

BURKE SHIRE Council Newsletter



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BURKE SHIRE Order of the Outback Ball 2014

The biennial Burke Shire Order of the Outback Ball was held at the Gregory Race Track on Saturday 28th June. Twinkling fairy lights, Chinese lanterns and multi-coloured orbs greeted the 230 attendees and provided a festive glow to the grounds and set the party atmosphere.

Revellers were entertained by poet Gary Fogarty and the smooth harmonies of Michelle Hobbs-Taylor either side of a delicious three course menu. A jumping castle and DVDs provided popular entertainment for the young children. Gregory Downs Jockey Club ran the bar and provided a tasty recovery breakfast on Sunday.

The Order of the Outback Award was established by Burke Shire Council in order to recognise and acknowledge the individuals or organisations who, through their words and/or deeds, seek to champion the outback – its people, its communities, its spirit. Previous Order of the Outback Award winners, Dr Don Bowley (RFDS) and Simon and Natalie Steele (Mt Isa Salvation Army Outback Flying Service) watched on as Burke Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ernie Camp, announced Charleville residents Brian and Nerida Egan, the founders of Aussie Helpers, as this year's award recipients. Aussie Helpers, founded in 2002, helps support Outback communities and lift the spirits of those severely affected when Nature appears to turn against them. Given the prevailing adverse climatic conditions in much of Outback Queensland the Egans' award is indeed timely and highlights the importance of support networks to struggling families and communities.

From what the Egans saw around them and heard from people in the bush, Brian and Nerida felt that no organisation, at that time, was doing anything significant to help families suffering the full effects of the worst drought in living history. Brian, as an armed forces veteran and one who lost his own farm in the 1990s from a combination of drought and personal depression, is no stranger to hard times.

Aussie Helpers have some 40 volunteers and mainly work via the ever faithful "Bush Telegraph" to find farming families who are in desperate need of assistance. Aussie Helpers work around three words "care, share, respect" which simply means that Aussie Helpers care about people in need, will share whatever assistance they have available free of charge, and will give the recipients the utmost respect and confidentiality.



Brian and Nerida Egan, Aussie Helpers - Order of the Outback Ball Award Recipients 2014.

Aussie Helpers raises all its own funding and is not aligned to any other charity or religious association. Unlike government-funded organisations, Aussie Helpers are all unpaid volunteers making a real difference to the lives of real people.

The crisp winter air did not stop the ladies of the district from taking the rare opportunity to don gorgeous gowns and many men replaced their usual work attire of jeans and workshirts with suits or tuxedos. Prizes were awarded for best dressed party goers; the Mature Lady was won by Christine Reeves from Doomadgee in a stunning silver frock with matching evening bag, and Dave Arnold - the Manager of Gregory Downs Station - looking dapper in his suit won Mature Gentleman. Ararraynald Station scooped the prize pool for Young Lady and Gentleman with the glamorous Kerry Dollard winning the former in a beautiful blue satin gown and Matt Jones setting hearts fluttering with his bow tied attire.

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Order of the Outback Ball



MC - Gary Fogerty, David File - Auction Winner and Councillor Tracy Forshaw.

Throughout the evening auctions and raffles were held with all proceeds being donated to Aussie Helpers. The auction of the signed Troy Cassar-Daly shirt - worn on the cover of the double album Home - as well as signed copy of the album created animated bidding with the lucky bidder, David File, paying \$500 to secure the items. Our very own local MP Rob Katter was the winning bidder, paying \$300, for a painting by local indigenous artist Rowan Jerry.

Message from the Mayor

Ernie Camp

The Order of the Outback Ball has come and gone but what a night it was. Thanks to the hard work of the Committee and Council staff the Gregory Sporting Grounds were transformed creating a wonderful atmosphere in which to relax.

It was an honour to present this year's Order of the Outback Award to Brian and Nerida Egan the founders of Aussie Helpers – a volunteer organisation that supports individuals, families and communities suffering from the tyranny of drought. Funding was provided by the Queensland Government; Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to run this year's event.

The GSD office has now been relocated to the main street of Normanton. Board members, including Burke Shire Council, felt it timely that the organisation return to the region it supports. Look out for the GSD vehicle as it travels the Southern Gulf either providing assistance to local government or local business via the Small Business Support programme.

Recently the CEO, the Deputy Mayor and myself met with the Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney in Townsville. MMG and CLCAC also attended relevant parts of the meeting to lend support to our discussions with Minister Seeney regarding Royalties to Regions Funding and land tenure matters. The Deputy Premier was receptive to matters raised and has indicated a willingness to support Council in its dealings with State on these matters where possible.

I would like to extend my thanks to community members who have either come along and/or provided feedback following recent public meetings on the new water rating system and the proposed ILUA for Burketown and immediate surrounds. As always community input is welcomed and valued by Council.

