



INFORM

AUGUST - EDITION 8

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello and welcome to the Mayor's report



Things have been very busy here at Etheridge Shire Council over the last month. Councillors have been very active on a number of fronts, keeping business moving forward in relation to delivering the budget, signing off on the CBA (Community Benefit Agreement) with Genex, community consultation in Mt Surprise, workshops, new camp accommodation, DRFA tenders, and taking possession of the Forsayth Road construction site in readiness for work to commence on the bitumen sealing.

I take this opportunity to say thanks to Councillors, Officers and Staff who, in my absence, have kept things ticking along.

August has been a busy month for myself as well, travelling to Alice Springs to attend the Developing Northern Australia Conference, where the agenda was packed with topics that resonated with what Local Government is dealing with at the moment. Agriculture, housing, liveability, critical minerals, roads, ports and renewable energy were all open for discussion, and access to Ministers from across three states provided opportunities that are not often available.

From Alice Springs, I flew to Canberra to meet up with a contingent of Mayors from FNQROC to hold two days of Ministerial meetings, as well as discussions with Shadow Ministries and Chiefs of Staff across a broad range of topics, all impacting Local Governments in some way.

Disaster Recovery Funding was always high on the agenda, and whilst I didn't get a Ministerial meeting during my Melbourne trip, we were able to meet with Minister McBain in Canberra for a lengthy discussion, which will keep the debate moving forward and hopefully get some logic into the methodology being proposed by the Feds.

Fifteen meetings over two days, from the Deputy Prime Minister's office down, including Ministers from the portfolios of Transport, Finance, Resources, Emergency Management and Regional Development, plus high-profile Senators Susan McDonald, Pauline Hanson and Nita Green, to name a few.

Fun Fact: This equates to over sixteen kilometres of walking through the corridors to attend and access these politicians on their turf over two days.

On 18th & 19th August, Engineer Alan, Councillor Carroll and I travelled to Kidston to meet with Genex and discuss a range of issues that are to be considered on an annual basis, as well as looking at the progression of the overall project across the pumped hydro, solar and battery storage components.

This visit comes hot on the heels of the Community Benefit Agreement signed by both parties, where considerable funding under the agreement is delivered to Etheridge Shire for allocation to projects and disbursed accordingly.

Another two major events have been run and won here in Etheridge recently, with the Forsayth Turnout and Etheridge Shire Show combined with the Bull Sale delivering a fantastic weekend of festivities. Well done to all who make this iconic weekend the success that it is.

The Georgetown Campdraft once again provided a spirited weekend of very competitive drafting, and what is so good about this event is that it attracts competitors from eight to eighty years old who all give their best.

The week of the 24th, I will be in Brisbane for the Western Alliance of Councils Annual Convention, where, as Chair of NWROC, I will be facilitating sessions within the agenda. I have also just received news that Federal Minister Kristy McBain, Minister for Disasters, will be in attendance.

It would seem our meetings last week in Canberra with her are paying dividends, as she was unavailable to attend prior to those discussions and is now making enquiries to present at WAC. Here's hoping that common sense and logic can prevail.

North West Shires stand to lose hundreds of millions of dollars under the new methodologies being pushed forward by the Commonwealth. This is truly a fight worth having to ensure that we protect the ability of councils like ours and secure the funding required to maintain an effective level of service delivery after disasters.

Bats are causing havoc in the community of Georgetown, and Council is assisting businesses where possible to move them on. There are very strict and narrow guidelines around what Councils can and can't do in relation to this matter, but we are well and truly aware of the impacts that these animals bring, and we will continue to work with those who are being impacted.

In closing this report, I would like to acknowledge the hours of commitment that D.O.N. Serena Mullholland delivered to the community during her time spent at the Georgetown Clinic. Service delivery in this space is a challenging environment, and Serena's commitment has been exemplary.

We wish you all the best for the next chapter of your journey and thank you immensely for your service to our community.

Until next month,
Happy Trails.

Regards,
Mayor Barry Hughes
Etheridge Shire Council



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Suggestion Box Etheridge Shire Council

Your Ideas, feedback, and suggestions help us
build a stronger community.

Simply scan the QR code below to share your
thoughts with us.

No idea is too big or too small – whether it's
about services, facilities, or new initiatives, we'd
love to hear from you!

Together, we can create positive change.



FIRST POINT OF CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY

CONTACT PERSONNEL

Council's nominated first point of contact is
CEO - Louise Knol
Phone: 0439 414 771

If the LDMG (Local Disaster Management
Group) is activated by the chairperson (The
Mayor) the Controlling Officer will be
CEO - Louise Knol
Phone: 0439 414 771

SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box is available for the staff and
public in the foyer of the Etheridge Shire Council
Main Office and within the Engineering Services.

All suggestions are welcome being anonymous
or otherwise.

