

Edition 5 – May 2023

Inform Newsletter

Etheridge Shire Council



Staff Achievements!



A huge Congratulations to Etheridge Shire Council's CEO Ken Timms for his tremendous achievement of being awarded the Public Service Medal (PSM)

Only 100 awards for the Public Service Medal (PSM) can be made in a calendar year.

The sole criterion for the award for the PSM is outstanding Public Service.

Outstanding public service includes outstanding service that is above and beyond the normal requirements of the position. A special achievement or success in the performance of duty in difficult and unusual circumstances, or sustained high levels of performances by an individual that delivers recognisable benefits to clients and the workplace.

Mayor Barry Hughes
presenting Abbey Taylor with
her Certificate III in Early
Childhood Education and
Care.

Amazing work Abbey!



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello and welcome to the Mayors Report.



During the early days of May a number of meetings were attended by CEO Ken and myself, namely the North West Regional Councils gathering in Hughenden. This provided a great opportunity to traverse the Gregory and Kennedy Development roads and see first-hand the repairs and maintenance works that have been carried out since the wet season. Both these roads copped a flogging over the wet and they are now back to somewhat of an acceptable standard albeit with further works being considered.

Meetings with the Office of Co-ordinator General's Department, Transport and Main Roads, Genex and Etheridge Shire Council have taken place and continue to evolve around the level of pressure being applied to the Gregory Development Road and the Kidston/Gilberton Road through the Genex Project. Further discussion is programmed to take place with Ministerial visits to the Kidston site and connecting road networks being organised.

Council held a workshop and Special Meeting on Friday 5th of May to consider the final processes relating to the Independent Living Precinct and Council employee accommodation projects. Procurement of housing stocks for both these projects were passed unanimously by Council which means that civil works can now go ahead to prepare the sites.

Council has been guided by the community consultative committee ably chaired by Greg Ryan throughout this process over a long and arduous timeframe to arrive at this point and I congratulate and acknowledge the great work done by these community residents for their commitment and stoic belief that we could bring this project to fruition. I also thank the Councillors and Council staff associated with this project for their support in ensuring that older residents of Etheridge Shire have the opportunity to stay in their community longer with the advent of the independent living facilities.

The State Government has held a full sitting of State Parliament in Cairns this week and I have attended this event.

Etheridge, Croydon, and Carpentaria Shires attended as a regional delegation to discuss with Minister Bailey who holds the Transport and Main Roads portfolio the issues associated with the Gilbert River Bridge and the impact of flooding and road closure during the wet season. We received a good hearing from the Minister and I was able to hold further discussions with his senior staff next morning to pursue the key points raised from the previous day. I am expecting a visit to Etheridge Shire in the very near future from the Director General for Main Roads Mr Neil Scales as a follow up from these discussions.

I was also able to discuss with Minister Bailey the adverse conditions impacting the Gregory Development Road concerning the Genex Project at Kidston.

This road corridor has come sharply into focus as it struggles to contend with heavy traffic volumes and overweight and over mass loadings traversing the sections between the Oasis Roadhouse and Einasleigh. Further discussions are required and we will pursue these important issues with the continuation of support from Genex, Power link, and the Office of the Co-ordinator Generals Department.

Whilst in Cairns I held talks with the Minister for Agriculture, Minister Furner regarding the Etheridge Ag Precinct funding arrangements as a follow up from the discussions previously held in Brisbane at the FNQROC Mayoral delegation in March. Etheridge is working closely with Regional Development Australia in regard to this project.

I was able to take advantage of the full contingent of Parliament being in our back yard and talk to Opposition spokesperson's surrounding policing matters in Etheridge, Local Disaster Management issues, Local member Robbie Katter updates and a broad range of subjects impacting Local Governments.

On the last day of sittings I was able to meet with Minister for Employment, Training and Small Business the Honourable Di Farmer where discussions around sustaining the services of the student hostel took centre stage and a visit to Etheridge for further talks with departmental staff is being organised.

There were also numerous opportunities to catch up with Opposition spokespeople and familiarise them with issues of concern as well as

meeting a number of times with Local Member Robbie Katter. All in all a big week but a fruitful one in Cairns.

Deputy Mayor Laurel and I travelled to Croydon on the 16th May to present at the NRM information day. Etheridge was invited to deliver the presentation around carbon positive initiatives being undertaken by Etheridge Shire.

Council held its General Meeting for May on the 17th and all relevant information can be found on Council's web page.

Work is well underway on the GDR to finish the short section on the Talaroo project. Once this has been finalised the road construction crew will move to the new section on the Kennedy Highway to commence the five kilometre bitumen construction project situated at the southern end of the shire.

