

# North Burnett News

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News from the North Burnett Regional Council



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**Mayors Desk** with Mayor, Cr Rachel Chambers



## 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**

- Administration Officer (Civil Works)
- 3x Labourer (Parks and Open Spaces)

**Applications Close 26 March 2019**

## TENDERS / EOI

- Quotation - Servicing of Air Conditioners  
**Closes 1 April 2019**

- Tender - Mountain View Caravan Park 10 year lease.

**Closes 14 March 2019**

## FLOOD RESTORATION UPDATE

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

**Biggenden** - Bluffview Rd, Crater Lakes Rd, Old Booyal Rd, Plum Creek Rd

**Eidsvold** - Maslen Rd

**Gayndah** - Barlyne Rd, East Woodmillar Rd

**Monto** - Childs Rd, Clonmel Rd, Dooloo Tops Rd, Lango Rd, Mountain View Rd, Raspberry Rd, Rocky Creek Rd, Tebang Rd

**Mundubbera** - Mundowran Rd, Philpott Rd, Zipfs Rd, Dykehead Rd



Philpott Road Floodway restoration works. 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 Mundubbera on Wednesday, 20 March** 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](mailto:executive.support@northburnett.qld.gov.au).

## EIDSVOLD CEMETERY WORKS

North Burnett Regional Council advises that there will be maintenance work taking place at the Eidsvold Lawn Cemetery between Thursday, 7 March through to Thursday, 21 March 2019. You may see equipment such as an excavator and backhoe working in the cemetery during this time. Should you have any enquiries regarding these works please call Council on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au).

The highest/lowest of any quotation may not necessarily be accepted. All quotations will be responded to by mail. For further information, please contact Council's Technical Services Staff on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au)

## POSITIONS VACANT

North Burnett Regional Council has the following employment opportunities available:

**Applications closing 26 March 2019:**

**Administration Officer (Civil Works)** – Mundubbera – Full time fixed term.

**3x Labourer (Parks and Open Spaces)** - Gayndah, Eidsvold and Monto. Full time fixed term.

**Applications closing 14 March 2019:**

**People and Performance Manager**  
**People & Culture Partner (WHS) (Safety Advisor)**  
**Community Development Officer - Mundubbera**  
**Administration Officer (Customer Service & Library) – Monto**

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North Burnett Regional Council is a drug and alcohol free workplace and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.  
**CEO, G Rinehart**

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Let's talk Wuruma Dam.

The North Burnett region encompasses many idyllic nature spots and camping reserves, including those owned or administered by external parties such as the Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing and Sunwater.

Last Friday Sunwater released a statement confirming rumours that they will be restricting camping on the foreshore of Wuruma Dam (between Eidsvold and Monto), and instead moving the camping to up near the dam wall and spillway.

They stated "The new site provides 40 designated, equally sized, clearly marked camping spaces on flat terrain away from vegetation (trees) and the dam's foreshore, at no cost to campers."

Council understands the reason behind this decision was threefold.

1. The existing bush camping was in flood margin with associated public safety and environmental issues.
2. The management of the existing bush camping location was becoming increasingly problematic due to some campers actions and some risk factors to public safety.

To understand the situation there are a few points to consider; Sunwater's core business is the delivery and associated infrastructure of water.

Although they understand the part these recreational areas play in the local community, they feel it is more of a job for regional councils. Our response: We get this a lot – we get the 'given' the jobs that no one else wants but we have a responsibility to our ratepayers not to get invested in issues that aren't our own. In saying that...Council HAS been partnering with Sunwater to retain these bush camping facilities as we acknowledge the visitation helped at least two of our towns economically. Council has been paying for waste removal from the facility, power to the facility and maintaining boat ramp road, as a community service for many years.

