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Mayor's Desk by Cr Rachel Chambers



In a few weeks I'll be speaking at an economic forum, followed by a local government conference and then meeting with state government, each time to share our issues with the the intent of finding solutions to them.

Speaking nowadays is pretty much going the way everything else is, the quicker the better. Elevator pitches are the norm and it's widely recommended to stick to no more than three main points (apparently that's all we as humans can remember). As I'm not particularly known for my brevity of conversations (just ask my husband) and there are a great many things I'd love to throw my lobbying weight behind, I've had to invest some thought into what I want to say on your behalf, on behalf of council, and on behalf of the entire region. So this is my 3 point pitch in a nutshell:

1. Population vs productivity. Yes we have just over 10,000 people, less than an average size suburb on the coast, but we punch well above our weight by being in the top 20% of all local government areas nationally for GDP per capita. We need to change the conversation. When competing with other areas for funding or other means of support, our population works against

us. I need everyone to start looking at our productivity instead of our population and start valuing the vast quantity of produce and product which comes out of our region.

2. A connected region is a sustainable region. Each time I have the opportunity to speak to anyone with any pull I use the word connected. This era is the first time regional Australia has had the chance to be on an almost level playing field as our city cousins with the transformation of the internet allowing everyone to compete globally. We need to be connected with technology, with transport logistics, and with each other.

3. Liveability. We all agree that this is an immensely productive, incredibly beautiful region but I argue that we need to improve its liveability. Public transport, public parks and gardens, access to health services and entertainment options don't often make the grade when it comes to our region, why you may ask...please refer to point one.

So what do you think? If you had the opportunity to pick three regional issues to speak about in an attempt to find a solution, what would they be? Talk soon, Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next General Meeting will be held in Monto on Wednesday, 21 September, followed by the Standing Committee Meetings in Eidsvold on Wednesday, 5 October. 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

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY CALL AUSTRALIA

EMERGENCY CALL AUSTRALIA is the Triple-Zero (000) & Emergency Contacts Smart Phone App that can be downloaded for **FREE** by residents.



EMERGENCY CALL AUSTRALIA can assist with getting help from Police, Ambulance, Fire, SES, other agencies. Plus you can add two of your OWN Emergency contacts and call them directly from the App.

What's the location of your Emergency?

Available to download through the App Store or Google Play.

POSITIONS VACANT

- Parks & Gardens Foreman (Regional) - *Close 09-10-16*

TENDERS / EOI

- Various - *Close 19-09-16*

- Supply & Delivery of Vehicles - *Close 26-09-16*

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 - Bon Accord Wetheron Rd,

Humphery Binjour Rd, Mt Debatable Rd

Mundubbera Area - Coonambula Rd



Section of Redvale Road, Gayndah 'completed'

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

RATES DISCOUNT ENDS THIS FRIDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

North Burnett Regional Council ratepayers are advised that the rate notices for the half year 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016 were posted to addresses as shown in the Land Record on 17 August 2016.

Ratepayers who have not received a rate notice are requested to contact Council's Rates staff by visiting their nearest Council office, calling 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or emailing admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

Discount of 10% expires at 4pm on Friday 16 September 2016. No discount will be allowed after this time.

Council will commence charging interest on overdue rates at the rate of 11% per annum compounded on daily balances from the day after the close of the discount period.

POSITION VACANT - PARKS & GARDENS FOREMAN - REGIONAL READVERTISED

North Burnett Regional Council is currently looking for a motivated team player to join our Engineering & Environmental Services team.

The successful candidate will possess:

- Well developed interpersonal skills;
- Ability to supervise, plan and coordinate parks and gardens works programs;
- Experience in parks and gardens maintenance;
- Administration and computer skills;
- Ability to work in noisy and physically demanding conditions;
- Cert III Parks and Gardens, Horticulture or Landscaping;
- Current unrestricted manual "C" class drivers' licence and Work Safe in the Construction Industry Induction Certificate (white card).

Location: Negotiable within the North Burnett region

Remuneration: Level 3-4

Position Status: Permanent Full-Time

Applications close: Sunday, 9 Oct 2016

To obtain a Position Description and information on how to apply please visit www.northburnett.qld.gov.au, contact Council's Human Resources staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

North Burnett Regional Council is a drug and alcohol free workplace and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TENDER SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF VEHICLES

North Burnett Regional Council is inviting tenders for the following:

- **Supply and Delivery of Vehicles** - Tender No 291706/2016-17/TTB/10

Tenders, endorsed with the Tender No, **close at 5:00pm on Monday, 26 September 2016**, and can be submitted electronically via the LG Tender Box at: www.lgtenderbox.com.au, can be lodged in the Tender Box at the Gayndah Administration Office or mailed to The Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 390, Gayndah Qld 4625.

