

Etheridge Shire Council *Inform Newsletter*

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The Cowan Kids take out the best costume prizes at Australia Day Celebration in Forsayth. L to R: Wombat, Vegemite (with lid), Platypus and Lamington.



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



A hearty Hi to all!

Well the New Year is well and truly in full swing and I can't believe the first month is nearly over!

I trust you all enjoyed your break (if you got one that is!) and wish all of you all the best in this New Year.

I'd like to welcome in the year by congratulating Cr Warren Bethel on his appointment to Deputy Mayor.

Like myself, Warren has a real passion for this community and working on the major projects like the Gulf Development Road, the Hann Highway, Forsayth – Georgetown Road and the Gilbert River Project. These major projects are going to make a real difference for our future, creating jobs, growth and sustainability for our region.

In addition, I would also like to congratulate and welcome David Munro as Council's new Chief Executive Officer. David has been with Council since August 2009 as the Director of Corporate & Community Services.

Myself and David Munro have attended numerous meetings already this year regarding the Sport & Rec building and I'm excited to announce that the building will commence shortly and the completion date will be late May 2019.

There have been numerous other meetings regarding Transport and Main Roads in reference to the Einasleigh Shortcut Road, Street Scaping in Georgetown and the possible installation of a cattle grid at Mt Surprise.

Early February will see me back in Canberra in a delegation with fellow Mayors from North Qld discussing major topics from across North Qld with the relevant Ministers.

It's great to see our local member Bob Katter visiting Georgetown next week and I urge the community to drop in and meet with him on Wednesday the 30th January at the Wenaru Hotel from 5pm. It's a great chance to discuss with our Federal Member, any issues and to share with him your thoughts on developing our region.

Wishing you a happy Australia Day!!! And looking forward to some more rain heading our way soon!! Fingers crossed.

Cheers until next month
Warren Devlin | Mayor

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESK



FINANCIAL UPDATE

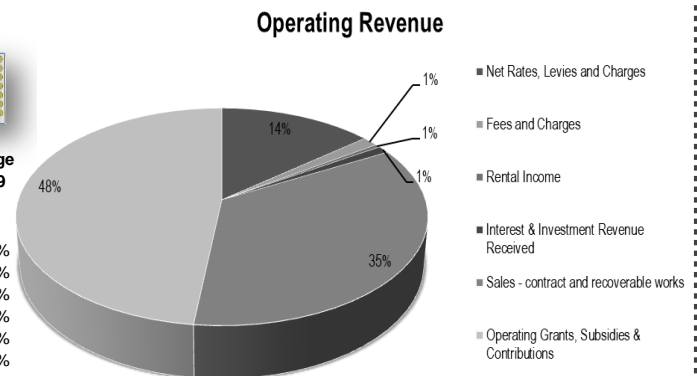


Fast Financial Facts

- Cash & Cash Investments as at 31st December 2018 - \$19.923M (\$8.915M constrained)

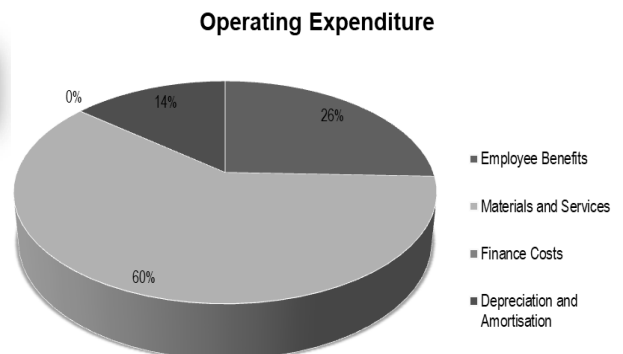
Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019

\$'s	Actuals 2018 2019	Budget 2018 2019	Percentage 2018 2019
Revenue			
Net Rates, Levies and Charges	\$ 2,198,097	\$ 2,188,939	100.42%
Fees and Charges	\$ 182,084	\$ 239,375	76.07%
Rental Income	\$ 85,527	\$ 176,000	48.59%
Interest & Investment Revenue Received	\$ 214,418	\$ 265,324	80.81%
Sales - contract and recoverable works	\$ 5,479,633	\$ 8,453,908	64.82%
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	\$ 7,545,173	\$ 10,763,853	70.10%
Total Recurrent Revenue	\$ 15,704,932	\$ 22,087,399	71.10%



Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019

\$'s	Actuals 2018 2019	Budget 2018 2019	Percentage 2018 2019
Expenses			
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,121,508	\$ 5,393,163	57.88%
Materials and Services	\$ 7,072,067	\$ 14,322,225	49.38%
Finance Costs	\$ 4,378	\$ 10,733	40.79%
Depreciation and Amortisation	\$ 1,925,204	\$ 4,668,072	41.24%
Total Recurrent Expenses	\$ 12,123,157	\$ 24,394,193	49.70%
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General Update

Firstly I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family friends and enjoyed some down time to smell the roses (so to speak).

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you all that I have been appointed as Council's new Chief Executive Officer as of Wednesday 23rd January. I am sincerely appreciative of the opportunity that Council has bestowed upon me, and I am looking forward to working with Council and serving the community to the best of my ability and capabilities.

As you may or may not be aware, Council has been without a Director of Engineering since March 2018. Council has re-advertised this position with a closing date being 8th February 2019.

Council is also saying good-bye to Ms Keerah Steele as Councils Workplace Health & Safety Advisor. Keerah has been with Council for just over 10 years and has decided upon a new and exciting career path outside of Council.

Council sincerely wishes Keerah all the very best and we thank you for your efforts and contributions to Council.

Council will be advertising for this position over the coming weeks and if you are interested in a career in Local Government especially in the field of Workplace Health & Safety, please keep a watch on Councils website & Public Noticeboards for the advert.

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL UNIVERSITY TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP

It is with great pleasure that I can announce to the community the recipients of the 2019 University / Tertiary Scholarship are:

Miss Rosemarie Dixon; &
Miss Hayley Bethel

Both recipients have been accepted into James Cook University, with Rosemarie undertaking a Bachelor of Pharmacy and Hayley undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing Science / Midwifery.

On behalf of Council we sincerely wish you both all the very best with your upcoming studies.

MULTI PURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE

At the 2018 December General Meeting, Council approved the Tender submission for the design and construction of the Multi-Purpose Sports Centre in Georgetown.

Council must first acknowledge the State Governments 2017-19 Works for Queensland Funding program which has provided the much needed financial assistance to allow Council to build this Centre.