CEO Ken is taking a short break and his position will be filled by an old friend of Georgetown Mr. Neil Crotty who spent some considerable time here as an employee of Etheridge Shire some 25 years ago. I look forward to working with Neil again and to hear his views on how things have changed here in Etheridge over those years.

Until next month,

Happy Trails.

Kind Regards,

Barry Hughes

Mayor & Councillors

The Etheridge Shire Council is represented by a Mayor and four Councillors.

As members of the Etheridge Shire Community you are encouraged to discuss any issues you may have with your representative Councillors.

Please Note: Changes to Councillor Information can be found at www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

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Cr Anthony (Tony) Gallagher	Phone: 07 4062 5315 Mobile: 0448 089 144 Email: cr.gallagher@etheridge.qld.gov.au
Cr Joseph (Joe) Haase	Mobile: 0459 623 582 Email: cr.haase@etheridge.qld.gov.au
Cr Cameron Barns	Phone: 07 4062 5307 Mobile: 0459 136 283 Email: cr.barns@etheridge.qld.gov.au

FIRST POINT OF CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY

CONTACT PERSONNEL:

Council's nominated first point of contact is

CEO Ken Timms

PHONE: 0439 414 771

If the LDMG (Local Disaster Management Group) is activated by the Chairperson (The Mayor) the Controlling Officer will be Ken Timms PHONE: 0439 414 771



SUGGESTION BOX

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



All suggestions are welcome including anonymous or otherwise.

Let's work together to make the Shire better!



ETHERIDGE SHIRE

.....a part of the Gulf Savannah Region.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Etheridge Shire Council Public Notice of General Meetings for 2023

In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Etheridge Shire Council General Meetings for the 2023 Calendar year are to be held on the following dates in Georgetown.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
June	Wednesday, 21 st June 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
July	Wednesday, 19 th July 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
August	Wednesday, 16 th August 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
September	Wednesday, 20 th September 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
October	Wednesday, 11 th October 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
November	Wednesday, 15 th November 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
December	Wednesday, 13 th December 2023	Georgetown	9:00am

Ken Timms

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Etheridge Shire Council

PO Box 12

GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

WATER SUPPLY

GEORGETOWN & FORSAYTH

BASE LEVEL 0 RESTRICTIONS



Base level 0 restrictions will now apply to all water connections within the Georgetown and 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 5am to 8am and 5pm to 8pm.
3. Attended hand held hoses permitted at any time except Mondays.

(Watering permitted 36 hrs per week)

Level 0 Water Restrictions are effective from midnight on Thursday 8th December 2022.

*Northern and Central Queensland Monsoon and Flooding, 20 December 22 –
March 2023*

Event Update

Council is pleased to advise that in conjunction with Shepherd Services, all event related damage data has now been collected and is in the submission stage for funding approval. This is forming a critical part in assuring we as a community and Etheridge Shire Council can secure the appropriate funding to its optimum. We wish to thank all Etheridge residents and visitors for their assistance, patience and understanding throughout the damage pick up and data collection stage.

In the coming months as approvals are received, repair works will commence on our road network. We would again and in advance like to thank our community for its support in what will again be a long and at times trying process.

Council has over the past month have been working on emergent works to make the road network safe and trafficable. We ask that all residents and those effected understand that the emergent works are simply a short-term temporary measure to help provide access for all affected by the damage caused by the event.

Etheridge Shire Council continues to seek the assistance of the community to assist in identification of emergency works causing safety and traffic ability concerns in the communities within the Etheridge Shire.

Council asks if you identify a flood related safety or traffic ability concern to utilise the **Snap Send Solve** app on your phone to capture the concern and quickly send it to Etheridge Shire Council to enable work crews to respond to these emergency works as a priority.

Again, we appreciate your patience and assistance during these trying times and ask that you please drive to prevailing road conditions, keeping in mind the crews working on the roads and road conditions themselves.



Little Gems
Children's Centre

Music & Dance



ANZAC Day



For music and dance week, our Little Gems challenged their confidence up on the stage and made some noise!

We took a trip to the post office to post a letter to the troops for ANZAC day. Thanks again Simon for your kindness and support. Love your work! We spotted the Australian flag and called into the Council office on our way.

Oh and check out all our amazing new toys thanks to Wendi at the Terrestrial Centre and First 5 Forever!



Mexican May



We celebrated all things Mexico: games, food, clothing and language. We even had a little fiesta with a handmade piñata.

Under 8's Day



We got to go over to the school for Under 8's Day and had an absolute blast!



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



We would like to say a super duper big thank you to all the mums/grandmas/nannas who attended our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. On the menu was scones with jam and poppers.

