

North Burnett News

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Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers

Has anyone ever watched the movie *The Big Short*? It's about the global financial crisis which of course was triggered by the United States housing bubble. For anyone still struggling to understand the GFC and how the world came crashing down seemingly overnight I can highly recommend it.

The movie consists of three stories, leading up to the 2007 housing market crash. One of the stories told is that of Michael Burry. Burry (a 47 year old American physician, investor, and hedge fund manager) made his investors reportedly \$700 million and himself \$100 million on the back of the GFC using his foresight and interpretation of data readily available. So you well may ask, why on earth am I telling you all this?

This is why... The last line of the movie, printed on a placard, is "Michael Burry is focusing all of his trading on one commodity: Water." I found this very interesting. The man who made money at the time the rest of the world lost money because of the way he interpreted data was now investing in water.

This is an extract from an interview he did for *New York* magazine in December 2015 (just as the movie was released). "Fundamentally, I started looking at investments in water about 15 years ago. Fresh, clean water cannot be taken for granted. And it is not — water is political, and litigious. Transporting water is impractical for both political and physical reasons, (...) What became clear to me is that food is the way to invest in water. That is, grow food in water-rich areas and transport it for sale

in water-poor areas. This is the method for redistributing water that is least contentious, and ultimately it can be profitable, which will ensure that this redistribution is sustainable. A bottle of wine takes over 400 bottles of water to produce — the water embedded in food is what I found interesting."

So, my question to you is: do you find this interesting? Although investors typically think of gold, silver and even coal as precious resources before water even springs to mind (pardon the pun), the reality is, water is invaluable. Allegedly 195 conflicts since 2000 have been waged on water. Whilst nearly 70% of the world is covered by water, just 1% is accessible. By 2025 it has been suggested that 2/3rds of the world's population will live in water-stressed regions and by 2050 food production will need to double to feed them. Michael Burry is saying water is expensive to move but food makes it viable. Given this information, imagine if we lived in a part of the world with access to clean, fresh water next to rich arable soils, on which we could grow clean and green produce. Wouldn't we consider ourselves one of the luckiest places on earth? In the North Burnett, we don't have to imagine. This is us. If we can sure up water security (including reliability) what a wealthy region we would have into the future. Our job is to ensure our decision makers understand water's importance in our world's future and that not every region/state or country has the same opportunity.

Talk soon, Rachel.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next **General Meeting will be held in Biggenden on Wednesday, 15 August** commencing 9am, followed by Council's **Standing Committee Meetings in Eidsvold on Wednesday, 5 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.

NORTH BURNETT TRANSPORT SERVICE FILL IN A SURVEY!

Survey closes Friday, 31 August 2018

Help the North Burnett Regional Council continue to provide an efficient bus travel service for the community and visitors to our region!

Have your say on what is important to you! We value your opinion and welcome your feedback.

Complete the anonymous on-board survey form from the

comfort of your seat and return to the friendly bus driver.

Just provide your name and contact details to receive entry into the draw to win ONE OF TEN \$20 Reading Cinema gifts cards!

SHOW HOLIDAY MONDAY, 13 AUGUST 2018

Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto & Mt Perry

North Burnett residents and visitors to the region are advised that **Monday, 13 August 2018** has been declared a holiday for the North Burnett Region - **Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto and Mount Perry areas** for the purpose of the Royal Queensland Show.

Council Administration Offices, Customer Service Centres, libraries (incorporating Centrelink & QGap) and depots located in the townships of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto and Mt Perry will be closed on this day.

Community members are advised that Council's Administration Office/Customer Service Centre, library and depot located at Mundubbera will operate under normal operating hours on Monday, 13 August, and will assist with any phone enquiries on this day.

Friday, 11 May 2018 was declared a holiday for the North Burnett area of Mundubbera for the purposes of the Annual Show.

