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Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers

POSITIONS VACANT

- Community Development Officer
- Community Development Stream Leader
- Administration Officer (People & Culture)

Closes 21 November 2018

TENDERS / EOI

Request for Quote - Electrical Testing Services - Closes 15 November 2018

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** - Nulla Creek Rd, Paradise Rd
- Eidsvold** - Lochaber Rd
- Gayndah** - Aberdeens Rd, Gayndah Mundubbera Rd, Sandarra Rd, Stockhaven Rd, Taylors Rd
- Monto** - Monal Rd, Old Rawbelle Rd, Three Moon Rd
- Mt Perry** - Bilboolan Rd
- Mundubbera** - Beeron Rd, Lochaber Boundary Rd, Reinkes Rd



Waratah Bridge on Cahalane Road, Monto (Completed NDRRA project).

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

BETTERMENT PROJECTS PROGRESSED

North Burnett Regional Council's 2017 Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) funded Betterment Projects are one step closer to finalisation with the completion of the Airport Road Betterment Project.

The project, consists of road construction and road protection works, including a concrete apron and rock protection, to increase resilience in future rain events and subsequent water inundation.

Council received \$5.3M funding to undertake Betterment works through the State Governments NDRRA program. Works commenced in April 2018, incorporating ten (10) projects and fifteen (15) assets. The overall program is scheduled for completion in April 2019, weather permitting. To date, six out of the ten projects have been completed, with works accomplished through a combination of council labour and contractors.

Council acknowledges both Australian and Queensland governments for this funding, which has allowed Council to complete works which will improve the overall resilience to flooding.



Are you an experienced or budding entertainer looking for somewhere to perform? North Burnett Regional Council's new RADF project 'Busk Out' may be just the initiative you are looking for!

Council has waived the busking licence fee usually required to perform on the street from now until mid 2019. Buskers can now complete a busking licence form and footpath obstruction choosing dates, times and locations they would like to perform and submit for approval. This initiative is open to locals, itinerants and even visiting artists who may be coming to the area.

Please visit the 'Council News' section of Council's website to access the full 'Busk Out' media release:
www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/Council-News

Sometimes... people say they don't see me around, sometimes it is said innocently and sometimes there's the implication that if people don't see me - I *mustn't be working*. So, this week I'm giving you a rundown of what's currently on my desk and where I've been over the last month. Here are the highlights, in between these I have engaged in *community meetings, events* and four days in the office *catching up on paperwork (and four days at home with my family)*.

Highlight 1: We are working on modelling the **economic value of the roads** within our region with QUT. It is hoped this project will help us demonstrate to the State and Federal governments that their methodology of road funding may need looking at. To give you an example of how their methodology works currently - they don't look at sealing any roads which don't traffic 1500 cars a day. This project will be able to prove to them the value in road maintenance in our region and the need to increase funding and therefore improve outcomes.

Highlight 2: We spent 3.5 hours from beginning concept to end in filming the **Emergency Management Dashboard & Get Ready Queensland Week launch video**. We used this video to get used to our recording equipment as it's our desire to do more videos to community so you can understand what's going on inside council more. This 'dodgy but fun' video even caught the eye of Queensland Reconstruction Authority and they will be displaying it at the Local Government conference next week as an example of doing things differently.

Highlight 3: Two days were spend at Longreach and Winton partnering with tourism agencies in **preparation for next year's tourist drive** market. A decision was reached by council a few months ago to move away from Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism (BNBT) and move towards inland tourism as we saw better synergies with our inland friends. BNBT is still our Regional Tourism Organisation and will still work to promote our region, we just needed to be proactive in seeking tourism opportunities for our region, and

those opportunities lay inland.

Highlight 4: I attended the **Regional Economic Growth Forum** in Bundaberg along with a bus full of #BurnettInland people. These forums are a great insight into business and industry in the area.

Highlight 5: On this day I was also presented with the **draft "Building the future trade potential of the Wide Bay Burnett" report**. This report models future trade potential out of the port of Bundaberg and highlights infrastructure needed to achieve future growth. The report documents a great start, but it has been identified as needing some improvements!

Highlight 6: We also had a briefing from Sunwater as to their plans to **lower Paradise Dam by up to 17.6m**. Suffice to say this came as a bit of a shock. Council is working towards ascertaining what exactly that would mean to our recreational areas and water reliability in the system. This now has triggered a rush to finalise work on our future water security planning as Sunwater has said a decision will be reached December 2019. We have a year to either change their minds or find a solution or range of solutions in spite of Paradise.

