

# North Burnett News

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News from the North Burnett Regional Council



POSITIONS VACANT

• Nil

TENDERS / EOI

- Footpath / Channel and Kerb Replacement Program
- Supply and Delivery of Readymix Concrete
- Supply and Transport of Quarry Materials
- Supply, Transport, Blending and Spraying of bituminous products
- Supply of Line Marking Services
- Supply of Concreting Services
- Supply of Traffic Control Services
- EOI - Audit and Risk Independent Committee Member

Close 15 February 2019

FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

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

**Biggenden** - Alaskan Rd, Coringa Hills Rd, Emu Creek Rd, Seccombes Rd

**Eidsvold** - Kerwee Rd

**Gayndah** - Crooked Creek Rd, Guyatts Rd, Leggetts Rd, Montgomerie St, Reids Creek Rd, Rifle Range Rd 1

**Monto** - Clonmel Rd

**Mt Perry** - Bilboolan Rd, Mungy Rd, Sunday Creek Rd

**Mundubbera** - Boondooma Rd, Briggs Rd NO 1, Briggs Rd NO 2, Lochaber Boundary Rd, Riverleigh Station Rd, Sehls Rd



Monal Rd realignment, Betterment works, Monto 'construction complete'.

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 **Eidsvold** on **Wednesday, 6 February** 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.

## Reconnecting Communities

Would you like to be involved?

Reconnecting Communities is a series of humorous, light hearted and 'extraordinary' events that will take place in each North Burnett community. The events, funded through the **Queensland Government's Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care (TRAIC) Program** aims to lighten the mood and spirit of North Burnett residents, encourage and support residents to access mental health services, increase knowledge of the range of services available in the region, and overcome the stigma associated with having a mental health issue.

**Would you like to be involved?** Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from entertainers, community groups and Not-for-Profit organisations to provide catering, entertainment or volunteer their services during the events. Expression of Interest close Monday, 4 February 2019.

**Biggenden Memorial Hall** - 1 March, 6:30pm

**Gayndah Community Hall** - 2 March, 6:30pm

**Mundubbera Community Hall** - 3 March, 12:30pm

**Monto Community Hall** - 8 March, 6:30pm

**Eidsvold Community Hall** - 9 March 6:30pm

**Mt Perry Community Hall** - 10 March, 12:30pm

For a copy of the Expression of Interest form, or for further information about the 'Reconnecting Communities' events please contact Council's Project Manager on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC), email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au or call in to one of Council's Customer Service Centres.

The 'Reconnecting Communities' project was funded through the Queensland Government's Tackling Regional Adversity through Integrated Care (TRAIC) Program, Mark's Foundation and North Burnett Regional Council.



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## Mayors Desk with Mayor, Cr Rachel Chambers

Happy ALL year everyone! Yes, you read it right, happy ALL year. I've decided Happy New Year just isn't long enough and shouldn't we all be striving for happiness all year round anyway?

I hope you did whatever made your heart happy over the festive period, I certainly did and have to pass on my thanks to Deputy Mayor Faye for taking care of business whilst I spend some time with my family.

So the question that gets asked a lot this time of year... what is your new year's resolution? Like them or hate them, it seems with each new year there is a chance to start over, and even though this chance exists every single day regardless of the date (good news if you've already broken yours), as humans we tend to lean towards making this time of year our time to set goals for the next 12 months.

Council is a bit different in that each new set of goals are released at the end of June when we release the next 12 month budget. To this end, our first budget meeting of this year (we had meetings at the end of last year) is on 24th January and these meetings will take place until April where we will finalise our fees and charges, rates and projects for 2019/2020 financial year. Like your own household budget, there is never enough money to do what you want to do, BUT as leader of this council I refuse to look at it that way. Yes, there's never enough, but there is money, which through good prioritisation and good decisions can be utilized well.

Aside from that, it is up to us to strongly and professionally advocate on your behalf to those who

are able to further fund our region.

Did you know that our annual budgets consists of around 37% income from rates (your money) and then around 52% income from the State and Federal governments, none of their money is guaranteed year by year. The remaining amount of approximately 11% is from other sources such as investment income and fees and charges.