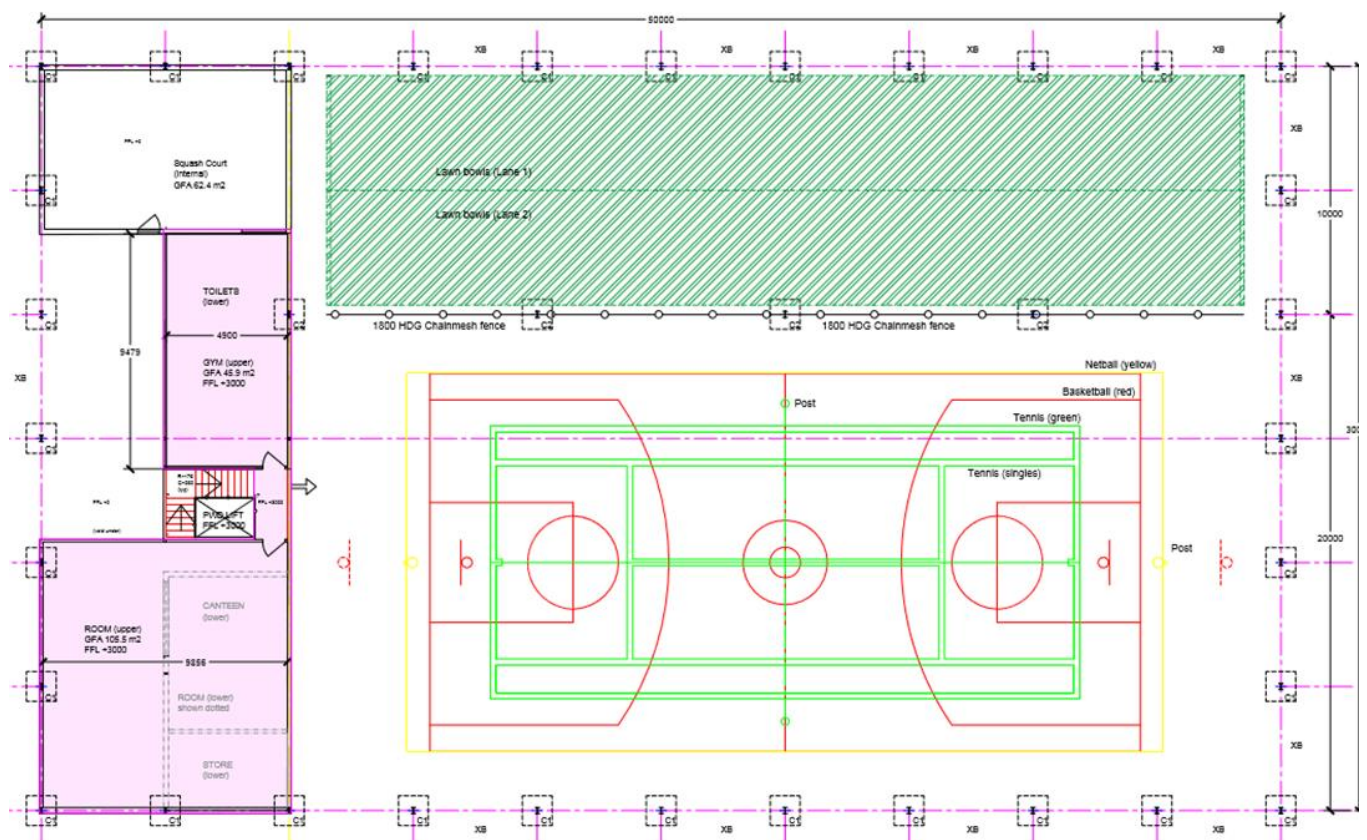
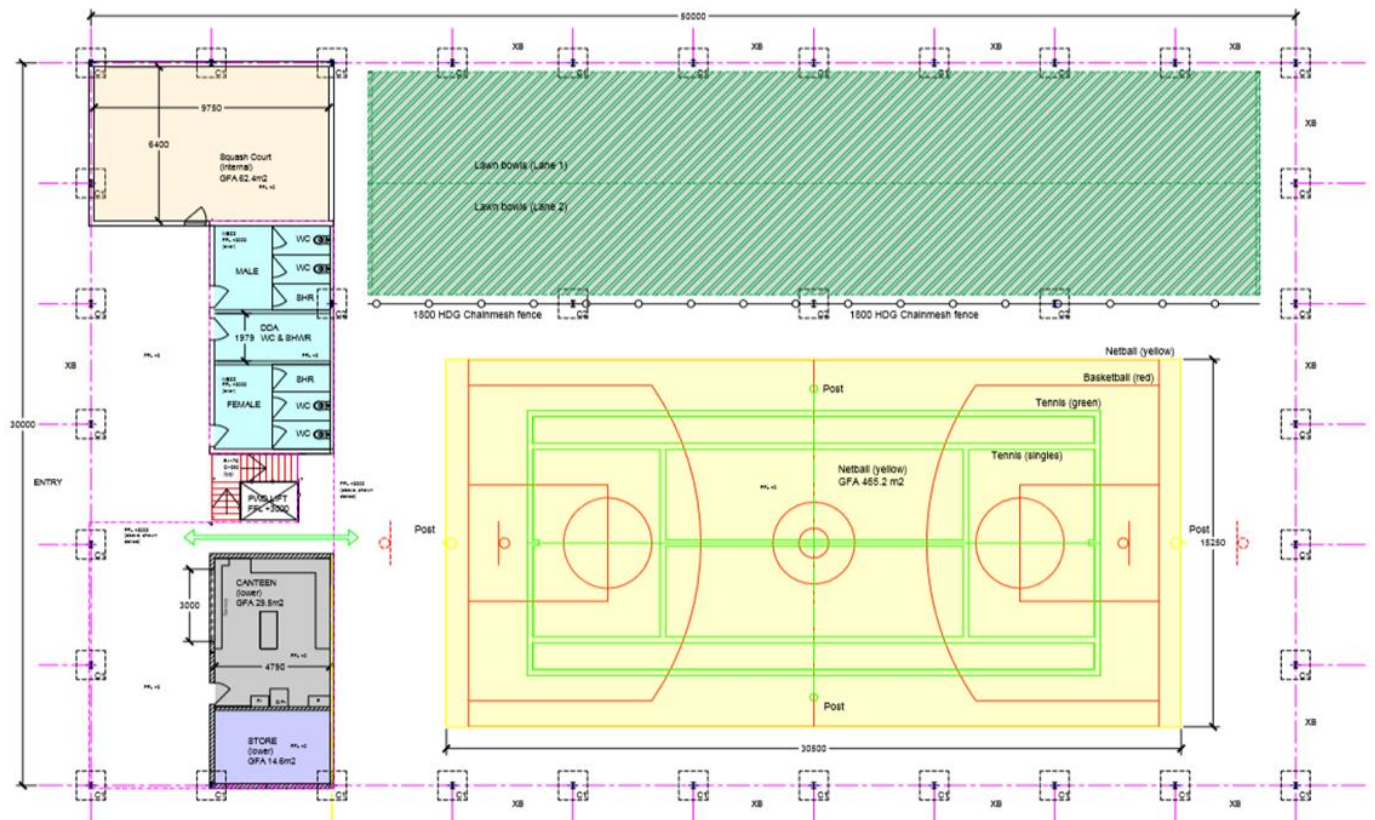
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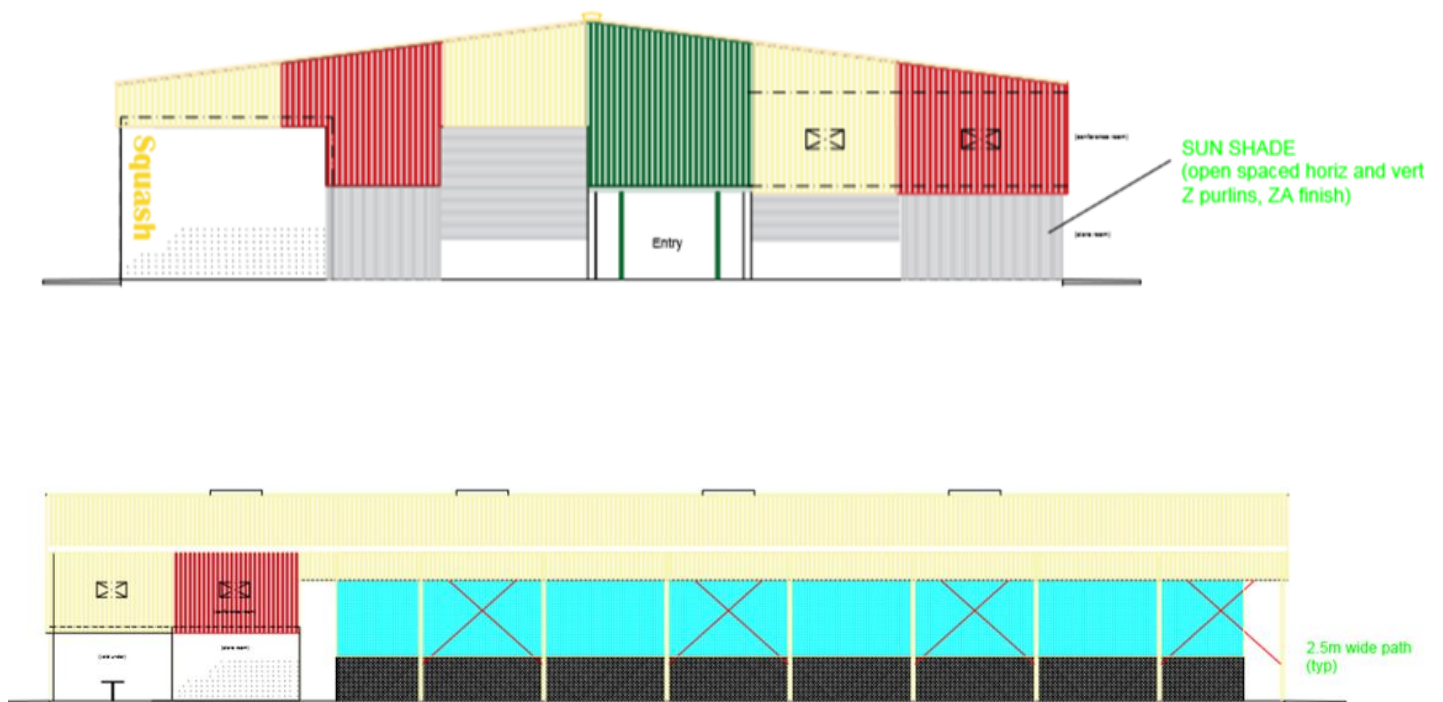
Squash Court, Gymnasium, Toilets & Showers, Kitchen/Canteen, Store Room, Multi-Purpose room for meetings & functions, a multi-purpose court, two rink lawn bowls arena plus a large social meeting area at the front of the building.

