

# Burke Shire Council Newsletter



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## Albert River Park opening



TOP LEFT: Shannyn Anderson reading the poem written by Burketown Students.

TOP: Mayor Annie Clarke along with Shannyn Anderson prepares to cut the cakes that were decorated for this special occasion.

LEFT: Sign erected at Albert Bridge acknowledging the funding body.

On Wednesday 21 July, Councillors and the Community gathered at the Albert River Park to celebrate its opening with a sausage sizzle & cake.

Mayor Annie Clarke opened the park with a welcoming speech and a thank you to the funding body. This project was made possible by the Australian Government Economic Stimulus Plan.

Shannyn Anderson did a great job of reading out a poem that the Burketown School Children wrote about 'Kids Like Parks'.

About 70 people attended the opening. Council provided a bus service for schools and HACC and for anyone else that required transport to the bridge.

A big thank you to the Depot guys that did the set up and cooking.

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# Message from the Mayor



I would think that the departure of the Mash/ Marshall family has left a gap, but with fond memories.

I think that the gap was filled comprehensively by

Rob Noble, Acting CEO and his lovely wife Veronica. Burke Shire was twice blessed with their arrival and the way in which they joined into the community. The added bonus was their kindness in using their skills in helping staff and others individually in realizing their strengths and others' strengths and a way of working together as a team. I, on behalf of the Community can only say simply 'thank you' but it is meant most sincerely. We are the richer for having got to know you.

Our very comprehensive interview process for our new CEO was the most efficient one in which we have been engaged. The very thorough process has resulted in Council welcoming Gary and Jennifer Letts to the Shire. Gary commenced as the Burke Shire CEO on the 13th of October and he and Jennifer have made a mammoth effort to arrive in Burketown. We welcome you Jennifer and Gary and look forward to a bright future full of possibilities.

The Federal elections are over, and we congratulate our long serving Federal Representative Bob Katter. An appreciation for the extraordinary efforts by Bob over those historic days of sorting which party would govern is the fact that the Prime

Minister Julia Gillard is reported to have sent 'a warm letter to Bob Katter, saying that his North Queensland electorate of Kennedy would receive a large slice of regional funding.' Our thanks go to Bob, but the hard work is in front of us and the Shire will need to be project ready to benefit from this. A number of funding rounds have been announced including energy and health. Council will be making submissions to those. There will also be projects of regional significance which we will pursue through our regional local government body Gulf Savannah Development. The Federal organisation Regional Development Australia will play a most significant role in the future of the North-West region.

Cr Forshaw and I attended the Local Govt. Association conference in Mackay. Whilst the majority of the conference speakers focused on urban issues, in my view, there were many opportunities for us to highlight issues with the relevant departmental people and other service providers. Cr. Forshaw with her natural aptitude for technology found information regarding the digitalisation of television and financial impact on rural and remote people who will have to bear a cost in the transfer from analogue, unlike our city cousins. Roads and energy, as well as transport issues were followed up on particularly the decision on our funding for flood damage. Acting CEO Rob was able to get an answer following the information we brought home. The Shire has approval for some \$30 million of rehabilitation works on our roads. Our resolution in having callitrope declared a

weed of national significance was endorsed by Conference and will be pursued by the Local Government Association.

We have renewed our membership with Gulf Savannah Development at the meeting in Normanton in September. The open forum gave us updates on State Govt policies and programs and Cr. Forshaw and I were able to get information from several departmental people in relation to camping in the riverbed at Gregory, water issues, the Savannah Way with a potential development of a Morning Glory Festival. The energy meeting which was held on the next day had serious representation from Ergon, Office of Climate change as well as other organisations with a passion for an alternative energy provision. There are several actions which will be followed through and I am feeling very positive about the objectives being able to be achieved. Power provision for Gregory was a main topic for discussion. The next GSD meeting will be on Mornington Island next month.

Funding for some solar panels for the Burketown Kindergarten has been announced. A submission was driven by Gulf Savannah, through an energy committee that is a sub committee of GSD.

I am the spokesperson for GSD on the committee and Council's representative and I submitted the idea which was well received by the Kindergarten Executive. This project will produce some cost savings to help the Kindergarten to

remain viable.

Council's audit has been conducted and it is reported that the Council has been properly managed in accordance with the requirements – a very pleasing result.

I also attended the AGM of Southern Gulf Catchments with co-Director Megan Munchenberg. Megan is the Community Rep and I am the Local Government Rep. Landcare matters were discussed, the battle of weeds is well documented. SGC is looking to develop an opportunity to provide expertise for environmental impact assessments for industry, to continue to work with all industry by providing programs to work for those industries and to assist the communities, particularly volunteers to achieve environmental projects both locally and regionally.

The remainder of October and November will be equally busy with NQLGA meeting in Port Douglas where Council will debate a number of resolutions. I will let you know the outcomes in the next go round. I am also attending the MITEZ meeting as the Burke Shire Council rep which is the other regional organisation which give tremendous support to the Burke Shire residents in our campaigns of roads, energy and communications.

