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Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers



As someone who has never been particularly interested in politics the last 4/5 years (much to my mother's disgust and perhaps to some of your surprise) I have spent many an election night wishing a good movie was on instead of the election coverage. Oh how life changes. Last Saturday night, not only was I glued to the screen, listening to the commentary and speeches, but I was also checking social media and predicting my own outcomes by analyzing the electoral commission website.

Knowing many of these people (in every party) across the State put a personal spin on things. It's one thing to look at a corflute or a billboard but entirely another to be able to match that up with experience as to the person they are behind it. After working with MP's from the Labor party for 20 months and meeting with Shadow ministry for the same amount of time, I have seen the good, bad and indifferent in both sides. We are all human and people who enter politics are no different to those who enter any other career – some fall into it, some know from an early age that's the career for them, some love it, others just do it because they don't know what else to do. Therefore there are some politicians who are brilliant at their job and others who... should look for another one.

One thing which has cut through loud and clear, once again in

this election is the disillusionment of people with our political parties, politicians and systems. Conal Hanna, digital editor for the Brisbane Times summed it up by saying "The Queensland election is a choice between Brisbane rail tunnel and a North Queensland power plant and dams. That's about it really. It's a hardly inspiring contest. It certainly isn't a battle of ideas". When I read this, I was sad. It's 2017 (almost 2018 actually), we are capable of amazing things, we are a country full of ideas and opportunity, yet in politics we seem to never reach for the stars, instead pretending we are all comfortable in maintaining the status quo. Status quo is a safe place for a politician – you don't do anything good, but you also don't do anything bad.

In this age of high turnover at all levels of politics there are many who are playing it safe for career longevity, but safe isn't going to get our region where we want to go. We want more for our region, our state and our country and we (your council) are prepared to put it all on the line to see results because as Mark Zuckerberg said "...In a world that's changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks."

Talk soon,
Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next Standing Committee Meetings will be held in Eidsvold on Wednesday, 6 December commencing 9am, followed by Council's General Meeting in Mt Perry on Wednesday, 13 December 2017 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

YOUR SPORT, YOUR FUTURE! HAVE YOUR SAY!

Council is keen to better understand how our communities engage in sport and recreational activities and our residents' dreams and aspirations for the future. Please have your say by completing a short online survey @ the following links:

Sports Club Members

www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBurnettSport

Community Members

www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthBurnettCommunity

Surveys close Thursday, 1 February 2018.



COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

ADMINISTRATION OFFICES / LIBRARIES

Council advises that all Council Administration Offices, Customer Service Centres and Libraries (Including QGap and Centrelink Services) will be closed:

**from 3pm, Friday, 22 December 2017
through to Monday, 1 January 2018,**

reopening normal business hours on Tuesday, 2 January 2018.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES

Council advises that all Council Waste Management Facilities will be closed:

25 & 26 December 2017 and 1 January 2018

Rubbish Collection Services will operate as per normal collection dates.

For further information on Council's Christmas closures please see Council's website 'Hours of Operation' www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or call 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Get out your Christmas lights and decorations! It's time to start preparing for the 2017 North Burnett Christmas Lights Competition. North Burnett residents and businesses are invited to decorate their homes, windows and gardens in the spirit of Christmas 2017...

'It's time for the North Burnett to SHINE!'

Displays are judged on visual appeal, overall impact, uniqueness, variety of decorations used, safety and tidiness.

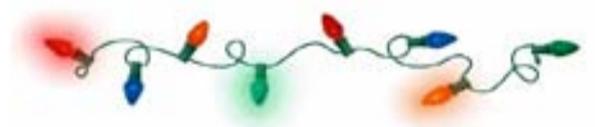
To be part of this year's Christmas Lights Competition, residents are requested to nominate their residence or business by 4.30pm, Thursday, 7 December 2017. Nomination Forms are available online at Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or at any of Council's six Customer Service Centres / Libraries.

Judging will take place from Monday, 11 through to Friday, 15 December 2017.

Entries are encouraged (but not essential).

For further information contact Council's Community Development team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC), email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au or visit www.northburnett.qld.gov.au

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2009 PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 6

North Burnett Regional Council (the "Council") has proposed to make *Local Law No. 6 (Waste Management) 2017* (the "proposed local law"). The proposed local law is a new law to best facilitate waste management delivery.

Possible anti-competitive provisions have been identified in the proposed local law. Council is conducting a public interest test in relation to possible anti-competitive provisions identified in the proposed local law.

The object of this local law is to protect the public health, safety and amenity related to waste management by—

- (a) regulating the storage, servicing and removal of waste; and
 - (b) regulating the disposal of waste at waste facilities; and
 - (c) ensuring that an act or omission does not result in—
 - i. harm to human health or safety or personal injury; or
 - ii. property damage or loss of amenity; or
 - iii. environmental harm or environmental nuisance.
- Specifically, the proposed local law is aimed at replacing the expiring clauses in Chapter 5A of the *Environmental Protection Regulation*

2008 and the section 7 in Part 2A of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011*.

Public Inspection and Written Submissions

Written submissions by any person in support of or objecting to the proposed local law or about the public interest test plan are invited for a 21 day period commencing on Thursday 9 November 2017 and ends at close of business on Friday 1 December 2017 (the "consultation period").

During the consultation period Council will make copies of the proposed local law and the public interest test plan available for inspection at Council's Customer Service Centres. Copies of documentation may be downloaded from Council's website: <https://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au>

Written submissions must be received on or before Friday 1 December 2017 stating—

- (a) the grounds of the submission; and
- (b) the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds.

Any enquiries please contact Manager Environmental Services on telephone 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).

Address your written submissions to—
Chief Executive Officer, North Burnett Regional Council, PO Box 390, Gayndah QLD 4625 or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

POSITION VACANT

Executive Assistant (Corporate and Community)

Applications close: 5pm, 21 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.

REMOVAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Notice is given under Section 100(5) *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* for the following vehicles. If the vehicles listed in the schedule is not claimed by the owner/s in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(10) of the *Act* within one (1) month, Council may dispose of public tender.

SCHEDULE

1. **1997 Ford Explorer 4X4 Wagon 153XKJ** – Impounded from Bauer St, Mundubbera 31/10/17.

Please refer any enquiries to Council's Compliance staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE MONTO

Residents are advised that **Oxley St (between Flinders and Leichhardt Sts), Monto** will be closed from **Monday, 4 December to Thursday, 7 December, 2017** between the hours of 6.30am to 4.30pm daily for water main upgrade works.

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.

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 no.: A31909 and Pool Safety Inspector Licence no.: 100421

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