The Multi-Purpose Sports Centre will commence construction in early February with an estimated completion date being in late May. Council has completed the majority of the building pad and will commence additional work to the site in February in

readiness for the construction firm to commence the footings and foundations as required for the building.

Below are the preliminary design plans for the Centre.





If anyone requires any information about this project please do not hesitate to contact myself on 4079 9007.

David Munro
Chief Executive Officer

Correction/Addition/Omission for the 2018 Etheridge Shire Telephone Directory

If you would like to advertise in the phonebook, change your details or let us know about an incorrect number please fill in the form below.

Please print clearly

Name:

Property/Station Name (if applicable):

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Club Name & Contact Person:

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Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Suggestions to improve the directory:

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Please return to:

Etheridge Shire Council
Po Box 12
GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

Or Email: judith.zahner@etheridge.qld.gov.au

For further information, please contact Business Administration Trainee,
Judith Zahner on 4079 9009.

**Please contact Council with any changes you
are aware of before Friday 22rd February 2019**



LIQUOR ACT QLD 1992 (SECTION 173C)

DESIGNATION NOTICE

Georgetown Lookout

The area described below has been designated by Etheridge Shire Council as a public place where liquor may be sold and alcohol consumed between the hours of 10am and midnight from Monday to Friday, and 24 hours per day on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holiday. No further permission or notification to Council is required before issue of that permit.

Liquor must not be consumed in the designated area between midnight and 10 am on any day without a license or permit issued by the Queensland Liquor Licensing Division.

All of the area as fenced

DAVID MUNRO
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

FIRST POINT OF CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY

CONTACT PERSONNEL:

Council's Chief Executive Officer, David Munro is nominated as the first point of contact.

PHONE: 0448 621 231 or SATELLITE PHONE: 0147 184 794.

If the LDMG (Local Disaster Management Group) is activated by the Chairperson (The Mayor) the Controlling Officer will be David Munro

PHONE: 0448 621 231



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 including anonymous or otherwise.

Let's work together to make the Shire better!



REQUEST FOR OLD MINING MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT

Etheridge Shire Council is seeking any old mining equipment to be put on display in the Shire.

If you have any equipment or machinery that may be of use, please contact Anna Christensen on 4079 9090 or anna.christensen@etheridge.qld.gov.au





RESIDENTS OF FORSAYTH NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS

The level of water in Big Reef Dam is now above 3.5 metres. Under Etheridge Shire Council's current Drought Management Plan this level is a trigger point for a change in restriction of water usage. *Level 1* restriction will now apply to all water connections within the Forsayth Water Supply Scheme.

Notice is hereby given of water restrictions in accordance with the Local Government Act and the Water Act 2002 Section 388(1) Restricting water supply.

The following restrictions are effective from:

Midnight on Wednesday 19th December 2018

ZONE A

- Sprinklers allowed on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday between 5:00 am to 8:00 am and 5:00pm to 8:00pm only
- Micro spray and drip systems fitted with timers can be used between 7:00pm and 8:00am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

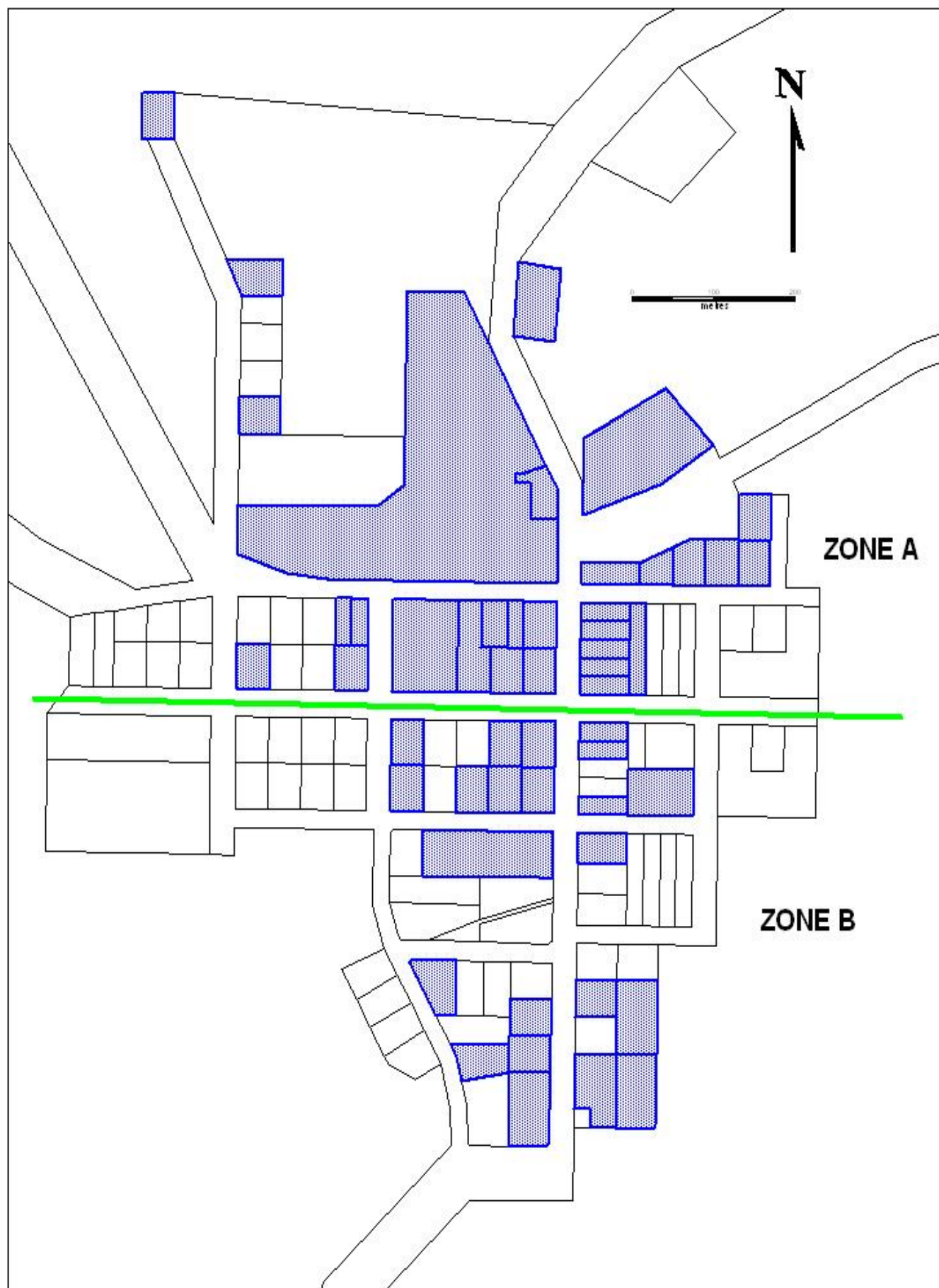
ZONE B

- Sprinklers allowed Wednesday, Friday and Sunday between 5:00 am to 8:00 am and 5:00pm to 8:00pm only
- Micro spray and drip systems fitted with timers can be used between 7:00pm and 8:00am on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday



Hand held hoses, watering cans or buckets can be used at any time

BREACHES OF THESE RESTRICTIONS MAY RESULT IN A PENALTY



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

Water Zones - Forsayth

Date of Issue: Sept 2009



WATER SUPPLY GEORGETOWN

BASE LEVEL 0 RESTRICTIONS

Base level 0 restrictions will now apply to all water connections within the GEORGETOWN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME. Notice is hereby given of water restrictions in accordance with the Local Government Act and the Water Act 2002 Section 388(1) Restricting water supply.

Level 0 Water Restrictions are effective from midnight on

Wednesday 19th of December 2018

1. No sprinklers on Mondays.
2. Sprinklers allowed Tuesday to Sunday between the hours of 5.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.
3. Attended hand held hoses permitted at any time except Monday

BREACHES OF THESE RESTRICTIONS MAY RESULT IN A PENALTY



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Call Wendi or come into the library.

wendi.furber@etheridge.gov.qld.au or 40799027



Telehealth and video consultation services

The Royal Flying Doctor Service Cairns Base is now providing extended telehealth services for people living in North Queensland.

On Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am to 5:30 pm the Cairns Base will now have a dedicated second doctor based in the office to provide phone and video consultations, with access to electronic medical records.

To contact the weekend telehealth service:

- Call the RFDS Medical line on 07 4040 0500 or 1300MYRFDS (1300 69 7337).
- Talk to our on-call doctor.
- Make a video conference booking, however, if your matter is urgent, the doctor may request to do a video conference immediately.
- Video consults can be done using the Queensland Health TEMSU system in all Queensland Health clinics, or directly with patients in their home via the ZOOM app
- To use ZOOM you need:

A computer with internet, camera, speaker, mic and email access – no software downloads required.