POSITIONS VACANT

- Civil Works Manager - close 09-08-18
- Corporate Services Manager - close 28-08-18
- Administration Officer (Civil Works) - close 28-08-18

TENDERS / EOI

- Design and Construct – Photovoltaic System - close 13-08-18

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 - Fernleigh Rd, Neils Rd, Swindle Creek Rd, Wixon Rd, Lords Rd, Bennetts Rd, Coongarra Rd, Doves Rd

Eidsvold - Kerwee Rd

Gayndah - Back Creek Rd, Tableland Rd, Yenda Rd, MT Steadman Rd, Dents Rd, Beronne Rd

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

Mundubbera - Hawkwood Rd, Walkers Rd



Tableland Rd, Gayndah 'under construction'.

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

WE WELCOME YOUR FEEDBACK... INTERACTIVE SURVEY

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!

POSITION VACANT CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER

Applications close: **5pm Tuesday, 28 Aug**

This is a key corporate and financial leadership role with significant remuneration package available for an outstanding applicant.

This key leadership role forms a critical part of Council's Executive Leadership Team and reports to the General Manager Corporate and Community. The Manager is responsible for the effective leadership and management of the Corporate Services Section including Finance, budgeting, ICT, records management and other Business Support functions including risk management and corporate and operational planning.

As a member of the Executive Leadership Team this role will be responsible for the provision of credible leadership, development and maintenance of a performance culture, strategic long term financial planning and organisational decision making, ensuring that all functions of the Corporate Services Section supports the strategic direction and financial sustainability of the Council.

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).

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POSITION VACANT ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (CIVIL WORKS) - MUNDUBBERA

Full-Time Fixed Term (6 months)

Applications close: **5pm Tuesday, 28 Aug**

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TENDER – DESIGN & CONSTRUCT PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM TENDER NO: 291703_2018-19_TTB_02

Tenders close: **12pm Monday, 13 August**

Tenders are hereby called from experienced companies for the Design and Construct – Photovoltaic System, numerous locations for North Burnett Regional Council. Tender documents can be accessed via Council's website; <https://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/tenders/>.

A mandatory tender briefing session is to be held 9am Tuesday, 31 July 2018 at the Eidsvold Council Chambers. For further information or to report any difficulties in obtaining the tender details, please contact Lachlan McMurtrie on (07) 4921 1780 or email Lachlan@mcmengineers.com

1080 COORDINATED BAITING PROGRAM 28 – 31 Aug 2018

North Burnett Regional Council is conducting a coordinated Wild Dog and Feral Pig Baiting Program, during August 2018.

To take advantage of this baiting program all participants must **pre-register with Council before close of business on Wednesday, 22 August 2018. Landholders are required to supply their own meat (cut to size) for this baiting program.**

DATE	TOWN	LOCATION
Tue 28 Aug	Mundubbera	Durong/Hawkwood Rd (Lohses Yards)
	Monto	Hurdle Gully Rd (Bill Avis' Yards)
Wed 29 Aug	Eidsvold	Kerwee/Hollywell Rd Cnr
	Gayndah	Brian Pastures Rd
Thu 30 Aug	Eidsvold	Eidsvold/Theodore Rd (Wathonga turnoff)
	Biggenden	Bull Pen, Isis Highway
Fri 31 Aug	Mt Perry	Briggs Yards
	Gayndah	Mt Perry Rd & Taylors Rd Cnr

For further information, including a list of conditions, please contact Council's Land Protection Officers on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC), email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au or pick up a flyer at your local Council.

ROAD CLOSURE - MONAL RD (AT DAHATLERS BRIDGE) MONAL

As part of North Burnett Regional Council's NDRRA program, Monal Road (at Dahatlers Bridge), Monal, will be closed from Monday, 3 September 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 on Monday, 1 October 2018, weather permitting. Road users are advised that an alternate route will be available via Cahalane 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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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 (1300 MY NBRC). QBCC Licence: A31909 & Pool Safety Inspector Licence: 100421

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