Council has also held a month by month lease/license with Sunwater (since 2015) for two lots – one below flood margin and one above. Council understands that the attraction in this site is due to its bush camping and its proximity to the water however, we haven't been able to reach an agreement with Sunwater as to a plan which would allow camping in this manner within our own leased boundaries. Issues here include:

- Sunwater has made it clear that we would have to develop this area at rate payer expense. Council will not agree to this as these recreational spaces are part of Sunwater's (the Governments) charter. And;
- Council also has questioned the amount of sites available as many times during peak season there are over 200 vans camped there and our leased area wouldn't be able to contain this amount of sites, nor give access to the water as campers require.

A stalemate has ensued for over a year.

Moving forward, our only option was to ask to meet with the relevant government Departments and Ministers to fashion a way forward so that this loss to the economy is mitigated. We are tired of losing industry at the hands of the government.

In this year of Outback Tourism many of our visitors enjoy time with us before heading up to our neighbours in Longreach and Winton. This decision may jeopardise that visitation for all of us. For already struggling outer regional areas this decision comes as another blow to the economy.

North Burnett Regional Council encourages residents and visitors to the region to contact Sunwater should they have any concerns regarding access to or camping at the dam.

For further information see the Sunwater website [www.sunwater.com.au/dams/wuruma-dam/](http://www.sunwater.com.au/dams/wuruma-dam/) or phone Sunwater direct on 13 15 89.

Talk soon, Rachel

## 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:

- 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

If you require business assistance or you would like to register for the above workshops, please do not hesitate to contact North Burnett Regional Council's Economic Development team on email [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au) or by phone 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC).

Further information in regards to these events can be found on the events section of Council's facebook page, visit [www.facebook.com/North.Burnett.Regional.Council](https://www.facebook.com/North.Burnett.Regional.Council)

## 2019 NORTH BURNETT TOURISM FORUM - MAKING TOURISM OUR BUSINESS

North Burnett Regional Council invites local businesses and community members to attend one of the 2019 North Burnett Tourism Forums being held in the North Burnett.

These FREE forums, held at Monto and Binjour, will highlight a range of opportunities to enable sustainable tourism development and resource management, with a strong focus on networking, local tourism information, the characteristics of tourist's movement, cultural tourism and social media. The forums are aimed to assist the region in the preparation for the up and coming 2019 tourism season.

**Tourism Forums are taking place:**

- Binjour Bowls Club, 9am - 3.30pm, Monday, 8 April 2019
- Monto Colonial Motel, 9am-3.30pm, Tuesday, 9 April 2019

Light refreshments provided, registrations commence 8.30am. Bookings are essential. To book your seat, please call in to your local Customer Service Centre, call one of Council's Economic Development team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto: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:

- 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](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au).

## COORDINATED RABBIT CONTROL PROGRAM

North Burnett Regional Council will be undertaking a rabbit baiting programme on 26 and 27 March 2019 using a new strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV). Interested property managers are requested to register their interest before Friday, 23 March 2019 by contacting Council's Natural Resource Management team on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au).

## DRAFT BIOSECURITY PLAN 2019-2024

A Biosecurity Plan as required by the *Biosecurity Act 2014* has been drafted and is available for public consultation. The draft plan adopts a risk based approach as required by the Act. A copy of the draft Biosecurity Plan can be viewed at any of Council's Customer Service Centres or downloaded from Council's website [www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/invasive-pests](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/invasive-pests). Written submissions close **Friday, 29 March 2019**. Enquiries can be directed to Council's Environmental Services Manager or Natural Resource Management Officer on 1300 696 272 (1300 MY NBRC) or email [admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au).

## SERVICING OF AIR CONDITIONERS

Quotation Number 2909\_2018-19\_QTB\_13

Council is currently seeking applications for servicing of air conditioners for various Council Facilities to be conducted throughout the North Burnett Regional Council area.

Written Quotations close at **2pm, Monday, 1 April 2019** and should be addressed to CEO, PO Box 390, Gayndah Qld 4625 and clearly marked "Quotation – Servicing of Air Conditioners". Quotation documents can be sourced from Council's website [www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/tenders](http://www.northburnett.qld.gov.au/tenders).

Council reserves the right to invite applicants to change their quotation 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.