In the coming months we will have the CWA Horse Sports at Gregory, the Burketown Campdraft and the Morning Glory Festival. Planning for the festival is well underway with music and events being organised. Dubmarine, a 10 piece band, will not only be performing but also working with the children on a Savannah Song project during the week and it will be performed as part of the festival. I look forward to seeing you when we are all out and about enjoying these local events in the months ahead.

In closing I would like to wish the Grade 4-7 students of Burketown State School all the best as they venture to Canberra for their school camp and

A multi-draw raffle also raised a further \$770, while Skytrans donated a lucky door prize of a return trip for two from Burketown to Cairns which was won by Mel Bunyan from Gregory Station.

Funding for this year's Order of the Outback Ball was obtained from The Queensland Government; Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services who provided \$30,000 for the event - this funding was provided to Burke Shire to help strengthen the resilience of drought effected Queenslanders by utilising community events to increase access and participation by residents in direct support services.

The RFDS, Centacare and the Salvation Army attended the Ball and provided information on the support services available to residents in the Burke Shire. Additionally generous sponsorship from Skytrans, MMG Century Mine, Allflex, Landmark, Paraway Pastoral and Burke Shire Council helped the volunteers on the Ball Committee put together a memorable evening.

In thanking the Committee and the Sponsors Burke Shire Mayor, Cr Ernie Camp, said "We are privileged to live in a community where volunteering is a valued part of our makeup and the importance of community connectedness is highly regarded by individuals and businesses associated with our region."



also extend those good wishes to the School of the Air students as they gather at the Gregory Sports Ground for their annual mini school. I would also like to welcome to our shire Nils Hay, Council's Projects & Human Resources Manager, Megan McGill our new Events Co-ordinator, Darrell Kneale and Terry Taylor to Council's Depot and Rachel Gregory who joins Council's Administration team and her husband Clifford.

Message from Councillor Tracy Forshaw

I hope Spring has put a bounce into your step. Our Shire as usual has had a lot happening from the Order of the Outback Ball and Gregory Campdraft in June.

Then we bring it on in September with the Gregory School of Air Mini-School, QCWA Horse Sport & Family Fun Day, Burketown Campdraft, Rodeo and Horse Racing, CLCAC's 30th Birthday and our big event The Morning Glory Festival all taking place in our progressive Shire. WOW! What a full month of fun in the sun in Burke. Whoever said life in the bush was boring hasn't been to the Burke Shire. While we are all having fun please make time to check on your neighbours and mates and ask them RUOK. Mental health is an issue in the bush and the more we talk about it, the less frightening it becomes. I'm on "happy pills" for mild depression and having good medical advice and a cuppa with friends helps a lot.

In July Jenny Williams, Shonelle O'Keefe and myself headed off to Warwick for the annual Australian Local Government Women's (Qld) conference. The Southern Downs region was very dry and they too are hoping for good rains for their farms and crops. It was a valuable networking conference and we all brought home ideas that will benefit the Shire. The new community hub/council chambers is nearing completion, and what another wonderful piece of infrastructure the Burke Shire has been able to build that will be used and benefit the whole shire. I hope to see you all at the opening.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss anything: Phone 07 4748 5521 or Email cr.t.forshaw@burke.qld.gov.au

Take care, Regards Cr Tracy Forshaw.

From the Chief Executive Officer's Desk

Philip Keirle

The Burketown Indigenous Land Use Agreement

Council conducted a community consultation in relation to the proposed Burketown ILUA on Wednesday 18th June 2014. This date coincided with the Gangalidda Garawa claim meeting on the same matter.

The consultation was very well attended. During the meeting, Andrew Kerr (Council's solicitor) briefly outlined the legal backdrop to the ILUA negotiations before providing an overview of the key land tenure changes the ILUA seeks to enshrine. This included the presentation of before/after mapping of the proposed changes.

This mapping and an explanation of the ILUA-as-proposed are available online (<http://www.burke.qld.gov.au/web/guest/public-notice>) and at the Council office. Most of the questions and queries during the meeting focused on the importance of taking flood levels into account for all future development arising from the ILUA.

To date, Council has received no written submissions on the ILUA as proposed. Further updates on this process and future community consultations will follow shortly.

The Morning Glory Festival

Megan McGill, Council's new Event Coordinator, has taken to organising the MGF like a duck to water. The bands are lined up and the sponsorships are coming through thick and fast. A special mention must go out to Skytrans and MMG, who will take care of most of the flights for the performers. These contributions will have a wonderful impact on the MGF budget's bottom line. The Burketown Rodeo and Sports Association has completed the annual spring clean of the Rodeo grounds in preparation for the festival and the various busy-bees have given the race-track a complete makeover to ensure the successful return of sprint-racing to Burketown. The Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation is pulling together an amazing show for the final night of the festival, celebrating their 30th anniversary with bands, dancers and an incredible

banquet of bush tucker. CLC will also be displaying memorabilia from the past 30 years and will offer Ranger-guided tours of the area. Clear the calendar, it is going to be a fantastic four days of entertainment. See more on the Morning Glory Festival on page 11.

