

North Burnett News

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News from the North Burnett Regional Council



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Mayor's Desk by Cr Rachel Chambers

Population... With the unsolicited debate over Syrian refugees raging in many households in the North Burnett this week, I feel I need to set the record straight. Media has latched onto this story as it's controversial, topical and offers some good airtime however; there is not much of a story to be told. We have merely contacted State and Federal Government to speak with us about this option. Thus far we have had no response and therefore no discussion with any State or Federal member in regards to this. There has been no community consultation as we have yet nothing to consult on. Further to this, just before Christmas the government announced they would only be rehoming Syrian refugees in Logan, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and Brisbane due to the services available in these areas.

Although this story has been blown out of proportion, there has been a valuable learning in it for me. I feel people don't understand the reason we are investigating this (besides the fact, it was asked of us by community) and other options which may lead to an increase in our population.

We have a predicted 0% population growth rate for the next 20 years. If this were to continue small businesses would struggle to remain open, schools would become stagnant,

rates would continue to rise to pay for the infrastructure and our town facilities would continue to be underutilized.

We need to turn this around. Any increase in population will stimulate the economy and bring about new jobs for the region. We need people (particularly families) and investment to make this region sustainable into the long term. As councillors we are tasked with the responsibility to see the region not only survive but thrive - this is our job. Therefore, we will investigate every single way we could possibly make this happen. To leave any stone unturned would be inexcusable. In saying this, councillors are also responsible for making decisions on behalf of the majority - something we all take very seriously hence community consultation will always be sought on these types of matters.

Council is also very aware that jobs are the number one issue we have in attracting and retaining people to the region. Rest assured we are working every single day to find ways of job creation.

The North Burnett is a beautiful, safe, innovative, productive and affordable place to live, work and play and your council is hard at work to keep it that way into the future.

Talk soon, Rachel.

2017 AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Australia Day is the perfect opportunity for residents of the North Burnett to come together to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It's a day for reflection on our achievements and taking pride in our great nation. It's the day for us to re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future.

The North Burnett Regional Council will be holding Australia Day Celebrations throughout the region, so come and join us for a FREE Aussie breakfast and congratulate our Australia Day Award recipients! Bring your family, friends and neighbours and help celebrate what makes our nation great!

Biggenden

Biggenden Memorial Hall, Corner Victoria and Frederick Streets.

07.00am Free Aussie Breakfast
08.30am Advance Australia Fair / Presentation of Awards

Eidsvold

Apex Park - Moreton Street - In the event of wet weather, Eidsvold Australia Day Celebrations will be held at the Eidsvold Community Hall, 54 Moreton Street.

07.00am Free Aussie Breakfast
08.30am National Anthem / Presentation of Awards

Mount Perry

Mount Perry Community Hall - Heusman Street.
08.00am Free Aussie Breakfast
09.30am Official Ceremony and Presentation of Awards / Certificates

Gayndah

Gayndah Sportsground, Spencer Street - In the event of wet weather, Gayndah Australia Day Celebrations will be held at the Gayndah Community Hall, Capper Street.

07.00am Free Aussie Breakfast / Musical Entertainment
08.00am Official Ceremony including Address by 2017 Australia Day Ambassador - Queensland - Professor Peter Leggat AM / Citizenship Ceremony and Presentation of Awards / Certificates

Monto

Memorial Park / Monto Community Hall, Newton Street - In the event of wet weather, the FREE Aussie Breakfast will be held at the Monto Community Hall, Newton Street.

07.00am Free Aussie Breakfast (Memorial Park)
08.30am Official Ceremony and Presentation of Awards / Certificates (Monto Community Hall)
09.30am Morning Tea (Monto Community Hall)

Mundubbera

Bicentennial Park - Strathdee Street - In the event of wet weather, Mundubbera Australia Day Celebrations will be held at the Mundubbera Community Hall, Lyons Street.