My best wishes and efforts,

**Annie Clarke**  
Mayor, Burke Shire



## Cr Ernie Camp

It would seem that Summer is coming early. There have been several showers in the area and the temperatures and humidity seem to be rising. It has been a busy time for Council as we seek to be ready for the Wet season ahead. There are predictions that it will be another big one so I would urge everyone to start making preparations now in case the predictions are correct.

Cattle work is still keeping me busy and so I have been unable to attend all events that I would wish to on behalf of Council. I have however been able to attend the Senior's Week function in Burketown where Council recognized the efforts of three Senior Citizens of our Shire – Kevin Malone, Robert Marshall and Pam De Joux. The ways they contribute to the Shire are many and varied and go beyond their role in their 9-5 job. Congratulations – you are an inspiration to us all.

I also attended the opening of facilities at the Bridge and every time I drive to town I see locals and tourists alike enjoying them which is great. Whilst in Mt Isa recently I attended a meeting of the NWQ Water Management Strategy Group.

The Gregory QCWA Sport's Day has just been held and by all accounts was a great day helped along by mild weather. The Gregory Minischool was also another great week for the SOTA kids and their performances on the final night showed what a fantastic time they had. The Burketown Campdraft is soon upon us and I wish the organizers and competitors a successful weekend.

Council has also been going through a rigorous process to select a CEO. We had some great applicants and we believe that we have chosen someone who will work hard for us all and make a positive and strong contribution not just to Council but to the wider community.

I would ask you to join with Council in welcoming Gary Letts and his family and show him why this is such a great place to live.

I would like to thank Rob Noble for the great job he has done as Acting CEO and for his help and assistance in coordinating the selection process for his permanent replacement.

**Cr Ernie Camp**



## Cr Tracey Forshaw

Spring has sprung on us with the odd shower here and there, and just to add to everyone's work load the lightning has also started bushfires.

I would like to welcome our new CEO, Gary and his wife Jenny to Burketown. Gary will start work in October and I am sure Burketown & Gregory residents as well as our rural properties and businesses will show them what a wonderful shire we live in.

In between the September school holidays and the Gregory QCWA horse sports I have managed to squeeze in Council business including training & workshop sessions in Burketown, Council meetings, CEO recruitment interviews, a meeting with Betty Kiernan MP in Mt Isa re Burketown issues. I was also fortunate to be able to attend the Annual Local Government Association Qld (LGAQ) conference in Mackay.

Then it was off to Brisbane for discussions with Ministers, Shadow Ministers and MPs re Burketown issues. I also was able to

attend the GSD (Gulf Savannah Development) meeting in Normanton. GSD is made up of 5 Gulf Councils including Doomadgee, Mornington, Burke, Carpentaria and Etheridge. GSD as a group will be able to bid for more money for roads, bridges and renewable energy as State & Federal Governments like to deal with regional bodies when it comes to handing out the grants. In October I am off again to Brisbane to a seminar regarding rural and remote healthcare.

Congratulations to the organisers, volunteers and competitors of the Burketown Rodeo & Campdraft for putting on another top show.

With weather predictions of an early wet, it is now time to start preparing for the season by stocking up on essential items including food, batteries, medication, frozen goods and other items that may be in short supply. If flooding does occur it is a good idea to have an emergency kit on hand including a battery operated radio, torch and spare batteries. Stay Alert and keep an eye out and don't let children play in or near flood waters. Act Safe and don't, drive, swim or wade in flood waters. Take care

**Cr Tracy Forshaw**



**Cr Bill Olive**

I've had a bit of a health scare but am on the mend and glad to be back home in the Burke Shire.

I have recently attended the interviews for a new CEO in Mount Isa and have already had the privilege of meeting Gary Letts and I wish to give him a warm welcome.

I think Gary and his wife Jenny will fit in well with Council and Community and I know he is here for the long haul as he has bought his chooks with him. With Gary on board I am confident that Council will achieve many goals.

I would also like to thank Rob Noble for stepping in to keep Council progressing in the interim.

**Cr Bill Olive**



**Cr Tonya Murray**

Hi All, what a year it's been. Even with a late start we have managed to fit so many things into our work and social event calendars.

This is a credit to our people's continued motivation and hard work, well done all.

Congratulations to Hayley and Gordon who were both recognised for their excellent sporting achievements through the recent presentation of bursaries that were awarded by BHP Cannington.

The weather bureau is predicting a big wet season this year with similar conditions to those in the 1974 wet season, so lets make the most of what's left of our dry season before the joy and excitement of our wet sets in.

Wishing everyone the best for the remainder of 2010, Cheers

**Cr Tonya Murray**



## Message from the CEO

As my time in this beautiful place draws to a close, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to Mayor Annie Clarke, Councillors and staff for their welcoming of Veronica and me to the Shire. It has been an enjoyable experience, living and working here, seeing the sights of the region and being able to play a small part in the running of the Shire.

