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News from the North Burnett Regional Council

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Mayor's Desk by Cr Rachel Chambers

As was reported last week I have spent just over a week in China with Logan City Council as part of a new pilot project to bridge the gaps that currently exist between regional and city areas.

As we are all well aware of, regional areas although rich in resources, have been left out of the loop in many discussions, decisions and future planning due to our lack of voting population. This new relationship seeks to overcome this issue by forging a unique partnership of city/country economic development and advocating for positive outcomes in both council areas. There is strength in numbers and as we didn't have the numbers in our region alone to be effectively noticed, we've joined forces with a city who has the same desire for innovation and growth as we do, a council who also realises the national value of growth in regional areas.

Stand out learnings from the trip include how China has used high speed rail to join their rural and city areas. We traveled 600km for a meeting which only took 1.5 hours each way.

Just imagine what that kind of infrastructure would do in our country. You could live in the country and work in the city or visa versa. No longer would we lose our children to work or education.

Interestingly, China has also discovered that their people now desire a relationship with their food. After years of low quality imports they are now demanding high quality produce and wish to know the story as to its origin. We are seeing exactly the same changes in Australia. For a region whose economy is reliant on agriculture this change brings about some opportunities not only in increasing export to the billion people in China, but also in the new area of agri tourism. There is much more to tell but will save for another time.

Lastly, I will never take our unpolluted water ways, fertile soils and clear blue skies for granted. In fact, I now know, it's what we should be most proud of.

Talk soon,
Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next General Meeting will be held in Biggenden on Wednesday, 17th August, followed by the Standing Committee Meetings in Eidsvold on Wednesday, 7th September. Council Meetings are open to the public.

All members of the public are welcome to attend Council's Public Question Time, held during **Council's General Meeting from 9:30 to 10:30am**. This is an opportunity to bring forth any items that you would like your Councillors to address.

Prior indication of your question is appreciated. Please phone 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) to discuss with an Executive Support staff member or email executive.support@northburnett.qld.gov.au

SHOW HOLIDAY - MONDAY, 8 AUGUST

North Burnett residents and visitors to the region are advised that Monday, 8 August 2016 has been declared a holiday for the North Burnett Region - **Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Mount Perry and Monto Areas** for the purpose of the Royal Queensland Show.

Council Administration Offices, Libraries and Depots located in the townships of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Mount Perry and Monto will be closed on this day.

Community members are advised that Council's Mundubbera Administration Office, Library and Depot will operate under normal operating hours on Monday, 8 August, and will assist with any phone enquiries on this day. Friday 6th May 2016 was declared a holiday for the North Burnett Region - Mundubbera Area for the purposes of the Mundubbera Annual Show.

RECEIVE YOUR RATES NOTICE VIA EMAIL

Have your rates notice delivered straight to your inbox... Simply visit Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au and follow the links. Make sure to have a Rate Notice handy for your initial set-up! For further information contact Council's rates staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

FOOTPATH UPGRADE LYONS ST, MUNDUBBERA

As part of North Burnett Regional Council's Capital Budget program, work will soon commence on the footpath correction and reseal in Lyons Street, Mundubbera. The footpath resurfacing is the final stage of works which has included water pipe replacement, kerb and channel works and road asphalt surfacing.

The following works are scheduled to commence as of Monday, 1 August:

- **Monday, 1 August** – app 3-4 days. Scraping back of existing footpath surface (where required) - Commencing at the bottom end of Lyons Street (Jacobi's and Bottom Pub end). Businesses are advised that this procedure may create a lot of dust and it is recommended that no products or food are displayed on the footpath during this period;

- **Monday, 8 August** – app 3-4 days. Footpath surface preparation. Businesses are advised that shop fronts will be washed to remove dust build up during this stage;

- **Monday, 15 August** – app 3-4 days - Sealing of footpath.

Council appreciates that these works will result in substantial disruption to businesses and residents alike, however, wherever possible, this disruption will be minimised and the final outcome will be worthwhile.