Burke Shire Council and the Region

Councillors and staff will be progressing Council's interests within a range of regional and state forums over the next couple of months. In August, there will be delegations to the Regional Roads and Transport Group (Technical Committee), the Queensland Western Roads Action Plan and an Economic Development Roundtable with Mornington and Doomadgee Shires.

In September, there will be delegations to the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils and to the Gulf Savannah Development AGM. In October, Council will attend the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference. These meetings are crucial to ensure that all those who hold the purse strings in State and Federal Government know where we are, what we are doing and where to send the cheques.

Asset Management

Managing Local Government assets has never been more highly scrutinised than right now. Councils require detailed knowledge of asset location, asset condition and asset values in order to make long-term budgeting decisions. To ensure Council is in the best position to make these decisions, it is crucial that our Asset Data is continually updated and in constant conversation with our Financial Management System.

To ensure that this is the case, Council commissioned the most accurate mapping of all Council assets to date, incorporating an asset condition review into this project. This has now been completed and Council is currently linking all of this data to our financial system. We hope to showcase some of this work – particularly the mapping – in the coming months.

Remote Jobs and Communities Program (RJCP)

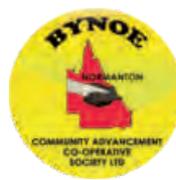
The Remote Jobs & Communities Program has been in effect in Burketown since late 2013 and we have been involved in some interesting projects around the community over the past few months.

We are continuing to service the Burketown Kindy with regular & free yard maintenance to keep the Kindy looking good and safe for the kids. Our yard maintenance service has been extended further into the community by mowing, whipper snipping and removing rubbish free of charge for seniors and at a standard cost of \$50 per yard for anyone else. If you would like to use this service please call or come and see us.

The ladies have explored their skills in jewellery making and now have a small collection of earrings, necklaces and bracelets that will soon be available for sale to the public. Recently our participants have had the benefit of spending a couple of weeks with Normanton based artist Dale Owens who came to Burketown and generously shared his many talents in painting and wood craft.

We are based at the Mougibi Office in Bowen St and have undertaken a painting project to revive the inside of the office and planted flowers and ornamental plants in the yard which is starting to look great. We've also started a vege garden and have recently been able to harvest silver beet, pumpkins, carrots and tomatoes which we will share out with elderly members of the community.

A number of our participants have now found jobs locally and we are continuing to support them. If you are an employer or business owner and you're looking for a new staff member we may be able to help out and there are a number of incentives available to encourage people to give our



participants a start. Please contact Tonya Murray or Sharon Robinson if you would like some further info. For more info on Bynoe services and businesses visit the website at www.bynoecacs.org.au

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Library Update

The Library has received a large shipment of new books and DVDs. These are now on the shelves so venture down to the library to see if any of them take your fancy. It is free and easy to join the library.

Once you are a member of the library we can order in books to meet your needs or you can do it yourself quickly and easily from home.

6 easy steps to reserve library books...

1. Follow the link on the council website to the library or go to <http://www.auroracloud.com.au/OPAC/QPIL/QPIL/Default.aspx>
2. Login using your library card barcode and pin number
3. Select the search tab at the top of the screen
4. Type the author or book/dvd/cd you are searching for into the search bar and press go
5. Click on reserve for the item that takes your interest. You can reserve numerous items at a time.
6. Click reserve again on the final screen.

Your book should be at Burke Shire Library within two weeks. We will contact you to let you know when it arrives. You are able to reserve multiple items at once.

Did you know? The State Library also has a number of e-resources that you can download for free on their website including books, audio books, magazines and music.

Information on our Website

Burke Shire Council has a website – www.burke.qld.gov.au

You can find information on:-

- Current Tenders
- Positions Vacant
- Council Meetings
- Add in your event information
- Notices and much more...

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Positions Vacant

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Articles for BSC Newsletter

Do you have something you would like to promote in our newsletter? Send through your information to office@burke.qld.gov.au.

Articles will be approved at Councils discretion.

