUMBA

ALL TRAINING WILL START AT 0900 (unless otherwise notified).

However, should further information be required, the Cloncurry Area office on telephone number (07) 4742 2358.

Yours sincerely

Shane Brumby

Area Training And Support Officer – Cloncurry
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COMMANDER CENTRE

North Queensland
**SPORTSTAR
AWARDS**

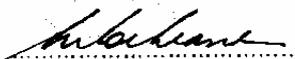
This is to certify that

Hannah Clarke

Representing

Burke Shire

**Was a finalist in the
Commander Centre North Queensland
Sportstar Awards
hosted by the
Hinchinbrook Shire Council
1 March 2008.**



Margaret Cochrane
President



Stuart Gibson
Manager



Turn your redundant CDMA phones into fence posts

With the closure of the CDMA network extended to April 28, (AREA) residents who have yet to recycle their soon to be redundant CDMA handsets can still do their part for the environment by recycling them now.

Burke Shire Council is part of MobileMuster, the official recycling program of the mobile phone industry. They're reminding residents to recycle their old CDMA phones, batteries, chargers and accessories at their nearest collection point or post them free of charge to MobileMuster to stop them ending up in landfill and harming the environment.

MobileMuster will recycle all CDMA mobiles handed in and recover over 90% of the plastics and metals. The recycled materials can then be turned into plastic fence posts, jewellery and stainless steel products.

As a community it is important to conserve our environment and by recycling old mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories we are reducing our demand on natural resources, saving energy and helping protect the planet. Mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories are not biodegradable and should not be thrown in the rubbish bin as they contain small amounts of potentially harmful substances that could pollute our environment if they end up in landfill.

By leaving a redundant CDMA handset lying around at home or the office, tonnes of useful metals like copper, gold and silver, as well as plastics are going to waste," said Rose Read, Manager of Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association's (AMTA) recycling program. "Recycling these materials means the CDMA mobile you are using today could be part of a plastic fence post you are installing next year, or the jewellery you buy your loved one on their birthday," said Rose. "I'm encouraging Burke Shire residents to round up and hand in their redundant CDMA mobiles now and do something positive for our planet" concluded Ms Read.

CDMA handsets, batteries, chargers and accessories can be recycled at Council's office in Burketown.

If you can't recycle them at a MobileMuster collection point, then recycle them by post FREE OF CHARGE, simply download a mailing label from www.mobilemuster.com.au



PATCHWORK QUILTING

The girls from the Isa will be in Burketown
Queens Birthday Weekend
and are SEW mad!!!!
Feel like joining us??

We are going to make assorted items (UFO's, Stained Glass Quilts etc)
If you have a sewing machine and feel like joining us let us know and we can arrange to supply you with a stained glass kit (from Patchwork on Pamela) at cost price. If you just want to join us to sew your own project you are more than welcome.

Ring Wynetta on Ph: 0413 809 554 for more details.

Venue to be decided but most likely will be in the Burketown Community Hall.

BURKETOWN CARAVAN PARK MINI FISHING COMPETITION

23 February 2008 Results

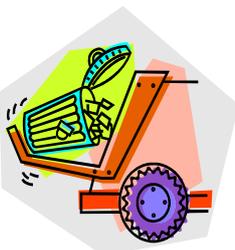
<u>Seniors</u>		<u>Juniors</u>
Category	Winner	
Barramundi 1st	Greg Portch - 6.42kg	Murradoo Yanner - 3.64kg
2nd	Doug Jones	Billy Kennedy
3rd	Paul Poole	Yarren butcher
Salmon	Vi Booth	Dakota Major
Jew	Barb Hitchner	Preston Marshall (drawn)
Grunter	Brian Gaunt	Dakota Major
Bream	Tonya Murray & Cheryl Portch	Yellagunjimurra Yanner (drawn)
OPEN MYSTERY WEIGHT - Vi Booth		
WINNER OF CAR RALLY & QUIZ - Tonya & Clinton Murray		



Billy Kennedy (2nd)
&
Greg Portch (1st)
with their winning barras.



GARBAGE COLLECTION



Garbage collection for Burketown residents is every Friday starting at 7:00am unless otherwise notified. Unfortunately unless your bin is at the edge of footpath before that time then there is no guarantee that your bin will be emptied.