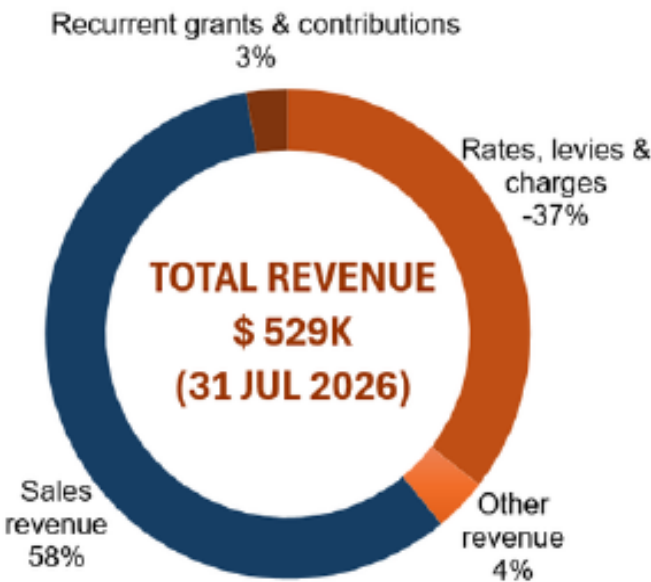
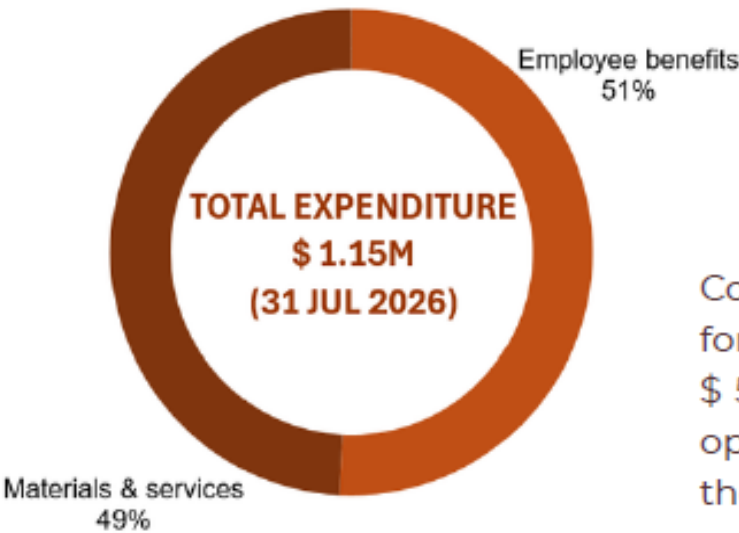
Let's work together to make the Shire better!

FROM THE CORPORATE SERVICES DESK : JULY 2026



Financial Management

The 2026 - 2027 Budget was successfully adopted on the 28th of July. A massive thank you and well done to Council staff and Councillors for your efforts in preparing the new Budget. Council looks forward to delivering this over the next 12 months. Please see the Budget Snapshot at the end of this article for a Budget breakdown.



Council's adopted annual revenue budget for 2026/27 is \$ 57.9 million, with \$ 529,586 reported as at 31 July 2026. The operating expenditure of \$ 1.15 million for the first month of the Financial year, remaining in line with the adopted annual budget of \$ 44.9 million.

Audit Update

Council continues to work closely with internal and external Auditors to maintain strong financial governance and compliance. Council is currently preparing for the Final Audit visit scheduled in September.

Committee Activities

The next Audit Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday, 11 September, to progress the finalisation of the Audited Financial Statements for the 2026 Financial Year.

2027 Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open!

Help us celebrate the people who make our Shire great. Please take 10 minutes to nominate someone who deserves recognition.

Nomination forms are available on the Council Website.

Draft Community Sport & Recreation Strategic Plan

Council received fantastic feedback for the Draft version of the Sport & Rec Plan for 2026 - 2032. The plan, including all comments received throughout the consultation period, will be presented to Council for consideration. A workshop is scheduled to be held in conjunction with Griffith University during their visit to the region on the 24th - 25th August.

Outside School Hours Care

Council released a community survey in April to gauge interest and identify local needs regarding the potential introduction of an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service for families. The survey results have now been collated and circulated to Councillors. A workshop to discuss the findings and determine the next steps for the service is scheduled in late August. Keep an eye on this space for updates on the outcome of this initiative.

Honouring Our Veterans Grant

Council has been successful in securing funding through the Honouring Our Veterans Grant program.

The Honouring Our Veterans Grants Program provides funding for Queensland organisations to deliver projects that preserve stories of service, strengthen community recognition and raise awareness about veterans contributions.

Council will use this funding to support its recent project, Honouring Our Outback Diggers: Stories from the Savannah Way and to install memorials in both Einasleigh and Mt Surprise.

EOI - Georgetown Agistment Blocks

Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from residents within the Georgetown community who wish to access agistment blocks located in town.

Please register your interest through the Council website or the flyer in this month's inform.

Rates Notices

Please keep an eye on your mailboxes and email accounts, as rates notices will be issued in September. Council will allow a 15% discount on general rates (not including utility charges), if payment is made within 30 clear days from the date of issue of the notice.