Thanks also to former CEO, Le Mash for leaving the place in good shape. The finances are sound and the organisation is well placed for the future.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Gary Letts as your new Burke Shire CEO. Gary won the role from a very good field of candidates.

Gary is a very experienced person, and has just finished as the CEO of the Murray Valley Aboriginal Cooperative, in Robinvale, Victoria, where he has been for the past six years. He has a great record of achievement there, having guided the organisation back from financial difficulties, helped obtain very significant government grants and established a wide range of successful programs, including health programs, to help the local people.

Gary has worked previously at a number of other places, including the Mornington Island and Hope Vale Councils and he has also operated a successful business for many years.

With his wife, Jenny, who is a registered Nurse, Gary visited Burketown for a few days recently. They had a good look around the area and like what they saw. They are both excited to be coming here, want to become involved in the community and are hopeful of having a

long stay. They are avid birdwatchers, so they know they'll enjoy seeing the amazing variety of birds in the area.

Gary commenced work on 11 October and we wish him well.



New CEO Gary Letts

## "Be Switched On and Switch Off"

Council recently participated in the 'Low Carbon Diet', an initiative of Queensland Government.

This program was to reduce the Shires carbon footprint by conserving energy. The name of our project was 'Be Switched On by Switching Off'.

Part of this project was to have residents swap old candescent bulbs for new power saving bulbs free of charge.

There are still power saving globes left so if you need to replace an old globe then please contact Cheryl Portch at Council.

Carbon emission recorders were also set

up at Gregory School and Burketown School which indicated to the students through different coloured lights and numbers as to how much power they were using at any one time.

The reward to Students for participating in this program was a DVD Camera and Computer microscopes.



Tyrone Cooling with camera and microscope; incentives for Schools to lower their carbon footprint.

# Seniors Day 2010

Councillors, students and community attended the celebration of Seniors Week for Burke Shire at an event named 'The Past Meets the Present'. About 50 to 60 people attended this event held at the Burketown Shire Hall on Wednesday 18 August.

This year Council introduced a 'Senior's Award' to acknowledge those exceptional Seniors that continue to volunteer their time to the Community.

The Mayor, Annie Clarke presented three Seniors with awards this year; Pam de Joux, Robert Marshall and Kevin Malone for their various contributions and good works to the Community.

The concept of this event was to have Burke Shire Seniors show the school kids what their life was like as a child going to school.

There were old fashioned games such as skipping, knucklebones, eggs in the gutter, marbles, and spinning tops. Also on display was a steam roller made out of a milk tin that kids of yesteryear would pull around behind them to pretend they were making roads etc.

Copy book writing was a big hit with the kids especially trying to master the nib pen and ink. A couple of old slates with slate pens were obtained for the kids to practice on.

Thank you to Almora and Floraville station for supplying old school books, desk and a replica steam engine for the kids to see.

To see if the seniors were on their game a sum was given out to all the seniors, a simple addition but the sum was in pounds, shillings and pence. All the seniors got the answer correct however there was a small suspicion of collusion occurring.

Before lunch the Burke Shire HACC clients acted out a small skit of a typical class room day scene with their HACC Coordinator – Pam de Joux acting as the teacher, complete with cane. The clients dressed up in old school pinafores that they made. They also made replica school bags out of cardboard and did their hair in piggytails.

To top off the show, Josie Restall from Wernadinga Station played a tune on her violin. Josie was learning to play the violin over the radio through School of the Air.

Lunch was provided to all that attended and included old favorites like brawn, and desserts such as sago, junket, bread & butter and rice puddings.

After lunch the kids sat down with the seniors and asked questions about their school days. The kids got to see some old currency notes and coins that Elva Portch had saved over the years.

It was a good day had by all that attended, Seniors were the star attraction and the students had a very informative day and our Councillors got to intermingle socially with both young and old.

A big thanks to the Department of Communities for providing the funding for this special occasion.



Pam de Joux with Hacc seniors dressed for the occasion.



Learning the art of knucklebones



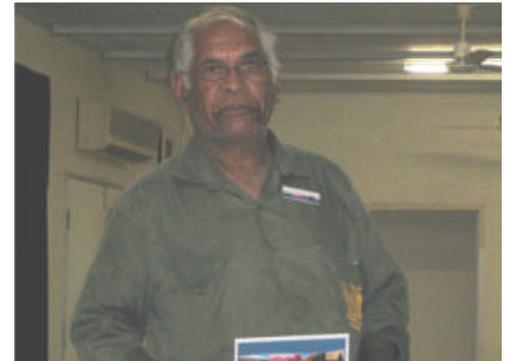
Skipping was a big hit with the kids.



Rob Noble showing his prowess with a pen and nib



Kevin Malone, Pam de Joux and Robert Marshall, recipients of Burke Shire Seniors Awards 2010.



# 2011 Australia Day Awards Call for Nominations

Council invites interested persons and organisations to submit nominations for the 2011 Australia Day Awards (Local Government Section).