No submission will be accepted after the closing date / time. The highest / lowest of any tender may not necessarily be accepted.

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

TENDERS - VARIOUS

North Burnett Regional Council is inviting tenders for the following:

• **Supply, Transport, Blending and Spraying of Bituminous Products** – Tender No 2904/2016-17/TTB/03

• **Supply and Delivery of Readymix Concrete** – Tender No 2907/2016-17/TTB/01

• **Supply and Transport of Quarry Materials** – Tender No 2913/2016-17/TTB/02

• **Line Marking Services** – Tender No 2906/2016-17/TTB/04

• **Supply and Delivery of Concrete Products** – Tender No 2907/2016-17/TTB/05

• **Traffic Control Services** – Tender No 2909/2016-17/TTB/06

Written Tenders, endorsed with the Tender No., **have now been extended and close at 2pm on Monday, 19 September 2016**, and should be lodged in the Tender Box at the Gayndah Administration Office or mailed to The Chief Executive Officer, PO Box 390, Gayndah Qld 4625.

No submission will be accepted after the closing date / time. The highest / lowest of any tender may not necessarily be accepted. Tender Documents can be sourced from Council's website at www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

For further information please contact Council's General Manager – Engineering and Environmental Services on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VENUE FOR COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with Section 258 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council wishes to advise that the Standing Committee Meetings to be held on **Wednesday, 5 October** commencing 9am in Mt Perry will now be held at **Eidsvold**.

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURES

As part of North Burnett Regional Council's NDRRA program, the following bridges will be closed for approximately two (2) weeks **from Saturday, 17 September** (weather permitting) while betterment works are undertaken:

- Jack Parr Bridge located on Coonambula Road, Mundubbera;

- Burnett River No. 1 Bridge located on Humphery Binjour Road, Gayndah;

- Reids Creek located on Mt Debatable Road, Gayndah; and

- Bon Accord Bridge located on Bon Accord Wetheron Road, Gayndah.

Due to the project scope, Council is unable to construct side tracks for these locations, thus work has been scheduled to coincide with the finish of the fruit picking season and to minimise disruption to local school buses.

The bridges are expected to re-open Monday, 3 October 2016, weather permitting.

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

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NORTH BURNETT TRANSPORT SERVICE - FORUM

Interested community members are invited to attend a Community Consultative Forum on the North Burnett Transport Service at the Mundubbera Community Hall Super Room on **Monday, 26 September 2016, at 9:30am**. Morning Tea provided.

Items to be discussed include: Performance; Customer Service; Communication; Potential Service Enhancements; On-time Performance; and Infrastructure Funding.

To RSVP or to add additional agenda items please contact Council's Bus Co-ordinator, on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC). We look forward to seeing you there!

ANIMAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL

Residents are advised that Animal Registrations for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 were posted in August 2016 and will be due for payment on 1 October 2016.

A discount of 10% will be received for payments made prior to 1 October 2016.

For further information please call into your local Council Administration Office or contact Council's Compliance staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2016

Do you know of a person or event that has made an outstanding contribution to the North Burnett community... or maybe an inspirational role model... If so, North Burnett Regional Council wants to hear from you!!!

Council is now calling for nominations for the 2016 Australia Day Awards.

Nominations close 4:30pm Friday, 25 November 2016

Application forms are also available for the popular **'Baby Certificates'** which will once again be presented during Australia Day Awards Ceremonies.

Australia Day Award nomination forms and Baby Certificate application forms can be collected from any of Council's Customer Service Centres or downloaded from Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

JOIN THE GARAGE SALE TRAIL

Make some money, declutter and see your good stuff reused by hosting a garage sale as part of the Garage Sale Trail on **Saturday, 22 October 2016**, Australia's big day of GOOD STUFF presented by North Burnett Regional Council. It's completely **FREE** and you keep the proceeds.

Register early to receive a **FREE** pack with posters and flyers to help spread the word about your sale. The first 2,500 sales to register by 25 Sept in participating council areas will get a Promo Pack in the mail.

Go to www.garagesaletrail.com.au for more information.

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