

Etheridge Shire Council *Inform Newsletter*

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Edition 2, February 2019



2019 Goldfield Ashes **Georgetown Joes Results**

Day 1:

Georgetown Joes Vs Fruit Pies

Joes - 6/271, Fruit Pies - 9/151

Day 2:

The Smashed Crabs Vs Georgetown Joes

The Smashed Crabs - 7/158, Joes - 108

Day 3 of the ashes was a draw due to the weather conditions

Best batters and bowlers for the weekend:

Day 1:

Batters - Trumby and Willi - 55 runs each

Bowler - Trumby 4/ 37

Day 2:

Bowler - Craig (beanie) 2/15

Batter - Craig 28 runs



Great weekend had by all! Thanks to all our supporters and everyone that played!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Good Day to all

First of all our thoughts are with everyone that has been affected by the recent devastating floods in Townsville and especially those affected in the grazing industry in the Flinders River catchment area. It is hard to comprehend the incredible losses of stock and native animals that this flood event has brought upon us.

We've been working with the departments on the flood affected parts of our shire to have them declared. I'm pleased to report that we have been successful in getting the Southern end of the Shire declared and would urge those that have been impacted to contact David Munro (CEO).

It was good to see the community turn out to visit with Bob Katter earlier this month. Prior to the community meeting, I spent the day touring around with Bob who left here with a better understanding of what the Gilbert River Irrigation Area means to our region. Bob has indicated that he is excited to support this major project which has both state and federal government support.

The FNQROC delegation of Mayors from FNQ to Canberra earlier this month, saw us meeting with the Prime Minister and many other Ministers and Shadow Ministers. Discussions ranged from the devastating floods across the North, Roads & Infrastructure to employment and communications issues. I spoke primarily on developing agriculture in our Gulf region and our ROSI (Roads of Strategic Importance) submission upgrading the Gulf Development Road and bridge.

Following my visit to Canberra, Senator Matt Canavan paid us a flying visit to get a full understanding of the flood impacts to the southern end of our shire, the Gilbert River project and our submission under the ROSI. ROSI is a project we've been working on for some time which encompasses the completion of the Gulf Development Road to a two-lane standard and upgrade of the Gilbert River bridge.

I am very pleased to report that the business case for the Gilbert River Irrigation Area has been awarded to Jacobs.

The contractors will be on site beginning construction of the Sport & Rec building in early March with the completion date of late May/early June 2019.

Until next month, stay safe and enjoy the rain!

Cheers until next month
Warren Devlin | Mayor

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESK

FINANCIAL UPDATE



Fast Financial Facts

- Cash & Cash Investments as at 31st January 2019 - \$19.408M (\$8.932M constrained)

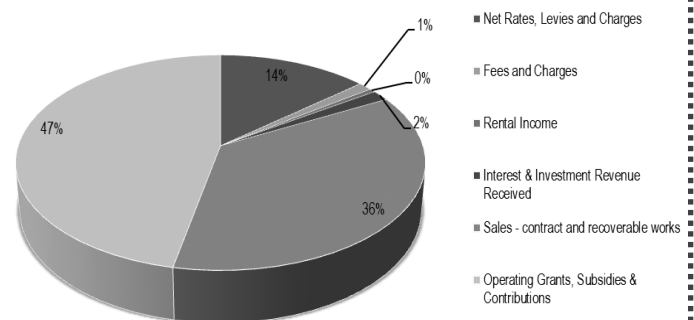


Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019



\$'s	Actuals 2018 2019	Budget 2018 2019	Percentage 2018 2019
Revenue			
Net Rates, Levies and Charges	\$ 2,214,078	\$ 2,188,939	101.15%
Fees and Charges	\$ 199,239	\$ 239,375	83.23%
Rental Income	\$ 89,381	\$ 176,000	50.78%
Interest & Investment Revenue Received	\$ 257,113	\$ 265,324	96.91%
Sales - contract and recoverable works	\$ 5,813,412	\$ 8,453,908	68.77%
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	\$ 7,545,173	\$ 10,763,853	70.10%
Total Recurrent Revenue	\$ 16,118,396	\$ 22,087,399	72.98%

Operating Revenue

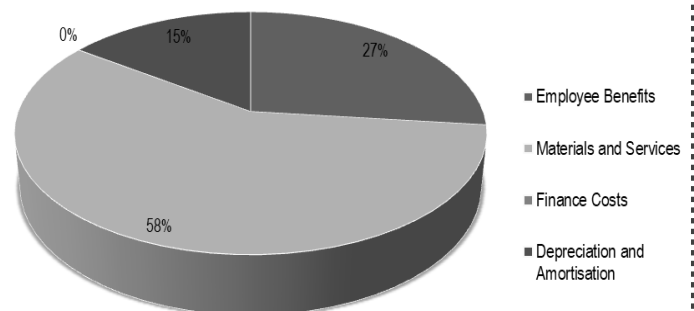


Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019



\$'s	Actuals 2018 2019	Budget 2018 2019	Percentage 2018 2019
Expenses			
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,397,308	\$ 5,393,163	62.99%
Materials and Services	\$ 7,358,147	\$ 14,322,225	51.38%
Finance Costs	\$ 6,270	\$ 10,733	58.42%
Depreciation and Amortisation	\$ 1,925,416	\$ 4,668,072	41.25%
Total Recurrent Expenses	\$ 12,687,141	\$ 24,394,193	52.01%
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Operating Expenditure



GENERAL UPDATE

While I am sure everyone enjoyed the recent rain that the Shire experienced over the past few weeks, it has also brought about its fair share of issues. Council has been working with Departmental Officers and Ministers regarding the level of financial assistance that may be available through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and at the time of writing this update, Etheridge Shire Council has been approved for the following financial assistance through the DRFA:



Local Government Area	Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Scheme	Personal Hardship Assistance Scheme	Counter Disaster Operations	Reconstruction of Essential Public Assets	Disaster Assistance (Small Business) Loans	Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Small Business	Disaster Assistance (Not-for-profit) Loans	Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Not-for-profit	Disaster Assistance (Essential Working Capital) Loans Scheme for Primary Producers	Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers	Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Primary Producers	Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Small Business	Special Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants for Not-for-profit
Etheridge Shire Council			Activated 04/02/19	Activated 04/02/19	Activated 20/02/19	Activated 20/02/19			Activated 15/02/19	Activated 15/02/19	Activated 15/02/19		

To apply for the above approved funding arrangements I would encourage you to visit the following website: www.qra.qld.gov.au/funding/drfa and click on the following link on the home page. This will take you to an information package which contains who to contact and what to do.