Expressions of interest are also being sought from individuals to represent the community on the awards judging panel, which will reflect the various interests and constituencies of the community.

The three award categories for this year are: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; and Junior Sports Award. The awards are part of a family of awards coordinated through the National Australia Day Council.

The Citizen of the Year awards are presented to individuals whom have made a noteworthy contribution to the community during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.

Whilst the awards recognise outstanding personal achievement they also celebrate the remarkable contributions individuals are making to their community.

The Junior Sports Award is presented to an individual who has made a noteworthy record of achievement in sport or has made a significant contribution to sport as a coach, official or administrator.

Award nomination forms may be obtained from the Burke Shire Office, Musgrave Street, Burketown:- telephone (07) 4745 5100, facsimile (07) 4745 5181 or e-mail:- office@burke.qld.gov.au Nominations marked "2011 Australia Day Nomination" must be received at the Burke Shire Office by 4:00pm Friday 14 January 2011.

Nominations can be hand delivered, mailed, faxed or e-mailed.

For those members of the community that may be interested in judging the awards, please provide an expression of interest by 10 December 2010.

The awards will be presented at the Council's Australia Day Event which will be held at the Shire Hall in Burketown on 26 January 2011.

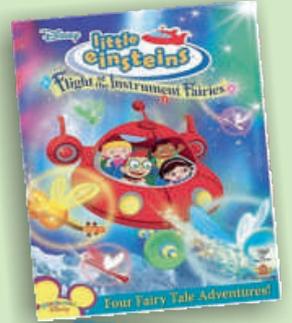
Rob Noble  
Acting Chief Executive Officer,  
October 1 2010

# Library news

Sports Library now has a selection of pool toys, these toys will be available at the Aquatic Centre for your recreation.

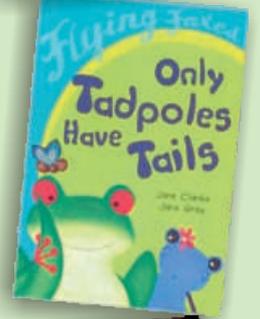
## Junior Library Members

4 movie passes are available each weekday afternoon 2.30 to 4.00. First participant gets to select the movie title.



## DVD of the month

"Flight of the Instrument Fairies" Hold on and let fun take flight, as Rocket transports you through a dazzling rainbow sky on amazing adventures.



## Book of the Month

"Only Tadpoles Have Tails" A witty first look at the life cycle of frogs. Ideal for young readers who are beginning to read independently.

## Book of the Month

"Maralinga" from the best selling author of Floodtide. Maralinga... a desolate place where history demands an emerging nation choose between hell and reason.



Where do you think  
Government should be investing  
in Regional Australia?



Regional Development Australia (RDA) is an Australian Government initiative to form partnerships between the Australian, State / Territory and local governments, to develop the long term sustainability of Australia's regions.



## Stage 2 Regional Roadmap

RDA wants to hear about what needs to be done to ensure the region prospers. During our Stage 1 community engagement sessions we identified five priorities for action within the region. RDA is now seeking your feedback to ensure we have captured the regions priorities. We also want to hear about what needs to be done to ensure the region prospers.

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 October, 2010  
**Time:** 5.30pm - 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Burketown Shire Hall, Musgrave Street, Burketown  
**RSVP:** By 20 October 2010  
**Email:** rsvp@rdatanwq.org.au  
**Phone:** 4799 7861

## Grants Workshop

In conjunction with the community engagement sessions RDA is offering community groups the opportunity to attend a free grants writing workshop, which will provide information on how to access grant funding.

**Date:** Wednesday, 27 October, 2010  
**Time:** 4pm - 5pm  
**Venue:** Burketown Shire Hall, Musgrave Street, Burketown  
**RSVP:** By 20 October 2010  
**Email:** rsvp@rdatanwq.org.au  
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# CWA Horse Sports Gregory

The Gregory Branch of the QCWA held its annual Horse Sports and Family Fun Day on the 21st of September, 2010.

Despite having to conduct the sports on a weekday, nominations were strong and great competition ensued.

The trophies were shared around and all children who entered events went home with a memento of the day.

The branch would like to thank Dave

Arnold who acted as judge for the day. The walk-around microphone purchased by the Gregory Clubs this year was a wonderful asset to the day. All spectators could keep touch with proceedings.

Thankyou also goes to the generous sponsors and volunteers.

In 2011 the branch hopes to revert to the original date, that being the first Sunday of the September school holidays.



Gabe Thorpe in the Mens Flag Race



Wendy Brady showing here style that won her first place in the Ladies Barrel Race



Junior lead race

# Grand Opening of 'Art de Joux'

On August 14 2010 'Art de Joux' opened its doors with a celebration of wine & cheese.

Locals and tourists attended the opening and all were impressed with the class and professionalism of our first Art Gallery to open in Burke Shire.

