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Mayor's Desk by Cr Rachel Chambers

When balancing any budget there are only two options - spend less or earn more, and council budgets are no different.

As I've stated previously this council has very limited opportunity to increase our own source income. We are very aware of people's capacity to pay rates (rates only account for 35% of our budget with the remaining coming from fees and charges, and State and Federal money).

So to decrease expenditure, the question we need to answer is where do we take money away from? Our roads network needs much more money spent on it. Our pools lose us over \$800,000 per year but provide our children with swimming lessons, a place to cool off in summer and a place to exercise. We've put more money this year towards our parks and gardens as they had been on the receiving end of budget cuts for years and the community told us of their displeasure with the outcome. Do we amalgamate our Council administration to one centre therefore minimising all the car travel between towns and the associated expenses? Do we reduce hours of service in our waste, libraries and

other areas?

These are just some of the things we can do to save money, but the question for all of us is, what does our community look like if we do them?

With our low population and enormously large amalgamated region, we are continually told by the State to raise rates and cut expenses. With each cut there are consequences and with each diminishing service or lowering standard, liveability decreases.

When are our regions going to be recognised as the economic backbone of the country and our people be treated with the same respect as is afforded those who live on the coast and in the city? When is government going to understand that if they made regional areas more attractive by giving them more services and increasing liveability that more people would choose to move away from their already overpopulated cities thus helping them out. I won't hold my breath instead councillors will forge on advocating for our region and our people. Talk soon, Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next Standing Committee Meetings will be held in Gayndah on Wednesday, 6 September commencing 9am, followed by Council's General Meeting in Biggenden on Wednesday, 20 September 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 9:30am to 10:30am**. This is an opportunity to bring forth any items that you would like your Councillors to address. Standing Committee Deputations by appointment.

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

MT PERRY FOOTPATH UPGRADE INFORMATION SESSION

Interested community members are invited to attend an Information Session on the Mt Perry footpath upgrade to be held at the **Council Chambers - Mt Perry this Thursday, 24 August 2017 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm** to view and discuss the proposed footpath options for the Works for Queensland funded "Footpath main street Mt Perry" project to improve accessibility and safety.

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

We look forward to seeing you there!

The 'Footpath main street Mt Perry' project has been funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland project.



NORTH BURNETT TRANSPORT SERVICE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE FORUM

Interested community members are invited to attend a Community Consultative Forum on the North Burnett Transport Service to be held at the Gayndah Community Hall Supper Room on Tuesday, 26th September 2017 at 9:30am. Morning Tea will be provided.

WHERE: Gayndah Community Hall Supper Room

WHEN: Tuesday, 26th September 2017 at 9:30am

Items that will be discussed include:

- Performance
- Customer Service
- Communication
- Potential Service Enhancements
- On-time Performance
- Infrastructure Funding

RSVP's 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!



POSITIONS VACANT

- Administration Officer (Executive) Close 14-09-17
- Community Development Officer Close 14-09-17

TENDERS / EOI

- Standing Offer Arrangement - Various Close 25-08-17
- Subcontractor - Plant at unit rates Close 30-08-17
- Deep Creek Bridge Replacement Close 07-09-17
- Abandoned Vehicles Close 14-09-17

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.

FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

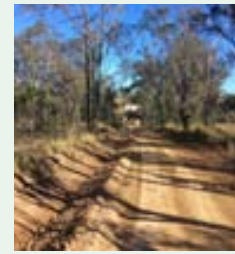
Over the next fortnight, flood restoration works have been programmed for the following location:

Eidsvold Area - Old Rawbelle Rd, Lochaber Rd

Gayndah Area - North Branch Creek Rd, Mungy Rd

Monto Area - Macks Rd, Monal Rd

Mundubbera Area - Church Rd, Stuart Russell St, McIndoes Rd, Riverleigh School Bus Rd, Loakes Rd, O'Bil Bil Rd, Coonambula Rd



Longatong Rd, Biggenden 'under construction'. This work is now complete.

