

*Etheridge Shire Council*  
*Inform Newsletter*

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Cynthia Haigh, a former cook at the Georgetown Student Hostel for 25 years, cutting the cake at the Centenary Celebrations.

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL'S CENTENARY CELEBRATION**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

Keep watch for a Centenary Celebration special edition published in early April

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



A warm hello to all

This month's inform letter is a tough one. It is with a heavy heart that I take pen to paper in reflection of the senseless massacre in Christchurch. We send our condolences and thoughts to the families of the victims.

I would also like to send our condolences to the Pezzotti family on the passing of Joe this month. He has been a friend for many years and will be sadly missed.

The last month has been a busy one with a number of projects progressing nicely. At the Council meeting held on the 20th March, the Charleston Dam contracts were awarded to the contractors (subject to negotiation).

I'm pleased to announce that LDI won the Tender for construction of the Dam.

The contractors for the pipeline to Georgetown are TRAZLBAT Pty Ltd and construction of the fish ladder has been awarded to FNQ Stoneworks.

I'm happy to advise the community that Council passed a resolution to begin the process via application to the State Government to acquire a portion of land to develop an Industrial area to support industry growth on the back of an emerging agricultural boom in our region. (Gilbert River)

The week of the 25th March sees Jacobs visit Georgetown presenting to the Landholders their methodologies, stakeholder engagement strategy(s) and timelines with regards to the business case for the Gilbert River project.

It was great to see a good rollup at the Hostel, celebrating 50 years of operation with ongoing celebrations commemorating 100 years of the Etheridge Shire Council. A great effort was put in by Bekky to pull it all together.

Sport & Rec building update: while there is not yet much to see on site, works are progressing behind the scenes. The frame has been manufactured, hot gal dipped and is ready to ship to site from Townsville in the coming weeks. Contractors will be arriving imminently to commence foundations and slab.

That brings this month's letter to a close.

Stay Safe while we are all still hoping for a bit more rain!

**Cheers until next month**  
**Warren Devlin | Mayor**

# FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESK

## FINANCIAL UPDATE



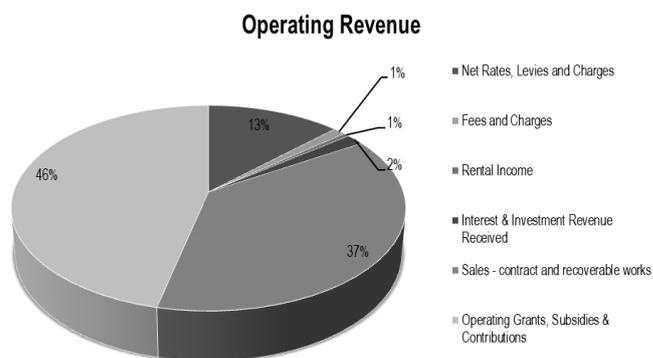
### Fast Financial Facts

- Cash & Cash Investments as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - \$20.064M (\$9.0652M constrained)

### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019



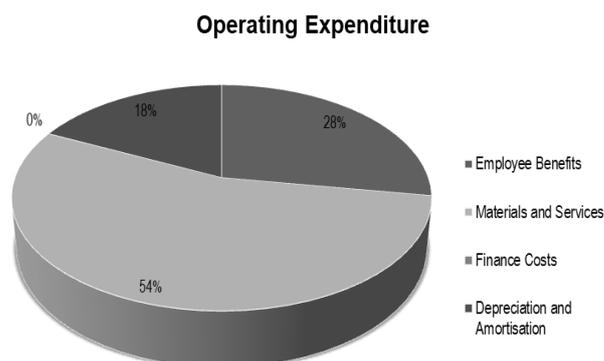
\$ 's	Actuals 2018 2019	Budget 2018 2019	Percentage 2018 2019
<b>Revenue</b>			
Net Rates, Levies and Charges	\$ 2,272,317	\$ 2,188,939	103.81%
Fees and Charges	\$ 210,977	\$ 239,375	88.14%
Rental Income	\$ 96,730	\$ 176,000	54.96%
Interest & Investment Revenue Received	\$ 305,479	\$ 265,324	115.13%
Sales - contract and recoverable works	\$ 6,682,097	\$ 8,453,908	79.04%
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	\$ 8,281,694	\$ 10,763,853	76.94%
<b>Total Recurrent Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 17,849,294</b>	<b>\$ 22,087,399</b>	<b>80.81%</b>



### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019



\$ 's	Actuals 2018 2019	Budget 2018 2019	Percentage 2018 2019
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,896,394	\$ 5,393,163	72.25%
Materials and Services	\$ 7,707,666	\$ 14,322,225	53.82%
Finance Costs	\$ 6,428	\$ 10,733	59.89%
Depreciation and Amortisation	\$ 2,525,922	\$ 4,668,072	54.11%
<b>Total Recurrent Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,136,410</b>	<b>\$ 24,394,193</b>	<b>57.95%</b>
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## DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (DRFA)

As mentioned within last month's Inform, the Etheridge Shire has been allocated Category B funding to assist the community recovery from the last weather event that impacted the Shire. Council has been working with Departmental Officers and various Ministers to seek additional assistance for the Shire under Category C arrangements. At the time of writing this update, Council's submission is still pending.

I have again written to the Premier and the Minister for Fire & Emergency Services regarding their support an endorsement to have Category C assistance approved for the Shire.

To apply for the DRFA funding arrangements I would encourage you to visit the following website: [www.qra.qld.gov.au/funding/drfa](http://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 & SDRFA information sheet - November 2018](#)

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

## Latest Approvals under the Disaster Relief Funding Arrangement



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 (Primary Producers) Loans	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
Charters Towers Regional Council	✓ <sup>4</sup> Activated 04/02/19	✓ <sup>4</sup> Activated 04/02/19	✓ Activated 01/02/19	✓ Activated 01/02/19	✓ Activated 20/02/19	✓ Activated 20/02/19			✓ Activated 15/02/19	✓ Activated 15/02/19	✓ Activated 15/02/19			
Cloncurry Shire Council	✓ <sup>7</sup> Activated 8/02/19	✓ <sup>7</sup> Activated 8/02/19	✓ Activated 03/02/19	✓ Activated 03/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 07/02/19	✓ Activated 15/02/19	✓ Activated 15/02/19
Cook Shire Council	✓ <sup>2</sup> Activated 1/02/19	✓ <sup>2</sup> Activated 1/02/19	✓ Activated 30/01/19	✓ Activated 30/01/19										
Croydon 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		
Diamantina Shire Council			✓ Activated 12/02/19	✓ Activated 12/02/19										
Douglas Shire Council	✓ <sup>3</sup> Activated 31/01/19	✓ <sup>3</sup> Activated 31/01/19	✓ Activated 30/01/19	✓ Activated 30/01/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 06/02/19	✓ Activated 07/02/19		
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		



Queensland Audit Office

## 2018|2019 ANNUAL AUDIT OF COUNCIL

Councils contracted Auditors (Altius Advisors Chartered Accountants) will be commencing the 2018/19 Audit of Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The initial audit of Council looks at Councils full operation not just the financial side of our operation. The auditors look at Governance, IT, Stores, Policies, Minutes, Payroll, Rates, Human Resources, Procurement, Revenue & Expenditure, Grants & Subsidies, Risk Management, Records Management, Asset Management, Long term Financial Forecasts

Council has signed off on an agreed Audit Plan with the Auditors which should see Council's audit completed by the end of September 2019.