Calendar of Events

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

21 September 2014:

Horse Sports & Family Fun Day - Gregory

22 – 26 September 2014:

Savannah Song Project – Burketown State School

25 – 26 September 2014:

Burketown Camp Draft

26 – 28 September 2014:

Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's 30 year Memorabilia Display

27 September 2014:

Burketown Sprint Races

27 September 2014:

Morning Glory Festival – Live music in the Park

28 September 2014:

Markets in the Morning Glory Park with Live Music and Games

28 September 2014:

Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's 30 Year Anniversary Dinner

28 September 2014:

Burke Shire Photo Competition Judging in the Morning Glory Park

September 2014:

Burketown Tidy Yard Competition

5 November 2014:

Melbourne Cup Day

11 November 2014:

Remembrance Day

BURKE SHIRE
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2014 Council Meeting Dates

Burke Shire Council meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in the Council Chambers in the Shire Office, Musgrave Street, Burketown, and are scheduled to commence at 9.00am.

Meetings for 2014 will be held on:- Thursday 18 September, Thursday 16 October, Thursday 20 November and Thursday 11 December.

Burke Shire School Updates

Burketown State School

by Principal Brett de Grussa

Term three is traditionally a very busy term and this year's term three is no exception. The staff and students have been very productive in and out of the classroom. We have also had a number of visitors to the school.

A few weeks ago, five students went to Normanton to attend some athletic training and to compete against 'neighbouring' schools. The students did very well. Shakiah and Mibbulguradoo were selected to attend the regional athletic carnival in Longreach. It was a great experience for them.

The Years 4-7 students are back from their Canberra and snow camp. They have been looking forward very much to this camp and I'm sure they have had a great time.

A couple of presenters from Yumi Deadly Maths recently visited the school and gave some valuable professional development on mathematics. This was much appreciated by all staff members.

We also had a visit from Bravehearts who gave the students a presentation about child safety. The presenter gave some very valuable advice to the students. The presenter's off-sider was a lion cub named Ditto. It was a very educational and entertaining presentation.

Burketown Kindy

As part of our improvement plan programme at Burketown Community Kindergarten, a new shade roof has been completed over the sandpit. This now provides more and better sun protection to the children as they play in the new washed sand that fills the sandpit.

A big thank you to C&K Kindergarten who helped fund this project, along with Burketown Barramundi Fishing Organisation and all of those who have purchased raffle tickets over the last 6 months. The children are engaging in sensory, exploratory, creative, manipulative and constructive sand play.



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Australia's
**BIGGEST
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We had a great turn out for this year's Biggest Morning Tea held at Savannah Lodge. There were fun, games and special prizes. Winner of the major prize was Karen Chimpaka, dinner for 2 at the pub.

**All of the \$542.30 raised goes
to the Cancer Council Australia**

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS:

Burketown Pub, Burketown Caravan Park, Morning Glory Restaurant, Nowland Engineering, Carol Cunningham, Savannah Lodge, Savannah Bakery & Butchery and the Burketown Convenience Store.

**A special thank you to those who put on the
Community Markets giving the day an extra element.**

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Gregory River Landcare Group

By Megan Munchenberg

We have been busy again this year with weed control in the Gregory Town Common and camping areas. Volunteers and contract weed sprayers have again tackled Bellyache bush, Rubber vine, Parkinsonia and Calotrope in the long term fight against weeds in the area.

Funding was generously received from the Burke Shire Council for \$6000 and Southern Gulf Catchments Limited was able to provide \$20,000 which combined with the in-kind support from Paraway Pastoral Company meant that 70ha of weeds infestations were treated in key areas.

Without the ongoing support of our sponsors, supporters and volunteers, these projects simply cannot go ahead. The weed infestations will cause irreversible, long term decline in our region's vital productive land and natural ecosystems.

The Gregory River Landcare Group has also just secured \$40,000 to control Weeds of National Significance in the upper reaches of the Gregory River which have the potential to invade an additional 143 kilometres of our iconic river.

We aim to use a combination of fire and herbicides to eradicate rubber vine, lantana and bellyache bush from five isolated locations upstream of Gregory. The project was selected for funding by Southern Gulf Catchments Limited (SGC) under the most recent Caring for Our Country program because of its extremely high merits for biodiversity and cultural outcomes.

Larissa Lauder from SGC is coordinating the funding round and says "the project put forward by the Gregory River Landcare Group is really strong in terms of its outcomes for the region. This project directly affects 9 threatened species listed under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act as well as 10 listed migratory species, and two Nationally Important Wetlands. The project also benefits the cultural values of the river, as well as reducing the economic impacts on tourism and agriculture."

This project specifically focusses on treating small infestations that we think are able to be eradicated. Getting rid of these weeds is going to be a long term process but in the selected locations we think it is achievable. We will need to go back each year for at least seven years to follow up and treat any seedlings emerging from the seed bank. This funding has given us a boost to complete the expensive first treatment. Project works will commence later this year when the weather conditions are suitable and the bulk of work will be completed by May 2016.

We certainly have a lot going on again in 2015 so if you think you would like to contribute to the important work the Gregory River Landcare Group undertakes in the region please get in contact with us.