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

POSITION VACANT

North Burnett Regional Council currently has the following positions available:

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (EXECUTIVE) GAYNDAH

Remuneration: Level 1-3

Position Status: Full-Time Fixed Term

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER (Location Negotiable)

Position Status: Permanent Full-Time

Applications close: 5pm

Thursday, 14 September 2017

To obtain a Position Description and information on how to apply please visit www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or contact Human Resources on 1300 696 272.

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

Proposed development Have your say

From: Existing Tourist Park and vacant land

To: Expansion to 136 Site Tourist Park and Park (open space)

At: 2670 Gayndah - Mount Perry Road, Mingo Q 4625

On: Lot 1 on SP22156

Lot 2 on BN37186

Lot 3 on BN37186

By: North Burnett Regional Council

Ph: 1300 696 272

Web: www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

Approval sought: Development Permit

Application No.: 106/17

Comment Period:

24 August to 15 September 2017

Written comments to:

The assessment manager

North Burnett Regional Council

PO Box 390

GAYNDAH Q 4625

admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

1300 696 272

www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

Copies of the full application can be viewed or obtained from the assessment manager

Public notification requirement per Queensland Government - Sustainable Planning Act 2009 Form 5 version 2.0

TENDER - ABANDONED VEHICLES

Tenders are hereby called for the sale of the following impounded vehicles:

2901/2017-18/QTB11

2000 Holden Frontera 4WD - Green

2901/2017-18/QTB12

1995 Honda Civic Sedan - Red

2901/2017-18/QTB13

1995 Ford EF Falcon Sedan - Silver

To arrange for an inspection of any of these vehicles please contact Council's Compliance Department on 1300 696 272.

Written Tenders close at 12 Noon, Thursday, 14 September 2017, and should be addressed to Chief Executive Officer, PO Box, 390, Gayndah Qld 4625 and clearly marked **with the appropriate Tender Number**.

Tender documents can be sourced via Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.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. All tenders will be responded to by mail.

For further information or to report any difficulties obtaining the tender details, please contact Council's Compliance Department on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

TENDER - NBRC DEEP CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Tender No. 2905/2017-18/TTB/10

Tenders are hereby called for the NBRC Deep Creek Bridge Replacement.

Tender documents can be sourced and submitted via the LG Tender Box at <https://lgtenderbox.com.au>

Tenders close at

2pm Thursday, 7 September 2017.

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. All tenders will be responded to by mail.

For further information or to report any difficulties obtaining the tender details, please contact Council's General Manager Engineering & Environmental Services on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

BUILDING CERTIFICATION

North Burnett Regional Council offers the following building certification services to the North Burnett Regional Council area:

- All domestic construction: dwellings, sheds, pools
- All commercial & industrial development
- Pool safety inspections.

For further information please contact Council's Development Services staff on 1300 696 272. QBCC Licence: A31909 & Pool Safety Inspector Licence: 100421

TENDER - NBRC NDRRA RESTORATION WORKS PREFERRED SUPPLIER - Subcontractor Plant at Unit Rates

Tender No. 2909/2017-18/TTB/14

Tenders are hereby called for the NBRC NDRRA Restoration Works Preferred Supplier - Subcontractor Plant at Unit Rates.

Tender documents can be sourced via Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or sourced and submitted via the LG Tender Box at <https://lgtenderbox.com.au>

Tenders close at

2pm Wednesday, 30 August 2017.

Hardcopy tenders can be submitted via mail or be dropped at any of Council's Customer Service Centres and should be addressed to the 'Chief Executive Officer, PO Box, 390, Gayndah Qld 4625' and clearly marked "Tender - 2909/2017-18/TTB/14".

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*. The highest/lowest of any tender may not necessarily be accepted. All tenders will be responded to by mail.

For further information or to report any difficulties obtaining the tender details, please contact Council's Project Manager - Flood Restoration on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

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