For any questions about your rates notice please contact Council's Rates Officer on (07) 4079 9090.



BUDGET SNAPSHOT 2026 – 2027



- Rates, levies and charges
- Fees & charges
- Interest income
- Other income
- Rental income
- Sales revenue
- Recurrent grants & contributions



- Employee benefits
- Materials & services
- Finance interest costs
- Depreciation and amortisation: PP&E

TOTAL BUDGET
\$ 56.4 MILLION

**SHIRE ROADS & TOWN
STREETS**
\$ 1.9 MILLION

**\$ 450 PENSIONER
CONCESSION PER ANNUM**

TOTAL ASSET VALUE
\$ 344.1 MILLION

CAPITAL WORKS TOTAL
\$ 17.4 MILLION

6.4 %  **GENERAL RATES &
CHARGES**

Major Capital Works Projects 2026–27

- Forsayth/ Georgetown Airstrip Fencing **\$ 1.3M**
- Georgetown Water Main Upgrade **\$ 107,545**
- Forsayth WTP Raw Water Reservoir **\$ 190,500**
- Signage Replacements (Oak Park Rd, Kidston Rd, O'Briens Ck Rd) **\$ 201,375.00**
- Georgetown Bus Stop **\$ 87,820**

Carried forward projects:

- Coordination Centre Georgetown **\$ 1.98M**
- Multi Purpose Centre Mt Surprise **\$ 1.55M**
- Sandy Creek Culvert **\$ 2.89M**
- Growing Our Regions Projects (Cumberland Dam, Einasleigh, Elders Trail, Terrestrial Centre Extension) **\$ 3.56M**

Scan here for
further info



*As Mayor of Etheridge Shire Council, I am pleased to present the **2026–2027 Annual Budget**. This budget reflects our commitment to supporting the services our community relies on, investing in projects that strengthen liveability and planning responsibly for the Etheridge Shire's future.*



PUBLIC NOTICE

2026 General Meeting Dates

In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Etheridge Shire Council General Meetings for the 2026 Calendar year are to be held on the following dates in Georgetown.

Date	Venue	Time
16 September 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
14 October 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
11 November 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
16 December 2026	Georgetown	9:00am

Louise Knol
Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Etheridge Shire Council has 4 Independent Living Houses available at the Georgetown Independent Living Facility

Application packs can be found on the Etheridge Shire Council Website.

For more information please contact Council on (07) 4079 9090.



SURVEY

SMS EVERYONE

We're inviting you to take part in the SMS Everyone survey.

Share your thoughts on using SMS for Etheridge Shire Council Rates & Water Notice Reminders, General notifications and Disaster Notifications.

Your feedback will help shape how we communicate with you in the future.



PUBLIC NOTICE

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL RADF Advisory Committee is currently seeking expressions of interest for a new Youth Member.

Members of the RADF Advisory Committee assist Council in providing a link between Council and local stakeholders, community members and arts & culture groups.

Expressions of interest are required to be received by 31st August 2026.

If this may be something that interests you or you would like more information, please contact

Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services on

PH: (07) 4079 9090 or Email: renee.bester@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Louise Knol

Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

Etheridge Shire Council 2027 University Tertiary Scholarship

Are you contemplating undertaking tertiary studies for 2027?

Eligible applicants should consider applying for the Etheridge Shire University Tertiary Scholarship.

Council is now calling for nominations for the 2027 Scholarship Program.

Further information including eligibility and application forms can be located on Council's website
www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

Applications close 4:00pm Friday, 27th November 2026

For more details, please contact Caitlin Tansey on (07) 4079 9090 or via email on CaitlinT@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Renee Bester
Director of Corporate Services

ABN 57 665 238 857

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AUSTRALIA DAY ★ AWARDS ★

NOMINATIONS OFFICIALLY OPEN

CLOSING DATE: 27 November 2026

Nomination forms are available on the Etheridge Shire Council Website or at the Council Office.

For more information, please contact:
Caitlin Tansey or scan the QR Code:



(07) 4079 9090



CaitlinT@etheridge.qld.gov.au



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Opt-In for
SMS!



Emergency
Alerts

Council
Updates

Rates
Reminders

Creating resilience through better
communication—because staying
connected helps to keep our
community informed, supported and
prepared.

THANK YOU!





EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Etheridge Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from residents within the Georgetown township who wish to access agistment blocks located in town, for **horses and cattle only**.

Community members are invited to submit an EOI outlining their intended use, livestock details and contact information. This will assist Council in assessing demand and planning future allocations.



For more information, please contact the Council Office on (07) 4079 9090.

Please scan the QR Code to register your interest or visit the Council website.



Ask

R U OK?®

ANY DAY



**Join us for smoko as we recognise
R U OK Day and take some time to
check in with one another.**

Everyone is welcome!



Thursday, 10 September 2026



**Main Council Office,
Georgetown**



10:00 am

ruok.org.au

A conversation could change a life.



**get
ready**
QUEENSLAND

Etheridge Shire Council

Get Ready with Birdie Colouring Competition



Fantastic Birdies Tree prizes to be won!