[DRFA & SDRA information sheet - November 2018](#)

Information sheet: Overview of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) and the State Disaster Relief Arrangements (SDRA). 319 KB

I have also provided some photos of the event which have been sent through to Council



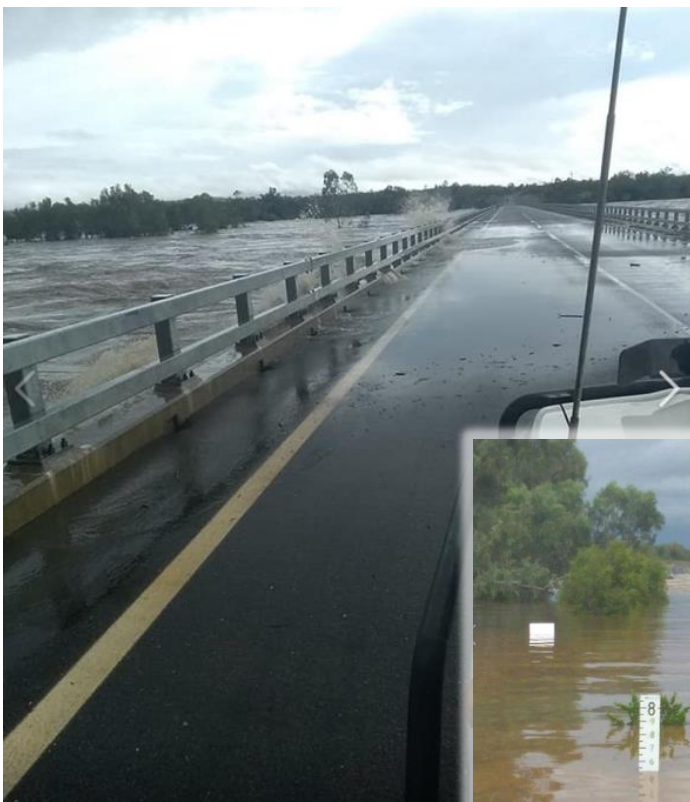
McKinnon's Creek – Hann Highway



Photo's supplied by (Barbara Keough – Welcome Downs Station)



Images of the Bib Loudon Bridge on the Gulf Developmental Road over the Einasleigh River



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACE GEORGETOWN

In last month's Inform, Council placed an advert in accordance with S.173C of the Liquor Act describing an area within the Georgetown Township which is now been declared as a designated public place where liquor may be sold and consumed. Over the past month, I have heard a few tall tales regarding this matter. So I thought I would take this opportunity to provide the following facts:

1. *Council resolved in September 2018 to request the Chief Executive Officer to make application to have the recreational area at the Georgetown Water Reservoir gazetted / declared as a designated public place where liquor may be consumed or sold.*
2. *An application has been made, and as part of this process Council was required to place an advertisement in the local papers.*



This matter has been completed albeit the placing of the Public Notice Sign. The designated area is within the fenced area as per the above pictures.

So with that said I welcome you to take the trip to the Water Reservoir Gazebo and sit back with your wine and cheese taking in the ambience of watching the breathtaking sunsets or if you are a morning person, take the opportunity to have a champagne breakfast and watch the sun rise.

EINASLEIGH – COPPERFIELD GORGE WALKWAY

I am writing this short message to inform the residents of Einasleigh regarding the Copperfield Gorge Walkway which was undertaken as part of the Works for Queensland funding program.

I can update you that Council will be completing the required works associated with the Car park Area over the next month to ensure that this area can be utilised as it was intended.

I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely apologise to the residents of Einasleigh regarding the way the area has been left and I can assure you it was not the intention of Council for this to occur.

In relation to further improvements within the Copperfield Gorge Walkway I am throwing out a challenge to the community to provide me with any ideas and improvements for this area over the coming month, so that it may be considered in

the 2019/20 Budget as Council will be commencing pre-budget workshops in April.

Please feel free to contact me direct on 4079 9007 or via email on

david.munro@etheridge.qld.gov.au

I look forward to receiving your comments and thoughts on this matter.

PROJECT UPDATES

Multi-Purpose Sports Complex

- ☐ Council has awarded the contract;
- ☐ Council has signed off on the Building Contract;
- ☐ Construction work will commence in the first week of March 2019 with an estimated completion date still being around the 24th May 2019
- ☐ The facility will cater for the following sports & activities:
 - Basketball; Netball, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Squash, Gymnasium; Aerobics; Volleyball, Badminton, Table Tennis (just to name a few)

Incorporated within the facility will be a canteen/kitchen and on the second floor will have a multi-purpose room that can be utilised for meetings or private functions

Funding for this project has been provided by the Works for Queensland 2017-2019 funding program with some additional funds from Council.

Charleston Dam Project

- ☐ The construction of the Charleston Dam is still going ahead and it is anticipated that construction will be commencing in April 2019 with a completion dated being November 2019;
- ☐ Council has agreed and signed off on the Dam Designs last month;
- ☐ Council has engaged GHD to undertake the finalisation of the Designs and also be on-site during construction;
- ☐ Council is re-assessing the Pipeline quotes;
- ☐ Design & Construct drawings for the Recreational Area are nearing completion and should be finalised by the middle of March 2019;
- ☐ Council has secured an extension of time for its grant funding through the Federal Government via the National Stronger Regions Fund;
- ☐ Council has appointed Mr Tony Potter as Councils internal Project Manager for the construction of the Dam and Pipeline.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

I would like to take the opportunity to remind everyone regarding the upcoming Centenary Celebrations that are occurring on Friday 15th March in Einasleigh and Saturday 16th March.

Please mark the dates down in your diaries and please feel free to join in on the celebrations and make a weekend of it.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Council on 4079 9090 or contact Bekky Haase on 4079 9002 or watch out for updates on Councils website and Councils Facebook Page.

Programme of Events

» FRIDAY

12noon, Yarns over Lunch at Einasleigh

Make the journey to join in the reminiscing and hear old tales of what was happening around the place 100 years ago.

» SATURDAY

10am, Brunch at the Georgetown Hostel

In 1999, a time capsule was buried under the rock out the front of the Georgetown Hostel with strict instructions for it to be dug up in the year 2019. Join us for a delightful function being held for those wishing to witness the **UNEARTHING OF THE TIME CAPSULE** and celebrate the Hostel being open for 50 years. Nibbles & Refreshments will be provided.