The Gallery featured paintings works from local artists Pam de Joux and Angela Vinson.

There were also handmade crafts for sale and much art and craft materials.

The owner Pam de Joux is a popular local artist and many of her paintings adorn walls in local businesses and residences.

Pam has developed some unique crafts such as making roses out of barramundi scales which are a popular item with the tourists who want a memento from our Shire that is a little different.



Pam de Joux celebrates the opening of her new shop/gallery.



Grand Opening was enjoyed by the young and old alike.

# Burke Shire Home and Community Care Program

The HACC unit has had a busy month of activities: Clients have been engrossed in their own particular craft and producing some wonderful works: fancywork, crochet and art work. They still like to indulge in bingo or scrabble at least once a week.

Prior to the Seniors Day Event the Hacc hall was a hive of industry with sewing machines kept busy creating school uniforms for the clients to wear at the luncheon. As the theme was "The Past Meets The Present" it was appropriate for them to dress accordingly. Our men even joined in the fun by making shangai's and producing strange items from their pockets during the "skit" that they performed in front of an audience.

The following day we were on the road for an exciting and memorable time for all at the Camooweal Drovers Camp.

Our bus pick up started at 7am but I am sure that most were up hours earlier as they were waiting when we arrived. After our last pick up at Almore Station we stopped off for morning tea/lunch at The Three Ways before heading for Mt Isa. With the CD cranked up with its selection of country music and the clients singing along the time passed rather quickly.

At Mt Isa we detoured to pick up one of our former clients much to the delight of all on board the bus. This was planned a short time before so it came as a surprise and they were totally unaware of where we

were going. They had commented several times on how, "It won't be the same without Kev", so it was an added bonus to their trip.

We kept on the go for the full time at Camooweal. George and Kev attended the Drovers Camp Luncheon. It was at the luncheon that George was acknowledged as being one of the oldest drovers and was presented with an OBE medal with his name engraved on one side. (The initials OBE I believe has a special meaning to the drovers). It was quite an honor and proud moment for him to have his portrait portrayed in pastels ready to be hung in the Camooweal Drovers Hall of Fame.

Taking part in the Parade down the street on Friday was a highlight for them with Burke Shire HACC banner proudly displayed on the bus, and clients waving to the crowd and doing their PR bit along the way.

We got a huge cheer as we passed the hotel but we can't be sure if it was because of the announcers rap on how far we'd traveled or the fact that he said we had twenty five people on board. Anyway we got a rousing welcome from everyone along the way.

A special morning tea for the HACC groups was put on at the camp this year so it was nice to see our unit joining in with Mt Isa Disability and Camooweal units for a bright and bubbly morning tea.

The Drovers Ball saw our ladies dress up in their finery and be escorted by their ever attentive bus driver. While most were happy to be wallflowers

one elegant HACC lady braved it and" tripped the light fantastic" for a couple of hours before she decided that she wasn't as young as she used to be.

Still full of energy after three hectic days we finished off the trip with an afternoon at the races. All had a great time even though they got covered in a cloud of dust every time a race was run.

We were all excited when Vi was selected for Fashions on the Field, and although she never won we were all proud to see her there and it was a fitting end to our five day Camooweal Trip.

On our way back we delivered toys and cot covers to the Mt Isa hospital which was one of the projects that the HACC ladies worked on this year.

They were met at the Children's Ward where they presented the items and had photos taken by the hospital to go into their Medical Journal and newspaper.

Since returning from our travels we have enjoyed a lunch at Savannah Lodge, and are planning other activities.

UP AND COMING EVENTS and ACTIVITIES  
PLANNED:  
Picnic in the Park

For all enquiries on our HACC Program please contact:  
Program Leader: Pam de Joux, Ph: 4745 5100



Burke Shire Community Bus proudly displays our Shire's banner in the parade at Camooweal.



Col Baker & Vi tripping the light fantastic at the Drovers Ball at Camooweal.



George Watson catches up with team mates from his droving past.

# WetlandCare Australia National Art and Photography Competition 2011

To celebrate World Wetlands Day 2011, an international event proclaimed by the United Nations, WetlandCare Australia is once again launching an Australia-wide Art and Photography competition

offering categories for children and adults.

We are seeking works on paper exploring the theme of Forested Wetlands: their importance and wise use. Closing date for entries is December 3, 2010.

The competition is acquisitive, with the winning works to be used by WetlandCare Australia to promote wetlands and the work of WetlandCare Australia.

Entry forms are available at [www.wetlandcare.com.au](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au)

## Marine Rescue – Burketown

Recently a coxswain's course was held in Weipa. Three members, Clinton Murray, Vernon Yanner and Terrence Taylor from Burketown attended. All did extremely well with Clinton Murray coming top of the class of 14.

The "Firefly" has been moored at Sweers Island whilst the trailer axle assembly was rebuilt in Townsville.

As previously mentioned the "Firefly" is now 10 years old and is to be refitted and bought back up to new condition. The major part of the refit will be to open every compartment and check for corrosion. New electronics will be fitted and the battery positions and battery switching will be most probably moved to a more weather proof position.