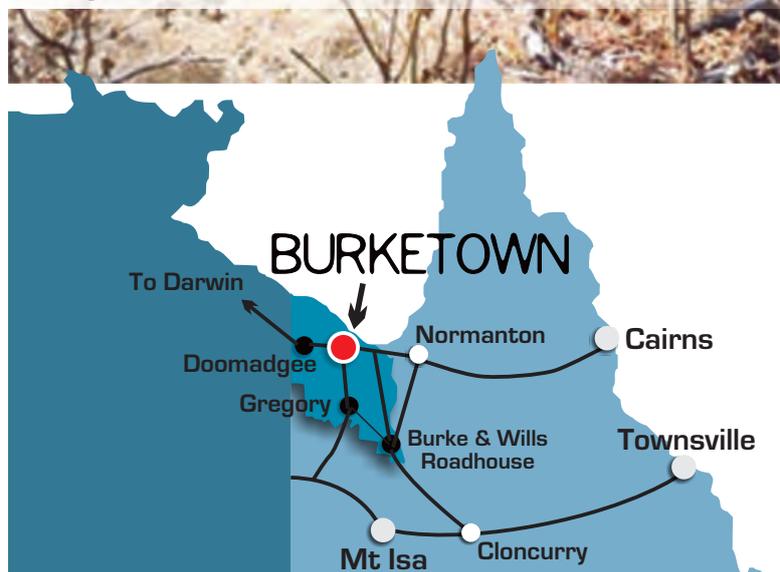
Southern Gulf Catchments on 4743 1888 for our contact details or email us on the address provided. gregorylandcare@hotmail.com



Belly Ache Bush Prior to treatment.



Belly Ache Bush 3 months after treatment.



Gregory Grapevine...

School of the Air (Mt Isa)

Gregory Mini-School (Gregory Hall)

Sunday 7th September to Friday 12th September 2014

CWA – Gregory Branch

Annual Horse Sports & Family Fun Day

1. Sunday 21st September 2014
2. For more information and nominations contact Secretary Annie Backhaus - email: annieb73@live.com.au, Mobile: 0400 737 666

How Many Grids To Gregory

Cookbooks are available for sale - \$10 each
contact Treasurer Rosemarie Newton 4745 3402

RFDS Clinic Gregory (Doctor & Child Health Nurse)

From 9am Thursday Fortnightly
11th & 25th September
9th & 23rd October
6th & 20th November
4th & 18th December
Health Nurse will also be doing talks at the clinics on topics about eyes, hearing, heart & lungs, flu shots etc.

Sunday Night Tennis

Family fun night, BYO food to share on the BBQ, Starts 7pm.

Gregory/Lawn Hill SES Training & Joining-Up

Contact Ian Forshaw 4748 5521
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CWA News and Recipes

By Kylie Camp

Spring is coming and it is the perfect time to crank up the barbeque and start enjoying the warmer nights.

Here are a couple of recipes to try when next you get the urge to grill!

Indian Potato Salad

Place 8 medium peeled potatoes in a large pan, cover with water and bring to the boil. Simmer for about 20 mins or until tender. Drain and place in a large salad bowl to cool. Boil/Steam/microwave 1 cup fresh or frozen peas until just tender. Drain if necessary and rinse under cold water. Redrain and add to cooled potatoes. Combine 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon ground cumin, 1 teaspoon curry powder and ½ teaspoon of turmeric in a small bowl and mix well. Place in a small frying pan over a low heat for until 5 mins or until fragrant. Remove from heat and sprinkle over potatoes in the bowl. Toss potatoes to coat evenly. Using tongs, take one potato out of bowl at a time. Cut into thick slices then return to bowl. To make dressing, whisk 1 cup whole egg mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons lemon juice and 1 tablespoon water in a small bowl until well combined. Pour dressing over potatoes and toss gently to combine. Garnish with finely chopped spring onions. Serve warm or cool.

Haloumi, Sausage & Pesto Skewers

Bring a pot of water to the boil. Add 9 thick beef sausages and simmer for 5 mins. Remove cool until just warm and then slice into 4 pieces. Thread 3 sausage pieces, 2 pieces of green capsicum, 2 cherry tomatoes and 2 large cubes of halloumi cheese alternately onto 12 wooden skewers. Set aside. Make a dressing by combining 2 tablespoons of olive oil, 2 teaspoons of finely grated lemon rind, 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and 2 tablespoons of basil pesto well. Heat a large lightly oiled fry pan over high heat. Add skewers in batches. Cook for about 5 minutes brushing with dressing and turning occasionally until browned and heated through. Serve on a bed of combined baby rocket leaves and shaved parmesan. Drizzle with left over dressing.
Can substitute pork or chicken sausages if desired.