### PROJECT UPDATES

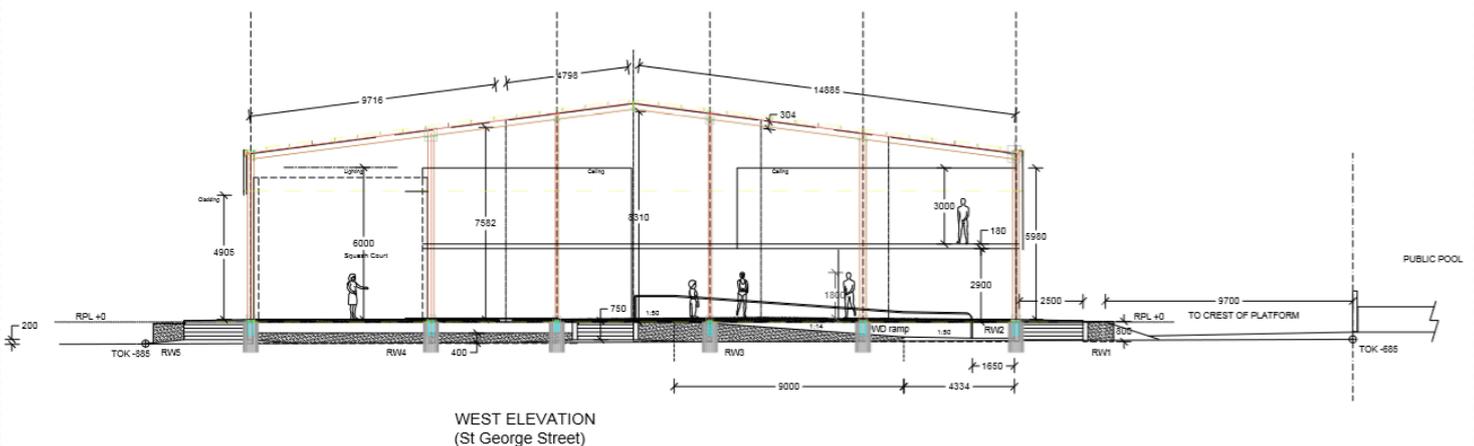
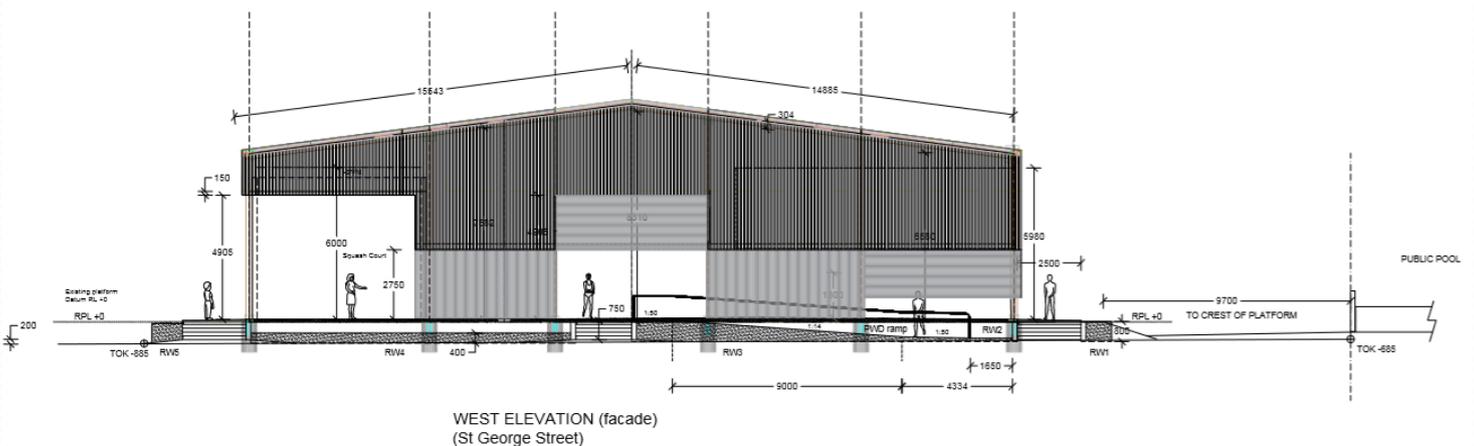
#### Multi-Purpose Sports Complex

- 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019
- Onsite activities will be commencing on the 25 March 2019 and will be ongoing
- The Building Contractors have completed a number elements off-site, such

- as the portal frames, roofing, cladding, procured floor coverings, tiles, plumbing fixtures
- 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.*
- At the March General Meeting, Council has awarded three (3) contracts for the construction of the Dam & Spillway, Design & Construction of the Pipeline, and the Construction of the Fishladder.*
- Council is now in the process of preparing the necessary construction contracts for signing between the successful contractors and Council.*

## **CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS**

I would like to congratulate the community for supporting and celebrating the Shire's Centenary on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. I would like to personally thank the Einasleigh community for coming along and hearing from Phillip Cranwell reminiscing about the earlier days in and around Einasleigh. The history and knowledge that is held by Phillip is absolutely amazing.

The opening (unearthing) of the Time Capsule was well supported and it was great to hear some stories from a number of past students and employees of the Hostel.

I would also like to thank the Staff involved in organising this event in such a short time frame, and sincere thanks to Bekky Haase for the coordination of the events over the two days, it is very much appreciated.

In addition, Council will be publishing a special edition of the Inform which will be dedicated to the Centenary Celebrations. This special edition will be distributed over the next week and will also be available on Councils website

[www.etheridge.qld.gov.au](http://www.etheridge.qld.gov.au)

## **SUMMARY OF MAJOR MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

- Council has resolved to make an application to the Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy (DNRME) to purchase an unused section of the road reserve along the Gulf Development Road west of Georgetown for the purpose of a future Industrial Precinct.*
- Council has agreed to lease the old Air Services Australia allotments (now owned by Council) to NQ Radio to allow the retransmission of 4KZ.*
- Council has awarded contracts to three (3) firms for the construction of the Charleston Dam (a) – Dam & Spillway, (b) – Pipelines, and (c) – Fish Ladder*

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS KEY AMENDMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION**

The Queensland Government is on a journey to reform the local government sector.

These proposed changes are designed to strengthen the transparency, accountability and integrity of local government in Queensland. The government is committed to supporting local government and ensuring that public confidence and accountability is restored.

### **Proposed changes**

The State Government believes that there is an opportunity to further enhance the quality of local government in Queensland through reform, including the way Councillors are elected.

The recent Belcarra Report found that good government requires elections to be held on a level playing field, with equal participation available to all.

Belcarra also stressed the need for complete transparency, about who candidates are, how their campaigns are funded, and their interests and affiliations - along with their relationships with other candidates.

The proposed reforms informed by the Belcarra Report and discussions with stakeholders include:

- Compulsory preferential voting;
- Compulsory candidate training;
- Proportional representation in undivided councils;
- Tighter regulation of discretionary funds;
- Campaign spending caps; and
- Clarification of COI/MPI provisions.

In addition to the proposed reforms in the Bill, the Government is proposing to also make amendments to particular Regulations to further improve council integrity, increase transparency, encourage diversity and ensure consistency in the local government system.

The regulation changes will tighten controls around the issues councils may discuss in closed meetings and ensure resolutions and minutes have enough information for the community to understand why councils have made decisions.

Proposed changes include, Councils being required to consult with the community on their budgets. There will also be stronger requirements on the use of council controlled entities.

The publishing of Councillor Registers of interest will also be standardised so that the community is better informed about potential conflicts of interests.