12noon, Luncheon at the Etheridge Shire Hall in the *Designing Our Future* Exhibition

Hear from the present Council, devour a delicious lunch and take the time to walk through the interactive exhibition. Here you can take a look at current Council projects, ask questions and talk through ideas and suggestions for what our communities could benefit from in the future.

4pm, Tennis, Softball & Novelty Races at Georgetown State School

Exactly as it sounds, fun for the whole family... perhaps played with newer equipment than a century ago.

6pm, BBQ Dinner & 'Etheridge History' Trivia Night at Georgetown State School

Don't be mislead, this is no ordinary trivia night. You'll need to think through the make up of your team to ensure you've got an adequate cross section of Council knowledge, Etheridge Shire history, Georgetown Hostel experience and just a squiz of local goss. This should be a lot of fun so start studying up now!! Just register your team of eight on the day to put yourself in the running to win some of the **GREAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS**. Dinner and refreshments provided, just bring your friends and family.

Hey there,
If you or someone you know has any photos & memorabilia of their time with Council or at the Hostel, please get in touch with me as soon as you can. If you can't make it & have a story to share, I'd love a phone call from you to hear the tale!! This is going to be a fantastic day & the more memories on display the better. Hope to hear from you soon,
~ Bekky



» Please RSVP to Bekky by 8th March on 4079 9002 or via rebekah.haase@etheridge.qld.gov.au «

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!

*Suggestion
Box*





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

WATER SUPPLY FORSAYTH

BASE LEVEL 0 RESTRICTIONS

Base level 0 restrictions 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

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 Mondays.

(Watering permitted 36 hrs per week)

BREACHES OF THESE RESTRICTIONS MAY RESULT IN A PENALTY



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>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:

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 Forsayth 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)

2019 EASTER TRADING

Please note the following trading times for the Easter break.

Thursday 18 th April	9am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm	
Friday 19 th April	Good Friday	CLOSED
Saturday 20 th April		CLOSED
Monday 22 nd April	Easter Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday 23 rd April	9am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm	
Wednesday 24 th April	9am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm	
Thursday 25 th April	Anzac Day	CLOSED
Friday 26 th April	9am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm	

POST OFFICE BOX RENEWALS

If you have not already received your PO box renewal notice for the upcoming year, they will arrive soon. Remember, if you pay your renewal on time you will receive a discount. If you have not received your renewal by March 31st, please come into the post office and we will help make payment.

FLOWER ORDERS AT POST

Did you know that you can send flowers from the Post Office? Flowers are supplied by Interflora florists and delivered directly to your recipient with a personalized card. Ordering is simple. Just make your selection from the brochure instore, provide delivery details and we'll do the rest.

SIMON SAYS

I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness.



Little Gems
Children's Centre

Whats Happening At Little Gems...

We love dressing up!

If you have any old shoes to give away please pass them our way.



We have been discovering shapes as we play



To encourage a sense of belonging we have been adding family photos to our play, this lead us to recreate 'Georgetown'.



Resident artists this month...



What's next at Little Gems...

Little Gems are joining the Clean up Australia Day Campaign on Thursday the 28th February. We will leave Little Gems at 9:00am and welcome any community participation. Bring a water bottle and a hat, our destination is Greens Park where we will supply morning tea.



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.

Library News

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- **Online reading:** Instantly read all current and backlist magazines on desktop and mobile browsers.
- **Mobile apps:** Download and read magazines on 95% of today's mobile devices, including iOS (Apple®), Android™, and Kindle Fire™/HD/HDX.
- **Backlist:** Grow your collection and build a digital backlist for anytime checkout and reading.
- **Easy browsing and checkout:** Browse your library's collection by newest issue, keyword search, genre and language to find your favourites and to discover new reading interests.
- **Two ways to read:** Check out magazines and read them instantly on your desktop or mobile browser — or check out *and download* magazines through mobile apps.
- **Helpful notifications:** Sign up for weekly email reminders about your favourite magazines.
- **No limit and permanent checkout:** Check out as many issues as you want and keep them in your account as long as you wish.





ANZAC DAY

SERVICES 2019

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL

GEORGETOWN (Greens Park)

6.00am Dawn Service

9.00am Service followed by Tea and Coffee

FORSAYTH (Caschafor Park)

5.30am Dawn Service followed by breakfast

7.00am Breakfast at the CWA Hall

9.00am Town March starting from Goldfields Hotel

MT SURPRISE (Park)

10.00am Service at the School with Morning Tea to Follow

EINASLEIGH (Park)

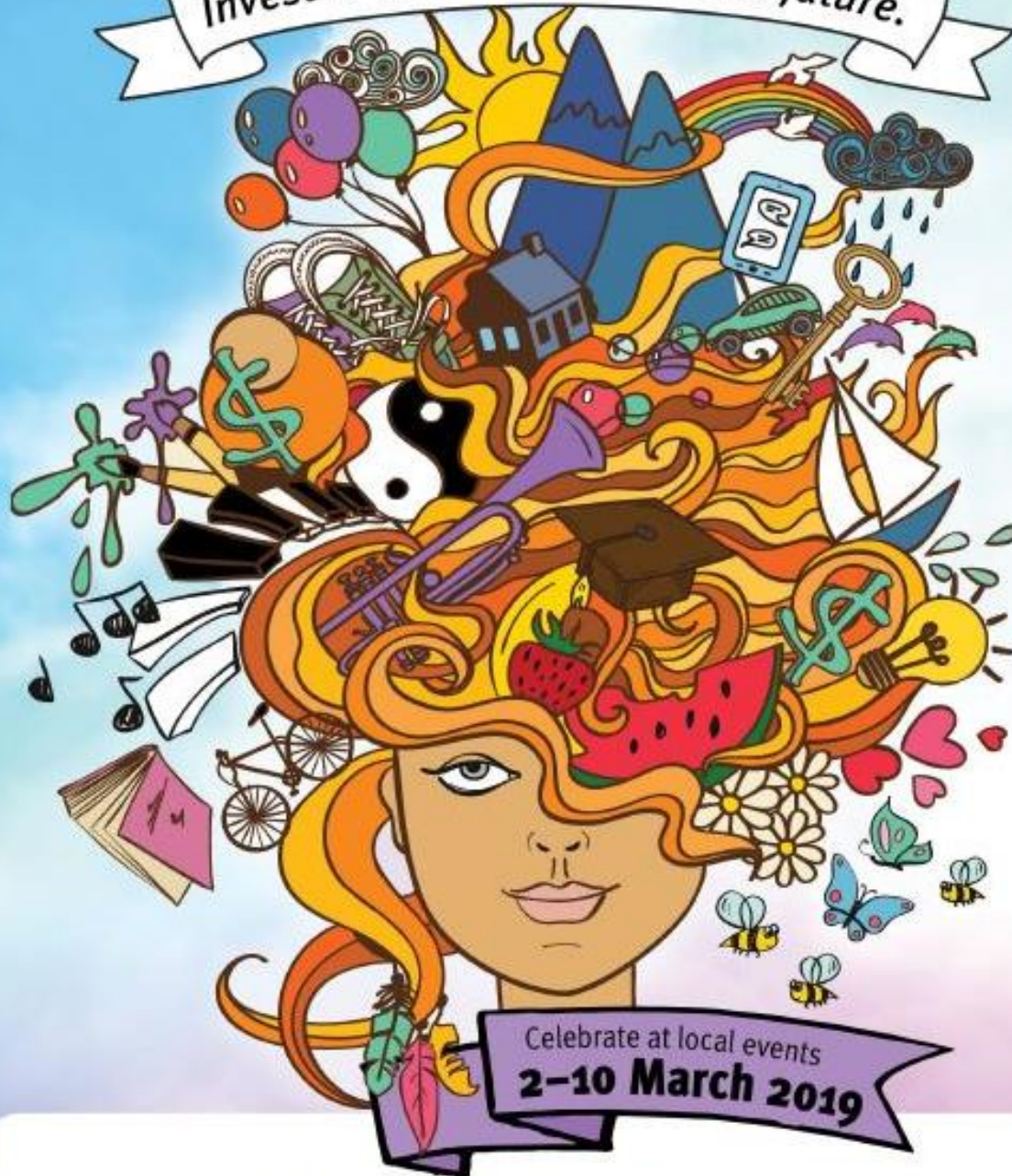
7.00am Dawn Service followed by breakfast in the Park

