

# *Etheridge Shire Council*

# *Inform Newsletter*

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Edition 7, July 2019

## **GEORGETOWN BOARS 'N' BOWLS**

**25<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY**





## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

A hearty hello to all,

Long live the cooler nights and lovely sunny days!

The month of July has seen Cr Loudon and myself travel to WA, attending the Developing Northern Australia Conference in Karratha which cemented Councils belief that we are on the right track with our vision for developing the Gilbert River agricultural project. Tourism is also one of our Shire's most promising attributes. Sustainability and diversification are paramount for ensuring our future prosperity.



David (CEO), Cr Loudon and myself travelled to Oak Park for a community meeting. Nick Trompf (CEO) and Trent Twomey (CHAIR) from Advance Cairns attended and spoke at the meeting. It was a good meeting which highlighted the importance of our road networks; in particular the Hann Highway and the Gulf Development road which play a pivotal role in developing our region.

Unfortunately, that night mother nature played havoc with the weather causing the Oak Park races to be cancelled. Here's hoping for good weather next year!

Quick updates on the projects Council have underway.

### **Sport and Rec building**

Works are proceeding well and the building is looking amazing. This multi sports complex will allow both older and younger citizens to enjoy sporting activities. 'GRAND OPENING SOON' – WATCH THIS SPACE!!

### **Charleston Dam**

The dam is also progressing well and I'm confident the project will be completed before the wet season this year! The pipe-line is well and truly under way with the fish ladder already finished.

Council have passed a resolution to commence an upgrade on the Terrestrial Building which will see our tourism information centre transformed into a modern, interactive tourist attraction, supporting local tourism ventures throughout the Gulf region.



**Machinery working on the Pipeline. (Forsayth)**

**Cheers 'til next month!**  
**Warren Devlin | Mayor**

## FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESK



### FINANCIAL UPDATE 2018/19

The financial year has come and gone and we are now almost 1 month into the new 2019/20 financial year.

As at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Council's total revenue from ordinary activities amounted to \$25.970M, total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$22.981M and capital funding received amounted to \$1.791M.

Council completed \$6.450M in Capital works during the financial year.

Council will be reporting an Operating Surplus of \$2.989M with a Net result of \$3.419M.

This is another display of good financial stewardship for the 2018/19 financial year from both Management and Councillors.

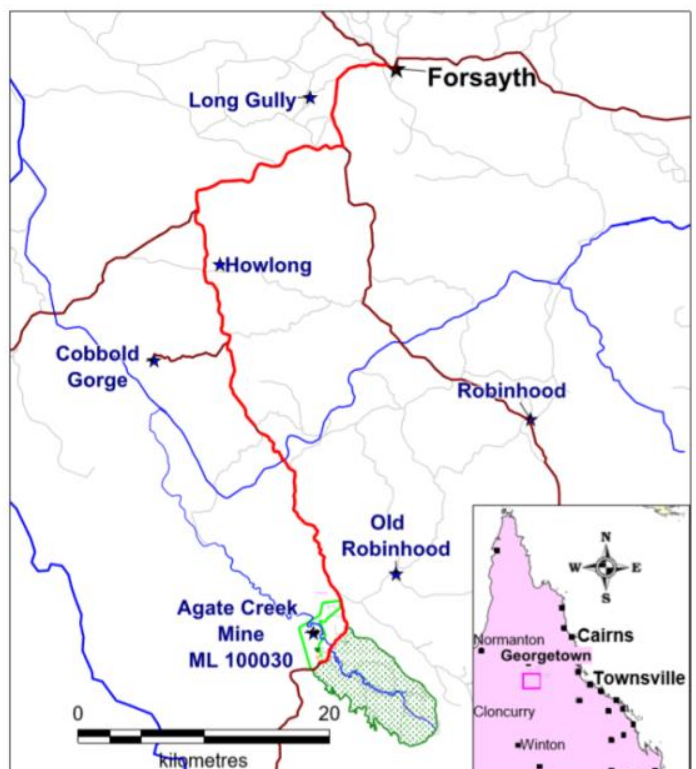
### AUDIT 2018/19

Council's Finance Team is busy preparing Council's financial statements for the 2018/19 financial year, with a comprehensive set of financial statements being presented to Council at the August General Meeting for endorsement prior to issuing the statements to Council's External Auditor.