DO IT FOR DOLLY DAY



Do It For Dolly Day '23

New Faces

Waylon



Zia



Masie



Spencer



Mirakel



Ruby



Tips for reducing mosquitoes in your area

There are many items in and around the home which can fill with water, providing the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Be sure to check these items weekly, including:

Loose tyres

Spray with surface spray and store undercover



Bird baths

Flush out weekly



MOZZIE HIT-LIST

Tip it

Tip water from containers & objects

Store it

Store items away when not in use

Throw it

Throw away items you do not use

Pot-plant bases

Fill with sand to stop water collecting



Rainwater tank screens

Replace if missing or broken



Gutters

Clean regularly



Empty buckets

Store upside down or under cover

GEORGETOWN GOLF CLUB 2023 ANNUAL

Another year done and dusted, thank you to everyone who played, volunteered, entertained and supported the club by coming for a drink or a meal.

Huge congratulations to our group of prize winners, shout out to Georgetown Progress Association, Etheridge Cares, Georgetown Butchery, VK Vinyl & Tricia Butler for our wonderful prizes



Congratulations!

**Deborah Mosch & Fran Seagren –
Winners of the RFD Local Hero 2022 –
Townsville competition.**

Longtime friends, Deb & Fran, from the remote community of Einasleigh have been crowned RFDS Local Heroes. They provide vital support to their community and the RFDS clinic whenever it comes to town-ensuring the clinic is setup, helping the RFDS staff get to and from the local airstrip with their equipment, and even serving tea and homemade scones for staff and patients to enjoy.



QUEENSLAND DAY
6 JUNE

Come on Queenslanders!!!

Show your state pride and Maroon it on June 6!

EINASLEIGH RIVER CHRISTIAN BUSH CAMP

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMPS, NORTH QUEENSLAND



Einasleigh River Christian Camp is on again this year during the June/July School Holidays, Please see Chappy Joe if you are interested or have questions.



Registration Form online at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1s_XK0gilTeTfeGuC2jRtHnCrI5a3eX5TBxYA02x8/edit?usp=drivesdk)

[d/1s_XK0gilTeTfeGuC2jRtHnCrI5a3eX5TBxYA02x8/edit?usp=drivesdk](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1s_XK0gilTeTfeGuC2jRtHnCrI5a3eX5TBxYA02x8/edit?usp=drivesdk)
Western Einasleigh

2:00pm, 25 June 2023 To 9:30am, 30 June 2023

Years 4-8 - \$200.00 - limited spaces

Directors: Carly Lauridsen & Graham Lauridsen 0448 680 293

Registrations: Kristine Erwood 0423 806 277 or

Chappy Joe 0412 709 388



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

During the week you will be involved in the following:

Bush camping (no electricity); Christian values education

Rates – Council Pensioner Remission



Are you a Pensioner living in our Shire?
Have you applied for your Pensioner Remission?

The Etheridge Shire Council would like to advise all pensioners living in our Shire that are not currently receiving the Pensioner Remission to apply before the 30 June. Forms may be downloaded from our website: etheridge.qld.gov.au or by calling the Shire Office on 4079 9090.



Leathercraft Workshop

FREE!

by Ken Woodman

- What:** Free Leathercraft Workshop available for attendees at the Rural Minds Wellbeing Session
- Who:** Etheridge Community (Adults only)
- Where:**
- | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Georgetown - | 9am - Tuesday 6 June - | Georgetown Shire Hall |
| Forsayth - | 9am - Wednesday 7 June - | CWA Hall |
| Einasleigh - | 9am - Thursday 8 June - | Einasleigh Hall |
| Mt Surprise - | 9am - Friday 9 June - | Mt Surprise Hall |
- How:** Attendees have a choice of making either a **Bull Strap** or **Leather Belt** completely free. Numbers are limited to 15 people per workshop. Smoko & Lunch will be provided. Please register your interest by **COB Thursday 1 June** to the contact details below.

To register your interest or want more information please contact - Cheryl Portch, Email: cheryl.portch@etheridge.qld.gov.au, Mob: 0402 558872

Are you looking for a career change??

We are looking for care workers, nurses, gardeners / handymen in Georgetown, Forsayth, Mount Surprise, Einasleigh, and Greenvale.

If you are interested in a career change, starting your own little business, working your own hours and supporting older people in your community, please register to provide support to Etheridge Cares through www.mable.com.au.

NB: Queenslanders are not required to have COVID Vaccines for working in aged care.

For more information, please contact:

Tammy (Coordinator Georgetown / Forsayth) on 0499 597 322 or support@etheridgecares.com.au

Irene (Coordinator Mount Surprise / Greenvale / Einasleigh) on 0467 672 525 or coordinator@etheridgecares.com.au



BreastScreen Queensland
is coming to
Georgetown

**10-12
July
2023**

If you're a woman aged over 40, call 13 20 50 or see your health worker to book your FREE appointment.