-3-5 years

-6-9 years

-10-12 years

Submit your masterpiece through your school or directly to
Council.

Entries close 30th September 2026, winners announced in Get
Ready Queensland Week. Additional colouring pages available
on Council website.



Everyone is invited

88th Annual

GEORGETOWN BUSHMAN'S BALL

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2026

@ the Georgetown Town Hall

St George Street GEORGETOWN

6:00pm Doors Open \$25.00p/p • 7:00pm light supper provided • 7:00pm kick on with the band till Midnight

- Lucky door prize, best dressed categories, damper & aussie brownie comp

INVITATIONS

LOCAL ESTABLISHED PRODUCERS



Forum

Let's connect, collaborate, and grow together.
Everyone's participation is valued

- Welcome & Announcements
- Introductions
- Topics
- Open discussion
- Closing



September 18

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Georgetown Shire hall

RSVP: 4 SEPT 2026

Jordan Villaruz 0408 842 160



Welcome

**Topic: Sharing your
Success Story &
Experience**

Introduction

Speakers :

Dan & Kassie Sheahan

Kevin & Shelly Taylor

Robbie & Lyn French

Q&A after sharing 15min

Lunch 12:00 -12: 30 PM

Walk&talk - 12:30-1:00PM

Glen & Cheryl Connoly

Person 5: TC

Closing 1:50 pm -2:00 PM

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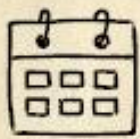


MEMORY LOUNGE

All Etheridge Seniors Welcome!



Terrestrial Centre



Wednesday, 23rd September

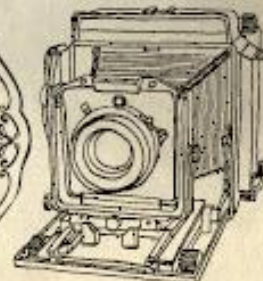
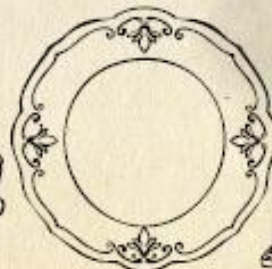


10:00am



Morning Tea Provided

RSVP to 0458 712 370



ETHERIDGE LIBRARY'S

BOOK AND CRAFT CLUB

Nibbles, tea & coffee provided

You don't have to read! Bring a craft instead!



5:00PM

FRIDAY

4TH SEPTEMBER



State Library
of Queensland



Queensland
Government



This Session's Theme!

Sprout Squad



30th September



3:15 PM



Terrestrial Centre

Please RSVP by 23/09 3:00pm by
messaging 0458 712 370

or

Send an email to

Library@etheridge.qld.gov.au



State Library
of Queensland



Queensland
Government

CHRISTMAS MARKETS & COUNCIL BREAK UP PARTY

SEEKING DONATIONS

Etheridge Shire Council is seeking donations of prizes, vouchers and goods for the Cent Sale and Wheelbarrow Raffle being held as part of our Christmas celebrations.

Any donation, big or small, would be greatly appreciated and will help make the Christmas event a success for our community.

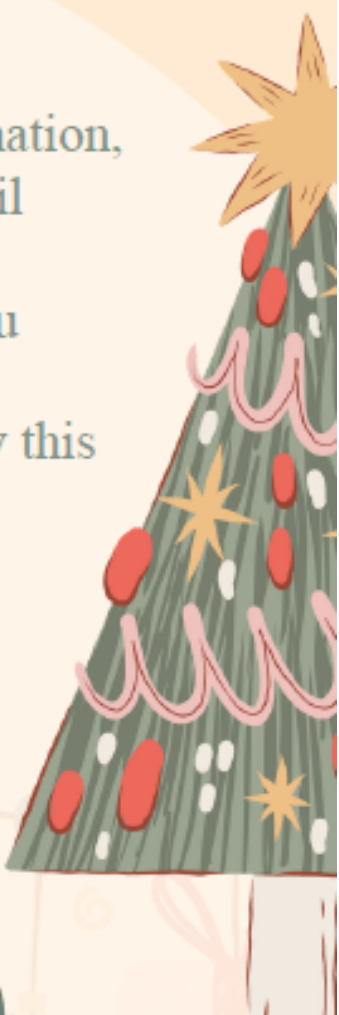
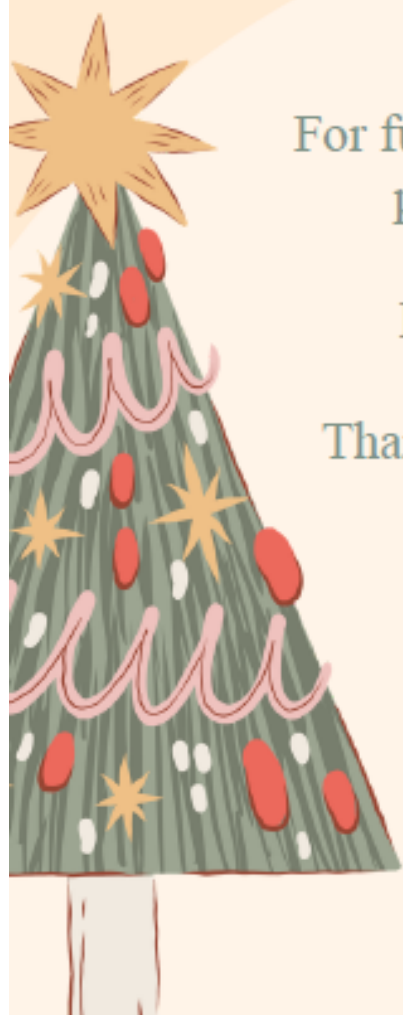
Funds raised from the raffle will go towards ESC's crisis fund, supporting those in need within our community.