Council's external auditor will be on-site during the week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> August to undertake the final audit of Council for the 2018/19 financial year.

### MINING ACTIVITIES

As mentioned in previous editions of the Inform, Council would like to remind everyone to take care if you are travelling along the Agate Creek Road, Georgetown-Forsayth Road, Gulf Developmental Road, Kennedy Highway and the Gregory Developmental Road as there will be an increase in road activity, due to the Mining activity occurring at Agate Creek.



## **ANNUAL FOOD LICENCE RENEWAL**

Council has issued its annual food renewal licences to all food retailers within the Shire. It is planned for Council's consulting Food Inspector to be on-site over the coming weeks to conduct inspections.

If you haven't received your renewal letter, please do not hesitate to contact Ian Kuhn (Director Corporate & Community Services) on 4079 9007 to discuss.

## **NEW DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL**

At the July General Meeting, Council approved a Development Application for the Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation for a Material Change of Use (Impact Assessment) for Tourism (Major) for Talaroo Hot Springs.

The application was acknowledged by Council on the 7th May 2019 and issued a "Confirmation Notice" to the applicant.

The application is seeking development approval for re-establishing a tourist development focused on the existing Hot Springs on land at Talaroo Station, Talaroo.

The hot springs are an important cultural site to the Ewamian People, a unique environmental asset, and a strategic tourism asset to the Savannah Way, Far North Queensland, Etheridge Shire and the broader community.

The reopening of this tourism experience, with the associated accommodation and facilities, promotes tourism diversity and economic development in the region and compliments the offering of nearby operators, including the Undara Lava Tubes (Undara Outback Adventure). The springs natural, cultural and economic values are of local, state and national significance. This proposal will also provide infrastructure that contributes to the protection of the hot springs.

The Decision Notice which was issued for a Material Change of Use – (Impact Assessment) for Tourism (Major) Talaroo Hotsprings, Talaroo Station was for the purpose of:

- 35 unpowered camping sites;
- 50 powered camping/caravan sites (25 initially with a further 25 dependent on demand);
- 10 glamping sites (luxury cabins) (5 initially with a further 5 dependent on demand);
- Hub – Welcome centre, with ticketing, café, kitchen, amenities and retail space, pool and hot and cold spas, yarning circle;
- Staff accommodation, communal kitchen with yarning circle, amenities and showers block;
- Ability to operate cultural gatherings/festivals/events;
- Ancillary facilities including new boardwalks throughout the site, interpretive displays



and information/signage, public art, new private internal road, set down areas, parking areas etc;

- Wellness Centre (longer term)

Council sincerely wishes the Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation all the very best with this Development and Council looks forward to seeing the vision of the Corporation become reality over the coming year.

## **BUILDING & PLUMBING WORKS**

Over the past month I have been inundated with questions and complaints regarding Building & Plumbing works.

If you are thinking about undertaking any building works either renovating, extensions to existing buildings or new building works, it is more than likely that you will be required to lodge a Building application prior to commencing any associated works.

Council can assist you with your questions; however you will need to engage a “Private Building Certifier” to undertake the assessment, approval and inspections (as & when required).

In relation to plumbing works, Council’s plumber, Mr Terry O’Connell can assist you with any questions that you may have in relation to plumbing related works and in addition Council can also approve your Plumbing Application.

It can become complicated if you undertake the Building & Plumbing works first then seek approval later, as you may find that you have undertaken non-compliant works in accordance with the relevant Building & Plumbing legislation and the associated codes. This could be costly if you need to alter or replace what you have already constructed.

## **HANN HIGHWAY PROJECT**

Stage 3 has commenced.

- Side track construction has been completed and approved for use. Side track now in use.
- The majority of the bulk excavation has been completed and the formation of the subgrade has commenced.
- Council has arranged quotes for the seal of Stage 3 and it is envisaged that Council will be sealing this section within the next month.

Council has been officially notified that by the Department of Transport & Main Roads that Councils submission for stage 4 of the Hann Highway Project has been accepted for another 4km’s. Council has until the 31<sup>st</sup> December to complete Stage 4.

## PROJECTS

The Multi-Purpose Sports Complex is nearing completion with Council negotiating with the Contractors to undertake some minor alterations and improvements to the facility. There is still works to be completed in the Multi-Purpose room, Gym & Squash Court.