OR

A mobile device (smartphone or tablet) which has an internet connection and a built-in camera, mic speaker.

Services covered:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telephone consultations• Video consultations• Scheduled follow up consultations• Review emails/ photos/ faxes/ECG's/x-rays etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use live electronic medical records including My Health Record• Prescribe medication including use of the RFDS medical chest | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrange appropriate higher level care if required – including aeromedical or road retrieval, referral to hospital or appropriate specialists |
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If you have any issues or questions call the Cairns Base on 07 4040 0444. If the telehealth doctor has already been consulted and you need to contact them directly, you can contact the direct mobile number on 0447 076 501.

Proudly supported by:



Etheridge Shire Council

Public Notice of General Meetings for 2018/2019

In accordance with Section 277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Etheridge Shire Council General Meetings for the 2019 calendar year are to be held on the following dates at Council's Chambers;

<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>Wednesday, 20 February 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>Wednesday, 20 March 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Wednesday, 17 April 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>May</i>	<i>Wednesday, 15 May 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Wednesday, 19 June 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Wednesday, 17 July 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Wednesday, 21 August 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Wednesday, 18 September 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Wednesday, 16 October 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Wednesday, 20 November 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Wednesday, 18 December 2019</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>

David Munro
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Po Box 12
GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

Occupational Therapy (Telehealth and Outreach Service)

Do you need an Occupational Therapist?

- Do you have trouble using your hands? Is it difficult to open jars/taps, do you have arthritis or a repetitive injury like carpal tunnel syndrome? Is it hard to use your hands as much as normal after a broken hand/wrist?
- Have you had a burn or hand injury that required medical treatment?
- Do you have swollen arms/legs or have a slow healing wound? Do you have a swollen or heavy/achy limb after cancer treatment?
- Do you have trouble getting on and off the toilet, or feel unbalanced when having a shower? Do you need to rock to get off your lounge chair or bed?
- Would you like to trial a shower chair/toilet frame/commode/bed stick to make things easier at home?
- Are you a carer for someone with dementia or a physical impairment? Would you like some tips on how to make it safer to do so?
- Do you find it difficult to see things around the home?
- Have you had falls around the home or are scared of falling?
- Have you had a stroke or a heart attack recently?
- Would you like some rails or a ramp at your home to increase your safety or independence?
- Do you have a pressure sore?
- Are there things you would like to do that you can't due to injury, frailty or illness?

If you've answered yes to any of the above questions, an Occupational Therapist may help!

Please talk to your clinic nurse or RFDS about a referral to the visiting Occupational Therapy service.

Who Can Refer to Occupational Therapy?

- Parent, carers or individuals
- Doctors – hospital or GP's
- Medical specialists
- Other Allied Health eg. Physio, Speech Therapist
- Community nurses
- Community agencies

A doctor's referral is necessary for hand and compression therapy (swollen limbs).

If you would like to make or discuss a referral, please phone Atherton Hospital Occupational Therapy on 40910274

Who Can We Help?

Our service is available for all people need help with:

- Arthritis
- Amputation
- Hand injury

- Fractures
- Burns
- Cancer
- Recent surgery (eg. Joint replacements)
- Cardiac conditions
- Age related problems
- Neurological conditions eg. Stroke, multiple sclerosis
- Head and spinal injury
- Visual problems
- Dementia
- Emotional/psychological issues
- Learning or developmental delays

The outreach physiotherapist visits Mt Surprise, Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown and Croydon on a 3 day trip about 5 times each year. The dates for Outreach visits for 2019 are as below:

FEB 18-20	PT and OT
APR 29 – MAY 1	PT and SP
JULY 15-17	PT, OT, and SW
SEPT 16-18	PT and DT
NOV 25-27	PT and OT

As a general overview, physiotherapists provide individual assessment and management for a range of conditions including:

- musculoskeletal/sports injuries including fractures and muscle/joint pain
- balance/mobility difficulties
- recovery post surgery
- respiratory conditions including pneumonia, COPD
- paediatric development
- neurological conditions such as stroke, nerve damage, spinal injury
- burns

Physiotherapy treatment generally consists of

- Rehabilitation and facilitation of correct movement patterns
- Exercise prescription
- Manual therapy
- Patient and carer education
- Mobility aid prescription
- Injury prevention
- Pain relief
- Strapping/taping

If you think you may require physiotherapy intervention, please discuss it with the visiting RFDS Doctor or your local Clinic nurse and if indicated, they will send a referral to us to follow up at our next visit. There is also Telehealth available where consults can take place via videoconferencing as appropriate.

Important changes

to

HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION

in Georgetown

Council seeks your support and help in the continued successful collection of household waste in Georgetown. Residents can help in the ongoing efficient collection of household waste through following a few simple rules:

- **Don't over fill your bin as this causes problems in emptying bins with truck mechanism and can also attract birds which pull rubbish out of bins**



Not like this - but like this



- **Bin lids should be closed properly at all times**
- **Break up or squash bulky items such as cardboard boxes before putting in bin**
- **Bins must be placed at kerb or edge of bitumen roadway for collection**
- **Items on the ground beside the bins will not normally be picked up**
- **Due to council now permanently using the green garbage truck bins should be placed with **pull handles/lid hinge facing the road****

For Georgetown residents green waste can be deposited at the green waste area at the Georgetown Landfill on the Forsyth Road. In the future, the green waste at the tip will be converted to mulch for use in the town.

Help keep our town tidy

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Etheridge Shire Council



GEORGETOWN POST OFFICE NEWS

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

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO Bank@Post

As many of you would be aware, the major banks have been closing down branches in rural and remote areas for some time now. Australia Post has endeavoured to fill this void by negotiating agreements with them to



provide basic services like deposit, withdrawal and account balance enquiries.

These agreements were due to expire and Australia Post has been negotiating with the four major banks to renew these services into the future. Westpac, CBA and NAB have confirmed their commitment for access to banking services for their customers but ANZ have not come onboard.

As such, we regret to inform **ALL ANZ CUSTOMERS** that Bank@Post services will no longer be available at Australia Post from 14th January 2019. However, bill payments with ANZ cards will still be accepted.

If you would like to continue utilising Australia Posts' Bank@Post to transact on you ANZ accounts, please contact ANZ directly. You can also make your view known by email to bankatpost@auspost.com

SIMON SAYS

One day you're the best thing since sliced bread. The next, you're toast
... and where do they get the seeds to plant seedless watermelons?



Whats Happening At Little Gems...

Welcome back everybody!

HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...

To kick off 2019 we welcomed Aurora and Mason to our Little Gems family.



We have quite a few resident artists this year, but some of us much prefer to be resident taste testers....

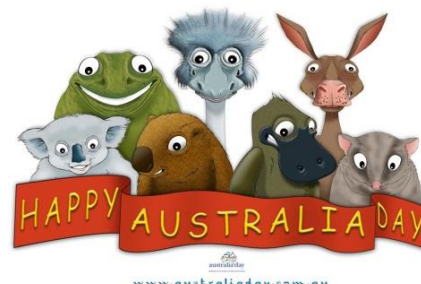


Thank you to everybody who recycled their cans, our latest shipment raised a whopping \$1,068.10 to donate to the RFDS. A big Thank you also goes to The Georgetown Roadhouse and Lyall who make the delivery of the cans to the recycle centre possible!



What's next at Little Gems....

Australia Day is fast approaching and we will celebrate by having a BBQ on the 23rd January. We will be showing off our best Australian dress-up attire, and I hear that Lady Dame Edna and Lleyton Hewitt might be making an appearance?!



Australia Day BBQ and dress ups 23rd January



To stick to the theme of our great country, Clean up Australia Day is on Thursday the 28th February. We will leave Little Gems at 9:00am and welcome any community participation.

Clean up Australia
Day 28th February

Funky hair day is on the 27th March, we are currently collecting donations at the center for the Leukaemia foundation World's Greatest Shave. If you have any spare change please consider donating to this great cause, every cent counts.



Funky Hair Day 27th
March

"By fundraising for the World's Greatest Shave, you'll help give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need, and fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancer."

The Team At Little Gems

Ph: 40621265

Email: childcare@etheridge.qld.gov.au



Can Recycling

Leave Your Aluminium Cans at Our Recycle Centre
All Money Raised Will Be Donated To The Royal Flying Doctors
Service.



No plastics or rubbish please!
Aluminium Cans Only



Cans are collected from the centre by **Lyle**, who takes them to the **Georgetown Roadhouse** for free transportation to the recyclers in Cairns. A great community effort.

PK'S Mechanical – Georgetown

Available for Servicing and General Repairs to all makes of vehicles and light trucks.