Call **13 20 50** or visit breastscreen.qld.gov.au to book a free breast screen.



MONTHLY MARKETS!!

Caschafor Park – Forsayth

Sunday 30th April 2023

9am – 2pm

Stalls welcome – BYO table

CWA small cent sale

Morning tea - \$5

Lunch – Steak/Sausage/Onion/Salad sandwich - \$10

All welcome!

Next dates

- **Sunday 28th May**
- **Sunday 25th June**
- **Sunday 23rd July**
- **Sunday 20th August**
- **Sunday 17th September**
- **Sunday 29th October**
- **Sunday 26th November**



UNEARTH
ETHERIDGE

TerrEstrialcentre

Open
7 DAYS

8:30AM - 4:00PM

3 APRIL - 29 SEPTEMBER

FREE ENTRY FOR LOCALS

LIBRARY

GIFT SHOP

2024-2025 Etheridge Shire Telephone Directory



Applications are now open for the 2024-2025 Etheridge Shire Phone Book!

If you would like to take advantage of advertising in our local directory please email your advertisement to info@etheridge.qld.gov.au or call the office on (07) 4079 9090 during office hours.

- Quarter Page Advertisement
 - Size (approx.): 60mm (W) X 85mm (H)
 - Cost: \$25.00

- Half Page Advertisement
 - Size (approx.): 110mm X 85mm
 - Cost: \$50.00

- Full Page Advertisement
 - Size (approx.): 110mm X 175mm
 - Cost: \$100.00

If you would like to make a correction, addition or omission to the directory please complete the form over page and return.

The final date for advertising/additions is Monday 31st July 2023



Correction/Addition/Omission

(Please circle)

Please Print Clearly

Name:.....

Property/Station Name (if applicable).....

Club Name & Contact Person.....

Telephone Number:

Fax Number:

Suggestions to improve the directory:

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Please return to: Etheridge Shire Council

PO Box 12

GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

Fax: 4062 1285

Email: info@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Winter



Croydon Anzac Park

Saturday 3 June 2023

8:30am - 11:00am

Come on down to Anzac Park and pick up a bargain, whether it's clothes, food or a morning out there's something for everyone.

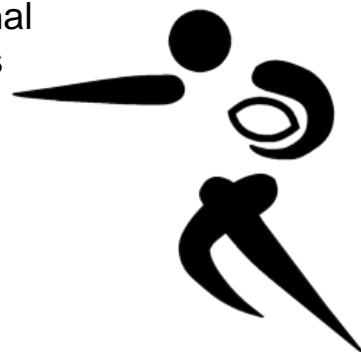
To book a table simply contact Pat on 47487131 or
Email : library@croydon.qld.gov.au



Croydon Touch Football Carnival 2023



Left - Under 12's
Grand Final
Winners



Right - Under 10's
Grand Final
Winners



Croydon Rodeo & Campdraft

Congratulations to all Etheridge Shire residents who competed and placed in the Croydon Rodeo & Campdraft weekend.





Mason Sheahan Winner of the Mini Bull Ride

Jodi Kernan & Gill Graham.

Jodi- Best dressed lady – Doing it for Dolly Day





Georgetown Primary Health Centre

HI EVERYONE

Well ... here we all are - well and truly into 2023 and I hope this Newsletter finds you all well!!!

Doctors Clinics

The RFDS clinics are now very busy and often booking out a fortnight ahead. The nurses are triaging Dr's appointment as required to make sure people are being seen in appropriate timeframes, so the nurse may ask what you are seeing the Dr for to know if you need an extended appointment or may be able to do a telephone appointment.

Upcoming dates:

25/05/2023 THURSDAY

02/06/2023 FRIDAY

08/06/2023 THURSDAY

22/06/2023 THURSDAY

30/06/2023 FRIDAY

FLU VACCINES & COVID VACCINES

Influenza Vaccines have arrived for 2023 in Georgetown

The national Influenza program is funded for:

Pregnant Women

Children 6 months – <5years

People aged 65 years and older

ATSI people aged 6months and over

If you have a chronic medical condition or decreased immunity you are also eligible

If you do not fit into any of the above criteria and would like a Flu Vaccine please contact the clinic

RFDS have the new bivalent Pfizer Booster Vaccine for COVID

This can be given on the same day as the Flu Vaccine.

It is recommended for 65+yrs and younger if you are at increased risk

You are eligible for the vaccine 6 months post COVID infection of COVID booster

These can only be given on RFDS clinic days as we do not have the appropriate freezers to keep at the clinic.