An exercise is to be held in the lower gulf late October/early November with Mornington Island, Karumba and Weipa.

The Club has purchased a new 46" TV which has been mounted in our club rooms. It certainly sets the atmosphere when watching any sporting events.

Our Friday nights have been few and far between, mainly due to people being busy with their own work and family commitments, however we will be looking at opening up for a night soon and will make everyone aware of the date.

Is your 406 EPIRB registered with AMSA?

### ATTENTION ALL SMALL BUSINESSES

- want to develop a website or improve your website?
- want to get into e-commerce (internet bookings & sales)?
- want to upgrade your marketing activities?

The Gulf Savannah/ Tablelands Small Business On-Line program is now up and running!

- ✓ A series of FREE face-to-face workshops and internet-based workshops ("online" workshops or "webinars") will be run from April 2010 to June 2011 - attend as many workshops/ webinars as you want
- ✓ In addition to the workshops, eligible businesses can also get up to 6 hours of individualised support from our IT consultancy panel (conditions apply, including that you must do at least one workshop/ webinar). The number of businesses that can access this support is limited – first in, first served
- ✓ Eligible businesses must be based in one of the following Shires: Tablelands, Etheridge, Carpentaria, Burke, Mornington, Doomadgee.

### Workshops / Webinar Topics (2 hours each)

- ☐ Why Go On-Line?
- ☐ Internet and Website Basics
- ☐ Rank #1 on Google
- ☐ Email Marketing
- ☐ Advanced Website Skills
- ☐ How to Source Information
- ☐ Tourism Marketing On-Line

**Don't miss this great opportunity. Please register with Annie Cork  
[smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au](mailto:smallbusiness@gulf-savannah.com.au) or 0437 029 668**

*'This is an Australian Government funded initiative under the Small Business Online program'.*

Thanks also to our project partners, including:

- SkyTrans Airlines → Local Councils → Telstra → DEEDI
- Savannah Regional Health Service, Ash's Karumba, End of the Road Motel



# Burketown Rodeo & Campdraft 2010

The 2010 Burketown Campdraft and Rodeo was again enjoyed by all in attendance. Our numbers were similar to last year with new and old competitors in all events and winners came from right across the region.

Over the weekend we drew the Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation 2010 \$1000 Club raffle which was won by the following people: 1st Madeline Davis – 2nd Shane & Nikki & 3rd Dan Judge.

The Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association is currently fundraising to make much needed improvements to our facilities; however we will continue to support other community groups by donating some of our 2010 event proceeds to the Burketown Kindergarten.

A huge thank you must go to our valued sponsors who are named below and make it

possible for us to hold our event. Thanks also to the volunteers who work tirelessly in preparing for the weekend and keeping things on track including Glenda & the team in the kitchen, Rossi & the bar staff and of course the back yard and arena workers who keep the stock coming and riders safe.

Well done to all involved & we look forward to doing it again next year!

Burketown Caravan Park, Armraynald Station, Burke Shire Council, Lenton's Transport, Ringrose Transport, Hawk Eye Helicopters, Skytrans, Escott Station, Savannah Aviation, A Cubed Electrical, Nowland Engineering, Teck Australia, Isa Diesel, Noble Works, Rob & Col Baker, Pam de Joux, Molony's, Almora Station, Forshaw Contracting, Kent Saddlery, Tony Martin, Rodeo Saddle Shop Cloncurry, Burketown Bargain Barn, George Booth Pastoral Services, Pete Wilcocks & Janet Creighton, Floraville Station, Clinton & Tonya Murray, Lolo Fishing, Ken & Glenda Booth, Frank Potter, Burketown Nursery.

DRAFT	1 <sup>ST</sup>	2 <sup>ND</sup>	3 <sup>RD</sup>	4 <sup>TH</sup>	Highest Cut Out
MINI	Darcy Wockner	Cody Wockner	Erin Imeson	Archie Smith	
JUNIOR	Courtney McMillan	Billy Kennedy	Charlie Wockner	Chloe Curr	
JUVENILE	Emma Morris	Andrew O'Kane	Bradley Buttsworth	Emma Morris	
STOCKMAN'S WORKOUT	Jeremy Booth	Scott Hamilton	Mel from Escott	= 4 <sup>th</sup> Emma Morris & Darcy Wockner	
LADIES	Kim Acton	Laura McIntosh	=3 <sup>rd</sup> Leanne Imeson	=3 <sup>rd</sup> Erin Archer	Laura McIntosh
MAIDEN	Kelsey Stevenson	=2 <sup>nd</sup> Jeremy Booth	=2 <sup>nd</sup> Carlton Curr	Chris Towne	Clint Smith
NOVICE	Clint Wockner	= 2 <sup>nd</sup> Laura McIntosh	=2 <sup>nd</sup> Laura McIntosh	Jack Morris	Anthony McMillan
OPEN	Chris Towne	Anthony McMillan	Sally Fletcher	Carlton Curr	Laura McIntosh
PODDY RIDE	Brad Buttsworth	Charlie Wockner	=3 <sup>rd</sup> Jordan Bruce	=3 <sup>rd</sup> Hughie Smith	
BULL RIDE	Micheal Rowson	Jeremy Booth	Kurt Shepard		
SADDLE BRONC	Mavryn Remfrey	=2 <sup>nd</sup> Luke Chaplain	=2 <sup>nd</sup> Quinton Jurd		



Presentation of ribbons and prizes for the Junior sections.