Lest We Forget



QUEENSLAND Women's Week

Invest in women. Invest in the future.



Celebrate at local events
2-10 March 2019


Women Of Micro-Enterprises

Date: Tuesday 5th March: - 9am ~ Pinnarendi
6pm ~ Georgetown Hall Supper Room

Wednesday 6th March: -10am ~ Club Hotel Croydon

Bookings: ~ Kathy Rowling email: Kathy.Rowling@northerngulf.com.au



 [qldwomen](https://www.facebook.com/qldwomen) #QWW2019 www.qld.gov.au/womensweek



honouring

Our Past

celebrating

Our Present

designing

Our Future

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

(since 1919)

presents it's

CENTENARY CELEBRATION



15th & 16th
March 2019

Council would like to invite present and previous Mayors, Councillors, Staff and Shire Residents to attend its auspicious celebration activities in Einasleigh and Georgetown this March.

Saturday will kick off in style with Brunch at the Georgetown Hostel for the *Unearthing of the Time Capsule*. Hostel Staff, Students and their Families both past and present are invited to attend and enjoy the occasion.

WWW.ETHERIDGE.QLD.GOV.AU/EVENTS

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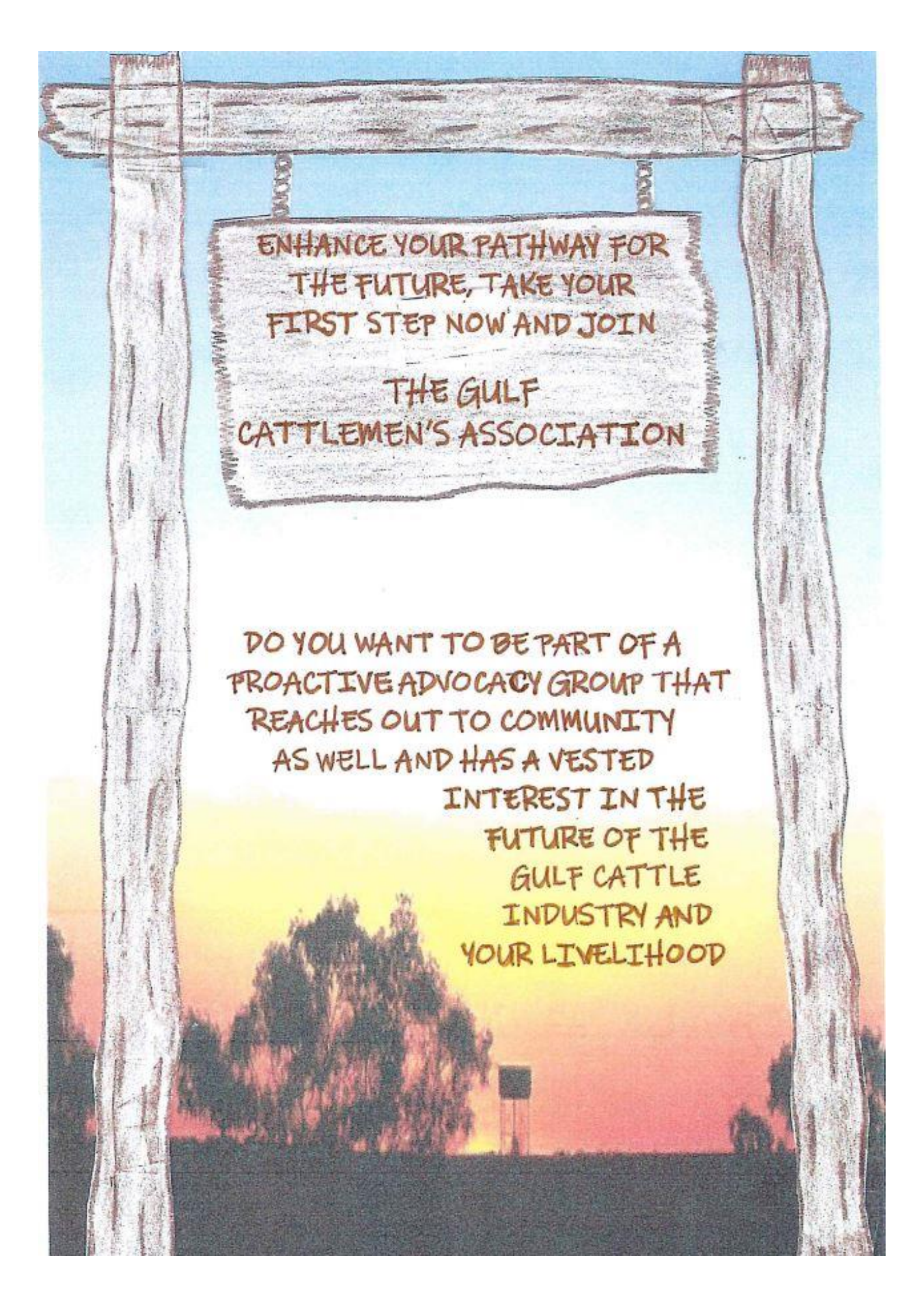