It's sometimes hard to show people the work that goes on behind the scenes but a large part of your councilors job is to make sure the North Burnett puts up a good enough case to receive this State and Commonwealth money. Each year we must COMPETE with the 71 other councils in QLD and the 537 councils in Australia. We have been strong in this arena for many years, and have had an unusual and uncalled for advantage in being noticed due to our disasters however we can always improve. Good news is that we are, we are getting much stronger, more articulate and more professional in the way we go into bat on behalf of our communities. Don't forget, we compete with councils such as Gold Coast, Townsville and the like.

My new year's resolution in council is to further and more openly communicate all the ins and outs of council to you, so that you understand just what your council does. When I came into council, even I thought it all was cloak and dagger stuff, what I have since found is that it isn't, we have just been less than ideal at communication. Lucky for us, 'tis a new year.

Talk soon, Rachel

### CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY IN YOUR COMMUNITY, SATURDAY 26 JANUARY

**Biggenden Memorial Hall** - Free Aussie breakfast at 7.00am followed by Official Ceremony at 8.30am.

**Eidsvold Apex Park** (wet weather alternative, Eidsvold Community Hall). Free Aussie breakfast at 7.00am followed by Official Ceremony at 8.30am.

**Gayndah Cullen Park/Pool** (wet weather alternative, Gayndah Community Hall). Free Aussie breakfast and entertainment from 7.00am followed by Official Ceremony at 8.00am.

**Monto Memorial Park** - (wet weather alternative, Monto Community Hall). Free Aussie breakfast at 7.00am with Official Ceremony at 9.00am.

**Mount Perry Community Hall - Heusman Street** Free Aussie breakfast at 8.00am followed by Official Ceremony at 9.30am.

**Mundubbera Bicentennial Park with special guest Australia Day Ambassador, Professor Kay Saunders** (wet weather alternative, Monto Community Hall). Free Aussie breakfast at 8.00am followed by Official Ceremony at 8.55am. Don't forget the Mundubbera Regional Art Gallery 10th Anniversary Celebrations are in the Pioneer Park (outside the library) from 11.30am.

We hope to see you there!

### DID YOU MISS SEEING THE 'NORTH BURNETT - BRINGING REMEMBRANCE INTO REALITY' PROGRAM?

The 'North Burnett - bringing remembrance into reality' project has successfully completed it's tour of the the region and is now seeking **Expressions of Interest from the community** to extend the tour.

The virtual reality project encompass audio and visual accounts, diary excerpts, archive film, photos and other memorabilia, and allows the viewer to not only hear and see these stories, but to interact and engage with the footage.

Council encourages community members to express their interest to have the project revisit your local library. Please contact the Communities team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or via email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au for further information or to discuss.

The project has been 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.

Council thanks the Queensland Government for the funding and acknowledged that the project raises 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.

### TENDER - NORTH BURNETT FOOTPATH / KERB & CHANNEL PROGRAM

Tender No. 2909\_2018/2019\_TTB\_15

Tenders are hereby called for the North Burnett Footpath / Kerb & Channel Replacement Program.

Written Tenders close at **2pm, Friday 15 February 2019**, and should be addressed to Chief Executive Officer, PO Box, 390, Gayndah Qld 4625 and clearly marked with the appropriate Tender Number. Tender documents can be sourced from the website [www.northburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au).

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. The highest/lowest of any tender may not necessarily be accepted. All tenders will be responded to by mail.

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

### TENDER - PANEL OF PROVIDERS

Tenders are hereby called for the following Panel of Providers:

• **Supply and Delivery of Readymix Concrete** - 2907\_2018-19\_TTB\_20

• **Supply and Transport of Quarry Materials**-2913\_2018-19\_TTB\_21

• **Supply, Transport, Blending and Spraying of bituminous products** - 2904\_2018-19\_TTB\_22

• **Supply of Line Marking Services** - 2909\_2018-19\_TTB\_23

• **Supply of Concreting Services** -2909\_2018-19\_TTB\_24

• **Supply of Traffic Control Services** - 2909\_2018-19\_TTB\_25

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### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced contractors interested in the roles of:

- Chair, Audit and Risk Committee
- Committee Member, Audit and Risk Committee

Applications are to be submitted electronically to admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au by close of business Friday 15 February 2019.

For further information, please visit [www.northburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au) or phone General Manager of Coporate & Community on 1300 696 272.

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