- Specialising in Toyotas
- Available to travel
- Stockist of Direct Wholesale Tyres for all your truck, trailer and 4WD tyre needs

Workshop located in the Green Shed on Industrial Street, GEORGETOWN

Contact Phillip Kernan - 0458165772

Australia Day 2019

In other parts of Australia a constant drizzle interspersed with steady rain might have kept people indoors, but not in Etheridge. A good crowd turned out to Caschafor Park in Forsyth to celebrate 'What Makes Australia Great' and there were grins all around as the rain kept coming down. To begin with the Mayor gave a short welcome, followed by the singing of the national anthem. Then the Australia Day Awards were proudly presented and we all heard from Australia Day Ambassador, Mr Roxx McKinnon. To finish off the celebrations there was a BBQ lunch kindly provided by the Forsyth State School P&C, along with some fun games & activities. Council would like to congratulate the award recipients as well as everyone that was nominated for a locals Australia Day Award. Choosing the recipients this year was a difficult process due to the impressive calibre of the people and organisations put forward. Thank you to all the people who submitted nominations! Until next year, **HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY!**



(L to R: Michael Le Brocq, Morgan Le Brocq, Timina Le Brocq, Joseph Haase, Rebekah Haase, Cr Warren Bethel, Liam Atkinson, Raymond Brown, Mayor Warren Devlin, Australia Day Ambassador Ross McKinnon, Veronica Wilson and Cr Will Attwood)

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, VERONICA WILSON



During 2018, Veronica has been the Vice President of the Mt Surprise Sport & Recreation Club as well as holding committee positions for not one, but two P&C associations. She is currently the President of the P&C Association at the Mt Surprise School, and Treasurer of the Northern ICPA Branch. In addition to holding the aforementioned positions, Veronica is always the person coaching the children in the various sporting events, continually praising and encouraging them. Some of the sporting events she is involved with include; touch football, hockey,

tennis, athletics and horse sports. Veronica is always selflessly offering her time and is absolutely worthy for recognition of her amazing leadership skills and contribution to the community.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, KAYLA PEDERSEN

Kayla has just completed year 6 at Georgetown State School, where she performed the duties of both the School Captain and the Etheridge House Sports Captain. She has participated in touch football carnivals, cross country, athletics, hockey and basketball as well as the Gulf Eisteddfod. Kayla has been involved in various sporting fields during her primary school years and in 2018 she was the proud recipient of the Australia Day Junior Sports Medallion. Kayla is always seen to be giving her best and assisting those around her. In addition, she shows a great aptitude for dealing with change and continuously strives to reach her potential despite setbacks. In short, Kayla's great sportsmanship, encouraging attitude and commitment to doing her best are to be highly commended. Unfortunately Kayla wasn't able to accept her award on the day, so next time you see her be sure to wish Kayla good luck on her new adventure at boarding school and congratulate her on her efforts.

SENIOR SPORTS MEDALLION, RAYMOND BROWN

At the Georgetown Bush Races in 2018, Raymond achieved three 1st places, two 2nd places and two 3rd places. At ABCRA Rodeos, Raymond placed 3rd Open Saddle Bronc at Mt Garnet,

1st Novice Saddle Bronc and 4th Open Saddle Bronc at Charters Towers, 1st Novice Saddle Bronc & 4th Open Saddle Bronc in Georgetown, 4th Novice Saddle Bronc in Mareeba and 3rd Novice Steer Wrestling in Ingham. Raymond placed 10th over all in the ABCRA Queensland Standings. But wait, there's more! Raymond also competed at NRCA Rodeos, placing at Chillagoe with 3rd open Saddle Bronc and 2nd Steer Wrestling, Laura with 3rd Open Saddle Bronc, Mt Carbine with 1st Open Saddle Bronc and



3rd Station Buck Jump, Chillagoe 3B with 1st Open Saddle (placed 1st Open Saddle Bronc, 1st Steer Wrestling & Incited to the National Rodeo Council of Australia Finals), Dalby with 4th Open Saddle Bronc and finally Lakeland with 1st Novice Campdraft. What an outstanding sportsman!

JUNIOR SPORTS MEDALLION, LIAM ATKINSON



Since commencing school at Mount Surprise in 2015, Liam has represented himself and the school with pride and confidence at various sporting events. To date, his sporting achievements include; Cross Country Age Champion for 2016, 2017 & 2018, Athletics Age Champion at the Georgetown Interschool Sports Carnival 2018, Played on the Junior and Senior Premier Touch Football teams at the 2017 Croydon Competition and played in Runner Up team for 2018, Represented and was selected by Cape York AFL to play at the QLD State AFL Championships in 2017, Represented Etheridge Shire at Peninsula Touch Football selections, also represented

the Etheridge Shire at Peninsula Selections in 2017 & 2018 for Athletics 100m, 200m, Long Jump and High Jump. Also in 2017 at the Etheridge Boars verses Malanda the Eels Football Match in Georgetown

Liam played in the winning junior team. Liam has also been a keen competitor on his horse at the Mount Surprise and Einasleigh Campdraft Events. Liam is received this award not just because of his sporting achievements and potential, but because of his commitment and character. Sports or otherwise, Liam puts one hundred percent effort into whatever he does and never gives up. That's the sign of a true sportsman.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR, THE GEORGETOWN BOARS 'N' BOWLS



The 2018 Georgetown Boars 'n' Bowls event was a great social occasion, raised \$4500 for the Royal Flying Doctors Service, contributed to feral pig eradication (260 pigs were disposed of with a total weight of 10,880.10kgs) and attracted competitors from all over Queensland. The fantastic marketing skills have to be mentioned as well, with 52 event sponsors, magazine articles and great social media usage. Although this was only the second year for the event, the Boars 'n' Bowls is one of the leading events in Etheridge Shire in terms of attracting competitors and attendees from outside the area.

The inclusive nature of how the competition is structured for teams, contributes to comradery, increasing people's perceived sense of belonging as well as combatting mental health issues. With over 20 teams nominating this year, the event was a huge success. In addition, the committee managed the logistics well, were agreeable and easy to liaise with and their enthusiasm of the event was contagious. The weekend is one for the family with prizes for kids as well as adults. This year there was even shopping available to accompany the games played throughout the day. Congratulations to Michael & Timina for their massive efforts organising this fantastic event and to everyone else involved. You should all be very proud!

MAYORAL AWARD, REBEKAH HAASE

Bekky has called Georgetown home for the last three years and is a valued and active member of the Etheridge Shire Community. Her day job is working on economic and community development initiatives for Council, however it's obvious to see that her passion for working with people here in Etheridge goes far beyond it being just a job. Bekky has displayed a real pride in her position at Council and always endeavours to go above and beyond, often meeting with people and committees after hours. She has led by example when asking people to volunteer and has put a lot of effort in to planning and running successful community events for Council. In 2018 Bekky cooked dinners at the Golf Club most Friday nights, catered for the Georgetown Campdraft, Georgetown Rodeo and the Gulf Cattlemen's Association Testimonial Dinner. She also helped to organise and spread the word for the monthly community dinners in Georgetown. Bekky also facilitated aqua aerobics classes and organised other sporting and fitness activities as well as volunteering at numerous community events. Last year, Bekky choreographed and taught the dance for the Georgetown State School Students to perform at the Gulf Dance Eisteddfod at Croydon, which the students not only had a lot of fun doing, but also won the Eisteddfod. Thanks Bekky for your commitment and community building efforts.

MAYORAL AWARD, JOSEPH HAASE

Joe first arrived in Etheridge just under 6 years ago to fill the position of School Chaplain at Georgetown, Forsayth and Croydon State Schools, and soon became an integral part of the community. In 2016, Joe was responsible for importing the aforementioned Bekky to Georgetown, which was obviously a good decision. Aside from that, Joe has been a real benefit to the Etheridge Community. He is often amongst the first there and the last to leave at most school events, has attended both Education Qld school camps and volunteered at school holiday camps such as the Einasleigh River Camp and Camp Cobbold. With his tennis coaching and exercise science background, Joe has facilitated many school sports activities and been involved with after school coaching.



Joe has also run quite a few sporting and fitness sessions for adults in the community and supported others to do so as well. Joe has also run informal Church Services and Sunday School lessons at the Anglican Church in Georgetown throughout the year and an after school kids club for students interested in faith. Joe is a great role model for students in our community, and always has time to listen, encourage and help people out. Joe is an asset to our shire and we commend and congratulate him on his efforts.