To assist any aspiring future Councillors within the community, a copy of the proposed changes by the State Government are available at Councils office or further information about these changes is available on the Department's website.

**Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs**

<https://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/> ▼

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is holding a Special General Meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April in Brisbane to discuss these proposed changes and the Association have drafted a number of motions for consideration by the 77 local government authorities.

**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



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## 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

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## 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:

- Telephone consultations
- Video consultations
- Scheduled follow up consultations
- Review emails/ photos/ faxes/ECG's/x-rays etc.
- Use live electronic medical records including My Health Record
- Prescribe medication including use of the RFDS medical chest
- Arrange appropriate higher level care if required – including aeromedical or road retrieval, referral to hospital or appropriate specialists

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;

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Time</b>
<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:

<b>APR 29 – MAY 1</b>	<b>PT and SP</b>
<b>JULY 15-17</b>	<b>PT, OT, and SW</b>
<b>SEPT 16-18</b>	<b>PT and DT</b>
<b>NOV 25-27</b>	<b>PT and OT</b>

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

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## 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)

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## PRINTER INK AND TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Help reduce landfill by bringing your empty ink and toner cartridges to the Post Office for recycling through a Planet Ark initiative. So far over 40 million cartridges have been recycled through the 'Close The Loop' program.

## 2019 EASTER TRADING

Please note the following trading times for the Easter break.

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	9am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday	<b>CLOSED</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April		<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Monday	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9am to 1pm then 2pm to 4pm	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, please come into the post office and we will help make payment.

## SIMON SAYS

The dinner party I was cooking for was going to be a surprise but it was ruined when the fire trucks turned up.



Little Gems  
Children's Centre

Whats Happening At Little Gems...

**Clean up Australia**  
**Georgetown crew:**

*Thanks for joining us, Georgetown State school, and our families and friends,  
we collected 60 bits of rubbish between Little Gems and Greens Park*





We have been enjoying picnics in our front and back yard. The removal of our hill has opened up our playground to even more possibilities



Bike riding, tractor driving collage, painting, and swings are always popular



the new sand in the sandpit has led to lots of exploring and adventures

*We welcomed Felicity back from maternity leave this week*

*We also welcome Liam and Tyson to our Little Gems family*



*What's next at Little Gems...*

# **FUNKY** Hair Day

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER FOR THE LEUKEMIA FOUNDATION ON 27<sup>TH</sup> March.

Join us from 9.30am for morning tea, hair colouring, if you're brave and lots of fun

The Team At Little Gems

Ph: 40621265

Email: [childcare@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:childcare@etheridge.qld.gov.au)

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Leukaemia Foundation

**WORLD'S  
GREATEST  
SHAVE**

**FUNDRAISING TARGET:  
\$500.00**

# **LITTLE GEMS IS COLOURING**



**LITTLE GEMS CHILDRENS CENTRE**

**27 TH MARCH 9.30-11.30AM**

**CONTACT: JANE BORGH 40621265**

Join us for morning tea at 9.30am followed by a colourful morning raising money for the Leukaemia foundation.

DONT BE SHY DROP A DONATION BY

**COME ALONG!**



## Remember to check your skin regularly.

See your doctor if you notice a freckle, mole or lump that is new or changing in size, shape, colour; or a sore that does not heal. Use a mirror to check hard to see spots, like your back and scalp, or get a family member, partner or friend to check for you. This is intended as a guide only – consult your doctor regarding any suspicious spots.

HARMLESS /BENIGN	WARNING SIGNS	SKIN CANCER	SKIN CANCER	SKIN CANCER	SKIN CANCER
Freckles 	Dysplastic Naevi 	Basal Cell Carcinoma 	Squamous Cell Carcinoma 	Melanoma 	Nodular Melanoma 
Seborrheic Keratosis 	Solar Keratoses 	Basal Cell Carcinoma 	Squamous Cell Carcinoma 	Melanoma 	Nodular Melanoma 

STAY SUN SMART (under Freckles)  
SEE YOUR DOCTOR (under Basal Cell Carcinoma, Squamous Cell Carcinoma, Melanoma, Nodular Melanoma)

**Stay SunSmart every day**  
It's never too late to protect your skin. Skin cancer, skin damage and premature ageing CAN be prevented. By following these simple steps you can significantly reduce your exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

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All questions. All cancers. 13 11 20  
[www.cancerqld.org.au](http://www.cancerqld.org.au)



## Spot the difference

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STAY SUN SMART (under Freckles)  
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### Freckles

- Freckles are harmless coloured spots that range in size from 1 to 10mm.

### Moles

- Harmless coloured spots that range from 1mm to 10mm.
- Uniform in shape and even coloured. May be raised.
- The more moles or freckles you have the higher your risk of skin cancer.
- May have uneven borders and multiple colours like brown and black.
- Observe moles carefully for any sign of change.

### Seborrheic Keratosis

- By the age of 60, most people have at least one or two.
- They have a very discrete edge and frequently sit up on top of the skin.
- Colour varies from pale skin through to orange to black.
- Size varies from a few millimetres to 2cm.
- Wart like.

### Dysplastic Naevi

- Not skin cancer, but a warning sign that you may be prone to melanoma.
- Characterised by irregular borders and uneven colour with multiple shades of brown and sometimes pink.
- If changing, may require removal to differentiate from early melanoma.

### Solar Keratoses

- Not skin cancer, but a warning sign that you may be prone to developing skin cancer.
- Characterised by red, flattish, scaly areas which may sting if scratched.
- If sunspots change and become lumpy or tender, they may have become a skin cancer.

### Basal Cell Carcinoma

- Most common skin cancer.
- Appears as a lump or scaling area.
- Red, pale or pearly in colour.
- As it grows, it may become ulcerated like an unhealing sore or one that heals then breaks down again.
- Grows slowly, usually on the head, neck and upper torso.

### Squamous Cell Carcinoma

- Not as dangerous as melanoma but may spread to other parts of the body if not treated.
- A thickened red, scaly spot. Later it may bleed easily or ulcerate.
- Appears on sites most often exposed to the sun.
- Grows over some months.

### Melanoma

- The most dangerous skin cancer.
- If untreated, cancer cells spread to other parts of the body.
- If treated early, 95% are cured.
- Appears as a new spot, or an existing spot, freckle or mole that changes colour, size or shape.
- Usually has an irregular or smudged outline and is more than one colour.
- Grows over weeks to months, anywhere on the body.

### Nodular Melanoma

- May be a red, pink, black or brown dome shaped, firm raised lump, growing in size.
- After a while, it may bleed or crust.
- May grow quickly, hence early treatment recommended to avoid spreading to other parts of the body.
- Some flat melanoma may develop nodular areas late.

Remember to check your skin regularly. See your doctor if you notice a freckle, mole or lump that is new or changing in size, shape, colour; or a sore that does not heal. Use a mirror to check hard to see spots, like your back and scalp, or get a family member, partner or friend to check for you. This is intended as a guide only – consult your doctor regarding any suspicious spots.



**Little Gems**  
Children's Centre

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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.

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# **ANZAC DAY**

# **SERVICES 2019**

## **THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 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**





# TENDER ESC2019-001

## REGISTER OF PREFERRED SUPPLIERS FOR WET AND DRY HIRE OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The Etheridge Shire Council invites tenders for Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment for a period of twelve (12) calendar months.

Interested parties can access the relevant tender documents by visiting the Council website [www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/tenders](http://www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/tenders)

**Tender submissions close:  
3:00 PM FRIDAY, 12 APRIL 2019**

**MAIL SUBMISSIONS:** Tenderers need to allow sufficient time for their tenders to be delivered to Georgetown by the closing date and time.

**LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

If you require further information, please contact the Works Manager, Michael Brookes at [works.manager@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:works.manager@etheridge.qld.gov.au) or by calling 07 4079 9029 or 0484119391.

PO Box 12  
Georgetown QLD 4871

David Munro  
Chief Executive Officer



**POSTIONS VACANT  
CASUAL CHILDCARE WORKER**



Etheridge Shire Council is seeking an enthusiastic, children orientated person to join our Childcare team at the Little Gems Children's Centre.

Our centre located in Georgetown is currently seeking a Childcare Worker to join our team of experienced childcare educators, with the highest importance put on care and early childhood development. We are seeking a Childcare Worker who is warm, caring and respectful of children's needs and the environment in which they learn.

At Little Gems Children's Centre, we are dedicated to providing high quality care to our families' everyday, but we also value our staff and the important role that they play.

The successful applicant must be able to meet the following criteria.

- A passion for working with children;
- A team player who effectively communicates with families and staff alike;
- Relevant qualifications or currently studying towards or willing to obtain Certificate III in Children's Services
- Hold a positive Blue Card and First Aid;

Applications can be posted, delivered to the Administration Office, faxed or emailed to:

***Position Vacant - Childcare Worker  
The Chief Executive Officer  
Etheridge Shire Council  
PO Box 12  
GEORGETOWN QLD 4871***

Fax: 07 4062 1285

Email: [info@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@etheridge.qld.gov.au)

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Director of Childcare, Jane Borgh on Ph: 07 4062 1265 or Councils website [www.etheridge.qld.gov.au](http://www.etheridge.qld.gov.au)

**Applications close 4.00pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

David Munro  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



## LIBRARY NEWS

After months in the planning, last week we finally had our first of hopefully many First Five Forever program meetings at the Library. First Five Forever is an initiative of the Queensland Government. We all want Queensland children to have the best opportunities in life and have the greatest chance to succeed. Current research shows the valuable role parents and caregivers' have in supporting their child's early development. First 5 Forever aims to provide strong emergent literacy foundations and life-long learning capabilities for all Queensland children 0-5 years, by directly supporting parents and primary caregivers as their child's first and most important educator. Development happens in the first 5 years. Research is now telling us that when babies and children get what they need – it can have a lasting effect on their future. Sharing stories, rhymes, singing, talking and playing with your child from birth builds a foundation for your child's future development that can last a lifetime. The program is open to all children in the Shire. If you have a child under five and are interested, for any further information please call Wendi on 40799025 or at [wendi.furber@etheridge.qld.gov](mailto:wendi.furber@etheridge.qld.gov)



# ART COMPETITION for NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

1 - 7 September 2019



**Hey kids and teens** (up to age 18)!  
We'd love to be able to use your artwork to help us spread important messages about what children need to have a happy, healthy childhood.

## WHAT SHOULD I DRAW?

There are two options for what you can draw:

### 1. Pictures of happy childhoods, for example:

- children in a happy neighbourhood
- children doing things with their family that they enjoy
- neighbourhoods where everyone helps each other

### 2. Pictures of a boat or a lighthouse.

We will use these to talk about how parenting can be like sailing a boat and how we all need guidance sometimes.



## WHAT CAN I WIN?

- Selected artworks will be used to help make our social media and printed documents look awesome!
- If your artwork is selected you will receive a \$50 gift voucher.

## HOW DO I ENTER?

- Draw or paint your artwork on A3 paper (can be landscape or portrait).
- Take a digital photo of your artwork and submit it via the form at [www.napcan.org.au/artcomp](http://www.napcan.org.au/artcomp)
- Make sure you keep the original of your artwork because we might need it if you win a prize.
- **DEADLINE: 12 April 2019**

## MORE INFORMATION?

Visit [www.napcan.org.au/artcomp](http://www.napcan.org.au/artcomp)



Parents, teachers and other carers...  
We'd love your help in promoting the competition. Please help spread the word.

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# SAVE THE DATE

## 2019 GEORGETOWN CAMPDRAFT

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June and  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

Come on down for a weekend of action packed camp drafting and enjoy the fun. Competitors BBQ Friday night, meals available all weekend from 'Bekky's Baking' and don't miss the entertainment on Saturday night!

Please jump onto Facebook and 'like' the Georgetown Campdraft page to keep up to date with information on the event and details on nominations.

Enquiries to Secretary Anna Christensen on 0419 619 880 or alternatively message the Facebook page.





## 8 WEEK CHALLENGE COMMENCING 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY!!!

- 4 CLASSES PER WEEK (ALL CLASSES 5:30 – 6:30PM) (FORSAYTH – MON, GEORGETOWN – TUE, WED, THURS – THIS COULD CHANGE BASED ON INTEREST)
- FOR THOSE OUT OF TOWNERS I WILL BE UPLOADING 3 PRE-RECORDED WORKOUTS A WEEK
- PHOTOS AND MEASUREMENTS AT START AND FINISH (LOCALS ONLY – I WILL SEND A HOW TO FOR THE OUT OF TOWNERS)
- ACCESS TO PRIVATE VIP FACEBOOK GROUP
- SUPPORT, ACCOUNTABILITY, NUTRITION TIPS, TRAINING TIPS, MOTIVATION AND TEAM ENVIRONMENT

### CHALLENGE YOURSELF!!!! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO LOSE?

#### DEAL 1 - \$250.00

- ALL OF THIS PLUS FOOD GUIDE AND FOOD MAP FOR YOU TO HELP PLAN YOUR MEALS
- LIFECHANGING MINDSET TOOLS
- MAINTENANCE TIPS AND TRICKS SO YOU CAN CREATE HEALTHY HABITS 4 LIFE
- 3 HOUR RECORDED NUTRITION WEBINAR WITH AWESOME NUTRITIONIST SKYE HANLEY

#### DEAL 2 - \$300.00

- ALL OF THE ABOVE PLUS A 28 DAY MEAL PLAN FOR BOTH MALE AND FEMALE WITH A SHOPPING LIST & FOOD SWAPS (SO NO MORE WRACKING YOUR BRAIN AS TO WHAT YOU SHOULD BE EATING, ALL DONE FOR YOU)
- 28 DAY EXERCISE MANUAL TO HELP WITH YOUR HOME WORKOUTS

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- Clinical care services— as part of your Home Care Package, our job is to work with you and other health professionals involved in your care, to help you achieve optimal health so that you can be as independent as possible at home.

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Area Manager Regional Development **Terry Benkler on 0439 670 378**  
our Cairns Office on 07 4036 7900



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**Work in this beautiful part of Far North Queensland!**

Cootharinga North Queensland is seeking an enthusiastic and passionate individual located in Etheridge Shire committed to providing the highest standard of service and support to an individual seeking aged care supports in their home within a family cattle station environment located 20km north of Georgetown.

**Your role would be:**

- To focus on assisting our customer in achieving his goals
- To provide personalised support and care to our customer

A career with Cootharinga offers you good rates of pay, flexible working hours, opportunities for training and career progression, regular supervision and appraisals.

Successful applicants will need to undergo a Blue Card and Yellow Card and full Police check. Cootharinga will meet the cost of this screening.

Applicants need to be aware that these positions can involve shift work. (Weekdays, weekend and nightshift including sleepover).

Successful applicants will be required to attend training – Location to be confirmed. Cootharinga will pay for travel and accommodation where required.