For further information or to arrange a donation, please contact Etheridge Shire Council

Phone: 4079 9090

Email: CaitlinT@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Thank you for supporting our community this Christmas!



STALL HOLDERS WANTED!

GEORGETOWN

Christmas
MARKET

**\$10 PER
TABLE**

NOVEMBER

27TH • 6 PM-LATE

**MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE – ST GEORGE
STREET, GEORGETOWN**

**STALLS • RAFFLES • GAMES
FOOD • LIVE MUSIC • BAR**

CALL OR MESSAGE 0458 712 370

GEORGETOWN CAMPDRAFT 2026

What a weekend! Across three days, the Georgetown Rodeo Grounds was full of talented riders, great runs and plenty of cheering from the sidelines.

A massive shout out to the Georgetown Campdraft Committee for pulling off a fantastic event in celebration of 35 years of campdrafting in Georgetown - an incredible milestone for the community.

Friday nights auction brought everyone together and set the tone for an awesome weekend, with a huge turnout kicking things off in style.

One of the major highlights was the 10th Annual Bully Brown Open Final, celebrated with some incredible food by Woodfired Delights.



Photo credit: Karlene Shepherd Photography



The Fresh and Formidable Cutout under the Lights at 7pm was an unmissable event with selected riders taking centre stage!

Congratulations to the Georgetown Campdraft Association, and a big thank you to all sponsors for supporting the event, along with the volunteers who pitch in year after year to make it happen.

See you at the 36th!



THIS EVENT WAS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.



A special note of thanks and a job well done is in order to the Committee for the successful installation of the new shade sails, proudly supported through Council's Community Assistance Program. These shade sails are a fantastic addition to the Georgetown Rodeo Grounds and will be enjoyed by competitors, spectators and future community groups for years to come!



FORSAYTH TURNOUT 2026

The Forsayth All Sports Club Inc. once again delivered a fantastic weekend for all of the Shire to enjoy!

From the 31st of July to 1st August, locals, visitors and tourists enjoyed two full days of activities that showcased everything we love about life in the Gulf.

Friday featured the wrapping up of the fishing comp, and the newly anticipated Turnout Field Day, AG show & Live Demonstration.



Photo credit: Kennedy Rural

The 2026 Forsayth Bull Sale, run by Kennedy Rural was a hit once again, with a total of 47 quality, locally bred bulls sold, at an average of \$6,351. The top-priced bull was Lot 18, Lanes Creek Valdimire 3530 (PP), a Red Brahman Bull from the Lanes Creek Brahman Stud, purchased for \$22,000 by long-time Forsayth Bull Sale supporters David and Dot Terry of Old Robinhood Station. Congratulations to all involved!

Saturday offered a huge lineup of family favourites, including the dog trials, foot races, billy boiling, kick a goal, lolly drop, water balloon toss, cent sale, greasy pig chase and judging across canines, penned cattle and pavillion entries - proving once again that we have some very crafty and talented people within our Shire.



Photo credit: Tamara West

Then came the can-not-miss events! Dingo Derby, the Bully Brown Dog Jumping Competition and the always impressive Stockmans Relay, auction and fireworks. Making the perfect end to the busiest weekend in Forsayth.

Council extends a sincere thank you to the committee, volunteers and their valued sponsors for the hard work, dedication and countless hours.



Photo credit: Andrew Barns

THIS EVENT WAS PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Congratulations

TO ALL PAVILION EXHIBITION PLACE GETTERS AND PARTICIPANTS

It was fantastic to see so many wonderful entries on display, with an amazing standard across every section. A special congratulations to our Junior Grand Champion, Colton Beard, and our Senior Grand Champion, Cindy Attwood!

Thank you to our local schools & Little Gems for once again getting involved in the 2026 Pavilion. Every student should be commended for their effort, imagination and creativity.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Overall School Project winners, Jakobe Fitzgerald and Chloe Sutherland!

Thank you once again Marnie Smith-Tolcher & family for your generous donation towards the Year 6 school Projects Winners

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously donated their craft items to the Mega Auction. Your contributions helped make this year's turnout such a great success and were truly appreciated

A special mention and sincere thank you must also go to our judges, stewards and everyone who worked behind the scenes. Your support is what makes the Pavilion such a wonderful part of our community

Thank you to everyone who entered and to all those who came through to have a look, we can't wait to welcome you all back again in 2027!