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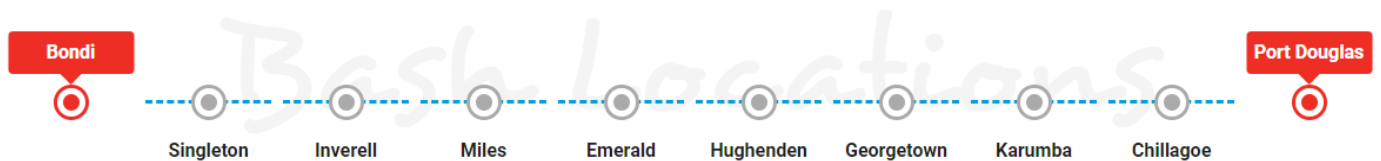
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CHAPTER TWO – THE ATTACK

By Rick Tomkies

The following abridged story from the book “The Ghost of Cape York” continues from the previous month’s Inform. Although fictitious, the story is based on a rumor of a Japanese Zero fighter shot down during WW2 until it was recovered in recent years and now allegedly resides in an Australian museum.

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Lieutenant Arthur Thomas Stevens, or Art, as he was known, of the North Australia Observer Unit, under the control of the Australian Navy, adjusted the earphones of his pedal operated wireless set while he tried to tune in his receiver with his left hand. He was attempting to write down a coded message that was emerging through the static.

Alone in the somewhat derelict shack that served as his home, atop a small hilltop near the coast, Art was an observer doing duty on the eastern coast of Cape York. He'd been assigned to keeping a close watch on air and marine movements along the coast, and he now had been there for over six months. He had just received a signal from his Head Quarters in Townsville and had been informed to expect a brief visit from a United States Naval officer who would be accompanied by some American and Australian personnel. Art expected them to arrive soon, probably by launch, from an American Base near Iron Range, further down the coast. Art was looking forward to the forthcoming visit, as not only was it a chance to enjoy some company, but it was also the fact that he could expect some much-needed stores. Art gazed through the window. There was no glass, but a large opening that could be closed, if necessary, with a corrugated iron shutter, allowing the sea breeze to enter the two roomed, corrugated iron shack. A stout stick held the shutter up. Reaching for a packet of cigarettes, he selected one, tapping it automatically on the arm of his chair, while he groped automatically for a box of wax matches. His eyes swept the distant horizon with a well-practiced movement, as he selected a wax Vesta with one hand striking the match across the leather sole of a boot. Inhaling deeply, he sat back and blew the smoke idly towards the ceiling, smiling to himself as he thought about the last time when he had received visitors, some three months ago, at their reaction as they took in their surroundings. Well, maybe his accommodation wasn't too flash, he thought, but it was better than some. He had no electricity and relied on a wood-burning stove at one end of the main room to cook his meals – despite the unbearable heat from it during the summer months!

Easing himself out of his chair, he checked his watch and picked up a pair of powerful binoculars, beside his radio. The next radio sched.' wasn't for another couple of hours, so he decided to walk down to the coral-sand beach. Stopping in the shade under a coconut palm, he raised the binoculars and swept the ocean. There was nothing. At times he observed ships proceeding northwards towards the war zone in the deeper water outside the Great Barrier Reef. Frequently he would hear planes passing overhead, and

sometimes, when they flew low, he'd check them out through the glasses. They were generally bombers and some fighters from the U.S.A.F. going to or returning from the war zone near New Guinea.

Lowering the binoculars, he idly walked out along the jetty. Wearing only a pair of khaki trousers, his bronzed torso gleamed in the hot sun, his head was protected by an Army-issue felt hat, which obviously had seen better days, which he wore to shade his head and unshaven face...

Casually rubbing a hand over his chin, he felt the stubble of several days' growth – he'd better have a shave before his visitors arrived, he thought, flicking the cigarette butt into the water. A final glance across the sea, and he made his way back to the old shack with the rusting iron walls.

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The salmon pink of the sky heralded the dawn of another glorious winter's day while Art focused his binoculars on the distant horizon. He'd been watching a ship crawling across the sea to the north, a plume of dark smoke trailing behind marking the ship's passage. Earlier he had heard a flight of U.S.A.F. B.24 Liberators heading south towards their base as they returned from a bombing mission, probably somewhere near New Guinea. Things had started to hot up after the bombing of the small Northern Territory town of Darwin, then a few days later, Broome, and the airfield of the inland town of Katherine, earlier in the year. He had heard that observers around New Guinea had reported large numbers of enemy troop movements on that island and these observers' reports had been helping the Allied Defense Forces greatly in combating the Japanese' advances. There had been unconfirmed reports of enemy forces landing on parts of the Australian mainland, both on Queensland's and the Northern Territory's remote coastlines. Headquarters had signaled him to particularly watch for any unusual shipping, such as the surfacing of submarines or other suspicious marine activity.

He scanned the horizon again, then the ocean. From his vantage point he could see for miles to the north and the south. There was nothing - well nothing worth writing home about, he thought, as he checked the time on his wristwatch. His morning radio sched'., was due in half an hour... enough time to make a cup of tea.

Pedaling furiously at his radio, Art called base, and received a coded reply informing him of the Estimated Time of Arrival of 0800 hours for a small launch, MV Osprey, a former civilian charter boat that had been seconded by the Royal Australian Navy soon after the commencement of hostilities. Art acknowledged the signal, before reporting that everything seemed clear and signed off. Enough time to get cleaned up and shaved - perhaps he might even get to sweep the floor of the two-roomed shack, he thought, putting a large iron kettle of water on to heat.

Freshly washed and shaven, Art donned a clean but crumpled khaki shirt and now stood at the window of the hut, his keen eyes glued to the binoculars while as he searched the sea systematically periodically raising the lens to do the same with the near cloudless blue sky.

He swung the glasses to bear on a white dot just rounding the headland to the south. Quickly adjusting the lens, he brought the image of a white launch heading his way. Squinting his eyes against the glare of the sun he could clearly make out the bow wave of the vessel as it pounded through the waves. It wasn't long before he could make out

details of the launch, an ensign fluttering at the stern.

