

# North Burnett News

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## Mayor's Desk by Mayor Cr Rachel Chambers

With the unprecedented fire and heatwave conditions along with high winds across a wide area, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services are urging people to stay up to date with fires in their area over the coming days. To ensure as many people within the region are aware of these conditions QFES have issued an emergency alert advising people to stay alert. Call Triple Zero (000) immediately if you believe you or your property is under threat.

Residents should be alert but not alarmed. Ensure you have a Bushfire Survival Plan in place and keep up to date on current conditions.

### WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

- Listen to your local radio station or visit the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) website for regular updates.
- If you have a bushfire survival plan, refer to it now and be ready to follow it.
- If you do not have a bushfire survival plan, or if your plan is to leave, identify where you will go if the situation changes.
- Close windows and doors to minimise smoke exposure.
- If you suffer from a respiratory condition, keep your medication close by.
- Drive with caution in low visibility conditions.
- Contact your neighbours to see if they need help preparing for the bushfire.
- Consider finding your essential items (e.g., identification documents, prescription medication, food and water, and protective clothing such as a long-sleeved cotton shirt

and trousers, and boots) in case you need to leave.

- Consider what you will do to protect your pets and livestock.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Advise family and friends of your intended actions if the situation changes.

### KEEP UP TO DATE BY:

- Monitoring Councils Emergency Management Dashboard for Fire Incidents, Fire Danger Ratings, Weather Warnings, all emergency service social media pages and more. Visit [www.northburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au) and click on the Emergency Management Dashboard link.
- Following QFES on Facebook (@QldFireandRescueService) and Twitter (@QldFES)
- Staying tuned to your local radio station. Find your local ABC radio station at <https://radio.abc.net.au/help/offline> and your local commercial radio station at <http://www.commercialradio.com.au/find-a-station/queensland>;
- Visiting the Rural Fire Service (RFS) website at [www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/map](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/map)
- Visiting the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) website at [www.qfes.qld.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx)

### FURTHER INFORMATION:

- For bushfire preparation tips, visit the RFS website: [www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/BushFire\\_Safety](http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/BushFire_Safety)
- For information about road closures, call 13 19 40 or visit [www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au](http://www.qldtraffic.qld.gov.au)

Talk soon, Rachel.

## PARK UPGRADES TO COMMENCE THROUGHOUT THE REGION

Following an audit of Council's playground equipment earlier this year, work will commence late November to ensure compliance of all park equipment throughout the region.



The audit has identified that work is needed in 16 separate parks throughout the region, and as such this work will soon commence to ensure all park equipment meets current Australian standards.

The parks project will be completed in two stages, with stage one of the works, funded through Council's 2018/19 Capital Budget, scheduled to commence at higher use parks. Some park equipment may be fenced off or removed whilst works are progressed.

Stage two of the project will see upgrades to lower use parks as funding becomes available. Equipment requiring upgrades through stage two of the parks project will be fenced off, to ensure safety of residents.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused whilst these safety improvements are carried out. We are striving for safer and much more usable park facilities for our communities into the future.

## 2018 NORTH BURNETT CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

Get out your Christmas lights and decorations! It's time to start preparing for the 2018 North Burnett Christmas Lights Competition. Residents and local businesses in the North Burnett are invited to decorate their homes, windows and gardens in the 'Spirit of Christmas 2018'.

In partnership with the Biggenden Hospital Auxiliary, Eidsvold Chamber of Commerce, Gayndah Rotary Club, Monto Magic Tourism Action Group, Mt Perry Sport & Rec Club Inc. and the Mundubbera Enterprise Association; Council has opened nominations to this FREE community event. North Burnett Regional Council proudly sponsors all six townships equally in the competition.



Prizes include: Best Residence (first \$100, second \$50 and third \$25), Best Business (first \$100 and second \$50).

Displays are judged according to visual appeal, uniqueness, overall impact, safety, variety of decorations 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, 6 December 2018**. Nomination Forms are available online at Council's website or at any of Council's six Customer Service Centres / Libraries.

Judging will take place during the week commencing Monday, 10 December 2018.