The outdoor playing area surface has been laid, with line marking completed. The bowling green is completed except for the ditches, which require further works.

The project is a slightly behind the estimated time schedule, however the positive news is that the building is within the approved Budget.



In closing, if anyone has any issues or concerns regarding Council or Councils Operations please do not hesitate to contact me or call into the Shire's Administration Office, to discuss.

**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!



## **WATER SUPPLY GEORGETOWN**

### **BASE LEVEL 1 RESTRICTIONS**

The level of water in Well 1 in the Etheridge River has fallen to more than 1 meter below full. Under Etheridge Shire Council's current Drought Management Plan this level is a trigger point for a reduction in restriction of water usage. **Level 1 restriction** 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**

**The following restrictions are effective from  
midnight on [Sunday 19 May 2019](#)**

#### **ZONE A**

- 1. The use of two (2) sprinklers or soaker hoses is permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 5.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. only.**
- 2. The use of micro irrigation systems fitted with timers is permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. (ie from 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night)**

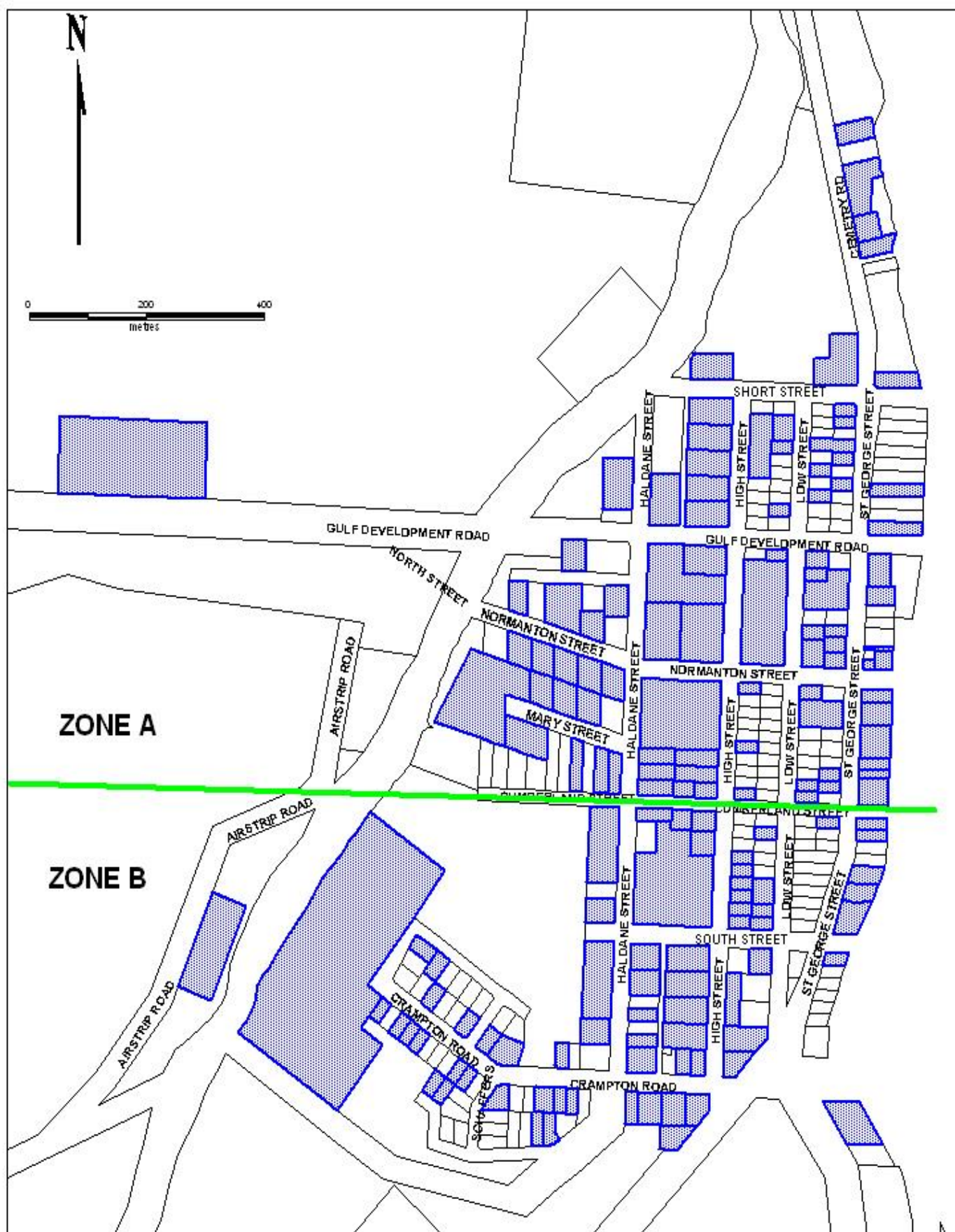
#### **ZONE B**

- 1. The use of two (2) sprinklers or soaker hoses is permitted on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays between 5.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. only.**
- 2. The use of micro irrigation systems fitted with timers is permitted on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays between 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m. (ie from 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday night)**

- The use of evaporative cooler/air conditioners is permitted at all times.**
- Use of one (1) only hand held hose is permitted at all times. The nozzle end of hoses, which are not being used in the prescribed manner, shall be placed adjacent to the tap. The hose is to be coiled adjacent the tap, when not under hand held use.**

Breaches of these restrictions may result in a penalty.





**ZONE A**

**ZONE B**



**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

Water Zones - Georgetown

Date of Issue: Sept 2009

# 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**



## Etheridge Shire Council

### Public Notice of General Meetings for 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;

Month	Date	Venue	Time
August	Wednesday, 21 August 2019	Georgetown	8.00am
September	Wednesday, 18 September 2019	Georgetown	8.00am
October	Wednesday, 16 October 2019	Georgetown	8.00am
November	Wednesday, 20 November 2019	Georgetown	8.00am
December	Wednesday, 18 December 2019	Georgetown	8.00am

David Munro  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Po Box 12  
GEORGETOWN QLD 4871





Little Gems  
Children's Centre

Whats Happening At Little Gems...