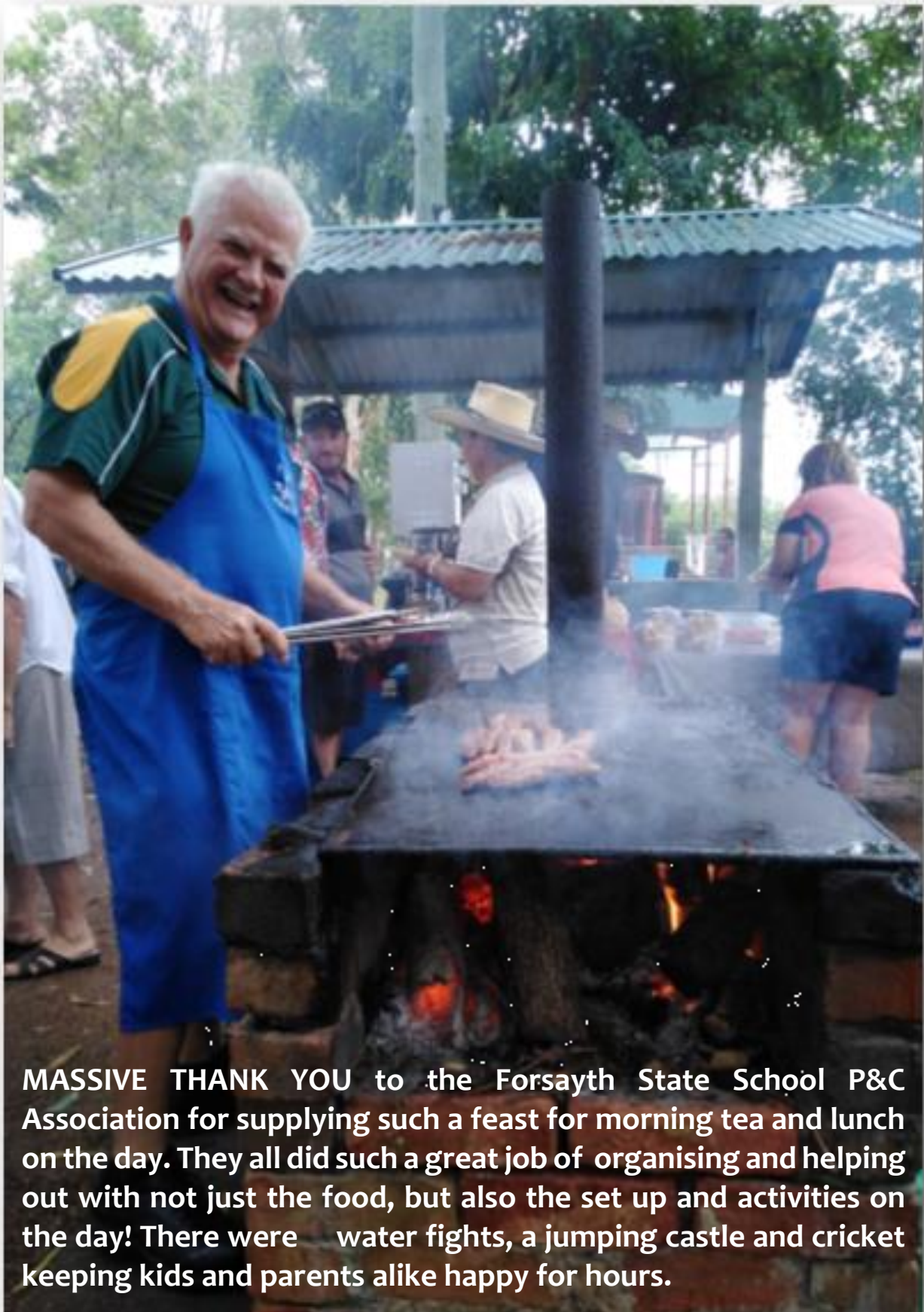
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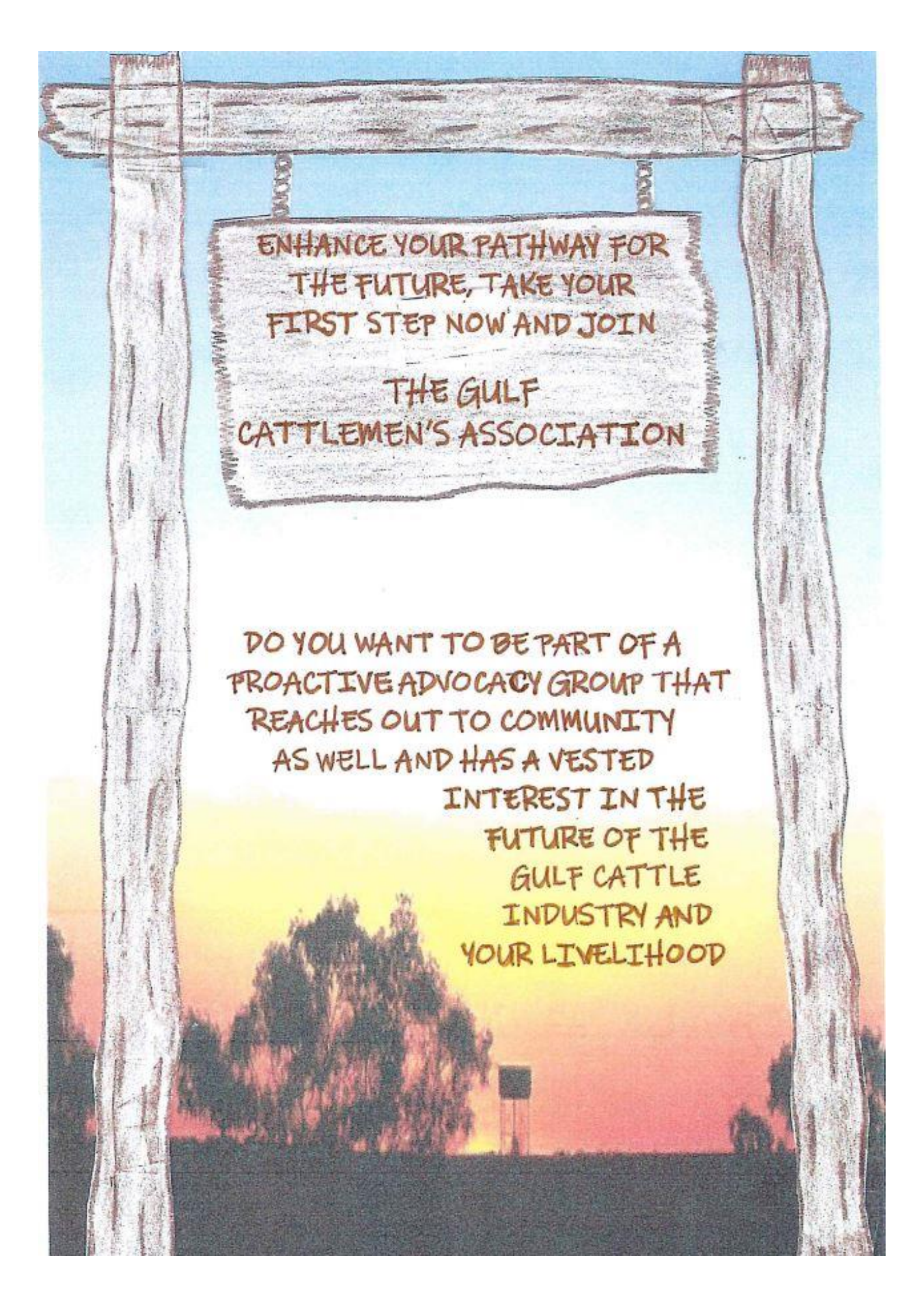


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CHAPTER ONE - A TARGET BELOW!

By Rick Tomkies

The following story, which was inspired by a persistent rumor of a Japanese fighter plane shot down during the Second World War and discovered many years later on Cape York was considered to be fictional, although recent information to hand has cast some doubt on this, the information being that the wreck was actually recovered and now resides in an unknown museum further south. However, the rest of the story is fictional although place names and those of some people on the Cape are real.

This story from the book "The Ghost of Cape York" is now serialized and edited specially for the Inform. Actual copies may be purchased from the Author or retail outlets elsewhere.

The winter sun sparkled off the blue Pacific Ocean some twenty thousand feet below the Zero as it cruised comfortably at around 250 miles per hour. The morning sun illuminated the countless outcrops of coral far below, which formed part of the Great Barrier Reef.

