

North Burnett News

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News from the North Burnett Regional Council



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REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Mayors Desk with Mayor, Cr Rachel Chambers

The importance of regional advocacy cannot be stressed enough, as the North Burnett is hugely reliant on State and Commonwealth funding (funds received from government makes up 57% of our total annual budget).

As part of the upcoming federal election we have written an advocacy pitch to include six priorities of our community that are important to everyone, these are **federal funding to local government** (FAG's), **mobile phone coverage** (black-spots/telecommunications), **transport**, **water**, **aged care** and **tourism**.

Today I'm concentrating on what Council sees as the most important election commitment as a Local Government, which is, the restoration to 1% of the Federal Assistance Grant. It's vitally important that we all understand what's going on because this affects each and every one of you. It is said in politics that you can't please everyone, however we disagree. All local governments in Australia have agreed that our communities need the Federal Assistance Grant to be restored to 1% of total federal taxation income.

Here is the background on the Federal Government Assistance Grant:

- The Federal Government Assistance Grant is money which the Federal Government allocates to Local Governments, this program has been running since 1974. The purpose of this grant is to enable councils to function "by reasonable effort to an average standard".
- In 2009, this fund totalled 1% of the total federal taxation income, however in the last ten years this figure has been reduced to a mere, 0.57%.

- Currently Local Government manages 33% of public assets whilst the Federal Government collects 80% of taxes and manages 11% of public assets.
- Even in the last 12 months the North Burnett Regional Council has seen a further reduction of \$155,000 from this funding (a loss which equates to almost a 2% rate rise for our small community).

What this one decision would look like for our community:

Restoration of the 1% of Commonwealth Taxation revenue would result in an increase of \$9.2million per year invested into your community.

If this decision was made this year, the result would be a safe and efficient road network.

- \$3.4 million could be allocated to the shortfall to maintain our road network.
- a further \$5.2million could be allocated towards the required replacement or repair of 15 bridges within the region.

And in future years, our community's assets could be continually maintained and improved to the stated "average Australian standard".

With the reinstatement of this 1% funding – our council would be able to look after our community for generations to come.

So if you get the chance to speak to a candidate in the upcoming Federal election, be sure to let them know that there is a way they can please everyone...

Talk soon, Rachel

POSITIONS VACANT

- Administration Officer (Customer Service & Library)
- People and Culture Partner (WH&S) (Safety Advisor)
- People and Performance Manager
- Community Development Officer

Applications Close 14 March 2019

TENDERS / EOJ

- Percy Hindmarsh Bridge Replacement Program - Close 21 February 2019
- Abandoned Vehicles (multiple) Close 28 February 2019
- Mountain View Caravan Park - 10 Year Lease Close 15 March 2019

FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

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

- Biggenden** - Auburn Hills Rd, Grills Rd, Wateranga Rd
- Eidsvold** - Maslen Rd
- Gayndah** - Barlyne Rd, Langs Rd, East Woodmillar Rd
- Monto** - Clonmel Rd, Crana Rd, Galloways Lane, Pine Mountain Rd, Turners Rd
- Mt Perry** - Bilboolan Rd, Kalliwa Rd
- Mundubbera** - Bradleys Rd, Dykehead Rd, Middle Boyne Rd, Mundowran Rd, Philpott Rd, Zips Rd



Clonmel Rd (Betterment works), Monto under construction.

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 **Mt Perry on Wednesday, 27 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.

EIDSVOLD RAILWAY ACCESS ROAD AND BRIDGE CLOSED

Eidsvold residents are advised that due to safety reasons the access road and Queensland Rail bridge located at the old railway yards in Eidsvold is closed to the public. The structure will be barricaded and residents are requested to refrain from accessing the site. Access to the Eidsvold Golf Club can now be made via the new sealed section of road on Crown Street, Eidsvold. For further information regarding this closure, please contact Council's Works team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

ARE YOU READY FOR BUSINESS?