Art glanced again at his watch. "Mmm," he muttered to himself, "typical naval punctuality – right on time!" Briefly raising the binoculars again, he looked over the boat once more. He could make out several people aboard.



Walking down towards the jetty, he awaited the arrival of the Osprey. An Able Seaman dressed in white uniform, spun the wheel and deftly maneuvered the launch alongside the jetty. Another seaman at the bow threw a rope to Art, who expertly tied it to a jetty stanchion.

Greeting the visiting party, Art snappily saluted an American Naval Officer as he stepped ashore, accompanied by an Australian Army captain, both of whom returned the salute. Introductions were made all round, and Art invited the group to accompany him back to the hut.

Leading the group was the American, Lieutenant Commander Randolph Schultz, resplendent in his neatly pressed khaki uniform, the sun glinting on the gold leaf badges on his shoulders. Habitually smoking a cigar, this tall and imposing Naval officer was a man of few words. He gestured politely to Art.

"Lead the way, Lieutenant," he smiled, standing back and indicating to his fellow officer, Major John Gallagher of the Australian Army Intelligence Service, to follow Art.

"After you, Major."

The Australian Major, standing a little shorter than his American companion, was just as immaculately dressed, the highly polished brass buttons of his uniform gleamed in the sun. Under one arm he carried a baton, and in his free hand was a brown leather brief case. Major Gallagher nodded, thanking him, stepping ahead to catch up with his Australian colleague.

Art paused briefly, looking back at the two Able Seamen busy unloading some stores from the launch. The Major catching the Lieutenant's eye, said, "They'll be fine, Stevens, they'll bring your rations along directly!"

Smiling, Art nodded. "That's OK, Major, thanks." Turning back to the Lieutenant Commander, he said, "I dare say you'll be ready for a cup of tea, sir?"

Schultz, removing his cigar, grinned. "You bet, Lieutenant, I sure am!"

As the men entered the hut, the two officers removed their caps, both looking around the room as they did so.

Art cleared a few scattered papers from a wooden table in the middle of the room, which did duty as a desk as well as a dining table, and around which were three chairs and a wooden form. The officers sat down on the chairs, placing their caps on the table in front of them, while Art excused himself and prepared their tea. "I'm sorry I can't offer you coffee, Lieutenant Commander," apologized Art. "My rations have run rather low."

"Say, Lieutenant, you don't have to apologize - tea'll be just fine! In times like these we gotta be thankful for whatever we can get, I guess!"

Stevens smiled appreciatively, as he poured the tea into enameled mugs, placing spoons and a tin of sugar within reach - milk was a luxury he didn't have, and he had long since run out of the canned condensed stuff. Major Gallagher thanking him helped himself to the sugar and slid the tin in front of the American officer, who held up a hand. "No thanks, Major, I drink it like it is!"

Major Gallagher smiled, "I guess we're lucky to be getting even sugar with our tea, eh, Stevens?"

While the two officers drank their tea, Art directed the two seamen towards his nearby storeroom, where they stacked his new provisions, both men occupied for a little while, declining the offer of a cup of tea until they'd finished bringing his rations up from the boat.

Having done that, Art sipped his drink, while the visiting officers discussed with him plans for the forthcoming months, along with a new calling code and brought him up to date on news of the war raging not far to the north.

The two Able Seamen having finished stacking Art's provisions away sat on the wooden form just inside the door of the hut and sipped their tea.

Although both seamen had pistols strapped to their waists, they had brought along a M1A1 Thompson sub machine gun, and a Bren gun, complete with a spare magazine and ammunition, from the launch, placing them by the door. Major Gallagher mentioned casually by way of explanation that they were taking no chances, since it was suspected that an enemy force of Japanese had landed in several locations along the coast.

"Lieutenant, having received these reports, we advise you to keep alert to the possibility that you may have unwelcome visitors, particularly since it is suspected that a small landing party of Japanese may have come ashore from a submarine near these parts. Therefore, we have taken this opportunity of leaving you substantially armed with this Bren gun and a quantity of ammunition. Hopefully, son, you'll not need to use it!" Lieutenant Commander Schultz joined in. "That's right, Lieutenant! Although some of these reports we've been getting may just be a lot of crud, one can't take chances. The Major here was telling me on the way up, that parties of Nips have been suspected of coming ashore not only along this coast, but up around your Territory region." Art smiled to himself. Commander Schultz pronounced it as "Terrytory."

The tall naval officer spread out one of the Major's maps as he leaned over it, a large, stumpy finger stabbed at the paper. A heavy gold ring glinted on another finger as his hand rested on the map. "I figure somewhere about here, as far as we can gather. That right, Major?" Major Gallagher nodded in agreement as the three inspected the mapped outline of Queensland's far northern coast. He was about to say something, when he

suddenly stopped. The three men looked at each other as they leaned over the table. Lieutenant Commander Schultz slowly withdrew the chewed cigar to hold up a hand - listening. It took only seconds for the realization to dawn on the men in the hut that what they were hearing was an aircraft, and it certainly didn't sound like the usual Liberator or even a Kitty Hawk. The five men rushed outside to look up at the sky as the increasing sound of an approaching lone aircraft which suddenly roared low across the top of the buildings, barely above the surrounding trees which waved violently in the slipstream.

"Goddam!" roared the Lieutenant Commander, as suddenly it became apparent that the fighter that had screamed overhead was none other than a Japanese Zero.

"It's a goddam Nip!" Before anyone had time to say much else, the Naval officer yelled, "Cooper! Give me that goddam machine gun!"

The surprised Able Seaman Cooper grabbed the Thompson LMG and ammunition and handed it to his superior, who with surprising swiftness, slammed the 30-round magazine into the gun and ran to take shelter from the side of the hut.

Art grabbed the Bren gun automatically shoving the curved magazine into the weapon as he ran to take cover behind an iron rain-water tank. The others scattered in various directions as they watched the enemy plane. It was obvious what the intentions of the pilot were, as they sought shelter behind convenient tree trunks while the Zero, seemingly in slow motion, dived towards their position, the two machineguns spitting streams of lead in dirt-spouting fountains across the ground towards Art's shack. The rapid rat-a-tat of the guns and the noise of the heavy projectiles hitting everything in their path was deafening, the plane appearing to gather speed zoomed past heading out towards the sea. Plane, as banking to starboard, it once again headed threateningly in their direction. They understood immediately what the fighter's next move was.