BREASTSCREENING BUS

11th-13th July – phone 132050 for appointments - dates have just been changed slightly to these ones

Free for women over 40 yrs.no referral required

CHANGES TO COME – WATCH THIS SPACE 😊

I am currently working on some infrastructure changes to our building which is exciting news. I am proposing our outdoor waiting area becomes an air-conditioned and contemporary internal area and are working with the powers that be to hopefully see this work start in the second half of the year!! I will keep you all up to date. This will add capital value to our wonderful building and provide you with more comfort when attending the health service.

CHANGES HAVE ARRIVED (NEW FACES TO OUR GEORGETOWN PHC TEAM)

Please welcome on board Carmen Ryan who has put her hand up to drive the ambulance in between her busy schedule!! Thank you, Carmen, for coming on board, your local knowledge is invaluable, and your wonderful spirit really adds value to the culture of our team.

Please also welcome Steve Thomas – Steve you will see out and about in the garden as well as helping us inside with admin work and cleaning as needed. Steve is also one of our new ambulance drivers. Steve is a breath of fresh air and has settled in beautifully to our amazing team – welcome Steve and thanks for joining our team.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR STAFF THAT HAVE BEEN HERE LONGER

Our continued thanks to Shirley, Min and Dave who work hard and bring positivity to our work environment, continually supporting the nurses to carry out their work effectively, which means safer quality care for you all in our community.

Finally Thank you to our Volunteers Julie and Indra, devoting you free time to us whenever we are in need! You are both awesome and I'm certain the community agrees!

A SPECIAL NOTE TO THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to all of you in the community that provide support to us as an organisation and providing us with the positive feedback that can really make our day when things get a little challenging. You are an amazing community that takes pride in Georgetown and surrounds and it's an honour to provide this service to you.



Thank you and Kind Regards,

Serena Mulholland with and on behalf of Jas Murray

Director of Nursing/s

Georgetown PHC

Thank you!

I would like to thank all the caring and wonderful people in Georgetown who took the time and effort to help me search for my little dog Nuffy, after she fell from my car window.

The kindness and positive thoughts and prayers helped me stay strong that she would be found alive and well. Nuffy finally found her way to Andrew McKenzie's home 2 days later, very dehydrated and scared. Andrew fed and watered her although she wouldn't allow him to touch her. He cared for her overnight and gave her more of his choicest steak for breakfast.

At that point neither he nor I realized how battered and bruised she actually was. She has taken more than two weeks to heal, but is still very nervous to be in the car. It is a miracle she survived and I can't thank you all enough.

- Ros Osbourne



Raising awareness of potential invasive weeds

Residents and visitors in Etheridge Shire are asked to be on the lookout for the following species of invasive plants. If further information is needed to identify the suspected weed, please go to <https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/biosecurity/invasive-plants-animals/fact-sheets> and compare the images and descriptions of confirmed weed species to the suspected weed or download the Weed Spotter app on Google Play Store.

Singapore daisy (*Sphagneticola trilobata*)

Singapore daisy is a garden escapee and native of tropical America. It prefers moist areas on a range of soil types. It can be found in gardens, parks, bushland, disturbed areas, along roadsides, lawns and footpaths. It is becoming a problem by invading Wetlands, irrigated areas and around drains.



Singapore daisy is present in coastal areas of Queensland.

Singapore daisy is a vigorous ground cover or low climbing plant that forms a mat. The leaves are lush glossy green, usually 3 lobed and in pairs up the stem 4–18 cm long and 1.5–8 cm wide. It produces yellow to orange-yellow daisy flowers about 2 cm. The flowers are held above the leaves on short leaf stalks. Seeds are elongated, brown 4–5 mm long. The amount of seed per flower varies greatly. Flowers mostly spring to autumn but will flower all year round. Most reproduction is vegetative, from stems nodes & is mainly spread by cuttings via slashing and pruning. As Singapore daisy likes to establish in disturbed areas, pre plan revegetation of the area you are clearing. Take extra care when mowing or slashing around areas planted where Singapore daisy is planted so small fragments are not spread to other locations. It spreads rapidly and smothers seedling, ferns and shrubs and will out-compete them for survival.

Singapore daisy is invading all different environmental areas, even living in sand. Singapore daisy will even grow through lawns if uncontrolled.

Hand pull and dig up runners. The plant will regrow from the smallest cutting so dispose of waste carefully. Either burn waste according to council bylaws or put into a black plastic bag and place in the sun for a few days to kill the plant before putting into the refuse bin. Repeat hand pulling will need to be done as a seed bank may need germinate over a period of time in response to weather events and other activities that disturb the soil in the area. **Please see below for herbicide treatment options. Remember to read herbicide labels carefully before use and always use herbicide in accordance with the directions on the label.**

Singapore daisy is a category 3 restricted invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act 2014. It must not be given away, sold, or released into the environment. The Act requires everyone to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks associated with invasive plants under their control. This is called a general biosecurity obligation (GBO).