In collaboration with Bundaberg Business Enterprise Centre Entrepreneurship Facilitator Rebecca Corbett, Council is presenting entry level business information workshops for you to understand what it takes to start up and operate a successful business. Further support may be provided through Entrepreneurship Facilitator Services to assist in developing your idea. Workshops details are as follows:

- Biggenden** Memorial Hall, 6-9pm, 6 March
- Mt Perry** Community Hall, 6-9pm, 14 March
- Gayndah** Community Hall, 6-9pm, 20 March
- Mundubbera** Town Hall, 6-9pm, 27 March
- Eidsvold** Community Hall, 6-9pm, 3 April
- Monto** Community Hall, 6-9pm, 10 April

POSITIONS VACANT

North Burnett Regional Council has the following employment opportunities available:

- Administration Officer** (Customer Service & Library) – Monto – Full time fixed term.
- People and Culture Partner** (WH&S) (Safety Advisor) – Full time permanent.
- People and Performance Manager** – Full time contract.
- Community Development Officer** – Mundubbera – Full time permanent.

Applications close 14 March 2019

Please visit our website www.northburnett.qld.gov.au or contact the People and Culture team by phone on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au for more information and instructions on how to apply. North Burnett Regional Council is a drug and alcohol free workplace and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TENDER INVITATION

10-Year Lease – Mountain View Caravan Park, Biggenden – Tender No. 2915_2018-19_TTB-18

Council is seeking an experienced and motivated operator to fulfil the role as a 10-year lessee in the provision of high quality customer service, management and maintenance towards the Mountain View Caravan Park, Biggenden. The operators must be able to demonstrate affordable, secure, sustainable and presentable caravan park facilities to grow and enhance client attraction.

Tender documents can be sourced from Council's website, www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/tenders **Tenders close at 4.30pm, Friday 15 March 2019** and must be emailed to admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au with the Tender Number clearly displayed.

Council reserves the right to invite applicants to change their tender in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009 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. All genuine enquiries can be addressed to the General Manager Corporate and Community on 1300 696 272 (1300MYNBRC) or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au

'Reconnecting Communities' TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

Join us for a humorous, light hearted and 'extraordinary' entertainment and lunch event featuring Australia's most in demand female speaker, **Robyn Moore!**



Re-ENGAGE with LIFE, Vocation/Job, Purpose, Family, Relationships, Community... Yourself! **Re-ALIGN** with your Vision, Values and Goals. **Re-INVENT** attitudes and behaviours... **Re-GENERATE** Passion, Energy, Productivity, Laughter and Work/Home balance. **Re-MIND** yourself about "what really matters". **Re-STORE** your confidence, hope and resilience in challenging times.

- 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

Tickets: Adults \$10 / Children (Under 12) \$5

Tickets available at all North Burnett Regional Council Customer Service Centers or by phone on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).

Limited seating... bookings essential!

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.

Proudly supported by North Burnett Regional Council and the North Burnett Community Services Advisory Committee.



ROAD CLOSURES

As part of North Burnett Regional Council's Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) program works the following roads will be closed from **Monday, 25 February 2019 to Sunday 26 March 2019**.

Maslen Road, Eidsvold for the purpose of flood recovery works, including the construction of a concrete floodway and culvert of Harkness Boundary Creek. The road closure will only apply to the floodway location and the remainder of the road will be open. Road users are advised that an alternate route is via Racecourse Road during this time.

Philpott Rd, Philpott for the purpose of flood recovery works which includes the construction of a concrete floodway and culvert over Philpott Creek.

The road closure will only apply to the floodway location and the remainder of the road will be open. Road users are advised that an alternate route is via Shallcross Road during this time.

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

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

SEWERAGE MANHOLE SPRAYING

North Burnett residents are advised that sewerage manholes throughout the townships of Biggenden, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Monto and Mundubbera will be sprayed by a local contractor from Monday, 11 March through to Friday, 22 March between the hours of 7:00am to 6pm. Approximate dates and locations listed below:

- Mundubbera** – 11 & 12-03-19
- Gayndah** – 12 & 13-03-19
- Eidsvold** – 13 & 14-03-19
- Monto** – 14 & 15-03-19
- Biggenden** - 18 & 19-03-19

Residents with manholes situated on their property are requested to ensure the manhole is easily accessible and that all animals be restrained during the time of treatment.

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

CEO, G Rinehart