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Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers



One of the five principles of local government is transparency. On occasion, council has been blamed for the lack of transparency however in my opinion it may not be the lack of information readily available but the inability to find the information which may be the issue. This particular problem was highlighted to me a couple of months ago when a journalist asked me if I thought I earned my \$250,000 salary.....now before you do as I did and almost fall off your chair, please know that I don't earn that amount or anywhere near it (stay reading and I'll tell you exactly how much I do earn).

The interesting thing to me was in public office, nothing is private, and our income is certainly readily available to everyone. Each year an independent tribunal sets local government elected officials remuneration, the report can be found here: (<http://www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/resources/report/local-government/remuneration-discipline-tribunal-report-2016.pdf>). I, as the North Burnett Mayor earn \$101,631 per annum. The Deputy Mayor earns \$58,633. And your Councillors' earn \$50,815.

As a side note: compared to our fellow colleagues in the WBBROC region we are the lowest paid and in fact we are in the lowest paid band in Queensland. (Bundaberg and Fraser Coast Mayors, \$148,536 / Councillors \$85,994; South Burnett and Gympie Mayors \$125,084 / Councillors \$66,450).

This is just one example of information which is available. Everything we do, every decision we make is public information, even the confidential items are public once the commercially sensitive information (names, addresses, amounts etc) are removed.

For a good overview of the previous 12 months I recommend you read our Annual Report which has all the juicy bits in one spot (this will be released in November). To keep abreast of the decisions we are making, our council meeting agendas are on our website and if you ever need to know anything specific, just ask, I'm more than happy to make sure you get your questions answered.

Talk soon,
Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next Standing Committee Meetings will be held in Biggenden on Wednesday, 1 November commencing 9am, followed by Council's General Meeting in Monto on Wednesday, 15 November. **Please note, this General Meeting will commence at 9:30am, with Public Question Time scheduled from 10am to 10:30am.** 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**. 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

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

North Burnett Regional Council is calling for nominations for the 2018 Australia Day Awards from clubs, organisations, schools and individuals within the North Burnett. North Burnett residents have the opportunity to nominate deserving recipients for the Australia Day Awards throughout the year, ensuring more of our amazing community members are recognised.

Nominations can be completed online, see Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/australia-day/, or collect a

nomination form from any of Council's libraries or Customer Service Centres.

Nominations close 4:30pm Friday, 24 Nov



TROP AG 2017

Council is calling for expressions of interest from local producers and businesses to attend this year's TropAg 2017 International Tropical Agriculture Conference, at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre from 20-22 November, 2017. If you would like to join us and represent the region's industries and businesses, just complete the 'Expression of interest for attendance' form which can be found on Council's website under 'Council News' or pick up a form from any of Council's Customer Service Centres. **Expressions of interest close 5pm Monday, 23rd October 2017.** For further information please contact Council's Community Development Officer (Economic, Tourism & Camping) on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

POSITIONS VACANT

- General Manager Works **Close 31-10-17**
- Trainee Administration Officer (Human Resources) – Gayndah **Close 16-12-17**
- Trainee Administration Officer (Tourism) – Eidsvold **Close 16-12-17**

TENDERS / EOI

- Quotation - Panel of Providers for facilities maintenance **Close 17-11-17**
- Quotation - Pest control inspection and treatment **Close 17-11-17**

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 call into one of Council's Customer Service Centres / Libraries.



STORYTIME & CRAFT @ YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Come along to your local library for storytime and craft sessions for ages 0-5 (with parents). **Sessions start on Tuesday's @ 10am**
24 Oct 'On the farm'
31 Oct 'Space'

COLOURING-IN COMPETITION @ YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

AGE GROUP 5 YEARS - 11 YEARS	STARTS 1 SEP 17	YOU COULD WIN AN AWESOME PRIZE!
REUSE		

PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM @ YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Entries close 4:30pm Thursday, 26 October
The competition winner and runner up from each library will receive a prize...

POSITIONS VACANT

General Manager Works

Are you an innovative person who lives and breathes infrastructure and strategy? Are you renowned for your inspirational leadership? With over 4000km of rural roads, 7 water treatment plants, 5 sewerage plants and 200km reticulated mains, are you up for a challenge? If so, we want YOU!

•Strategic Leadership role focussed on community outcomes
•Develop your career in a naturally beautiful environment.

Applications close: 10pm, 31 October 2017

Trainee Administration Officer (Human Resources) – Gayndah

As a trainee in HR there will be a focus on developing your interpersonal, organisational and communication skills as well as exposing you to a range of essential HR administrative related duties. You'll also be working towards completing a nationally recognised Certificate III in Business Administration as part of your on the job training. During this traineeship you will undertake varied duties such as: Assist with customer service and customer enquiries; Data entry and word processing; Maintain records, operate office equipment; Maintain calendars and appointment schedules; Assist with recruitment and training co-ordination.

Position Status: Full-time fixed term (12 months) Location: Gayndah
Applications close: 5pm, 16 December 2017

Trainee Administration Officer (Tourism) – Eidsvold

As a trainee in Tourism there will be a focus on developing your interpersonal, organisational and communication skills as well as exposing you to a range of essential marketing and tourism services to promote the North Burnett region and its facilities as a premiere destination within regional Queensland. You'll also be working towards completing a nationally recognised Certificate III in Business Administration as part of your on the job training. During this traineeship you will undertake varied duties such as: Assist with customer service and customer enquiries; Assist with the day-to-day running of Council's RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre and associated tourism and community operations and events.

Position Status: Full-time fixed term (12 months) Location: Eidsvold
Applications close: 5pm, 16 December 2017

For further information or instructions on how to apply, see Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au, contact 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.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995

Notice is hereby given that **Glenview Street, Coalstoun Lakes** will be closed to all vehicular traffic on Saturday, **28th of October 2017** for the duration of the Coalstoun Lakes Markets.

QUOTATION – PANEL OF PROVIDERS FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Quotation Number 2909/2017-18/QTB/16

Quotations are hereby called for Panel of Providers for Facilities Maintenance.

Council is currently seeking applications for various trade contractors who are willing to work in a Panel of Providers system to be used for any maintenance tasks required on facilities owned by North Burnett Regional Council.

Written Quotations close at **12 Noon, Friday, 17th November 2017**, and should be addressed to Chief Executive Officer, PO Box, 390, Gayndah Qld 4625 and clearly marked "Quotations – Panel of Providers for Facilities Maintenance".

Quotation documents can be sourced from Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au. Council reserves the right to invite applicants to change their quotation in accordance with the *Local Government Act* and Section 228 (7) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. No submissions will be accepted after the closing date/time for the initial assessment of the quotation. The highest/lowest of any quotation may not necessarily be accepted. All quotations will be responded to by mail.

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

QUOTATION – PEST CONTROL INSPECTIONS AND TREATMENT

Quotation Number 2909/2017-18/TTB/17

Quotations are hereby called for Pest Control Inspections and Treatment.

Council is currently seeking applications for annual pest control inspections and treatment of various Council facilities to be conducted throughout the North Burnett Regional Council area.

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