Herbicide treatment options for Singapore Daisy

Situation	Herbicide	Rate	Registration status	Comments
Native pastures, rights-of-way, commercial and industrial areas	Metsulfuron-methyl 600 g/L (e.g. Nufarm Associate)	10 g per 100 L water plus wetting agent	APVMA PER11463 (permit expires 30/06/2023)	Spray thoroughly to wet all foliage, but not to cause run-off Minimise contact with desirable species Only use products registered for Singapore daisy

CSDE REUNION

PAST, PRESENT AND STAFF
ARE INVITED TO A REUNION

29TH JULY 2023

KYDOBI COUNTRY PARK,
126 HUME ROAD, BIBOOHRA

TICKETS - ADULTS \$25 U18 FREE
BOOKING ONLINE <https://www.trybooking.com/CGHNW>

Meet & Greet at 1pm

Memorabilia display
Bring your own

Mareeba Lions Club: BBQ
and Sausage Sizzle

RAFS – early
childhood support
for littlies

Kurdaz Country Band

Free Camping
Friday & Saturday nights

Cricket Queensland
Fun games for all ages

Happy Hour - BYO

Talent Quest and
Red Faces

MORE INFORMATION
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Supported by the
Cairns School of Distance Education and CSDE P&C

May 2023 Project Update

Since our previous update, the Kidston Pumped Storage Hydro Project (located at the old Kidston Gold Mine outside of Einasleigh and in the heart of Etheridge Shire) has been “making hay whilst the sun shines”. Key developments include:

Wises Dam (Upper Reservoir)

- Completion of the Wises Dam bulk earthworks and commencement of HDPE liner placement on the upstream face.
- Pumping of 28GL of water into Wises Pit has commenced using the 6 x 850kW pumps.



Underground Works

- The powerhouse cavern is progressing well with the construction of the tunnel roof well underway.
- The ventilation shaft (4.1m diameter) has been successfully completed using raise-bore techniques and the machine has now moved to bore the cable shaft.
- Tunnelling of the underground audits and main access tunnel continues.



Looking into the Powerhouse Cavern



Raise Bore Machine in Operation

Additional details surrounding the project are provided through the Genex website www.genexpower.com.au or can be requested by email to info@genexpower.com.au

Please direct any expressions of interest to the MDJHJV Email: ProcurementQLD@k2hydro.com

Genex Power is the 100% owner of the Kidston Clean Energy Hub, in which the 250MW pumped hydro project will supplement the existing 50MW solar farm; and 50% owner of the 258 MW wind farm project expected to start construction next year.

Let's have a chat about mental well-being in rural communities

Attend a free  workshop

Helpful, practical information
for you, your family, friends
and community

Tuesday 6 June

Etheridge Shire Hall
GEORGETOWN

Wednesday 7 June

QCWA Hall
FORSAYTH

Thursday 8 June

Memorial Hall
EINASLEIGH

Friday 9 June

Town Hall
MT SURPRISE

Rural Minds is designed by and for people living and working in rural Australia. The workshops address mental well-being issues in a safe and relaxed way.

For information about Rural Minds, please contact sue.phillips@health.qld.gov.au

FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

9am to 5pm - morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided

Workshop registration

Email: Cheryl.Portch@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Phone: Cheryl Portch - 0402 558 872

Space is limited. Register today.

**Includes
leathercraft
workshop**



TRACC
Tackling Regional Access through
Coordinated Communities

Proudly
supported by



Rural & Remote
Mental Health



win
one of three
\$500
gift cards!

My Circle
peer to peer
promotion
competition

Promote Kids Helpline's My Circle and go into the draw to win one of three \$500 teen gift cards.

how it works

Create a My Circle video with your peers, an artwork by yourself, create an Instagram story or post, a poem, a meme, or write a blurb in your local newsletter. The options are limitless, so get creative!

The first 30 entries will receive a \$50 teen gift voucher for entering – so get in quick!

Terms & Conditions can be obtained from Etheridge Shire Council
Community Development & Event Officer
Email: cheryl.portch@etheridge.qld.gov.au
Mobile: 0402 558872

Contact us at
khlcircles@kidshelpline.com.au

Learn more and see full
terms & conditions here



RURAL AND REGIONAL DIGITAL SKILLS PROGRAM

With the rise of digital transformation and drastic changes in workplace scenarios, everyone must have digital skills whether to support their business, develop a portfolio of skills while at school, transition to new career or keep pace with changes in technology.

The FutureSkills4U Regional and Rural QLD Digital Skills Program is a Queensland Government Initiative that provides free digital training to Regional and Rural Queenslanders over 12 through the Go1 platform as part of the Queensland Government Digital Workforce Action Plan.