Whilst not an entitlement of your employment with Cootharinga, the suitable applicant **may** have the opportunity to negotiate with the family regarding on-station accommodation and potential additional and generalist work for yourself or a suitably skilled spouse. If the thought of living and contributing on a working cattle property in the Etheridge Shire appeals to you, we welcome hearing from you.

Other generalist Support Worker positions are available also within the Region.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

**To apply, please phone Terry Benkler on 0439 670 378 or email [terry.benkler@cootharinga.org.au](mailto:terry.benkler@cootharinga.org.au)**

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- Membership Listing on [www.savannahway.com.au](http://www.savannahway.com.au)
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- \$50 Discount on Australian Tourism Data Warehouse listing to appear on multiple marketing websites around Australia including official Queensland and Australia websites.
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- Gulf Savannah Visitor Guide Discount
- Friends of Savannah Guides Membership and Guide Training School discounts
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This year there is a major new bonus from our Regional Tourism Organisation, Tourism Tropical North Queensland!

Tourism businesses who are members of Savannah Way limited can also join TTNQ at no cost to become an Ambassador of Tourism. This membership otherwise costs \$250. It entitles operators to:

- a website listing on TTNQ's corporate and consumer websites to drive bookings to the listed business
- attendance at TTNQ networking functions and industry events
- access to the image library
- receive social media and digital sharing opportunities
- invited to participate in familiarisations
- participation in the new TTNQ member card with access to exclusive member-only offers

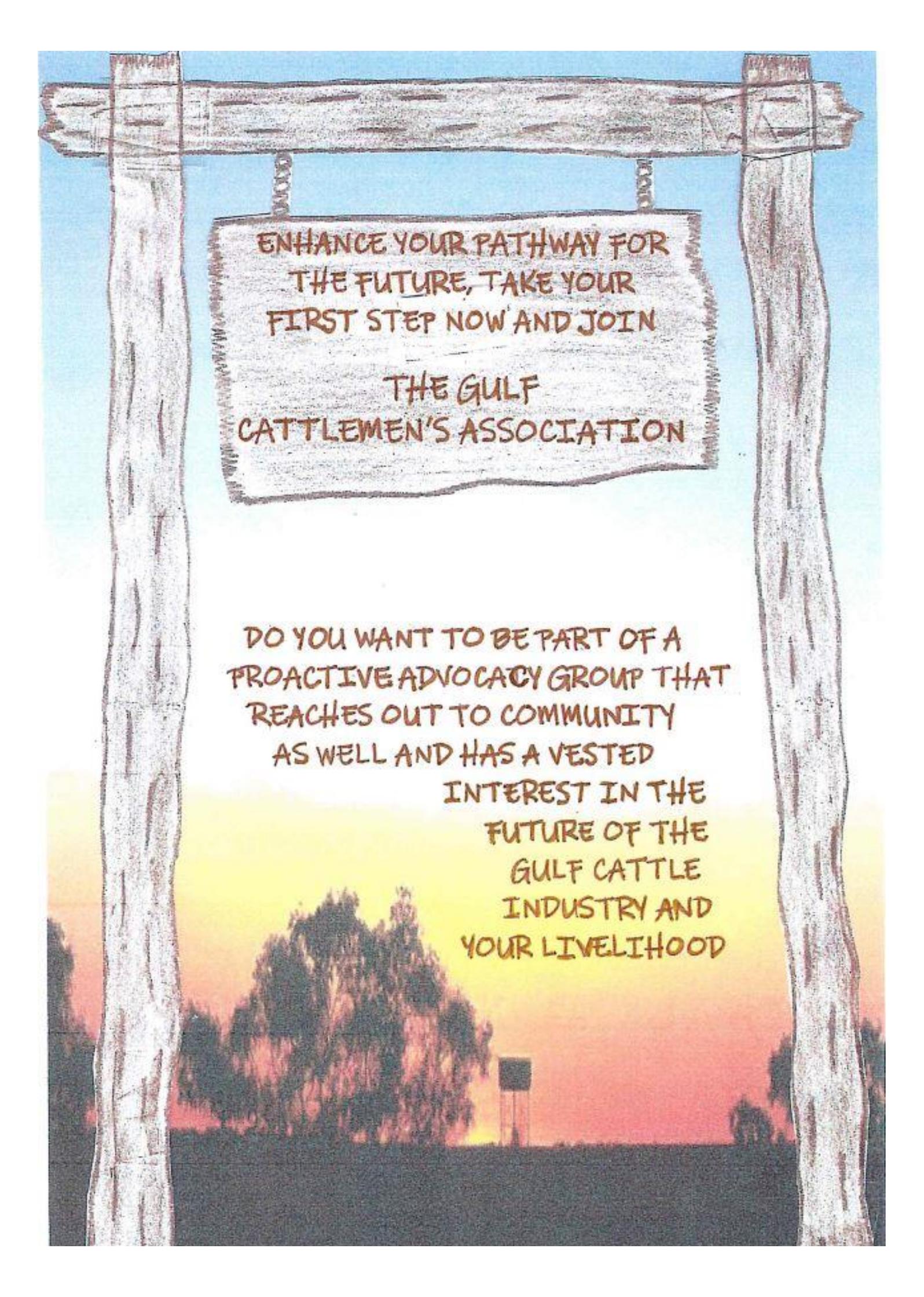


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Savannah Way Limited is YOUR organisation. If you are involved in Tourism, as most businesses in the Shire are, either directly or indirectly, you should be a member.

Contact Russell for details on how to take advantage of these important opportunities

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## Gulf Cattleman's Association Inc.

*'A Graziers Alliance for Grassroots Issues'*  
PO Box 80, Georgetown QLD 4871  
www.gulfcattle.org.au  
Inc: IA42150  
ABN: 63680779361



## 2018/2019 Membership

- The annual membership for the financial year 2018 - 2019 is now payable for members who wish to remain financial and have voting rights.
- The annual membership is:
  - Grazier's Membership: \$200 per PIC per annum with maximum of 2 votes.
  - Community Membership: \$75 per annum with no voting rights
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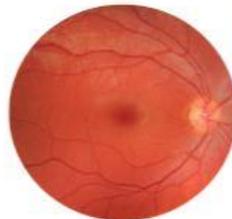


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Come along to discuss the future of farming in the Etheridge Shire and understand the roles of industry bodies, research organisations and educators such as the Grains Research and Development Corporation, Cotton RDC, Cotton Australia and CRC Northern Australia. These couple of days will be a great chance to create links across the north, with people attending from QLD and Southern Australia, the NT and the Ord River Scheme in WA. Don't miss this opportunity to see some of the R&D first hand, hear from industry people with hands on experience and be informed on future possibilities.

## TUESDAY 30TH APRIL

FIELD DAY 8am - 8pm  
Bus departs Georgetown  
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## WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY

FORUM  
8am - 12:30pm  
at Etheridge Shire Hall,  
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## SPEAKERS

Mayor Warren Devlin, Etheridge Shire Council  
Graham Harris, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries  
Dr Stephen Yeates, CSIRO regarding NACRA Trials  
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## 35th Variety Brydens Lawyers B to B Bash 2019

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019, the Bondi to Batt Reef Bash will be coming to **Georgetown** in support of the Variety Children's Charity. There is expected to be about 300 people that will come into town as part of the car rally, staying overnight and then departing between 8 -9.30am on the Saturday morning. As you can imagine, it will be a fantastic little injection for the town's local economy, however all accommodation is already booked out for the weekend and there are still a number of people wanting beds for the Friday night.