Forsyth State School



MUSIC, MAYHEM and a SONG OF OUR OWN!

Forsyth State School was recently filled with music when Elvis Kernagan and his two friends from the UK joined him on a band road trip. Fred on the drums and Jack on the Bass, came to visit our school!

Instead of just watching the musicians perform, students got to jump right in and become part of the band. Together with Elvis, Fred and Jack, we created and wrote our very own song from scratch.

Students and visitors picked up the violins, violas and cello's while others joined in with the singing. Before long, the school was filled with music as everyone worked together to bring our new song to life.

There were plenty of new sounds, new skills and a few challenges along the way, but that was part of the fun. It wasn't every day that we got to play instruments with musicians from other parts of the world while creating a song.

After all the practising and performing, we finally got to record our song. Hearing everyone's voices and instruments come together made the experience even more special.

The visit was a great chance for students to try something different, get creative and have fun with music! Most importantly, we didn't just listen to a song, we made one about Forsyth ourselves!

After all the hard work everyone put in Elvis and his band decided to put in a bit extra, playing songs while we danced and sang along.

We even got a signed guitar!





COMMUNITY SOCIAL 6-A-SIDE SOCCER

Tuesdays - 6pm to 7pm

Gregg Bethel Oval

Starting Term 4- 6th October

**Get active, meet new people and have
some fun!**

**No experience needed, everyone is
welcome!!**

**Contact Tamara
0488 233 384**



Happy 96th Birthday Doris



Wishing you a day filled with love,
laughter, and all the things that
bring you happiness. Enjoy this
special day to the fullest!



PLAY N!

SPORTS VOUCHERS



UP TO
\$200 TOWARDS
JUNIOR SPORT

Eligible **Queensland children aged 5–17** can receive up to **\$200** towards sport registration, membership and participation fees.



APPLY NOW

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FOR QUEENSLAND



Queensland
Government



GEORGETOWN POST OFFICE NEWS

Open: MONDAY to FRIDAY from 9 am - 1 pm then 2 pm – 4 pm (excl. all public holidays)

POSTAL PRICE CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1 SEPTEMBER 2026



Australia Post has announced price changes to a range of retail products and services.

The Basic Postal Rate (BPR) has increased from \$1.70 to \$1.85. Effectively, sending a small letter will cost \$1.85 as of the 1st of September 2026.

Further, Australia Post has already announced price changes to a range of retail products and services for customers across Australia.

For a complete list of price updates, please visit:

<https://auspost.com.au/disruptions-and-updates/pricing-updates/apr-pricing-update-2026>

FUNDRAISING FOR GEORGETOWN STATE SCHOOL

The Georgetown Post Office is pleased to support the efforts of the Georgetown Primary School P & C fundraising committee.

We have a coin collection tub on the counter for any donations, large or small.

SIMON SAYS

Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you *do* criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

Georgetown Primary Health Centre

Dear Georgetown Community Members

First of all as many of you will now know Serena has resigned from her position at the clinic to take on the Role of Director of Nursing and Midwifery, Population and Primary Health in the Northern Territory.

Serena has dedicated the last 8.5 years in Georgetown as the DON and she will be difficult to replace. I'm sure many if not most of you have been under the care of Serena while she has been in Georgetown and are thankful to have someone at the clinic they knew they could depend on when needed.

We thank Serena for all she has done for the clinic during her time and wish her the absolute best on her new adventure which I am sure she will excel in!



Indra Mulholland has also left Georgetown to head over to Northern Territory.

We thank Indra for her dedication to the clinic and for doing a bulk of the Ambulance oncall which without her we would not have been able to run the ambulance. We wish her all the best for her next journey.

A big thank you to Carmen Ryan and Rod Tansey for taking on the oncall of the Ambulance while we go through recruitment. Without your dedication to the community we would have no ambulance. We appreciate all you do!

Please see below a list of our services and other relevant information for you about our health service. If you would like further information and need assistance from us in any way, please free to call us.

Due to increased callouts in the Ambulance and fatigue leave required to be taken our clinic can be closed during hours of normal operation, this may also mean that we are in an emergency with a patient in the clinic and we will not be available through the clinic phone. A reminder if this is an emergency please contact 000, if it is not an emergency please leave a message on the clinic phone and we will return your call as soon as we are able to.

WE ARE HIRING

Casual cleaner to fill vacancy gaps. Must have a driver's licence, ability to work in Australia, no criminal history, over 18 and willingness to work in a health care team environment. You must ensure you are fit to undertake cleaning duties and disclose any pre-existing injuries that may affect your ability to work as a cleaner.

Please apply with a cover letter detailing your cleaning experience, a current resume with 2 recent work references (one of these must be a supervisor you have had within the last 2 years). Casual allowance, uniforms and training provided. Please see Serena or Jas if you are interested. We welcome your application.

ANNUAL FLU VACCINATIONS

Free and available from the ages of 6 months and over. Please contact the clinic to make a booking.