## NAIDOC WEEK 2019

Voice. Treaty. Truth.



Flag Painting



Experimenting with our own "Bush Tucker"



Boomerang throwing down the river



## Walking through the Jungle....





## WELCOME BACK JANE!

We welcomed back Jane & Lex this month as they returned from their 3 month holiday touring Australia!



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

VISIT FROM IAN MCINTOSH 9AM- 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
FORSAYTH TURNOUT/ETHERIDGE SHOW HOLIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST  
SCIENCE WEEK 12<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE  
MELBOURNE CUP VISITS GEORGETOWN EXCURSION -12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
BOOK WEEK 19<sup>TH</sup>-23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST

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### Can Recycling

Leave Your Aluminium Cans at Our Recycle Centre

All Money Raised Will Be Donated To The Royal Flying Doctors Service.

No plastics or rubbish please!

**Aluminium Cans Only**



Cans are collected from the centre by Lyle, who takes them to the Georgetown Roadhouse for free transportation to the recyclers in Cairns. A great community effort. Our last shipment of cans raised \$611.10 for the RFDS!



# GEORGETOWN STUDENT HOSTEL

## DRESS UP AS A FAIRY TALE CHARACTER FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL





# Georgetown Student Hostel est. 1968

The Georgetown Student Hostel prides itself on being a "home away from home" where children are cared for in a "family" environment. The hostel offers modern facilities and can accommodate up to 28 Primary School Students to complete their education at the Georgetown State School.

Anyone interested is welcome to visit and take a tour.

For all enquiries:

Phone: (07) 4062 1145

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



## **IMPORTANT CHANGES** to **HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION** in Georgetown



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

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



# TerrEstrial

The Ted Elliott Mineral Collection

Terrestrial is now open 7 days a week during our tourist season.

If you've never had the chance to look inside your own backyard, now is the time to pop in and wander through the amazing collection and our historical artefacts on display. The Ted Elliott Mineral Collection is not just a collection of rocks, we have fossils of which a lot have been found locally, two entire rooms of beautiful agate, one of those rooms solely dedicated to local agate from Agate Creek. Crystals and gems from Australia and around the world, a gold and silver room with enough worth to inspire you to buy a detector, a fluorescent room that glows under black light and a rough to smooth room showcasing the imagination of the minds that create stunning jewellery. The historical stories and letters on the walls of first settlers, gold and other metal mining days and photographs of days gone by will fascinate for hours.

Come in and see us at the visitor centre, you won't be disappointed.