The Bash participants will be fully catered for so literally will just need a bed, towel & shower for the Friday night. **If you're based in or around Georgetown and able to help out by billeting one or more people on the Friday night, please contact Bekky Haase, billeting coordinator for Georgetown.**



Ph: 4079 9002

Email: [rebekah.haase@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:rebekah.haase@etheridge.qld.gov.au)



For more details on the event itself head to:

<https://www.variety.org.au/bash/events/variety-brydens-lawyers-b-to-b-bash/>

## CHAPTER THREE

### MEETING A 'MATE'

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 persistent rumor back in the latter part of the Twentieth Century of a Japanese Zero fighter shot down during WW2 and discovered almost intact above the high-water mark on a remote Cape York beach. This aircraft has allegedly been recovered and is said to reside in an Australian museum.*

Tony Stevens, or Blue, as everybody knew him as because of his sandy-colored hair, enjoyed exploring the wilderness of the Cape York area. Venturing into rugged and remote areas of the far north of Queensland, with his rather battered four-wheel drive Toyota Landcruiser utility, was a favorite pastime.

Only 24 years of age, Blue had a cheerful disposition that went with his tanned and rugged good looks. Although not particularly tall, standing only about five foot ten inches in height, he was solidly built, his muscular fitness the result of a regime regularly carried out at his local gym in Townsville.

Having been gainfully employed as a fisherman on a local trawler, Blue had spent most of his spare time preparing his vehicle and equipment in readiness for the day when he could take some time off from his employment and head outback to enjoy his recreational adventures.

Now, he was doing just that. He was heading north on the Bruce Highway, ready for his next adventure. The 'Cruiser was loaded up with camping gear and supplies, spare parts and a couple of spare tyres for good measure. Blue had planned to spend the next month or so, exploring various parts of the east coast of the Cape York Peninsula, an area that he had briefly visited a year or two previously. It was now June, and with the dry winter months of 2003 at hand, access to most of the remote region was now possible, the water level in most rivers and streams had dropped considerably since the previous summer's monsoon wet weather. Unsealed sections of the previously muddy Cape Peninsula Developmental highway would now be turning into a corrugated and dusty road, and, as the seasonal winter tourist traffic increased, with, probably, what were known as "dust holes." These were large pot-holes full of the notorious "bull-dust," – talcum-fine powder that seemed to increase with every passing vehicle. Bull-dust often became so deep in places; it had been known to trap an unwary motorist, whose vehicle would become "dry-bogged."

The heavy tyres hummed on the bitumen as the Toyota ate up the miles. Blue whistled softly to himself – he enjoyed the freedom of "getting away from it all," as he was apt to put it. With one hand on the steering wheel, he lifted the battered felt hat with the other, absently rubbing his fingers through the stubble of what remained of his sandy hair. He planned to camp the night near the small northern town of Mount

Molloy before heading on up the Peninsula Development Road, which led all the way up the center of the Cape to the mining town of Weipa, on the western side of the Peninsula some 788 kilometers from the northern city of Cairns. However, Weipa wasn't on his proposed itinerary - his plan was to head towards and explore part of the eastern side of the Cape, after eventually following part of the original Telegraph Track, leading to the tip of Cape York. It was a vast, and to him, yet-to-be-explored territory.

He had left home early, keen to be on the road and anxious to miss the commuting traffic through the city. Now, as the mid-morning sun climbed higher into the cloudless winter morning sky, the Landcruiser wended its way through the ancient, tropical jungle that comprised part of the World Heritage rainforest bordering either side of the Palmerston Highway.

Stopping to brew a quick cup of coffee at a convenient rest area, Blue then continued towards Atherton, pausing to top-up with fuel; it would be one of the last places where diesel was cheaper. He knew from previous experience that the further he went from the bigger centers, the more expensive his fuel would become. It was also a chance to fill his extra fuel containers.

The next day, after camping at a chosen area past the small town of Mount Molloy, Blue headed his tray-back utility northwest towards the towering Byerstown Range, where the new bitumen highway climbed and zigzagged to the top, to pass through open-forested and cattle grazing country, before winding down the range again, further north. Blue could remember the road as it was some years previously when he traveled to Cooktown - then, barely more than an extremely rough and dusty dirt track. Today, the wide, new, bitumened highway over the Byerstown Range towards the little settlement of Lakeland made the journey one could now enjoy. This township was where he would stop for a meal and top up his fuel.

He sat at a table out front of the Lakeland Coffee House to enjoy a meal and a fresh cup of coffee. While he sat there, Blue struck up a conversation with another young man, about his own age. He soon discovered that his newfound friend, Alex Beatie, had similar interests and who also had planned a trip up the Cape, but Lakeland was as far as he had driven, since his vehicle had suffered major mechanical failure.

"It's a good thing I belong to the R.A.C.Q.," Alex confided to Blue solemnly. "There's an agent here in Lakeland, and," he added, "would you believe that the agent, 'Swiss Chris', has a fully equipped workshop as well!"

"S'truth, that *is* a stroke of luck," replied a surprised Blue. "Especially out here in the bush and a long way from Cooktown or Mareeba." He sipped his coffee and looked sympathetically at the forlorn traveler sitting opposite.

"That's a helluva thing to happen to a guy, mate," he muttered, draining his cup.

"So what d'you plan to do now?"

Alex shrugged. "I guess I'm stuck here for a bit until my car's fixed," he replied, idly playing with his coffee spoon while he enviously watched a group of tourists getting out of a late model four-wheel drive at the nearby fuel pumps, obviously en route up the Cape.

Blue followed his companion's gaze for a moment. "Yeah, well.... It looks as though 'everybody and his uncle' wants to head up this way!"

Alex smiled. "I wonder how many will make it to the top? Most of the drivers one sees look as though they've never been off the bitumen before!"

Laughing, Blue agreed. "Well, I'll tell you this, in all the years I've been traveling the Outback, especially up this way, I've seen plenty who've come to grief on these roads, that's for sure!" He paused for a moment, looking across the table at Alex. "Where're you stopping - at the camping ground?"

The other man nodded. "Yep, it's about all I can afford, right now - with extra expenses with the car and all! What about you? You staying the night - or pressing on?"

Blue shook his head. "Nah! I'll stop the night and get away reasonably early, I think! I want to explore some of the country that I've not visited before, mate. Guess I'll book in at the same place as you!"

The two men agreeing to meet later, parted company to organize their camping accommodation.

It was that evening after Blue had eaten a meal cooked over his small gas cooker and cleaned away his few dishes, he wandered over to his friend's tent. He found Alex sitting beside a gaslight, drinking a cup of coffee.

Greeting Blue with a cheery "Hi!" he asked, "Care to join me with a cup of coffee, mate? I haven't got anything stronger, I'm afraid," he added apologetically.

"She's right, mate, I don't drink that much, anyway, but if you want, I've a couple of 'coldies' in my fridge, if you want one! But I'll have a coffee, if you don't mind!"

"Nah - don't worry about the beer, Blue... take a pew," he indicated a nearby stool. "I'll get you a cuppa - how d'ya take it mate?"

"White 'n' two, thanks," replied Blue as he sat down. He glanced around at Alex's camp while waiting for his coffee.

"Looks like you're pretty well set up. How long were you planning on being away?"

"Oh, I dunno," Alex replied, shrugging his shoulders non-committedly. "I have nothing much to go back to in Cairns. I finished up at the engineering works a couple of weeks ago, so I haven't gotten any sort of a timetable, I guess...just as long as my dough lasts! Which, with the repairs to the old Suzuki, won't be that long, I 's'pose!" He handed Blue a plastic mug of hot coffee.