COUNCIL WORKS RELATED NEWS & ACTIVITIES



MAJOR WORKS RECENTLY COMPLETED

- Safety rails and security light at wharf
- Gregory Water Supply
- Aquatic Facility for Burketown - turnstile & access system

CURRENT MAJOR WORKS

- Burketown Sewerage Treatment Plant - complete upgrade works associated with the Blivet unit & modifying pond
- Flood damage repairs of roads from January/March/April 2006 event
- Wills Development Road & Camooweal maintenance works for Main Roads
- Asphalt overlay to Harris Creek & Millars Creek floodway

FUTURE MAJOR WORKS & WORKS IN PLANNING STAGE

- Gregory - Lawn Hill Road - upgrade and seal some sections (approx. 23 km) Planned to commence April
- Introduction of a Waste Management Plan, including recycling
- Upgrading to seal 5km of Doomadgee Rd - west of Walford JumpUp
- Upgrading to seal 8 km of Doomadgee Road East
- 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 - Equipment & shed have been ordered
- Widening of Nicholson River causeway on Doomadgee Road
- New Water Treatment Plant for Burketown - Tendered accepted - Contractor on site mid May
- Improvements to boat ramp at Truganinni
- 3 more units at Pensioners Complex
- Footpath extensions in Burketown & Gregory
- New water main to Burktown Airport
- Shoulder upgrade & sealing at Gregory

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 April 2008 so if you want a copy please contact the Shire Office on (07) 4745 5100 and let us know.



MAY DAY WEEKEND

Saturday 3 May – Race Course

Horse Racing – 1st Race 1:30pm
 Bar & Tea Stall Open
 Bookmakers on Course
 Chicken & Champagne Luncheon
 Fashions of the Field

Saturday Night – Race Course

Smorgasbord Dinner
 Bar Open
 Music
 Music



Sunday 4 May (Gregory River)

Canoe Race



Sunday Night – Race Course

Canoe Club Trophy Presentation
 Bull Ride
 Bar & Tea Stall Open



BURKE SHIRE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>May Day Weekend</u> 3 – 5 May Saturday 3 May	Gregory Downs Jockey Club Races <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 474 5507</i>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> 3 – 5 May Sunday 4 May	Gregory Downs Canoe Race <i>Contact: North West Canoe Club Mt Isa Ken Glasco (President): Ph: 07 4743 3456</i>
<u>May Day Weekend</u> 3 – 5 May Sunday 4 May	Gregory Downs Bull Spectacular <i>Contact: Anne Webber Ph: 07 4748 5507</i>
May 24 & 25	Burketown Campdraft, Horse Sports & Bull Ride <i>Contact: Glenda & Ken Booth Ph: 07 4745 5193</i>
21 & 22 June	Gregory Campdraft and Horse Sports <i>Contact: Sue Clarke Ph: 07 4748 5575 Fax: 07 4748 5670</i>
16 August	Arts & Craft Show <i>Contact: Burke Shire Council 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!!

Burke Shire Home & Community Care Program (HACC) News

Since our last newsletter we have been busy doing arts and crafts at the old church, which included decorating wine bottles and photo frames, also doing paintings and making jewellery. We have also fixed up the old Anzac wreaths for Anzac day. The clients have also made marshmallow bunnies and chocolates for Easter, which they enjoyed.

We have our Centrebased day 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 4745 5100 or 0427 490 220.

BURKE SHIRE HOME & COMMUNITY CARE SERVICE (HACC) WHAT'S AVAILABLE

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
POST OFFICE (BANKING AND SHOPPING)

CENTRE BASED DAY CARE

- GROUP ACTIVITIES
- ARTS AND CRAFTS

North & West Queensland Primary Health Care

53 Enid Street
PO Box 1127
MOUNT ISA 4825

Ph: 07 4749 4615
Fax: 07 4743 4858
Freecall: 1800 221 131
Email: nwqads@nwqphc.com.au

BURKETOWN & GREGORY ITINERARY FOR APRIL - JUNE

DISCIPLINE	BURKETOWN	GREGORY
Indigenous Cultural Liaison Officer	April 10 & 11 June 12 & 13	April 9
Team leader	April 10 & 11	April 9
Occupational Therapist	April 10 & 11 May 22 & 23	April 9
Psychologist	April 10 & 11 May 22 & 23	April 9
Podiatrist	May 1 & 2	April 30
Dietitian	May 1 & 2 June 12 & 13	April 30
Speech Pathologist	May 1 & 2 June 12 & 13	April 30



31st WORLD BARRAMUNDI FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Milmarja Yanner, Shamiah Yanner & Kieran Anderson showing off their catch of Grunter's.