While watching the approaching plane, Art had sub-consciously noted some of the damage to the hut which had been rather badly hit. While Art prepared to aim the Bren gun at the incoming aircraft – it crossed his mind that he probably wouldn't hit the plane, but right now, he was going to try his darndest.

Around him, in various places which each man prepared to fire back at the aircraft with whatever weapons they had available. The two able seamen were armed with only .45 automatic pistols, and, like the Major, who had drawn his holstered 9 mm Webley revolver, their effectiveness little more than a psychological benefit than as a practical defense. The Lieutenant Commander with the .45 caliber Browning submachine gun, on the other hand, had the more effective armament than the pistols, but the submachine gun's effective range was only about fifty-five yards. This flashed through Art's mind as he cradled the Bren, aiming it at the superior-armed, but non-armored Zero, heading in their direction. The enemy pilot had throttled his plane right back as he flew once more across their position. It was obvious the Japanese airman was assessing the damage before returning to deliver the coup de grace. Lieutenant Commander Randolph Schultz stood up, cigar clenched between his teeth, and cap perched back on his head as he leaned against the wooden post of the shack's verandah, pouring automatic fire at the overhead plane, the empty cartridges flying in an arc across the sandy ground. Meanwhile Art, who was sitting on the ground at the base of the water tank, leaned back with the Bren, leading his aim towards the front of the plane, which was so low he could not only clearly make out the rivets on the Zero, but he could see holes appearing across one wing and in the

bottom of the aluminum cowling of the engine as the returning fire hit home. Suddenly, smoke began to issue from the plane's motor, and Art could see small pieces of the aircraft fly off into the air as bullets thudded into the thin skin of the aircraft which seemed to pause in mid-flight for a split second, before banking sharply to the right, to disappear beyond the tree-lined horizon and head north.



A loud cheer went up from the small group of men as they rushed out into the open, grins and laughter of relief replacing their previous anxiety.

"Great stuff chaps!" said a very pleased Major, replacing his revolver into its holster.

Lieutenant Commander Schultz wiped the sweat from his brow with a forearm, the Thompson sub machine gun dangling from his other hand. He was looking exceptionally pleased. "Well guys, I sure think we gave him back a good dose of his own, huh? In fact, I figure that Nip's gonna ditch not too far away - did ya get a look at that smoke coming from his engine?"

Checking the Bren, Art replaced the empty magazine, and put the weapon in a handy position by the door to the shack. "Yessir," he said, "I believe we got him well and truly. It's a good thing you brought these machine guns when you did, sir! I'd have had a hard job retaliating with my old .45!"

Schultz handed his Thompson to one of the seamen. "Keep that durn thing handy, Tyler, in case that goddam Nip's gotten a couple of friends - we sure as hell don't want to be caught with our pants down again, huh?"

"No Sir!" replied Tyler.

Schultz nodded, replacing his cap. "You guys did real well! - Say, Lieutenant Stevens, I think we all deserve a cup of tea after that little shemozzle!"

Major Gallagher concurred. "A jolly good idea! Let's have a shufti around your hut and assess the damage, eh?"

Lieutenant Art Stevens grinned. "Right-o, Major, but I don't quite think we've suffered quite as much damage as that Jap did!"

The Major smiled. "No, you're probably quite correct! Serve the blighter right for interrupting us, eh?"

Gaping holes in regular formation led up one wall of the shack and across the roof. The men inspected the damage. The table which had been covered with maps and papers lay gaping wide - papers scattered and torn. The Major's leather briefcase lay open but

unscathed on the floor. What was of immediate concern to Art, however, was his vital piece of equipment, the pedal wireless. It sat, apparently untouched on the table at the far end room near the open window. A projectile had punched through the iron roof, narrowly missing the table with the radio, and had plunged through the wooden floor.

"Say, have a look at this!" The American officer was inspecting the hot stove. He pointed at the edge of the blackened iron top, a bullet had clipped the edge of the stove, smashing and cracking the iron side. Hot ash had flown from the firebox to scatter in a white coating over the floor, to ricochet across the room passing through the opposite corrugated-iron dividing wall of Art's bedroom, leaving a wide, jagged hole.

Inspecting the damage, Art remarked, "Well, I suppose it could have been worse! That ricocheted bullet ended up lodged in the mattress of my bed! Good thing I wasn't lying there!"

Major Gallagher turned from inspecting the stove. "Stevens, we'll have to send you up another stove, by the looks of it! Can you manage with this one in the meantime, do you think?"

Art carefully looked the stove over, picking up a steel poker from beside it, and opened the fire-door. The hot embers mostly remained intact. It was only the edge, at one end, that was damaged, after all. "I should think so, Major. I'm sure I can manage in the meantime," he replied, preparing to put the kettle on to boil.

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Standing on the wooden planks of the small jetty, the departing officers and men shook hands with the Australian observer as they prepared to leave.

"That sure was a visit we could have done without!" Lieutenant Commander Schultz said with a grin, as he removed a chewed cigar stub from his mouth. He inspected the unlit remainder, before reluctantly throwing it into the water below. "Well done, Lieutenant! Keep up the good work!"

He thrust out a hand which Art shook with a grateful smile before the American turned and jumped nimbly over the railing of the launch, the diesel motor idling in readiness for departure.

Major Gallagher standing beside Art shook hands too. "Goodbye, Stevens, and thank you! I'll make sure you get a replacement stove in short order!"

Art expressed his thanks. "Have a safe trip back Major. I guess we're lucky that the launch wasn't hit!"

The Major agreed. "Yes! Thank Heaven for that! We'd have all had a slight problem then, I'm sure!" He turned and clambered on board. "Take it away, Tyler!"

Tyler put the launch into reverse, the screw churning the sea into a white froth as the wooden vessel pulled away. The diesel motor bellowing in response as he thrust the throttle forward, and the launch's bow bit purposefully into the water of the Pacific Ocean, as it headed out with the Stars and Stripes fluttering at its stern.

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FREE!!! Join the Etheridge Shire NRL Tipping Competition, 2019 and compete against the rest of the Shire, the rest of Queensland, the rest of Australia, and supporters of your NRL Club. The NRL run Competition has an overall \$10,000 first prize, plus various other prizes including best streak \$2,000, Club Champion prizes and prizes for the Final Series. Simply visit www.NRL.com, click on the 'Tipping' Tab, set up a tipping account and enter this competition code– **KRZ6PZXC** in 'Join a Comp'. Then just enter your tips online each week! Simple as that. Any questions, just give Glen a call at Etheridge Shire Council on 4079-9090.