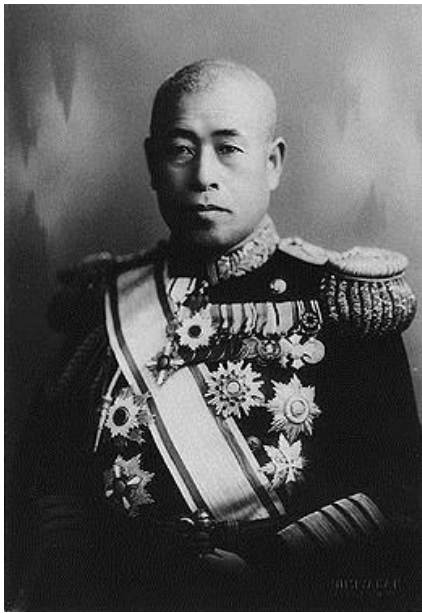
Pilot Officer Takeo Matsumaro glanced down through the Perspex of the cockpit's canopy at the dense green jungle that stretched for miles off his starboard wing. The vegetation was separated by a line of gleaming white coral sand from the lapping waves of the sea. Glancing up and around the azure blue sky he could see nothing that warranted his attention. Earlier, however, he had encountered a couple of American Hellcat fighters, but after a quick and decisive dogfight, the enemy planes had proven no match to the superior speed of his Ki-61 Hien or Flying Swallow as the new model Zero had been named. The 1175 h.p. Kawasaki-powered fighter was capable of a maximum 348 mph and was highly maneuverable.



Takeo Matsumaro glanced down at the dense green jungle that stretched for miles off his starboard wing.

A member of the Chitose Air Corps based in Rabaul, New Guinea, Takeo Matsumaro had been in the newly created Air Corps since he and the other twenty six Zero pilots who were members of his unit, along with the twenty seven bomber crews, had been based there. Shortly after Takeo and his fellow members of the Air Corps were based on New Britain's southern coast, under the command of the 25th Air Flotilla with its headquarters located in Rabaul. Only recently in February that year in 1942, the Japanese Admiral, Yamamoto, who had previously planned the successful attack on Pearl Harbor had planned an immediate invasion of Australia.

Admiral Yamamoto had only just implemented his bombing raids on Darwin in the Northern Territory.



Admiral Yamamoto - Pilot Officer Takeo Matsumaru cast his mind back to the plans Admiral Yamamoto had for invasion of Australia.

Now Pilot Officer Takeo Matsumaru cast his mind back to the lectures given to him and his honorable fellow pilots about the plans Admiral Yamamoto had for the invasion of this poorly defended southern continent of Australia. The highly regarded Japanese Imperial Army General, Tomoyuki Yamashita, who had become famous for conquering the British Colonies of Malaya and Singapore and which earned him the nickname of The Tiger of Malaya, had been interested in Yamamoto's Invasion Plan and the General had even volunteered to lead the invasion. Takeo shook his head sadly as he reminded himself that the Japanese Prime Minister, General Hideki Tojo had been very opposed to the plan since he had considered that there had been no contingency arrangements for the Invasion. Evidently the Honorable General Tojo was worried that their fleet of ships would be extended to its limit thus allowing the Americans to readily divert their B-17 Flying Fortress bombers to Sydney to destroy the invading forces.

Looking down at this remote eastern coastline of the Australian State of Queensland, Takeo considered the recent successful raids on the town of Darwin by Japanese bombers from aircraft carriers situated to the north west of Australia. Even though he had been informed that the Honorable Admiral Yamamoto's plan was supposed to be a diversionary invasion one in order to supposedly draw the large American forces away from the Japanese forces to the north, rather than to actually occupy this southern land, Matsumaru considered that any invasion would indeed be a "walk-over." Really, were there any enemy forces in sufficient numbers to stop the invincible Japanese Imperial Military from conquering these round-eyes? He thought not.

Deciding on a whim to proceed south, along northern Australia's eastern coastline Matsumaru began searching for some likely targets. He still had enough ammunition for the wing-mounted 20 mm cannons as well as his two 7.7 machine guns to allow him to attack anything he might come across, particularly any enemy on the ground. The sun's rays pouring into the cockpit over his left shoulder warmed him through his flying jacket. At his present altitude, the warmth was particularly welcome. With a gloved right hand resting lightly on the control column, and a thumb never far away from the firing button, Takeo Matsumaru was itching for more action. He adjusted his goggles with his left hand and peered along the coastline that stretched ahead. Squeezing his eyes against the glare, he looked hard at something that glinted in the sun, a few miles ahead – barely discernible amongst the trees on the shoreline but was quickly becoming more obvious as he approached. It was a white boat at anchor near the shore the sun flashing off the windshield glass as it rocked gently on the water. Glancing at the altimeter Takeo noted his height at a little over 5000 feet – too high, he thought for an effective strike against any possible enemy on the ground. Rapidly losing altitude and keeping a watch on the boat, his eyes expertly searched around and below for any signs of movement. Instinctively beginning his plan of action Matsumaru gently pushed the control column forward putting the Zero into a shallow dive – immediately the plane's speed increased. The object ahead and below quickly grew larger as the Zero approached. Banking to the left for a moment, then to the right, he deftly brought the nose of the plane around and headed toward what appeared to be a couple of small buildings, almost hidden from view by the surrounding jungle. The larger of the two structures sat on the top of a small hill, and even from that height, Takeo could see the rusting patches on the iron roof.

Increasing the angle of the dive, Matsumaru zoomed down to treetop level and roared over the small

house and an adjoining building. Nearby, a small jetty protruded out into the sea, with a motor launch tied at the end, an enemy ensign fluttering from the stern. This was an opportunity not to be missed, thought Takeo, the corners of his eyes creasing slightly, a smile playing around the corners of his mouth as he peered down at this easy, soft target.

Hauling gently back on the controls, Matsumaro put the Zero into a steep climb before leveling out to bank sharply to the left. Looking over his shoulder as he throttled his speed back, he could see a number of people running from the buildings. A slight smile played around the corner of his lips as he flicked the switch from the cannon to the machine guns mounted above the engine. With a little right rudder and a touch on the control column to the right, he positioned the aircraft back towards his intended target. Dropping the plane's nose, the buildings loomed into view through the windshield. His thumb pressed the firing button and the twin machine guns in the plane's nose, spewed their lethal messengers of death, kicking up small fountains of dirt as they raced towards the larger building. In a split second, it had gone from view as the Zero, pulling out of its shallow dive, howled across the small jetty, coconut treetops flashing past his cockpit. The white launch tied to the jetty, rocked gently as the aircraft headed out across the sea.

Matsumaro banked steeply to starboard, and headed back towards the shore, throttling the motor back at the same time. The plane's speed dropped accordingly, and the pilot craned his neck over his right shoulder as he flew back across his target in an endeavor to assess the damage. Before putting the plane into a steep bank, Matsumaro quickly took in the scene below. Apart from a small column of smoke that rose from the larger building, and a bullet-riddled roof, the damage seemed rather minimal, he thought, straightening the Zero as he flew low past the house. He didn't notice a figure, near the building, aiming something towards the plane. Glancing at his fuel gauge, he automatically made some rapid calculations before he proceeded to gain altitude, at the same time switching to the two 20mm cannons. One last pass and he'd deliver his coup de grace before heading back to his base in New Guinea across the Torres Strait. This time he would destroy the launch at the jetty with cannon fire as well, ensuring total destruction of the enemy base.

A split second before he began to ease the control column back, Takeo Matsumaro felt his aircraft judder slightly. Suddenly, across his starboard wing, bullet holes appeared, their edges flowering upwards across the aluminum. A bullet ricocheted through the cockpit, narrowly missing his legs, to hit the port side of the Perspex canopy, which immediately cracked around a jagged hole. Matsumaro knew instantly his plane was being fired on from below – and already a small stream of smoke had started to pour from the engine, inducing Takeo to change his mind and immediately head northwards back to base.

Quickly the Japanese pilot looked up and around, his keen brown eyes searching the clear blue sky, but there were no other aircraft about. He was safe from attack there. Ha! He had been shot at from below.

He hadn't anticipated being fired at by the enemy 'round-eyes,' believing his surprise attack would have eliminated any opposition. Now, however, he had other things with which to occupy his mind. He cast an expert eye over the plane's instrument panel, noticing with some concern that already the oil pressure had begun to drop. The fuel gauge reading was fine, and quickly he calculated he had enough gasoline to get him home, but obviously, this was not going to be his problem. Throttling back slightly in order to keep his engine revs down, he glanced at the altimeter.... a little under one hundred feet. At this altitude he would be hard pressed to use his parachute, he thought. On an impulse, Takeo reversed his decision, and gently increased the throttle in an attempt to gain enough altitude to permit him to eject and safely employ his parachute. However, this action caused the stream of smoke to increase from the now roughly-running engine and together with the rapidly dropping oil pressure, put paid to his intention of trying to reach his base. Obviously he was now in

big trouble! With a final glance at the instrument panel, Matsumaro quickly decided his course of action... maybe if he followed the beach he might find a suitable place to bring his beloved Zero down for a crash landing.