Digital skills training brings with it a world of possibilities. Demand for people with digital skills is creating great opportunities to establish long-term, fulfilling careers. A job in digital can open the door to a secure, well paid and respected career.



COURSES

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CERTIFICATES

For every course you complete you will be rewarded with Queensland Government branded certificates that provide validation of your training and can be added to your resume or portfolio.

Power Learners, those that complete a significant number of courses will be in the running for additional awards.



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The FutureSkills4U Regional and Rural QLD Digital Skills Program is a part of a Queensland Government Initiative that provides free digital training to Regional and Rural Queenslanders through the Go 1 platform.

The training is self service on demand. All you need is a browser and a computer, tablet or device with average specifications.

Because it is on demand and open until December 2023 you can fit learning amazing new skills around your current workload and schedule.

When registering your interest there are a few short questions to answer such as, Why do you want to increase your digital skills. This is because there are a limited number of placements and we want to be assured that learners are committed and interested in completing at least one course.

The FutureSkills4U Rural and Regional Digital Skills Development Program is run by the Australian Impact Group.

The Australian Impact Group is a regionally based organisation that supports organisations and individuals to be forward focused and agile.

The Australian Impact Group has provided advisory services and program design to Incubation Hubs, Local and State Government, Private Enterprise, Defence Primes and Large Corporates.



INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATIONS

All Queenslanders 12 and up are eligible who reside in rural or regional Queensland AND who will commit to completing at least one course (you can do as many as you like).

Individuals can register with the program and get access to the Go1 Platform for free by registering online.



GROUP REGISTRATIONS

We work through schools, incubation hubs, chambers of commerce and directly with individuals and businesses.

Contact us to discuss registering your cohort as a group.

CONTACT US



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Tablelands Allied Health Outreach Service

Mt Surprise, Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown & Croydon

What services do we offer?

**Dietetics
Social Work
Physiotherapy
Speech Pathology
Occupational Therapy**

To access these services please contact your local Primary Health Centre / RFDS who will assess your concerns and if appropriate, send the referral through to us. Once triaged, appointments will then be offered (via phone call) by our Atherton Outreach Team.

All referrals must be received at least two weeks prior to our visit.

TELEHEALTH SERVICES

If you miss out on an appointment or the service you require isn't visiting on this run, we also offer Telehealth and Telephone consultations with some of the Primary Health Centres.

Please contact Allied Health Admin on 40910467 to discuss an appointment.

2023 DATES (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

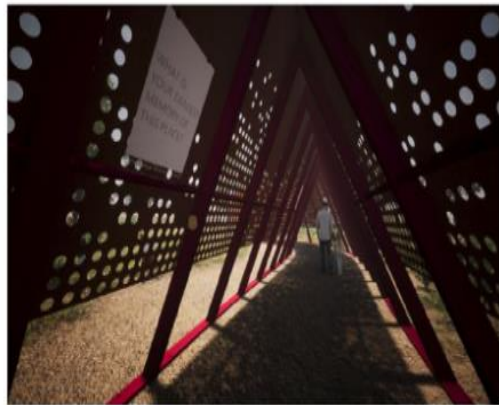
MAY	9 th – 11 th	Physio & Speech
JULY	18 th – 20 th	Physio, Occupational Therapy & Social Work
SEPT	12 th – 14 th	Physio, Speech & Occupational Therapy
NOV	14 th – 16 th	Physio, Dietetics & Social Work



Community Consultation

'Thank you to all the 110 participants who undertook the community consultation regarding the look of new pavilions and landmarks to boost our tourism. See the top 5 results and stay tuned.'





Top 5



Top 5



1st and 2nd of July
2023

Discovery Park Mt Surprise
9am Start both days.

Silver Smithing Workshop

Two-day Silver Smithing Workshop coordinated by Chelsea Smith. A credited Jeweler and Artist. Chelsea lives on a cattle station south of Hughenden with her husband and three children. She has a successful Jewelry business called "Little Pearlers" and runs these wonderful events to expand your hand in silver smithing. So come along and create new your skills!

Please book your spot with Shannon via 0429051007. Before the 29th of June.

For two days a fee of \$80.00 is attached for the cost of morning tea and lunch provided by the Mt Surprise P&C committee. If only attending one day please indicate on booking and payment.

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INFORMATION ON HOW TO ACCESS THE HEALTH CENTRE FOR NON-URGENT BOOKINGS AND EMERGENCIES AFTER HOURS

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Mon – Fri 9am -12pm & 2pm – 4pm

Sat/Sun/Public Holidays 10pm – 12pm

FOR NON-URGENT CONSULTS BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

PLEASE CALL AHEAD OF ARRIVING WHEREVER POSSIBLE SO THAT THE NURSE CAN MAKE A BOOKING (4062 1266). WHEN THE NURSE IS WITH ANOTHER PATIENT YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE A MESSAGE ON OUR ANSWERING SYSTEM AND YOUR CALL WILL BE ANSWERED IN TURN.