Cr Tonya Murray was the very happy winner of the lucky nomination prize of boat, motor & trailer.



Col Baker presenting the "Sooty Grunters" with the "Perpetual Team Trophy". and \$1230 in prize

Category	Mens	Weight	Womens	Weight	Junior	Weight
Heaviest Barramundi	n/a		<i>Margarita Cheetham</i>	8.07	<i>Darcy Cheetham</i>	5.25
2nd Barramundi	<i>Sam Dart</i>	7.89	<i>n/a</i>		<i>n/a</i>	
3rd Barramundi	<i>Joe Sweeny</i>	7.26	<i>n/a</i>		<i>n/a</i>	
Heaviest Salmon	<i>Tim Foster</i>	4.62	<i>Irene Gaunt</i>	2.51	<i>Maddison Marshall</i>	2.13
Heaviest Grunter	<i>Robert Smith</i>	1.99	<i>Jessica Gray</i>	1.89	<i>Dylan Brier-Mills</i>	1.63
Heaviest Bream	<i>Darren Webb</i>	0.88	<i>Irene Gaunt</i>	0.74	<i>Kane Sweeny</i>	0.86
Heaviest Fingermark	<i>Steven Gudge</i>	2.21	<i>n/a</i>		<i>Kieran Anderson</i>	1.29
Heaviest Other Spieces	<i>Greg Portch</i>	Catfish 17.18	<i>Jenny Williams</i>	Black Jew 8.8	<i>Bill Kennedy</i>	Shark 2.68
All Round Angler	<i>n/a</i>		<i>Irene Gaunt</i>		<i>Madison Marshall</i>	
Team Event	<i>Irene Gaunt</i>	41 fish				
(Sooty Grunters)	<i>Sooty Gaunt</i>	56.21kg				
	<i>Brian Gaunt</i>					
	<i>Cheryl Portch</i>					
Most Catfish						
Boys					<i>Tyrone Cooling</i>	
Girls					<i>Tiah Jackson</i>	
Nomination Prize						
Adult - Boat,motor,trailer package	<i>Tonya Booth</i>	<i>Burketown</i>				
Junior - Rod,reel,tackle & cast net	<i>Jneille Portch</i>	<i>Burketown</i>				

Police Beat

Police Beat

I trust you all had a great Easter break and it was great too see a big turn out for this year's World Barramundi Championship. From what I understand the fishing was quite good. The good news this month is that there has been no major traffic incidents on our roads, which is fantastic considering the increase in traffic flow over the Easter Break. Both the Augustus Downs Road and Gregory Roads have improved markedly due to the council's recent grading which makes a huge difference to road safety.

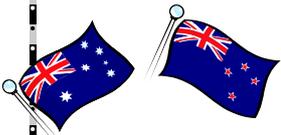
With the week long school holidays approaching us, please keep in mind the 'Fatal Four Road Safety' initiative which are -

1. Drink Driving
2. Seatbelt's
3. Speeding
4. Fatigue

In relation to driver's licencing and registration I am endeavouring to be available each Monday and Tuesday between 9:00am to 12:00pm to assist you with your needs in these areas. Recently the state government has introduced an innovative campaign called, "One Punch Can Kill". The campaign targets younger generation by raising their awareness of the consequences of violent behaviour. The message is being disturbed via Internet and other media. It is important to us all that this message gets through, as the result of violent behaviour can be devastating to all family and friends. Further information can be gained through their website at www.onepunchcankill.com.au

Till next month, stay safe

Tim FECKNER
Sergeant
OIC Burketown Police



ANZAC Day



Proceedings for ANZAC Day, 25 April 2008 will start with a dawn service (approx 6:00am) at the Cenotaph. This will be followed by a breakfast for all those in attendance. A further official ceremony will be held at the Cenotaph at 11:00am where local organisations & school children will march from Morning Glory Park to the Cenotaph for official speeches and the "Laying of the Wreath's".. A further free BBQ will be held at Burketown Shire Hall at 12:00 noon where a bar will be in operation. All are welcome to attend.