For further information please contact Council's Engineering staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

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CENSUS 2016 - TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST

Your moment to make a difference...

From early August, North Burnett households will begin to receive a paper census form delivered direct to their household, with the option to complete it online.

The Census of Population and Housing (Census) is Australia's largest statistical collection undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). For more than 100 years, the Census has provided a snapshot of Australia, showing how our nation has changed over time, allowing us to plan for the future.

The next Census is on Tuesday, August 9. It's a moment for everyone to play a role in shaping the future of Australia... and the North Burnett.

The aim of the Census is to accurately collect data on the key characteristics of people in Australia on Census night and the dwellings in which they live. In 2016, the Census will count close to 10 million dwellings and approximately 24 million people, the largest number counted to date.

North Burnett Regional Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Faye Whelan said, "The information you provide in the Census will assist to estimate not only Australia's population, but that of the North Burnett, including Pacific Seasonal Workers, backpackers, travellers, indigenous communities, and the homeless."

"I urge all residents and visitors to the region to complete this census as the information is used to distribute government funds and plan services for our community, including housing, transport, education, industry, hospitals and the environment."

Census data is also used by individuals and organisations in the public and private sectors to make informed decisions on policy and planning issues that impact the lives of all Australians.

For further information please visit the Census website @ www.census.abs.gov.au. For phone enquiries, contact Census direct on 1300 214 531. For paper form requests call 1300 820 275 (available 24 hours).

Get online on August 9
and make a difference for your community!



Australian Bureau of Statistics
Census
census.abs.gov.au

POSITIONS VACANT

Nil

TENDERS / EOI

Nil

Further information on Positions Vacant or Tenders can be obtained via Council's:

Website: www.northburnett.qld.gov.au,
Email: admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au,
Phone: 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or
Administration Centres or Libraries

FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

Over the next fortnight, flood restoration works will be concentrated in the following locations:

Gayndah Area - Redvale Rd

Monto Area - Glenleigh Rd

Mundubbera Area - A Creek Rd



Glenleigh Rd, Monto South 'under construction'

Council acknowledges the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) funding is a joint Commonwealth and State Government program.



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Public Notice Proposed North Burnett Planning Scheme Amendment 01/16

North Burnett Regional Council
Inclusive of - Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah,
Monto, Mt Perry, Mundubbera, and surrounds

Council now invites properly made submissions in relation to its proposed North Burnett Planning Scheme Amendment 01/16. The purpose of the amendment is to create a Historic Lots Overlay. It will trigger assessment when making a material change of use for a Dwelling house against a new acceptable outcome requiring the premises to have access to appropriate infrastructure. The provisions will apply to those lots mapped in the Overlay within the localities of Abercorn, Bancroft, Byrnestown, Dallarnil, Eidsvold, Ideraway, Kalpowar, Lakeside, Monto, Mt Perry, Mulgildie, Rawbelle, Shamrock and Wetheron.

Phone for further assistance 1300 696 272

A copy of the proposed North Burnett Planning Scheme Amendment 01/16 is available to view in Council Administrative Offices or at: www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

Public consultation from:

06/08/2016 to 16/09/2016

Anyone can make a submission until
4:45pm, 16 September 2016

Properly made submissions must—

1. be in writing;
2. be made to the North Burnett Regional Council within the consultation period;
3. include the name and address of each person making the submission;
4. include the reasons for the submission, and the facts and circumstances relied upon; and
5. be signed by each person making a submission if not lodged electronically.

Submissions can be lodged—

by post to:

"The Chief Executive Officer"
North Burnett Regional Council
PO Box 390
Gayndah QLD 4625

emailed to:
scheme.submissions@northburnett.qld.gov.au

handed to:
Council Administrative Offices

Pursuant to Chapter 3, Part 5, Division 1 *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and Statutory Guideline 04/14 Stage 3, Step 6, North Burnett Regional Council hereby provides notice of its proposed North Burnett Regional Planning Scheme Amendment 01/16.