EMERGENCIES ONLY WILL BE SEEN AFTER HOURS – CALL 000 OR PRESS THE RED EMERGENCY BUTTON AT THE HEALTH CENTRE FRONT DOOR

The clinic phone is diverted afterhours to the answering machine from 4.00pm to 8am the next morning, and when the nurse is taking a fatigue break or attending an emergency away from the health centre.

The 2 message prompts AFTERHOURS are:

- 1. If you have an emergency hang up and Ring Triple 000.**
 - a. The Ambulance call centre will contact the Nurse on Duty, while taking your details.
 - i. The Nurse may call you back for more information or the Ambulance will be sent to your location from Georgetown.
- 2. Leave your name and phone number and the nurse will return you call next day (non-urgent enquiries).**

PATIENT TRAVEL BOOKINGS

Can be made on Mondays and Wednesdays between 2pm and 4pm

RFDS DR BOOKINGS

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Remote Area Families Service (RAFS) Factsheet

About RAFS and what it provides

The Remote Area Families Service is an Early Childhood program designed to support children and families in rural and remote Queensland and the Barkly Tablelands of the Northern Territory, who live beyond the reach of mainstream services. Our service aims to support parents' needs in relation to the early childhood development and education of their children in rural, remote and isolated areas. The focus of the service is directed at all families with children aged birth to 5 years regardless of their cultural or religious background.

RAFS operates throughout QLD from five bases:

- Charleville
- Emerald (based in Mackay)
- Longreach
- Mt Isa
- North Queensland (based in Mareeba)

Please note: We do not provide a babysitting service during any of our events. RAFS staff are unable to take sole responsibility of children during the play sessions.

Ways to access the service

The early childhood program targets children aged from birth to five years; however, if older siblings wish to participate, they are most welcome. The experiences that are planned for the birth to five year old children are play based and use the Early Years Learning Framework as a point of reference. The team will aim to be a consistent presence in the families and children's lives through a variety of ways. Families can contact the RAFS team and request face-to-face contact any time during the year.

Playgroups

RAFS playgroups are an excellent opportunity for families to come together and experience a wide variety of early learning activities. Playgroup allows children to play in a relaxed, informal setting, where they can interact with other children, make choices, explore, share ideas and learn to work cooperatively and independently.

Home Visits

Home visits, as the name suggests, are when a RAFS team visits a family, in their home, at a mutually suitable time. A home visit differs significantly from a playgroup. Spending one on one time with children is an opportunity for the RAFS team to tailor the program exclusively to each child. Sharing time with the whole family, being able to let children take the lead in showing the RAFS team their home, is wonderful for self-esteem and confidence building. Home visits will normally take the form of either a morning or afternoon/overnight visit.

Events

At times RAFS may be able to attend Community group or organization events outside the UnitingCare network. Examples include the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Schools of Distance Education. We do require a written invitation to attend these events, please contact your local RAFS team for more information.

Resources, support and guidance

RAFS teams offer guidance and support in the area of early childhood development and parenting by trained and/or experienced field staff. This can be done through:

- Referral to other professionals
- Art and craft resources
- Kit boxes and resources
- Newsletters
- Phone and email support
- Information and support packs

Contact us

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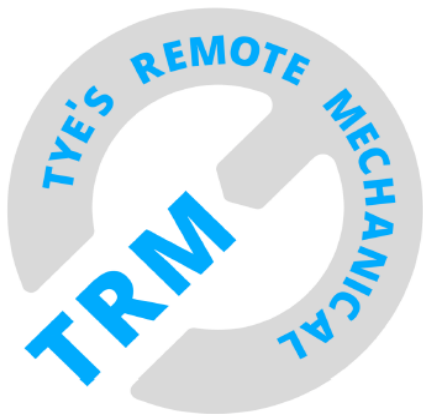
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For all enquiries please call (07) 4062 1145 or email:
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Calendar of Community Events 2023

June

21st – Etheridge Shire Council General Meeting

24th – 30th – Cairns to Karumba Bike Ride

30th – 2nd – Oak Park Races

July

14-16th – Einasleigh Camp Draft

19th - Etheridge Shire Council General Meeting

23rd – Einasleigh Christmas in July

August

4th – Etheridge Show Holiday

5th – Forsayth Turnout

11th -12th – Georgetown Campdraft

16th – Etheridge Shire Council General Meeting

Inspirational quote of the month

Success is not final

Failure is not fatal

It is the courage to continue that counts



INFORM ARTICLES

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