For Rent

3 BEDROOM UNIT IN HIGH STREET BESIDE THE HOSPITAL

Fully tiled and large split air-conditioner installed for cooling. Unit has own carport and large yard

References required + bond and 1 week rent in advance

Rent is \$225 per week – 12 month lease available

**To apply please ring 0409 966 970
and leave a message.**

For Sale

1993 Twin Cab Isuzu Truck

Selling on behalf of owner

\$15,000 located in Georgetown

1993 model twin cab ISUZU Truck, Heavy duty atlas crane, heavy duty winch, and tipper tray. Truck has concessional registration within the Etheridge Shire until May 2019. Will be sold with 2 new tyres and new batteries. Recently serviced.



For more information or to arrange an inspection please call Phillip Kernan 0458 165 772



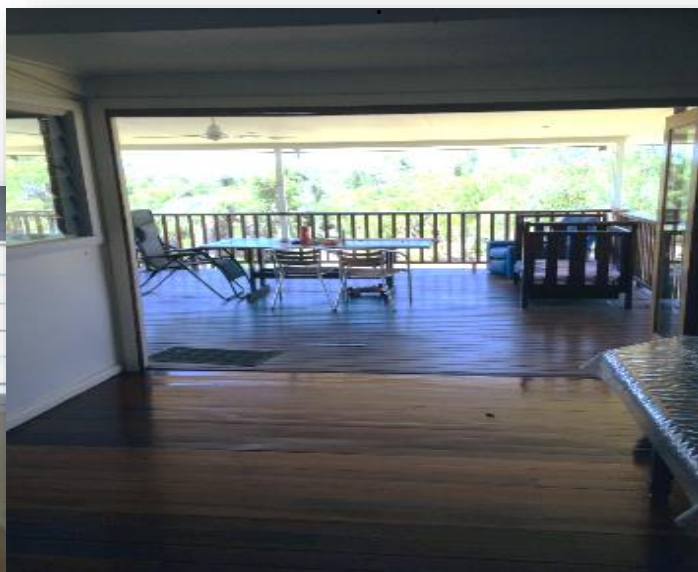
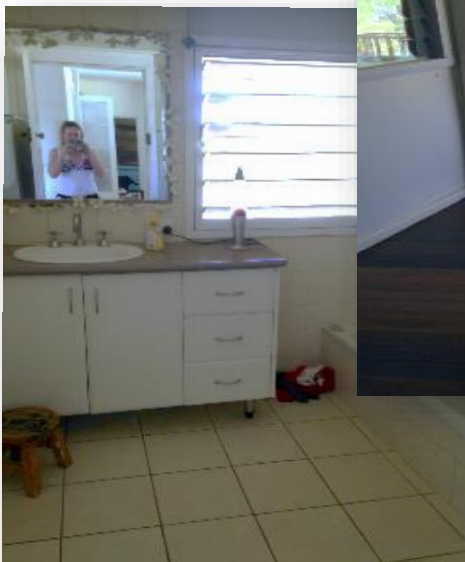
HOUSE FOR SALE

Large 3 bedroom house in quiet part of Georgetown right next to the Golf club and not far from the town pool.

Air-conditioning, modern kitchen with gas cooktop, bathtub and shower, French doors, large back veranda overlooking river, built in cupboards, fully fenced house yard with separate back paddock. Established gardens with nice big shade trees. Large undercover downstairs area with loads of potential.

\$198,000 neg

Contact Kirsty on 0448 621 335



Georgetown

Phone: 4062 1999

ROADHOUSE

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Trading Hours

Monday to Friday 6.30am to 7pm

Saturday 7.30am to 6pm

Sunday 8am to 6pm

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SAVANNAH FREIGHT

Georgetown Roadhouse is the Depot

Loading in CAIRNS - Monday & Thursday at
Hawkins Freight Depot - 91 Lyons St. CAIRNS

Delivering - Tuesdays & Fridays

Loading in Tolga & Mareeba on Wednesdays

Delivering on Fridays

*****Backloads through to Tablelands & Cairns available*****

We carry dry goods, chiller and freezer on all runs

Please note runs may change on Public Holidays

Please phone our driver, JOHN on **0427 356 698** for loading information and general enquiries. Please phone 4062 1911 for account enquiries.

The Roadhouse is the depot for the TransNorth Bus. Please call the Roadhouse for enquiries.....

Georgetown Primary Health Clinic

**M-F open 9am to 12pm then 2pm to 4pm.
S-S and Public Holidays 10am to 12pm.
Emergencies only outside of these hours.**

Re: - Clinic Phones

If you are ringing into the clinic and the phone is not answered quickly please stay on the line and your call will either be redirected to the clinic mobile phone or to the message bank.

If you have an emergency and cannot contact the nurse please call either the

RFDS 40400500 or 000 – Ambulance for advice.

A sign will be on the front door if the clinic nurse is on fatigue leave or out of the clinic attending to an emergency.

The Clinic needs more Volunteer Ambulance Drivers.

What do you need-

1. A current driver's licence.
2. A willingness to be 'on call' overnight and weekends.
3. A reasonable level of fitness as you will need to help carry equipment and assist with the stretcher.
4. A good local knowledge of properties and roads.
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

Calendar of Community Events 2018

March

5
Women of Micro-Enterprises
workshop, 6pm Georgetown
Hall Supper Room

8
Pool & darts comp, pizza and
raffles at the Wenaru Hotel

15 & 16
Etheridge Shire Council's
Centenary Celebration

April

18-21
Easter at Einasleigh, Annual
Races & Rodeo

25-27 Outback Rock and Blues

May

31 – 2 June
Georgetown Campdraft

June

31 May – 2
Georgetown Campdraft

7
Astronomical 2 Theatre
Production, Mt Surprise

8
Astronomical 2 Theatre
Production, Einasleigh

9
Astronomical 2 Theatre
Production, Forsyth

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

2
Forsayth Horse Sports

3 Forsayth Turnout & Etheridge Show



words OF wisdom

A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it.

BEST WISHES



PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

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

INFORM ARTICLES

The Inform will be distributed on the **last Thursday of each month** unless unforeseen circumstances prevent this. Articles need to be submitted electronically to **info@etheridge.qld.gov.au** by no later than **1.00pm on the Wednesday prior**. *Late articles will not be published.* Previous versions of The Inform can be found at **www.etheridge.qld.gov.au**