PATIENT TRAVEL INFORMATION

All patient travel must be approved by the Director of Nursing before you are leaving Georgetown for your appointment. When you come in Indra in reception will also check all the other important forms on file are up to date. **Patient travel can now be attended most days of the week**, but please call ahead so we can ensure Indra is on shift. A reminder that travel will only reimburse you to the closest town where the appointment can be held, for example if a scan can be done in Atherton but you choose to go to Cairns, reimbursement amounts will be calculated on Atherton.

RFDS DOCTORS CLINIC UPCOMING DATES FOR 2026

Thursday: 3rd Sept, 10th Sept, 24th Sept, 1st Oct

Friday: 18th Sept

If you can't attend your appointment, please contact the clinic to notify staff, so the appointment can go to another patient who is on the waitlist.

UPCOMING VISITING HEALTH TEAMS:

NWRH (Mental Health support)

Face to face

Service is free

Telehealth is offered.

Home visits can be arranged.

Consults can be held privately at Savannah House in the NWRH consulting space.

Referrals: can be self-referral, or Doctor or Nurse referral. Please call us 4062 1266 for more information or NWRH 4781 9300.

VISITING DENTIST

07/09/26-11/09/26 Adult

19/10/26-23/10/26 Adult

23/11/26-27/11/26 Adult

Please call 1300 300 850 to make a booking. Payments are required for those without a concession card.

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Kind regards,

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To the Etheridge Shire community

Many of you will now know that I have recently relocated to take up a promotion in a senior executive leadership role. Deciding to leave my role as your Director of Nursing in Georgetown was not made lightly and was incredibly hard to do. I have seen your children grow, I have been there when you have lost a loved one, and I have navigated your health journey alongside you. I am deeply grateful for the valuable connections made and the amazing experiences I have had, and I hold immense admiration for the resilient people in this community. Now that my time in the community has come to its close, I look back with pride at the milestones we achieved together. I wanted to extend my sincere thanks to the community for the support over the last eight years, and wish you all the very best for the future.

For me, I will continue on what I call my life's work, dedicated to advocating for equitable healthcare to underserved communities, and those living in the most remote and isolated places in Australia. "Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive" (Quote by Howard Thurman).

Goodbye (for now) and thank you,

Serena Mulholland.



August 2026 Project Update

August was another busy month at Kidston with works progressing to ensure a timely run into commissioning.

One area of significant progress was in Kidston's intake canal, which contains two 230m deep 4m diameter intake shafts, had their trash racks installed over them. The intake shafts service the turbines located in the underground powerhouse with typical flowrates of 65m³/s per unit– **that's a total flow of 130 intermediate bulk containers every second!**

The intake canal is located on the upper dam, Wises Dam, and when the time comes to commissioning the underground waterways, water will be transferred into the intake canal to equalize water levels and the cofferdam wall located between the canal and Wises Dam will then carefully be removed. Once removed, water from Wises Dam will enter the intake canal, pass down the intake shafts and flow into the turbines and in turn generate electricity by spinning the generator at speeds up to 375rpm. The water then exits via the tailrace tunnels into the Eldridge Pit (lower reservoir).



Intake canal. The wall between Wises Dam and the intake canal will be removed prior to commissioning



Closeup of the Intake Canal and the two Intake Shafts.

The trash racks act as large grates over the intake shafts preventing any large debris from being drawn into the shafts. Each shaft trash rack comprises heavy steel structural sections, designed to be fabricated and transported into three sections, and then lifted into place onsite and welded together by crews at Kidston.



As this photo shows, the trash rack sitting over the intake shaft is impressive and required a team of four dedicated welders to weld the circa 685kg of weld required to permanently join the structures.

Come and meet us in person! We are holding Community Information Sessions in Einasleigh and Georgetown later this month and we look forward to providing more updates, answering your questions and an opportunity to meet you in person.

*Community Information Sessions on
31st August in Einasleigh and 1st September in Georgetown.*

*Come along and meet the team and hear the latest on the Project including
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Details surrounding the project are also provided through the Genex website www.genexpower.com.au or can be requested by email to info@genexpower.com.au

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MONDAY 31 AUGUST

5:00PM - 6:00PM

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→ Light refreshments provided.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