"Ta, mate," muttered Blue reaching for the mug. He sipped the drink thoughtfully as he appraised his companion. Alex Beatie was taller than he, with a shock of dark hair that had been recently cut, but longer than his own. A couple of day's stubble darkened the angular face from which a pair of direct blue eyes seemed to take in everything.

Alex finishing his drink, reached down and placed the empty mug on the grass beside his chair, then, stretching back, clasped his hands behind his head. Gazing up into the night sky he said aloud, "Gee, but the weather out here is great, at this time of the year, eh?"

Blue nodded, his gaze returning to the steam from his hot coffee, as it curled lazily up into the cool night air. "Yep, sure is, Alex - 'cept that it can get a bit bloody chilly at night!"

Their conversation lapsed briefly; the only sound was that of other campers' muted voices. Somewhere a radio was playing classical music. Probably the ABC, Blue thought idly.

It was Blue, who broke the silence. "Listen mate, I've been thinking – how'd you feel about joining up with me – you'd be more than welcome, and I reckon I could do with the company. I've gotten plenty of room for you and a bit of gear in the old 'Cruiser!"

Alex sat up, looking at his new friend with some surprise. "Jeez, Blue, I dunno! That's bloody decent of you to offer – but I wouldn't want to put a dampener on your holiday, I mean..." His voice trailed off, slightly embarrassed at the generous offer.

"Don't talk shit, man! Like I said, I'd be glad of the company! It'll give you an opportunity to see some of the areas that you would've otherwise have missed – anyway," Blue continued, pressing home his point, "in some of that country, it's safer having company than being on yer own!"

Alex grinned and gratefully responded with his thanks. "OK, Blue, I appreciate your offer. Of course, I'll be more than happy to share the expenses. Tell you what, too, I'll chip in with a carton of coldies to take with us, if you've got the room, that is!"

"OK, mate, but you really don't have to – but if you want, that's fine, I reckon we can squeeze in a few extra, er – 'necessary,' items!"

Continuing their conversation for a while, they discussed their plans before heading off to bed. Alex feeling a great deal happier than previously, and Blue rather pleased with the prospect of congenial company for the rest of his adventure.

To be continued...

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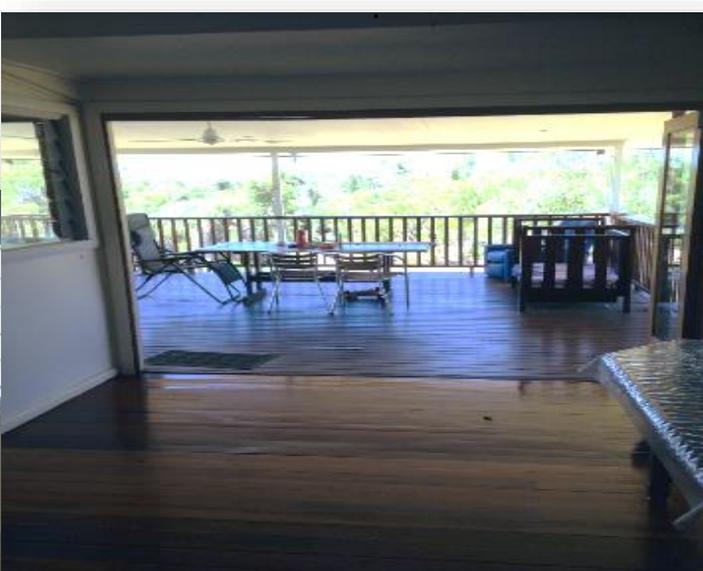
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## Undara Outback Rock and Blues 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Undara Experience is set to erupt from the 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2019 with the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Undara Outback Rock and Blues weekend, rapidly gaining the reputation as one of TNQ's "must do" experiences. Bands from Australia wide are vying to be one of the five acts selected to perform over the three days, making this a weekend to suit fans of all music genres. Musicians are sort from local areas as well as interstate to give North Queenslanders the opportunity to experience performers they might not necessarily see without having to travel interstate.

The 2019 line-up of performers set to rock the crowd include:

High Energy Rock & Blues trio 19 Twenty, Soulful Blues singer Genevieve Chadwick, Crooner Shane Flew from Sydney, first timers to Undara The New Savages & undoubtable one of the most unique acts in Australia, George & Noriko!

A major highlight of the Undara Outback Rock & Blues festival is the ANZAC Day Dawn Service which is held in the beautiful Ooramin Place amphitheatre, a perfect location to pay your respects, for quite reflection and to honour the sacrifice of our diggers. Many people are arriving early just so they can attend this memorable service.

The Undara Outback Rock and Blues weekend attracts a wide variety of visitors and Undara Experience can accommodate everyone with the many different styles of accommodation on offer. It doesn't matter if you're someone who wants to roll out a Swag under the stars next to the fire or bring a camper trailer or caravan, Undara can cater for you! If you want to go for a bit more comfort then why not ask about the onsite Swags Tent Village which are permanent tents with comfortable beds, electric light & some have camp kitchens so you can self-cater. For those who want a bit more luxury, you can stay in one of the newly refurbished turn of the century railway carriages that have been converted into multi award winning accommodation or even indulge in one of the Pioneer's Huts that are fully air-conditioned and have spacious bathrooms and large verandas where you can sit back and watch the wildlife or just soak up the bush atmosphere. Accommodation is limited and books out very quickly!

Not only is Undara Outback Rock & Blues popular with guests, it is also highly rated among performers. Singer songwriter Bo Jenkins, an ex-US paratrooper, says *"I would rate the music, country hospitality and food first rate with the lava tube tours making this festival a grade better than any I've been too."*



Bram Collins, Chairman of Undara Experience, says that *"the best thing about the Undara Outback Rock and Blues weekend is the size of the event. This is not an event where there are thousands of people, this is a small event, only a couple of hundred, so you get to meet up with old mates and make a heap of new ones"*. People are saying this is the best "little festival" in the Country!

During the day there is plenty to do with self-guided walking and Mountain biking trails, lava tube tours, swimming pool and licensed bar.

Three Day Passes are \$175 per person which includes over sixteen hours of live music in three shows (Thursday & Friday nights plus the Saturday Recovery Jam session). Accommodation is limited & selling fast. Bookings are essential. There are sealed roads from every direction to Undara including from Cairns and the Atherton Tablelands, Townsville and Charters Towers and Georgetown and the Gulf Savannah. This is an amazing weekend of music with your mates in one of North Queensland's most unique locations - Undara Experience.

For Reservations, phone 1800 990 992 or email [res@undara.com.au](mailto:res@undara.com.au). More information on Undara Experience and Undara Outback Rock and Blues, visit [www.undara.com.au](http://www.undara.com.au). You can also like and follow Undara Experience on Facebook where you can watch YouTube clips of this year's artists.



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**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.