Char Grilled Steak with Chilli Jam

Chilli Jam – place 100g long red chillis – halved, deseeded and finely chopped, 1 finely chopped red onion, 2 crushed garlic cloves, 2 tablespoons peanut oil, ¼ cup water, 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar, 3 teaspoons each fish sauce and hoisin sauce in a medium saucepan. Bring to boil, stirring. Reduce heat to medium and continue cooking for 10 mins stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to low and simmer for a further 5 mins again stirring occasionally or until thick and jam like in consistency. This is enough for 4 thick fillet steaks. Cook steaks to your liking – only turning once. Rest steaks for 3 minutes before serving topped with chilli jam. Serve with tossed salad.



From the Burke Shire Rangers Desk

By Russell Cunningham

Distinguishing between the 'prickle bushes'

As we, the Burke Shire, have been cursed by having the four main prickle bushes established in our area it is advantageous to be able to distinguish the difference between "the prickle bushes".

Mesquite is often confused with other prickle bushes such as prickly acacia, parkinsonia and mimosa bush. These prickle bushes are also Weeds of National Significance and are to be eradicated at every opportunity.

It is possible to tell the difference between prickle bushes by the appearance of the flowers and pods. However, if neither of these is available, they can be distinguished by their bark colour and, in some cases, their leaves. As this can be difficult, a local weeds officer should be consulted. For more information visit the Burke Shire Council website.

Mosquito season is here again

Protect yourself against Mosquitoes!!!

- Avoid being outdoors just before sunset and dawn.
- Wear loose fitting light coloured clothing with long sleeves, long trousers.
- Use insect repellent when outdoors and reapply regularly (repellents containing DEET are the most effective).
- Make sure fly screens on windows and doors are in good order.
- If camping sleep under a mosquito net.

There are a number of actions that can be taken by residents to prevent mosquitoes from breeding and your cooperation in attending to these is requested.

These include:-

- Mosquitoes need water to breed – get rid of surplus water and you may eliminate the problem;
- Animal water dishes emptied and cleaned regularly;
- Drain saucers under pot plants – have sand in them or do away with saucers during the wet;
- Store old tyres so they can't hold water;
- Keep roof guttering in good repair and clear of leaves;
- If there is a water tank, make sure it is securely screened with a fine good quality gauze;
- If there is a fish pond, make sure it is well stocked, preferably with native fish;
- If there is a bird bath, make sure it is drained and cleaned at least once a week.



Works Crew Update

By Chris Rohan

It's been another busy month for the Works crew. Over the last month we have completed 15kms of formation and gravel re-sheeting works on the Camooweal Rd and graded the Lawn Hill National Park and Doomadgee West Roads. Works have commenced to widen the Floraville Road through Bosun Creek and will be completed by the end of August.

Council has also completed maintenance works on the Water Treatment Plant and Council housing whilst continuing to maintain the parks and gardens around Burketown and Gregory.

Over the next month, we will be involved in the construction of a new toilet and shower facility to replace the old toilet block at Gregory, and commence 5kms of bitumen work on the Doomadgee West Road.

The Shire is still awaiting the announcement of flood damage funding from Tropical Cyclone Fletcher earlier this year and continues to plan to commence these works towards the end of October.

Grid replacements have been planned for Harris Creek on the Floraville Road and the McAdams Grid on the Century-Gregory Road.

How Can Tourism Help You?

Burke Shire Council has joined Etheridge and Carpentaria Shires as leading promoters of tourism in the Gulf Savannah, working with Savannah Way Limited to bring more visitors and more local tourism benefit. This is terrific news for everyone in Burke Shire and we all need to build the momentum!

You can help promote Burke Shire to the world:

- Like the Savannah Way Facebook page and contribute pictures or posts about what you are doing.
- Get your business listed on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse.
- Send us a paragraph and a picture by email and we'll put it on our blog.
- Advertise in the Gulf Savannah Visitor Guide for 2015 and advise us of any editorial suggestions.
- Join Savannah Way Limited for greater benefits and opportunities.

The Morning Glory Festival and other local initiatives will put Burke Shire on the big stage, so please get your camera snapping and write a few paragraphs to get the story out there!

Please contact me if I can help in any way.

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The Golden Age of Flying Returns



Photo above: Century's Assistant Airport Coordinator Jamie Kerrisk with the Nostalgia Airways DC3.

The golden age of flying returned to the Burke Shire recently, with the visit of a 70 year old Nostalgia Airways DC3 to Century Mine. It was carrying a group of tourists for nearby eco-tourism destination Adels Grove, but needed to land at Century to offload the passengers.

Built in 1944, the DC3 now operates out of Essendon Airport in Melbourne, 3000km away from Century. It is used for flying tours all over Australia. The DC3 was formerly used as a transport plane by the Royal Australian Air Force and after being decommissioned, was sold to the private operator.

DC3s operated by TAA and Bush Pilots were a workhorse in the Gulf Country for many years, landing at towns at cattle stations in the region.

