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## Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers

Question 3 in the "10 Hardest Questions to answer in Local Government". **Leadership: Are we doing good by our people, our environment and our responsibilities to future generations?** Can we make the 'hard decisions'? Let's break this one into four pieces.

- 1. Are we doing good by our people?** Absolutely, no doubt in my mind. Councillors get up every day and focus on the things in which we believe our people and our communities will benefit from.
- 2. Are we doing good by our environment?** Of course we are. The environmental controls under which council operate are immense and we adhere to these adamantly (million dollar fines exist for councils who do not). At a community level, we do get asked about recycling bins a lot however and would love to offer this service but unfortunately labour costs and infrastructure to sort recyclables together with the transport of product to either Brisbane or Bundaberg far outweighs any revenue that that may be derived. There are a numbers of initiatives on the horizon with the State Government's Container Refund Scheme and Commonwealth push for E-Waste which will alter the playing field; so Council can only wait to discover how those projects will be implemented in rural areas and to determine how they can be supported keeping in mind what it would cost to the community.
- 3. Are we making good on our responsibilities to future generations?** This is a bugbear of mine – best summed up by two quotes.

The first, "Leadership is not about the next election, it's about the next generation" Simon Sinek. Or so it should be! In my humble opinion politicians are increasingly becoming more concerned about being re-elected rather than forward thinking

and planning, instead of focusing on our combined futures, our vision has shrunk back into this generations issues only. However, we must ask ourselves what has spurred this mindset on? I read an article about the developing culture of impatience and instant gratification due to consumers becoming afforded improvements in innovation and technology. The article went on to suggest that a society that experiences fewer and fewer waits in daily life will possess less and less patience for outcomes. I've been told many times in the last two years that I need to start campaigning for the next election. My answer is this "I'm working my butt off now and if that's not enough to be reelected then I'm fine with that". I believe actions speak louder than words which brings me to my next point,

"Rather than always focusing on what's urgent, learn to focus on what is really important." Steven Covey. This is my biggest struggle in my position. Every day I have countless phone calls, emails and meetings, most with some form of urgency attached, these take up the majority of my time but what should I be doing? What should we, as a council be focused on? In my opinion we should give our attention to the present but our energy to the future. We are working on getting the balance right.

**4. Can we make the hard decisions?** Unfortunately we have to however it's about making sure that when we do, we have a thorough understanding of the issue and that this understanding is backed up by evidence. This may surprise you, but I could guarantee most of you that if you were in this position, you too would make the same hard decisions as I/we do, as by the time we get to a hard one, we've investigated all other easy options... and the hard one is the only option left.

Talk soon, Rachel.

**POSITIONS VACANT**  
Nil  
**TENDERS / EOI**  
Nil  
Further information on Positions Vacant or Tenders can be obtained via Council's:

Website: [www.northburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au)  
Email: [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au)  
Phone: 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or call into one of Council's Customer Service Centres / Libraries.

### FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

Over the next fortnight, flood restoration works will be concentrated in the following locations:

- Biggenden** - Deep Creek Rd
- Eidsvold** - Dareen Glencoe Rd
- Gayndah** - Yenda Benyenda Rd
- Monto** - Foleys Gully Rd, Mahoon Creek Rd, Old Rawbelle Rd, Glencoe Rd
- Mundubbera** - Green Tree Rd, Green Tree Lane, Taylors Rd



Myola Rd, Mundubbera 'under construction'. Council acknowledges the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) funding is a joint Commonwealth and State Government program.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next **General Meeting will be held in Mundubbera on Wednesday, 18 April** commencing 9am, followed by Council's **Standing Committee Meetings in Monto on Wednesday, 2 May** 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](mailto:executive.support@northburnett.qld.gov.au)

### COUNCIL RECEIVES NDRRA FUNDING FOLLOWING SEVERE TROPICAL CYCLONE DEBBIE

The Minister for Law Enforcement and Cyber Security, The Hon. Angus Taylor MP and Queensland Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, Cameron Dick MP have confirmed that North Burnett Regional Council will receive funding of approximately \$5M under the joint Commonwealth-State Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) to help Council with their recovery following Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie in 2017.

In conjunction with Betterment funding, which will be used to improve the resilience of Monal Road, enabling it to better withstand flooding and provide safer community access for the region, Council received NDRRA funding to repair Airport Road, Back Creek Road, Tableland Road, Greentree Road, Kerwee Road, Mt Steadman Road, Cannindah Road, Cahalane Road, Macks Road and Clonmel Road.

For more information on the 2017 Betterment program and other Category D funding associated with STC Debbie, visit <http://qldreconstruction.org.au/ndrra/exceptional-circumstances-category-d-funding-following-stc-debbie>.

Mayor Rachel Chambers thanked both the Commonwealth and State Governments for this important funding to assist the North Burnett rebuild following Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie.

For further information regarding this funding, please contact Asset Services Manager on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au).

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



The FREE 'Me, Myselfie and I' on tour are coming to Monto. Children of all ages are invited to participate in an interactive art exhibition that encourages children to consider different ways of creating their own self-portraits.

**When: Wednesday, 11 April 2018**

**Where: Monto Library - 50 Newton Street, Monto**

**Time: 9.30am**



## CHILDREN'S Storytime

Sharing stories and rhymes, singing, talking and playing is not just fun but good for little brains too!



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### TENDER - SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

**Tender Number 291703\_2017-18\_QTB\_32**  
Interested community groups / organisations are invited to tender for the disposal (as a lot) of the following items of surplus blacksmith equipment at the Eidsvold Depot - 'As is Where is'.

- anvil
- coal forge
- various tools

Items can be inspected on site on **Tuesday 10, 17 & 24 April, 2018** between 9.30am and 12noon.

**Written Tenders close at 2pm, Thursday, 26 April 2018** and should be addressed to CEO, PO Box 390, Gayndah Qld 4625. Tenders can be handed into your local Council Customer Service Centre or emailed to [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au) and should be clearly marked with the appropriate Tender Number. 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. All tenders will be responded to by mail.

CEO / M Pitt

### NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL PROUDLY SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SHOWS 2018



**THE NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE BEST QUALITY SERVICE TO OUR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.**

- NBRC offers a range of services including:
- Family friendly libraries,
  - Qld Government Agency Services (Mundubbera & Eidsvold offices only) including Vehicle registrations, Births Deaths and Marriages etc
  - Centrelink Services (Gayndah, Mundubbera and Biggenden Centres only)
  - Animal Control Services and Advice
  - Public Transport Services

Find the genius in everyone at the RM Williams Australian Bush Learning Centre, representing the best of the True Bush Spirit  
23767 Gayndah-Monto Road, Eidsvold, Queensland

## Gayndah Show Saturday 14 April 2018