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# Recipe of the Month

## Creamy Fettuccine Carbonara

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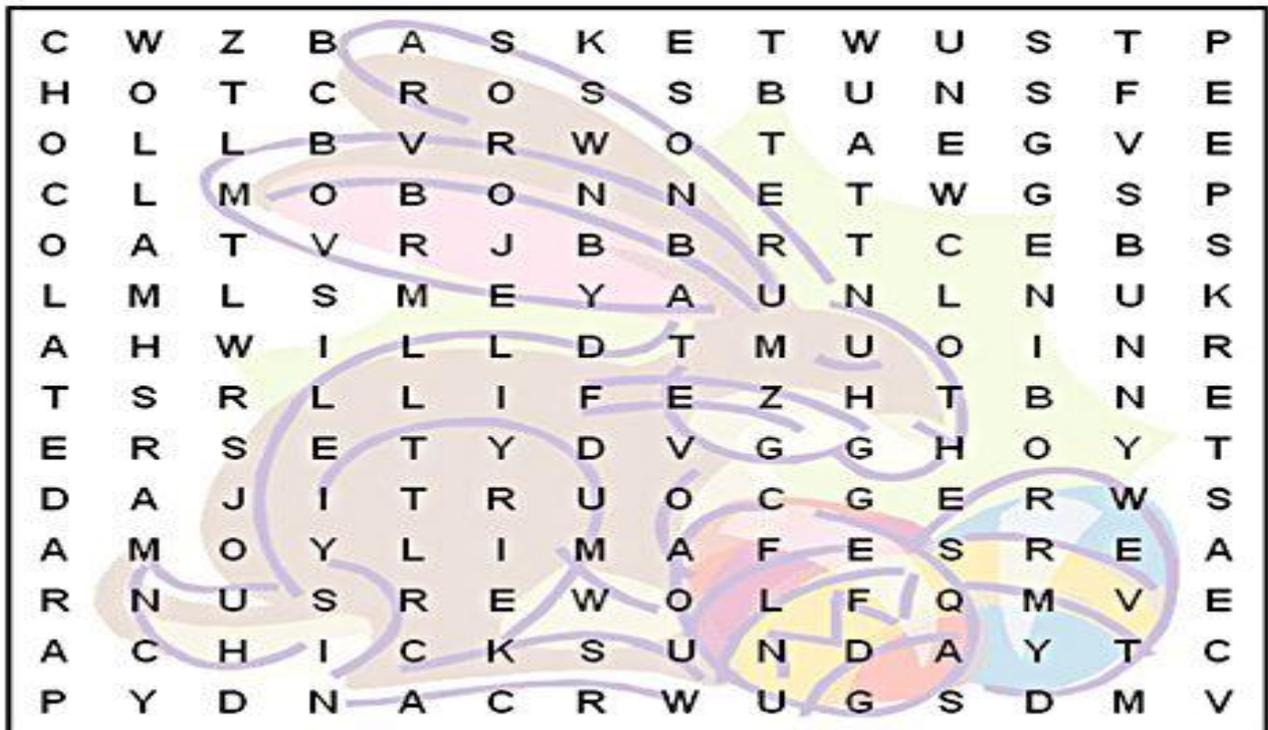
- 375g fresh fettuccine pasta
- 20g butter
- 175g shortcut bacon rashers, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 2 teaspoons fresh rosemary, finely chopped
- 2 eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup light thickened cooking cream
- 1/3 cup parmesan, finely grated



### METHOD

- Step 1:** Cook pasta following packet directions.
- Step 2:** Meanwhile, melt butter in a frying pan over medium heat. Add bacon. Cook for 4 minutes or until golden. Add garlic and rosemary. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute or until fragrant.
- Step 3:** Whisk eggs, yolks, cream and parmesan in a bowl. Season with salt and pepper. Drain pasta and return to saucepan. Add egg mixture and bacon mixture to pasta. Cook, tossing over low heat, for 1 minute or until sauce thickens and coats pasta. Serve.

# Easter Word Find



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Tradition  
Candy  
Chicks  
Sunday

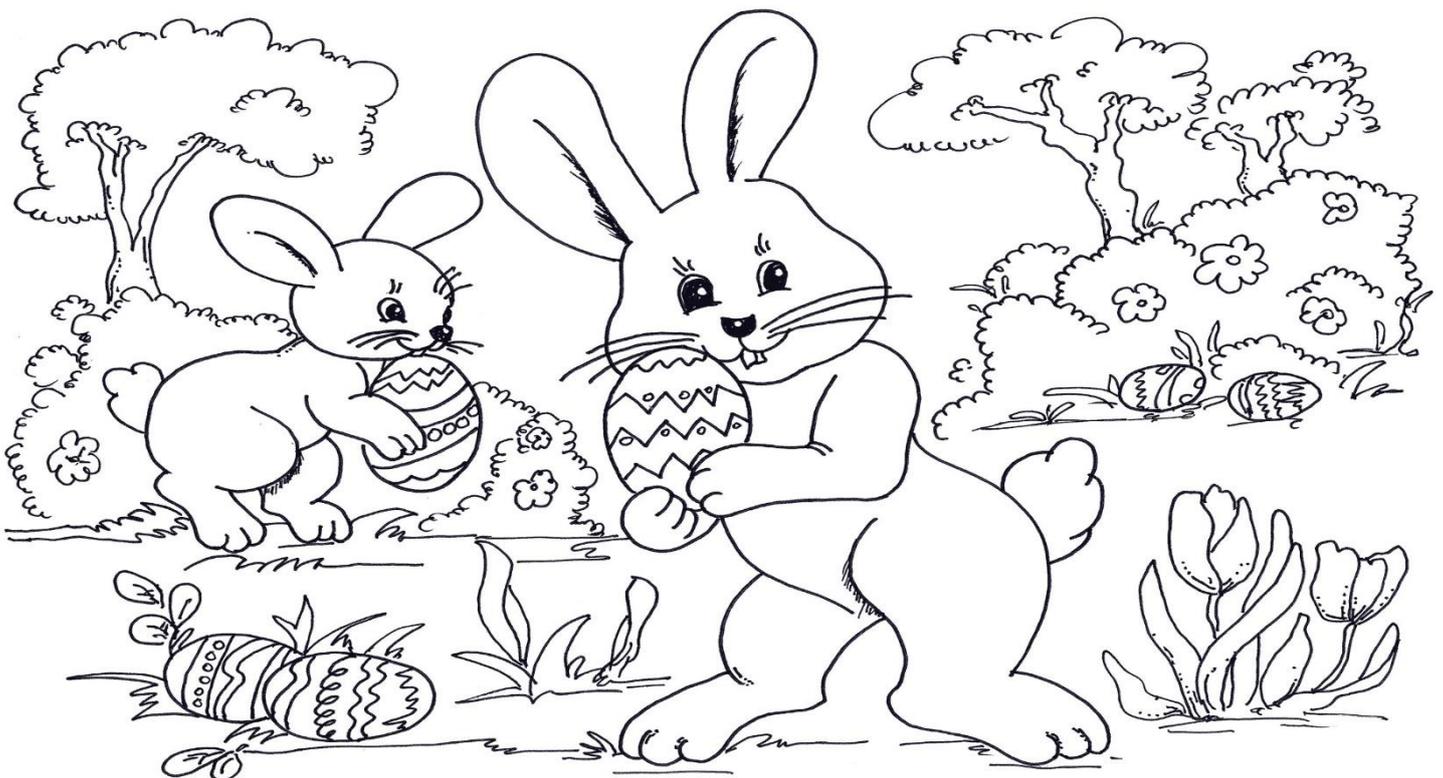
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Daffodils  
Basket  
Peeps  
Chocolate

Easter  
Family  
Flowers  
Jelly Beans  
Egg Hunt

Games  
Bells  
Bunny  
Lamb  
Lily

Colored Eggs  
Marshmallow  
Hot Cross Buns  
New Clothes  
Robin Eggs

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# Calendar of Community Events 2018

## April

6  
Wenaru Hotel Pool & Darts  
Comp

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, 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

2  
Forsayth Horse Sports

3  
Forsayth Turnout & Etheridge  
Show

*words OF wisdom*

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*Audrey Hepburn*

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