Highlight 7: I attended a Cania Dam break **disaster management exercise** with all other emergency services where we modeled an earthquake and damage to the dam wall. We do these exercises quite often to hone our skills and also find gaps in our learnings.

Highlight 8: We had the State Government come up and deliver the new **Belcarra legislation** to councilors. Much of this legislation comes into effect on 3rd December and there is some substantial changes to the way we do things.

Highlight 9: I attended the first **North Burnett Principals forum** where the YOUth Matters ideas were discussed around a table of passionate principals. I really hope to see some great outcomes from these meetings.

My calendar is full, but my door is always open and my mobile is always on. **Please get in touch if you need.**

Talk soon, Rachel.

SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE FOR TECH SAVVY SENIORS IN GAYNDAH

The Gayndah Tech Savvy Seniors program still has a number of spots available, so join one of the small, friendly training group sessions supported by local library staff where you can learn new skills in basic digital literacy and how to use technology to connect with family and the broader community.

For information on training times, to sign up for a Tech Savvy Seniors Queensland session or to find out about our other programs, visit your local library, call 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email Council at admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

Tech Savvy Seniors Queensland is a partnership between the Queensland Government and Telstra.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next **General Meeting will be held in Gayndah on Wednesday, 7 November** commencing 9am.

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. 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.

LOCAL ANZAC HISTORY ON TOUR IN THE NORTH BURNETT

The 'North Burnett - bringing remembrance into reality' project, funded through the Queensland Government's ANZAC Centenary 'Lasting Legacies' grant program, is nearing completion and will soon tour the region.

The project, developed in partnership with local RSL's, historical societies, schools and youth workers provides a virtual reality interpretation of local First World War history and stories. The project will raise community awareness on three different themes based on 'Camp life', 'Family life back home', and 'Coming home' through the use of new virtual reality technology.

The 'North Burnett - bringing remembrance into reality' project will be appearing at the following venues / dates:

Gayndah - Monday, 12 November through to 12noon Monday, 19 November 2018

Mundubbera - Tuesday, 20 November through to 12noon Monday, 26 November 2018

Eidsvold - Tuesday, 27 November through to 12noon Monday, 3 December 2018

Monto - Tuesday, 4 December through to 12noon Monday 10 December 2018

Mt Perry - Tuesday, 11 December through to 12noon Monday 17 December 2018

Biggenden - Tuesday 18 December 2018 through to Fri 11 January 2019

For more information contact Council's Communities team.

REQUEST FOR QUOTE ELECTRICAL TESTING SERVICES - 2909_2018-18_QTB_12 Closes 15 November 2018

Quotes are invited from suitably qualified organisations or individuals to provide all or part of the following Electrical Testing services on site at each of our centres (Biggenden, Gayndah, Mundubbera, Eidsvold, Monto, and Mount Perry) in the North Burnett;

- RCD (Safety Switch) Annual performance Test &/or
- Test and Tag of Portable Electrical Equipment in accordance with the Electrical Safety Regulation.

Note service providers will be required to submit work schedule, quote / cost estimate of works and provide copies of relevant licences, qualifications and insurances as well as completing NBRC WHS Induction.

Testing to be conducted during November - December and completed test registers to be provided to Council with work invoice by 31 January 2019

For further information of the works required contact Council on 1300 696 272, email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au or visit: www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/tenders

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given under the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 that **Burnett Highway, Gayndah** and **Bauer, Lions and Bouviere Streets, Mundubbera** will be closed to all vehicular traffic on Sunday **11 November 2018**, for the duration of Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Alternate routes will be in place.

ROAD CLOSURE - WETHERON TAYLOR'S ROAD

As part of North Burnett Regional Council's Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) program works, **Taylor's Road, Wetheron, will be closed from Wednesday, 7 November for approximately two (2) weeks**, whilst flood recovery works, including the construction of a concrete floodway and culvert, are undertaken.

The upgraded road is expected to re-open Friday, 23 November 2018, weather permitting. Road users are advised that alternative routes will be available via Gayndah Mt Perry and Mt Steadman Roads during this time.

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POSITIONS VACANT - VARIOUS

- Community Development Officer**
Full-Time Permanent, Mundubbera
 - Community Development Stream Leader**
- Full-Time Permanent, Mundubbera
 - Administration Officer (People & Culture)**
- Full-Time Permanent, Gayndah
- Applications Close: 21 November 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.

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

USE YOUR SMARTPHONE TO REPORT AN ISSUE

Snap Send Solve is a free app for smartphones that enables you to 'Snap' a photo of an issue, such as potholes or illegal dumping and 'Send' the problem instantly to Council to 'Solve'. Head over to your app store to download and start using **Snap Send Solve** today!



Gary Rinehart, CEO