Takeo looked down at the small strip of sand below. His gaze followed the coast line, taking in all the details. The tide was apparently in, which didn't leave much in the way of a suitable place on which to crash-land his plane. Above the high water mark, there were what looked to be large sand dunes. Here and there, the jungle had receded back from the beach, but in its place were mangrove-lined creeks, uninviting to say the least. Wondering vaguely if crocodiles were as bad here as in the rivers of New Guinea, his attention returned rapidly back to the instruments in front of him as a subtle change in the noise of the motor warned him of impending trouble. As the aircraft's speed decreased, so did its altitude. Takeo, realizing that he had to prepare for the worst, began searching frantically for a suitable place to put down his crippled Zero when the motor suddenly spluttered, and seized.

Less than a mile ahead, a wide patch of sand dunes appeared, and instinctively, Matsumaro headed towards it, pushing the control column forward to put the fighter into a nose-down attitude in order to maintain flying speed. With the engine now silent, the airman could hear the air as it whistled through the hole in the cockpit floor and the canopy. The controls felt sluggish as he struggled with them, trying desperately to keep the powerless aircraft flying. Now with the small stretch of beach rapidly looming towards him, Takeo extended the flaps fully, reducing speed, hauling back on the stick at the same time in an attempt to stall the plane and pancake into the soft sand just above the high water mark. Bracing himself for the inevitable impact, he was thrown hard against his harness as the plane, bouncing violently, buried itself into the sand, which billowed high into the air, carrying with it driftwood and other debris, to shower back over the thin metal fuselage. The lightly-built plane was not designed for such treatment and as the aircraft buried its nose into the sand, the port-side wing sheared off when it connected the base of a small stand of coconut trees. The starboard wing folded back with the impact, while the front of the fuselage a hideous sound of screeching and tearing as it plowed into violent contact with the ground until the engine nacelle hit a large log half-buried in the sand, arresting the progress of the disintegrating plane with one immense crash. The last thing Pilot Officer Takeo Matsumaro remembered was the sand dunes rushing to greet him with frightening speed – then a quiet enveloping blackness swept over him....

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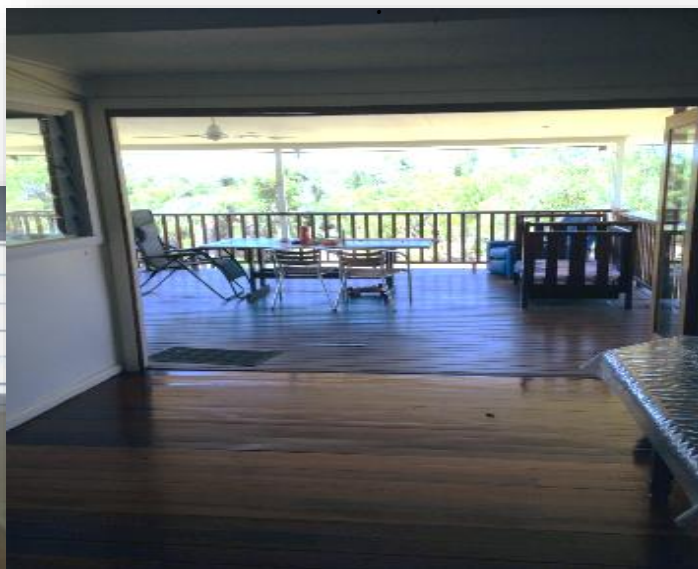
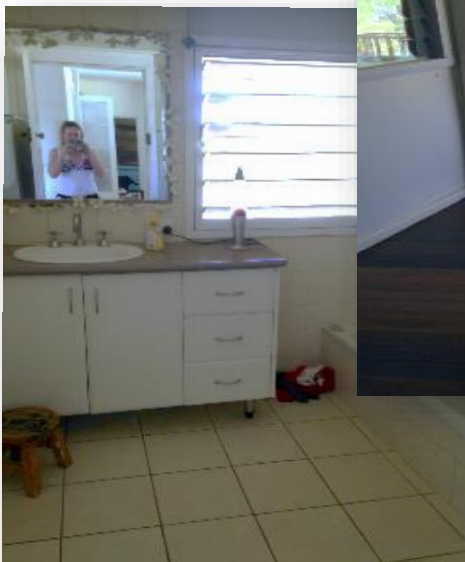
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5. While 'on call' you cannot drink Alcohol. It is a requirement from QAS.
6. The Nurse will give an orientation to the Ambulance including how to use the stretcher and the Radio.

By volunteering you will help support the local nurses who provide emergency response care to the community and visitors to this area. You will also help increase the numbers of our regular volunteers and reduce the amount of times that you are all asked to be available to drive.

**Please call the Georgetown Clinic
on 40 621 266 for further
information.**





IMPORTANT - 2018 / 2019 Green Season Operational Information

GREEN SEASON will run from the 14th of November 2018 - 14th March 2019

UNDARA EXPERIENCE WILL BE OPEN FOR LIMITED TOURS ONLY

Due to the seasonality of tourism in Tropical North Queensland in the Summer Green Season, it is no longer sustainable for Undara Experience to offer the range of services it has in previous years. Therefore Undara Experience will only be open for limited touring from 14th November 2018 to 14th March 2019. NO OTHER SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME.

Undara Experience will only be operating limited tours at this time departing from Resort Reception.

Tours that are available for the 2018/2019 Green Season are:

- Lava Tube Tour 1 Hour: 11am \$35pp
- Night Tour, 1 hour: 6:45pm - \$35pp

All tours are subject to availability and weather conditions. Please call our reservations team on 1800 990 992 or email res@undara.com.au to request availability.

For patrons wishing to visit the area, accommodation options can be found in Mt Surprise, 55km west by road from Undara Experience. Bedrock Village – (07) 4062-3193 Open for accommodation and camping

During the Green Season we have very limited staff onsite, please leave a message and we will endeavour to return your call or reply to your email.

We will change back to our normal operational program with tours, accommodation, meals and facilities recommencing as of 14th March 2019.

Thanks so much for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions please contact me directly – manager@undara.com.au

Respectfully,

Kane Bassett
General Manager



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Church Services

Anglican Church, St George Street
GEORGETOWN

Kids Church happens 9:30am Sundays for primary school aged students during the school term. Here we learn about the Bible and the Christian faith whilst having lots of fun with songs, games, stories and activities. Feel free to come check it out.



The Church gathers weekly on Sundays for informal services during the school term. These services often include contemporary worship songs, prayer, a Christian discussion or message and a catch up. Please contact Joe Haase to confirm the location.

These get togethers happen weekly where we read the Bible, consider what it says, explore the meaning and discuss it with each other. Anyone is welcome to join.



All enquires contact School Chaplain
Joe Haase on 0412 709 388

ALL TERRAIN



HELICOPTERS

Available Machines: R22 & R44

Call Trevor Riley 0400 750 330

Recipe of the Month

Mango Meringue Bites

INGREDIENTS

- 2 small ripe mangoes, peeled, chopped
- 2 tablespoons caster sugar, plus 3/4 cup extra
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 egg yolks
- 75g butter, chopped
- 24 mini tart shells
- 3 egg whites



METHOD

- Step 1:** Blend or process mango, sugar and lime juice until smooth. Transfer to a medium saucepan. Whisk in egg yolks. Place over medium-low heat. Stir constantly for 6 to 8 minutes or until mixture thickens and coats the back of a spoon. Remove from heat. Add butter, one piece at a time, whisking until combined. Cool for 5 minutes. Place tart shells on a large baking tray. Divide curd among tart shells. Refrigerate for 3 hours.
- Step 2:** Preheat grill to high. Using an electric mixer, whisk egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add extra sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, until firm peaks form. Place meringue in a piping bag fitted with a 1cm fluted nozzle. Pipe meringue onto pies. Place under grill for 2 minutes or until tops are lightly browned. Serve.

Calendar of Community Events 2018

March

15 & 16
Etheridge Shire Council's
Centenary Celebration

April

18-21
Easter at Einasleigh, Annual
Races & Rodeo

25-27
Outback Rock and Blues

May

21 – 2 June
Georgetown Campdraft

June

7
Astronomical 2 Theatre
Production, Mt Surprise

8
Astronomical 2 Theatre
Production, Einasleigh

9
Astronomical 2 Theatre
Production, Forsayth

12
Astronomical 2 Theatre
Production, Georgetown

July

25-28
Georgetown Boars 'n' Bowls

August

2
Etheridge Show Holiday

2
B to B Variety Bash
competitors stay overnight in
Georgetown

3
Forsayth Turnout & Etheridge
Show



words OF wisdom

*We cannot direct the wind, but we can
adjust the sails.*

BEST WISHES,

Dolly Parton



PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Council meeting will be held in
Georgetown on 20th February 2019 commencing at 8.00am.

INFORM ARTICLES

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