## BIOSECURITY PROPERTY INSPECTION PROGRAMS

Under the *Biosecurity Act (2014)*, Council Officers acting under authorised Biosecurity Programs are permitted to gain access to properties for the purpose of;

- Inspecting for biosecurity matter and risks (formerly known as "declared pest" plant/animals).
- Mapping or otherwise identifying/confirming the existence and spread of biosecurity matter and risks.
- Engaging with land owners/occupiers regarding the management of biosecurity matter and risks.
- Ensuring biosecurity matter and risks are being appropriately managed in line with legislative requirements and/or Council's Biosecurity Plan/Programs.

These Biosecurity Programs will be

conducted in accordance with approved policies, procedures and legislative requirements.

The Biosecurity Programs are approved to operate for a period of 3 years unless amended by Council resolution. These programs apply to all land (inclusive of that both privately and publically owned) within the North Burnett Region (as defined by Council Boundaries).

Council's authorised Biosecurity Programs include both "Surveillance" and "Prevention and Control" Programs as prescribed under legislation.

These Biosecurity Programs were authorised at the Council Meeting held on 15 February 2017. Council's objective is fundamentally to engage with the community and ensure biosecurity matter and risks are appropriately managed for the greater good of the community, region and state.

## POSITIONS VACANT

An exciting opportunity awaits for qualified persons to apply to join the Civil Works team in Mundubbera. Council is currently seeking to fulfill the the following positions:

**Mechanic, Full-time Permanent (Mundubbera)**

**Mechanic (Small Engine), Full-time Permanent (Mundubbera)**

**Positions Close: 5pm, Wednesday 19 December 2018**

To view all vacancies or to obtain a Position Description and information on how to apply please visit Council's website [www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/employment](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/employment) 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.*

## POSITIONS VACANT

- Trainee Admin Officer (Technical Services)
- Trainee Admin Officer (People & Culture)
- Trainee ICT Officer
- Trainee Water and Wastewater Treatment Operator
- Apprentice Mechanic
- Trainee Land Protection Officer  
**Close 5 December 2018**

- Community Connection Manager  
**Closes 17 December 2018**

- Mechanic
- Mechanic (Small Engine)  
**Closes 17 December 2018**

## TENDERS / EOI

- Nil

## FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

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

**Biggenden** - Alaskan Rd, Cheese Factory Rd, Emu Creek Rd, Griffens Rd, Seccombes Rd

**Eidsvold** - Lochaber Rd

**Gayndah** - Gayndah Mundubbera Rd

**Monto** - Monal Rd

**Mt Perry** - Billboolan Rd

**Mundubbera** - Lochaber Boundary Rd, Wagners Rd



Reinkes Rd Restoration works, Mundubbera under construction.

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

## NOTICE OF TEST - MUNDUBBERA EARLY WARNING SIREN

Residents are advised that the bi-annual test of the Mundubbera Warning Station Siren is scheduled for midday on the 1st of July and 1st of December each year. The test will comprise:

- 1) A Voice Announcement in English and Tongan that a test of the system will take place and that the broadcasting of the warning tone is for testing purposes only.
- 2) A 30 second broadcast of the warning tone.

It is proposed that the test be undertaken three times over a period of 15 minutes.

## IF IT'S FLOODED FORGET IT

The best way to avoid driving through floodwater is to prepare to stay safe. Have an alternative plan in place so you don't have to get on the roads during severe wet weather.

There's many ways you can prepare:

- Have an alternate route ready;
- Be prepared to run a late while you wait at a safe location for flood waters to recede & weather to improve.
- Prepare for family to be out of reach. Have someone else who can be with them if your route is too dangerous.

Above all, before you get in the driver's seat, prepare for your decision to affect others. Not only are you risking your own safety by driving through flooded roads, you're making a decision that affects many others. Think about who would be left behind if your decision ended in tragedy. Prepare to stay safe and make a plan at [www.qld.gov.au/floodwatersafety](http://www.qld.gov.au/floodwatersafety)

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council's next **General Meeting will be held in Biggenden on Wednesday, 12 December** 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 is appreciated. Please contact Executive Support on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email [executive.support@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:executive.support@northburnett.qld.gov.au).

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