The use of Century's airport by tourists visiting the Gulf of Carpentaria is another way that the mine's infrastructure provides valuable assistance to the wider community.

Burketown VMR Welcomes 2 New Skippers

By Vernon Yanner

On the 9 May Terrence Taylor and I travelled to Gladstone to participate in the state wide Volunteer Marine Rescue (VMR) coxswain course which ran up until the 23 May.

The VMR is an organisation that specialises in all marine rescues and prides itself on selecting and training the most professional staff possible so vessels and people requiring urgent assistance within the marine environment are rescued in the most efficient manner possible and reunited with their families. The VMR is made up of volunteers that range from all ages (18 and over) and a variety of backgrounds who volunteer their personal time to ensuring the safety of others who have found themselves in difficult situations when boating within the unpredictable and unforgiving seas.

The course is made up of different modules that range from navigation skills, plotting and planning a sea voyage, calculating travel time and fuel consumption, identifying all marine markers, vessel signals/flags, ship's maintenance etc.

Having been successful in passing all the requirements Terrence and I are now active Skippers of the local Burketown VMR vessel. We feel our role is very important, as do the large number of VMR members throughout our local communities and across state that we call the VMR family and are proud to be a part of. Being traditional owners in our region, both having sound knowledge of the local navigational hazards that lay within our traditional waters and being able to apply this knowledge when being deployed on a rescue mission within the region can be a great comfort to our vessel and crew.

We would like to thank the local Burketown VMR team members for their support in helping us achieve this goal, the State Trainer Robert Brock and his training staff and the CLCAC who have been instrumental in their support and encouragement. Last but not least we would like to thank all of the Gladstone VMR team members from the President, through to the radio staff through to the skippers and crew for their second to none hospitality and comforting support.

Web Pages of Interest...



Regional Development Australia www.rdatanwq.org.au/newsletters

The key focus of RDA Townsville and North West Queensland Committee is uniting communities around economic, social and environmental issues and opportunities. RDA will:

- Support informed regional planning;
- Consult and engage with the community on economic, social and environmental issues, solutions and priorities;
- Liaise with governments and local communities about government programs, services, grants and initiatives for regional development; and
- Contribute to business growth plans and investment strategies, environmental solutions and social inclusion strategies.

MMG (Mineral Mines Group) www.mmg.com

Located in north-west Queensland, Century is Australia's largest open-cut zinc mine. Century produces zinc and lead concentrates at its mining and processing operation at Lawn Hill, located about 250 kilometres north-west of Mount Isa. Concentrates are then transferred via a 304-kilometre underground pipeline to Century's Port facility for shipping to smelters in Australia, Europe and Asia.

CNWQML (Central & North West Queensland Medicare Local) www.cnwqml.com.au

CNWQML has a long and proud history of delivering effective, integrated primary health care services in the region previously as North and West Queensland Primary Health Care.

Tourism Queensland http://tq.com.au/marketing/australian-tourism-data-warehouse/australian-tourism-data-warehouse_home.cfm

This is a free way for all events to get major promotion on websites including the new Gulf Savannah website and Drive North Queensland phone app, TTNQ website and over 50 more. All local events should be on this – you just need to register then keep updating your event year after year for free promotion. Hope you can be on ATDW.

The Savannah Way www.savannahway.com.au

The Savannah Way is Australia's Adventure Drive, linking Cairns in Tropical North Queensland with the historic pearling town of Broome in Western Australia's Kimberley, via the natural wonders of Australia's tropical savannahs and the Northern Territory's Top End. The 3700 kilometre route links 15 national parks and five World Heritage areas.

You can explore just a section or cross the continent enjoying its wide horizons, ancient gorges and abundant wildlife, connecting with Aboriginal and pioneer heritage in today's friendly outback. This website can help you plan your journey on the Savannah way with maps, safety information and much more.

Gulf Savannah Development <http://gulf-savannah.com.au>

The Gulf Savannah region in North Queensland is an exciting and vibrant area of investment growth and economic opportunity, and a unique tourist destination in its own right. This website is presented by Gulf Savannah Development Inc., the development agency for the region. Gulf Savannah Development's voting members are the Shire Councils of Burke, Carpentaria, Croydon, Doomadgee, Etheridge and Mornington and industry partners, MMG Century and Ports North.

Cloud Appreciation Society – Morning Glory Cloud Information <http://cloudappreciationsociety.org/mgmoreinfo/>

TOURIST INFORMATION

Burke Shire Council – <http://www.burke.qld.gov.au>

Burketown Caravan Park – <http://www.burketowncaravanpark.net.au>

Burketown Pub – <http://burketownpub.com>

Savannah Lodge – <http://www.savannah-lodge.com>

Morning Glory Restaurant:
<http://www.morninggloryrestaurant.net.au>

Adels Grove: <http://www.adelsgrove.com.au>

Kingfisher Camp <http://www.kingfisherresort.com.au>

If you would like your information added to this page, please email your request to office@burke.qld.gov.au

Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Conference 2014

The Theme for the 2014 ALGWA conference was "Full, Frank & Fearless". Burke Shire was represented by three women who rugged up for a week of cool weather in Warwick.