07.30am Free Aussie Breakfast & Local Entertainment
08.30am Flag Raising Ceremony / National Anthem / Opening Prayer for the Community
09.00am Presentation of Awards
10.00am Morning Tea

POSITIONS VACANT

- Closing 25-01-17
- Admin Officer Customer Service & Library - Monto - Closing 29-01-17
- Plant Operator - Depot Crew - Roller - Mundubbera Closing 03-02-17
- Manager Environmental Services - Gayndah
- Environmental Health Officer - Gayndah
- Natural Resources Management Officer - Mundubbera
- Records Co-Ordinator - Gayndah
- Senior Finance Officer (Procurement/Business Analysis) - Gayndah

TENDERS / EOI

- NBRC Sport Lighting Upgrade - Close 20-02-17
- 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.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's first General Meeting for 2017 will be held in Eidsvold on Wednesday, 18 January commencing 9am, followed by the Standing Committee Meetings in Mt Perry on Wednesday, 1 February commencing 9am. 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

What's on @ your local library

SUMMER READING CLUB

Summer Reading Club fun continues until 31 January 2017... Call into your local library or visit the website @ www.summerreadingclub.org.au for more information.

JANUARY STORYTIME & CRAFT

Come along to your local library for storytime and craft sessions for ages 0-5 (with parents). Sessions start @ 10am on the following Tuesday's in January:
- 17th - Outdoors - 24th - Under the Sea
- 31st - Weather

POSITIONS VACANT VARIOUS

Closing 5pm, Wednesday, 25 January 2017
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (CUSTOMER SERVICE & LIBRARY) - MONTO
Position Status: Full-Time Fixed Term (14 months)

Closing 5pm, Sunday, 29 January 2017
PLANT OPERATOR (DEPOT CREW) (ROLLER) - MUNDUBBERA
Position Status: Full-Time Permanent

Closing 5pm, Friday, 3 February 2017
MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - GAYNDAH
Position Status: Contract

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER - GAYNDAH
Position Status: Full-Time Permanent

NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICER - MUNDUBBERA
Position Status: Full-Time Fixed Term (2 years)

RECORDS COORDINATOR - GAYNDAH
Position Status: Full-Time Permanent

SENIOR FINANCE OFFICER (PROCUREMENT/BUSINESS ANALYSIS) - GAYNDAH
Position Status: Full-Time Permanent

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[gov.au](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au) or contact Human Resources by phone on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au for more information and instructions on how to apply.

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

SEWERAGE MANHOLE SPRAYING RESCHEDULED

North Burnett residents are advised that due to unforeseen circumstances, spraying of sewerage manholes has been rescheduled for the following locations:

Eidsvold - Complete

Mundubbera - Complete

Monto - (remainder) Week commencing 13-01-17

Biggenden - Week commencing 06-02-17

Gayndah - Week commencing 13-02-17

Residents with manholes situated on their property are requested to ensure the manhole is easily accessible and that all animals be restrained during the time of treatment.

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

TENDER - NBRC SPORT LIGHTING UPGRADE D & C

TENDER NO - 2906/2016-17/TTB/15

North Burnett Regional Council is inviting tenders for the upgrade of sportsground lighting in the North Burnett.

Tender documents are available via LG Tender Box www.lgtenderbox.com.au - refer to Tender 2906/2016-17/TTB/15 - NBRC Sport Lighting Upgrade D & C.

Tenders, endorsed with the Tender No, **close at 2:00pm on Monday, 20 February, 2017**, and can be submitted electronically via the LG Tender Box at www.lgtenderbox.com.au.

Council reserves the right to invite applicants to change their tender in accordance with the Local Government Act and Section 228(7) of the Local Government Regulation 2012. 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 Project Manager - Flood Restoration on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

NORTH BURNETT TRANSPORT SERVICE - AUSTRALIA DAY SERVICE

Residents are advised that there will be no changes to the running of the North Burnett Transport Service on Australia Day - normal timetable applies.

DISPOSAL OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL

Asbestos is a naturally occurring mineral found in the ground. It contains strong fibres that have excellent durability, fire resistance and insulating properties.

Asbestos containing material can affect your health if asbestos fibres are breathed into the lungs. This can have serious implications on health.

Disposing of materials containing asbestos at NBRC Waste Management Facilities:

1. Contact Council's Environmental Health Department 24hrs prior to disposal.
2. Material containing asbestos is to be double wrapped in black HDPE Plastic 2mm thick.
3. If the amount of material containing asbestos is over 10m³, the transporter is required to have a class B licence.

PLEASE NOTE: WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES THAT ACCEPT ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL INCLUDE MONTO AND MUNDUBBERA.

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

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