Mavryn Remfrey with his winning ride in the Saddle Bronc.

## Gregory Grapevine

### RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday Fortnightly

- 14th & 28th October
- 11th & 25th November
- 9th & 23rd December

### Women Health Clinic

- Thursday 14th October

### North & West Qld Primary Health Care – Gregory

Visits every 3 months

Ph Mt Isa Office for more details 4749 4615

Free call 1800 221 131

- Psychologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Dietitian
- Podiatrist
- Physiotherapist
- Cultural Liaison Officer

### 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 Sue Clarke Ph 4748 5575

### Gregory SES

- To join please see/ring Ian Forshaw 47485521

### Gregory School – 80's Trivia Night

- Saturday 30th October at Gregory Station (Planet Downs) Social Club
- \$10 per person – upto 6 in a team
- \$5 per plate for BBQ Dinner
- Contact Kimberley Ph 4748 5658 AH 4748 5533

# Vacational Care

## Where were all the kids over the school holidays???

Vacation care programs ran in Burketown, Karumba and Normanton for the past September school holidays, with a variety of activities and skills for the children to try and enjoy. In the first week of the holidays the programs had a total of 301 children attend. This was a record for the programs.

Upon saying this there has been several changes to the programs with more to come. These programs are all about giving the children fun and enjoyment. For the first time all centres have been asked to register all children attending and pay a charge of \$20.00 per family per year. This step has been to give more access to the program for parents and the community. It will make attending a program so much easier, with filling out the paperwork a thing of the past once it has been done once.

For Burketown the program is going through several

changes, all for trying to make the Vacation program a bigger attraction for the children plus a greater support for the community. With this in mind, the next program will run for one week starting MONDAY 6TH DEC. UNTIL FRIDAY THE 10TH DEC.

The program will have a totally different format with three venues being used during the week. During the morning sessions the kindergarten area will focus on our younger students. Art /craft Christmas theme activities, morning tea and plenty of cooking will be the order of the day for this section of the program. In the afternoon, the venue will include the Shire Hall with indoor games including a full size ten pin bowling alley plus the opportunities to provide mum and dad with a unique Christmas present from their children.

Finally at night the third venue, the basketball courts will host modified hockey, three on three basketball games and a mini tennis tournament for all comers. This approach is totally different to anything the

vacation program has done in the past. If you in the community have any suggestions then let Mike Stevenson know (0488 451 715, caduceus41@gmail.com)

The whole vacation program wishes to get involved with the community and upcoming activities. For example, can the vacation care program help the school get the children ready for first day back. There will be funky covers for exercise books and designs to be made for school materials. It is a possibility as the vacation program will also run in January: 17TH JAN. TO 21ST JAN 2011.

Already all equipment left by vacation program at the kindergarten is available for the children at the kindergarten. The program wishes to get more involved with other community groups and opportunities outside the township. Can we organise several days at the vacation program in Normanton? The possibilities are unlimited and the program hopes to hear from you.



Shannyn, Dynieka and Rayne busy painting the banner for Vacational Care.



Cooking is a great hit with the kids

## Police Beat - Restrain your Child!

There is new legislation regarding fines for not having your child in the proper restraints while driving. Both Burketown and Doomadgee police are enforcing these rules so be aware as it could cost you \$300 or more if caught.

There is a program being run through Doomadgee Council and QAS to supply free child seat/restraints to eligible recipients. Please contact Doomadgee Council for more information.

Some adults mistakenly believe that holding their child in their arms, or including the child in their seatbelt can prevent injuries in a crash. Your body could crush the child if they are sharing your seatbelt. The strength needed to hold a baby in a 50 kilometre per hour (km/h) crash is equivalent to lifting a large washing machine.

<b>A guide to child restraints</b> It is now the law for all children under seven years old to be correctly restrained according to their size and age.		
Age	Indicative weight	Child restraint
0-6 months	Less than 8 kg	Rearward facing baby capsule or infant restraint 
6 months-1 year	8-12 kg	Rearward or forward facing infant restraint 
6 months-4 years	8-18 kg	Forward facing child restraint with built-in harness 
4-7 years	14-26 kg	Booster seat with lap-sash H-harness or a booster seat with a secured adult seatbelt 

# Burke Shire Business Directory



## Burketown Nursery

Lot 144 Gregory Street, Burketown.  
Open Saturday and Sunday, 8.00am to 4.00pm.  
Monday to Friday by appointment.  
Come see us for all your gardening supplies.  
Phone: 0417 738 404.  
Orders welcome.