Burke Shire Council representatives decided to send one staff member each year to the conference as part of a mentoring program to show up and coming members of staff what women can achieve within Local Government roles.

The conference provides access to inspirational women who have held Mayor/Councillor/CEO/Management roles within Local Government and the private industry. Contact during the conference with these women gives the opportunity to provide council staff with a vision of what you can inspire to be.

This year the conference was attended by Council Staff; Councillor Tracy Forshaw, Executive Officer Jenny Williams and Parks and Gardens Employee Shonelle O'Keefe. Shonelle was blown away by the kindness and inclusion of the ALGWA members during the conference and social functions. It was mentioned by a few ALGWA members that they thought that more Councils should send staff along to the conference and were impressed by Burke Shire Council taking on this initiative. This year's conference speakers included present and past Mayors, Councillors and CEO's along with key note speaker Robyn Moore.

Burketown Comes Alive!

The Morning Glory Festival

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The Morning Glory Festival is a joint partnership of the Burke Shire Council, the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Council and the Burketown Rodeo & Sporting Association with support from Tourism and Events Queensland and the Australian Government's Festivals Australia.

To celebrate the incredible natural occurrence, the inaugural Morning Glory Festival will take place from 25 to 28 September, 2014 in Burketown. The festival will combine a program of events including a camp draft, rodeo, sprint races and Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's (CLCAC) 30 year anniversary celebrations.

Saturday 27 September features the Burketown races followed by a live concert with Cairns-based band, The Hillbilly Goats and Brisbane-based band Dubmarine headlining the night. The festival will culminate with CLAC's 30 year anniversary community celebration, which features live

music, traditional dancing and a bush-food feast in the Morning Glory Park on the evening of Sunday 28 September. The public is welcome and it's free of charge.

"The inaugural Morning Glory Festival will celebrate where Burke Shire has come from, where it is now and its aspirations for the future. This is an area proud of its past and with an immensely promising future", explains Cr Ernie Camp, Mayor, Burke Shire Council.

"The event has the potential to become the single biggest economic booster for tourist operators and local business within the Shire. We look forward to welcoming visitors from all over for the celebration"

For the latest festival announcements visit us online at: www.morninggloryfestival.com.au and like the Morning Glory festival at Facebook/Morning-Glory-Festival



A Great Family Day Out..

The QCWA (Queensland Country Women's Association) Gregory Branch welcomes competitors and spectators to the Horse Sports and Family Fun Day being held at the Gregory Racetrack and Recreation Reserve on Sunday 21st September, starting at 8.00am.

This great family day out has been conducted annually since 1963 and includes fun horse events followed by novelty track and field events (such as three legged race, sack race, etc) with events catering for all ages from toddlers to over 70.

For 52 years, this humble event has brought members of the community together for a day of laughter and friendly competition whether from a station or the communities of Burketown, Gregory and Doomadgee.

Your local QCWA branch in Gregory was formed in 1962 and continues to support the shire, district, families and others in need. In recent years our branch has taken on the responsibility of the Gregory RFDS Health Clinic and we manage the money for the Mt Isa School of the Air Gregory Mini-School held annually.

The QCWA is a not for profit organisation with branches throughout Queensland and part of the larger CWA organisation throughout Australia that has a rich history is providing support to rural women and their families.

If you would like more information about this event or would like to join us as a member, please don't hesitate to contact Tess Arnold (President) on 4748 5584, Rose-Marie Newton (Treasurer) on 4745 3526 or Annie Backhaus (Secretary) on 0400 737 666.



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Schedule effective 1 September 2013

Monday					Westbound					Eastbound				
Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #	Origin	Dest.	Dep.	Arr.	Flt #
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NTN	ONG	14:05	14:55	Q654	DMD	ONG	10:25	11:05	Q655	DMD	ONG	10:25	11:05	Q655
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1300 759 872 | www.skytrans.com.au

Skytrans have introduced student fares on gulf services to and from Cairns and Mount Isa.
 Fares are offered at a reduced rate to anyone over 12 years that goes to high school, TAFE or university.
 You must present sufficient and current full time student ID at time of booking.
 A faxed copy of the id must be sent to reservations centre to obtain the fare.
 All fares subject to availability.

NTN = Normanton
 ISA = Mount Isa

ONG = Mornington Island
 CNS = Cairns

BUC = Burketown
 KRB = Karumba

DMD = Doomadgee