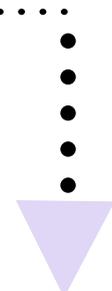


SHAVE for a CURE

Shannon Portch along with some of her workmates are shaving their head to raise money for the "Leukemia Foundation". The big shave will happen on Tuesday 15 April 2008, 6:30pm at the Darimah Village Bar, Century Mine. If you would like to donate money to this worthwhile cause or just would like to see Shannon bald, monies can be given to Shannon Portch or Cheryl Portch. (every donation over \$2 is tax deductible) & receipts will be issued.



Burketown Vacation Care



**NEW
GAMES**

Held from
7 to 11 April 2008
Burketown Shire hall
{Closed for lunch}

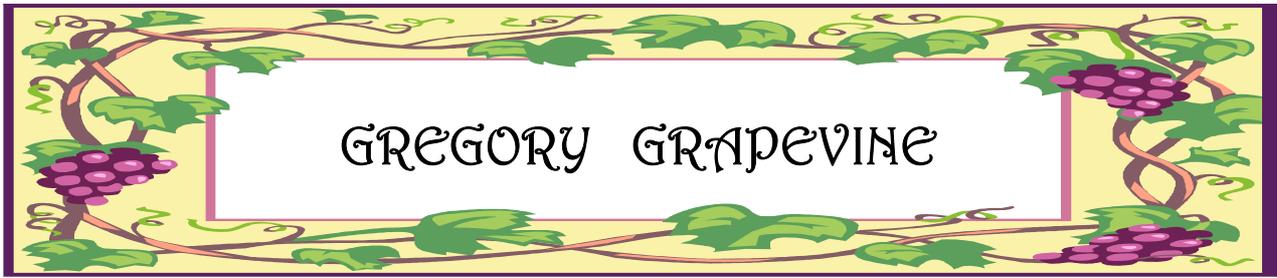


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Jordan & Callie will be spending the week with you. Bring along your togs for **SWIMMING**. New games.

painting
painting

crafts
crafts



RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday Fortnightly

April 3rd & 17th
 May 1st ; 15th & 29th
 June 12th & 26th -
 July 10th & 24th

Qld Health Mobile Women's Health Service – Gregory Visits

Contact - Kym Boyes Ph: 4744 7154

Thursday 26th June
 Thursday 24th July

North & West Qld Primary Health Care – Gregory Visits

Ph 4749 4615 Freecall 1800 221 131

April 9th - Occupational Therapist, Psychologist, Indigenous Cultural Liaison Officer & Team Leader

April 30th – Podiatrist, Dietitian & Speech Pathologist

Team Leader	Katrina Carey	Ph 0729 303 117
Psychologist	Carmen Southam	Ph 4749 4615
Occupational Therapist	Anna Warrick	Ph 0437 340 503
Speech Therapist	Melissa Kuhl	Ph 0437 554 609
Dietitian	Lisa Schulze	Ph 0428 455 903
Podiatrist	Catherine Willett	Ph 0427 678 713
Physiotherapist	Katie Sheridan	Ph 0709 483 518

Gregory School News

School Holidays - Commence on Saturday 5 April. School recommences on Monday 14th April.

Chocolate Fundraiser – Thank you to all for your donations and support. Chocolates should arrive this week. See Tracy to collect your yummys.

School Lunches – 50c per piece of fruit, \$2 per day or \$6 per week or \$50 per student per term. See Meegan to organise.

Social Tennis – Friday Night

Starts around 6:30pm every Friday night.
 Bring along meat/bread to share on the BBQ

CWA – Gregory Branch

How Many Grids To Gregory cookbooks are available for sale - \$8 each or for local Burke Shire residents and business a discount of 20 books for \$120 (a saving of \$2 per book) – contact either Sue Clarke (Ph 47485575) or Tess Arnold (Ph 47485584)

Gregory SES

To join please see/ring Ian Forshaw 47485521

AUSTRALIA, GULF OF CARPENTARIA – KARUMBA

2008

LAT 17° 30' S LONG 140° 50' E

TIMES AND HEIGHTS OF HIGH AND LOW WATERS

TIME ZONE -1000

MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST					
Time	m	Time	m	Time	m	Time	m				
1	0450 0.86 1426 3.28	16	0424 1.42 1428 2.65 2245 1.31	1	0516 1.95 0707 1.92 1251 2.13 2111 1.08	16	0638 2.73 2146 0.78	1	0721 3.72 2132 0.08	16	0723 3.34 2144 0.46
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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