## Savannah Lodge

Coffee and Cake.  
Come along and enjoy a selection of delicious Cakes and Cheesecakes On the Deck at Savannah Lodge.  
Wednesday afternoons between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.  
Meet up with friends or arrange take-away! \$8.50 (Tea and Hot Chocolate also available!)  
• Please note – If cancelled we will do our best to advise.

## Officially Opened

## Burketown Bargain Barn

Is now officially opened - with bargains galore.  
Including:

- Furnishings
- Household Goods
- Clothing
- White Goods
- Fresh Fruit & Veges

Ph: 07 4745 5244 or Mob: 0417 175 744.



## Adels Grove Gulf Savannah

Adels Grove - Lawn Hill Gorge.  
Accommodation tents or rooms.  
Meals and licensed restaurant.  
Transfers to National Park, tours to World Heritage Riversleigh Fossils.  
Swimming, fishing or simply relaxing.  
Bowser fuel now available!  
Ph: 07 4748 5502, Fax 07 4748 5600.  
Email: adelsgrove@bigpond.com

## Great Outback Pub

## Burketown Pub

Australia's Greatest Outback Pub.  
Ph: (07) 47455104 Fax: (07) 47455146  
Email: info@burketownpub.com.au  
Open from 11am - seven days a week.  
Lunch: 12noon – 1.45pm, Mon to Sat  
Dinner: 6.30pm – 8.30pm, 7 days a week  
Delicious Ala Carte Dinner menu prepared by our Italian Chef – Giada.  
Accommodation: Motel units and budget Pub rooms.  
Icy cold beer, Party Ice, Snacks and more.....



## Tirranna Roadhouse

OPEN From 5:45am  
Monday to Saturday 5:45am - 8:30pm  
Sunday 8:00am—7:00pm  
• Breakfast • Fuel • Accommodation  
• Groceries • Take away food  
• Licensed Dining  
• Ice • Bait • Smokes  
Ph/Fax: 4748 5657 Ph: 47485658  
Email: tirrannaroadhouse@bigpond.com  
Call ahead on UHF Ch. 40

## Sunday School

## Sunday School

Sunday School and Night Gospel Meetings.  
Burketown Community Hall.  
Dates - 24 October 2010, 7 November 2010, 21 November 2010.  
Times - Sunday School 9.30am.  
Night Gospel 7.30pm.  
Contact Doug & Faye Jones Ph: (07) 4745 5058.

## New Trading Hours

## Burketown Convenience Store & Post Office

New Trading Hours  
Monday to Friday – 9am to 5pm  
Saturday – 9am to 2pm  
Sunday – Closed  
Public Holidays – Closed (times are subject to change)



## Gregory Downs Hotel

- Accommodation
- Meals
- Camping Facilities
- Caravan Storage

Phone: 07 4748 5566

Monday Westbound					Monday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:05	13:35	Q654	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q655
NTN	ONG	14:05	14:55	Q654	DMD	ONG	10:25	11:05	Q655
ONG	BUC	15:15	15:55	Q654	ONG	NTN	11:25	12:15	Q655
BUC	DMD	16:15	16:40	Q654	NTN	CNS	12:45	14:15	Q655
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q654					

Tuesday Westbound					Tuesday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:50	14:20	Q656	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q653
NTN	ONG	14:50	15:40	Q656	DMD	BUC	10:25	10:50	Q653
ONG	DMD	16:00	16:40	Q656	BUC	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q653
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q656	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q653
					NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q653

Wednesday Westbound					Wednesday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	11:35	13:05	Q652	ISA	DMD	9:50	10:50	Q657
NTN	ONG	13:35	14:25	Q652	DMD	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q657
ONG	DMD	14:45	15:25	Q652	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q657
DMD	ISA	15:45	16:45	Q652	NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q657

Thursday Westbound					Thursday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	11:35	13:05	Q652	ISA	DMD	9:50	10:50	Q657
NTN	ONG	13:35	14:25	Q652	DMD	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q657
ONG	DMD	14:45	15:25	Q652	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q657
DMD	ISA	15:45	16:45	Q652	NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q657

Friday Westbound					Friday Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
CNS	NTN	12:05	13:35	Q654	ISA	DMD	9:05	10:05	Q653
NTN	ONG	14:05	14:55	Q654	DMD	BUC	10:25	10:50	Q653
ONG	BUC	15:15	15:55	Q654	BUC	ONG	11:10	11:50	Q653
BUC	DMD	16:15	16:40	Q654	ONG	NTN	12:10	13:00	Q653
DMD	ISA	17:00	18:00	Q654	NTN	CNS	13:30	15:00	Q653

NTN=Normanton  
ISA=Mount Isa

ONG=Mornington Island  
CNS=Cairns

BUC=Burketown

DMD=Doomadgee