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Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers



As I've mentioned previously in this column, council has not yet perfected communication, however we are working hard every day to improve this area. Communication is quite simply passing information from one person to another, and in council we have a LOT of information to share with you, and we understand you also have a LOT of information you want to share with us. It would be fantastic to have a silver bullet fix for this one as it's so vitally important to get right, alas with this one it's a case of try, and try again, until we get it right.

Utopia would look like this...community would see council as part of the solution and not part of the problem as we both would understand each other's issues and work on solutions and improvements to these, together. Council would see community as the foundation on which all decisions are made and be able to extract meaningful, realistic information from the ground up; which then in turn would produce the highest level of strategic direction; which in turn council would use to inform their decision making.

In other words, community would know that council has a full understanding of and is considering their particular issues and in turn community would also understand the parameters around which council has to operate and make decisions. Council would be able to easily share the roadblocks we encounter with community, celebrate the successes and keep community up to

date on progress. Community would be able to understand the issues council is dealing with and not have to "wonder" what's going on. The benefits to getting communication right between us are countless however, for me personally I look forward to continually breaking down the barriers between us and helping us work together as a team. We aren't each other's enemies, but allies. Only together can we lobby for and achieve great outcomes for the region we all love.

Working towards this "communication nirvana", last week we released our first website budget page. This page has hopefully made it easier to understand outcomes council expects to achieve over the next 12 months. It will also be the place to check on progress and any other information you may require. We are doing things differently. This webpage is still in its infancy but I find it's better just to start somewhere and improve on it day by day. Bookmark this page www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/budget/ and check back often on your favourite projects. There will be more and more information and projects added during the year. I know this doesn't work for everyone, but I'm hoping it's just another way we can communicate and improve our relationship. We also have other ideas to invigorate our partnership in the pipeline.

Talk soon,
Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next **General Meeting** will be held in **Monto on Wednesday, 18 July** commencing 9am, followed by Council's **Standing Committee Meetings in Mundubbera on Wednesday, 1 August** 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.

FEES AND CHARGES

Residents are advised that changes to the North Burnett Regional Council fees and charges took effect from Sunday, 1 July 2018.

For a full run down of new fees and charges please see the 2018-19 Cost Recovery and Non-Regulatory Fees (Fees and Charges) on Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or view a copy of Council's fees and charges at any of Council's Customer Service Centres.

For further information regarding Council's fees and charges please contact Council's Corporate Services Stream on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email Council at admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK...

INTERACTIVE SURVEY COMMENCED 1 JULY

To better gauge Council's level of customer service and customer satisfaction as outlined in our 'Customer Service Charter', residents are invited to participate in an interactive Customer Satisfaction Survey, available at all Customer Service Centres / Libraries. **Call in and... have your say!**

DRAFT SPORT & RECREATION PLAN AVAILABLE FOR FEEDBACK

Following community engagement in October 2017, Council is pleased to advise that the draft version of the Sport and Recreation Plan 2018-2028 is now available for community feedback.

It is envisaged that the Plan will allow Council to better understand how our communities engage in sport and recreational activities, and provide information on residents' dreams and aspirations for the future. Interested residents, clubs, groups and organisations are invited to read and provide feedback on the draft document.

Feedback closes Sunday, 22 July 2018.

This is your sport... your future... Have your say today!

The draft Sport and Recreation Plan 2018-2028 and Comment Form can be viewed or downloaded from Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au. Alternatively a hard copy of the plan is available for viewing at all of Council's Customer Service Centres / Libraries. For further information contact Council's Sport and Recreation Officer or Council staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC), or email Council on admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

RADF R2 NOW OPEN

Round two of the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is now open... If you need assistance with your or your group's artistic aspirations why not submit an application for funding.

Round 2 closes 5pm, Friday 3 August 2018.

For further information including the RADF Nuts & Bolts guidelines or to download an application form see North Burnett Regional Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au, contact Council's Community Development staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

POSITIONS VACANT

- Plant Operator - close 13-07-18
- Technical Officer - close 19-07-18
- Fleet Stream Leader - close 19-07-18
- Civil Works Manager - close 02-08-18
- Civil Works Supervisor - close 02-08-18
- Executive Assistant (Works) - close 02-08-18

TENDERS / EOI

- Operation of Swimming Pools - close 02-08-18

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.

FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

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

Biggenden - Ashton Rd, Hetherington Rd, Highstone Rd, Lower Lakeside Rd, National Park Rd, Swindle Creek Rd

Eidsvold - Dalgangal Rd

Gayndah - Back Creek Rd, Ideraway Rd, Tableland Rd, Yenda Rd

Monto - Airport Rd, Fireclay Rd, Kariboe Rd, Macks Rd, Monal Rd, Old Rawbelle Rd, Walkers Creek Rd

Mundubbera - Hawkwood Rd



Abercorn Rd, Eidsvold 'under construction'.

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

NORTH BURNETT CELEBRATES NAIDOC WEEK 8-15 JULY 2018

North Burnett Regional Council once again celebrates NAIDOC week from 8 to 15 July.

Residents and visitors are invited to call in to their local library to view a display themed "Because of Her, We Can!", celebrating the pillars of our society. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played – and continue to play – active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

For further information on North Burnett Regional Council's NAIDOC Week celebrations contact Council on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC), email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au, call into your local Customer Service Centre / Library, or visit the NAIDOC website <http://www.naidoc.org.au/>

"Because of her, we can!"



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POSITIONS VACANT VARIOUS

PLANT OPERATOR (Final Trim Grader)

Permanent Full-Time, Biggenden

Applications close: 5pm, Friday, 13 July 2018

TECHNICAL OFFICER (Assets)

Permanent Full-Time, Mundubbera

FLEET STREAM LEADER (Civil Works)

Permanent Full-Time, Mundubbera

Applications close: 5pm, Thursday, 19 July 2018

CIVIL WORKS MANAGER

Contract, Mundubbera base

CIVIL WORKS SUPERVISOR

Permanent Full-Time, Eidsvold

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT (Works)

Permanent Full-Time, Mundubbera

Applications close: 5pm, Thursday, 2 August 2018

To obtain a Position Description and information on how to apply please visit Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or contact Council's People and Culture team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).

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

TENDER - OPERATION & MANAGEMENT OF SWIMMING POOLS

TENDER NO: 2909-2018-19-TTB-01

Tenders are hereby called for interested and experienced individuals and or companies to operate and manage Council owned public swimming pools located in Monto, Gayndah, Mundubbera, and Biggenden for a period of four (4) years and concluding on 30 April 2022. Tender documents can be sourced via Council's website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or via the LG Tender Box at www.LGTenderBox.com.au.

Tenders close 10am Thursday, 2 August.

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 – 2909-2018-19-TTB-01". 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 Sport & Rec Officer on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

ROAD CLOSURE - CAHALANE RD (AT WARATAH BRIDGE) MUNGUNGO

As part of North Burnett Regional Council's NDRRA program, Cahalane Road (at Waratah Bridge), Mungungo, will be closed from Monday, 30 July 2018 for approximately 1 month whilst flood recovery (Betterment) works, including construction of concrete bridge approaches, are undertaken.

The upgraded road is expected to re-open late August 2018, weather permitting. Road users are advised that an alternate route will be available via Collingwoods Road during this time.

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

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GARAGE SALE TRAIL 2018

Saturday, 20 & Sunday, 21 October 2018

Registrations will soon open for 'Garage Sale Trail 2018'! Check the website <https://www.garagesaletrail.com.au/> for more information...

R Burton PSM / ICEO