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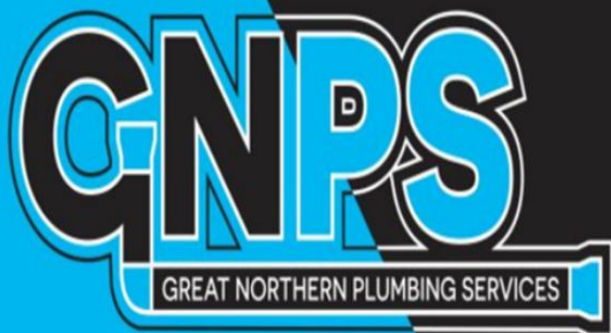
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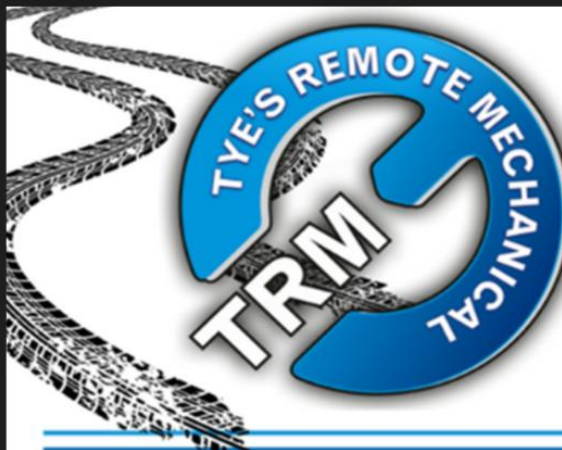
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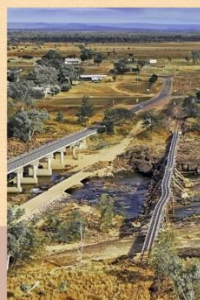
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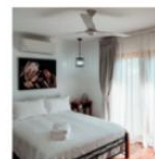
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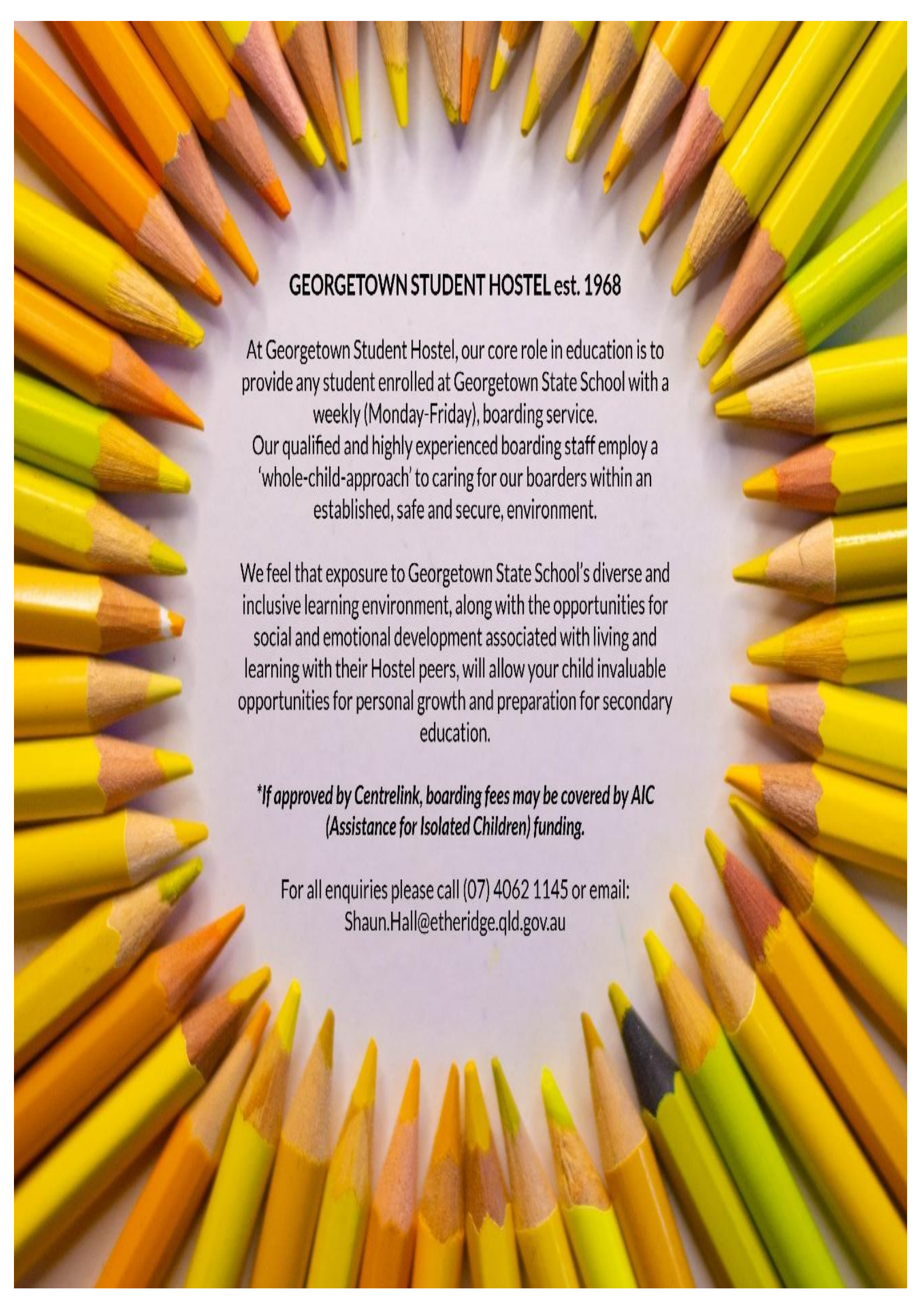
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