## From the Georgetown Police

In relation to the house fire that occurred in the early hours of 12 July 2019 at 10 Normanton Street, Georgetown.

The Acting Officer in Charge of the Georgetown Police Station, Drew FINLAY, would like to thank all of the people that were involved in the task of putting out the fire that night.

I didn't take the time to get to know everyone that helped, however, to Anna CHRISTENSEN who initially reported and helped at the fire, to Dave GODDARD and to members of the local SES, ERGON and the Etheridge Shire Council who were there and supplied equipment and assistance.

All their combined efforts and equipment were crucial to, not only suppressing the fire, but to preventing the fire spreading to other houses and surrounding grass.

Further, I would like to extend my best wishes to the McFARLANE family who lost their house and some precious memories in the fire.

I enjoyed my time in Georgetown and look forward to coming back some day.

My best wishes for your community and to the people that make it safe to live there.

Kind regards,

**Drew FINLAY**

**OIC Georgetown Station.**

# **TerrEstrial Mid Year Markets**

Many thanks to all those who supported this year's markets. We raised **\$2,000** that will be held in trust for the next family in crisis.



A huge Thanks to the Garden Crew, Reed Fisher, Ross & Jeannie Delacour, Emma Willis, Teagan Boland, Lee Butler, Karen Remfrey, Ashton White, Tony Gallagher, John Bryan, The Wenaru, Ian Carrol, Graham Steele, Camilla French, Brent Mortimer, The Etheridge Shire Council & The Georgetown Progress Association for your generous donation of either your time, cooking & donating delicious food and the use of lights. Couldn't have done it without you all.



## **GEORGETOWN GOLF CLUB INVITES YOU TO**



## **COME ALONG AND PLAY IN PINK FOR CANCER**

**SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER NINE HOLE  
AMBROSE  
TEE OFF AT 10AM**



**DINNER WILL BE AVAILABLE ON  
SATURDAY EVENING.**



**COME ALONG, HAVE SOME FUN AND SUPPORT  
A GREAT CAUSE**





# **Georgetown State Emergency Services Team**

In amongst the everyday activities that keep us all busy, the local SES team found time to get some serious training completed and some well-earned promotions were in order for the volunteer group! This past weekend saw the team complete Road Crash Rescue training with our awesome trainers Mark and Wayne coming out from Cairns, clearing us all fit and certified for rescue service. Thanks to a dedicated team and some hard work, we are proud to announce the promotion of Field Officer to Bec Dance, Paul Moody and Lyle Stacpoole. Well done and much appreciation to all concerned. Special thanks to Julie (Mum) Dance for keeping us all fed and well organised for a very productive weekend.





The Forsayth Rural Fire Brigade has finally been successful in obtaining a new and more modern fire fighting appliance.

The new appliance, a Ford Ranger, comes complete with an updated high pressure pump that couples with new and improved water delivery hoses and fittings - improving water efficiency and prolonging the appliance's fire fighting capabilities when deployed.

The new appliance comes complete with updated first aid capabilities including an automatic external defibrillator and extensive first aid kit.



The old appliance has been returned to QFES in preparation for being re-homed to a rural brigade after completing 23,000km of service within the Forsayth and wider Etheridge Shire.

The Brigade has over the past 12 months completed 222 hours of hazard mitigation and response to wild fires including Georgetown in recent months.

A special thanks to all Brigade members both active and support for the giving of their time in helping the Brigade achieve it's objectives of providing an effective and confident response capability to the Forsayth and wider Etheridge community.

The Brigade would like to thank the Rural Fire for their ongoing support to the Forsayth Brigade.

**The Brigade would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the best means of contact when reporting a fire or needing emergency assistance is 000. Firecom hold a complete list of brigade members and their phone numbers.**





# FORSAYTH TURNOUT & ETHERIDGE SHOW

August 2 & 3 at the Forsayth Show Grounds

## FRIDAY



## NQRA Affiliated RODEO

Total RODEO Prizemoney up for grabs \$4400

**Stock Contractor - Bethel Bucking Bulls**

Rodeo Event & Feature Barrel Race commencing at 1pm



Open Bulls (18yrs & over) \$1500

**WD & SL  
Smith Electrical**

Juvenile Bulls (13 - 17yrs) \$800



Calf Ride (12yrs & under) \$400



Poddy Ride \$200

**Tricky's Trax /  
Peter Terry**

Barrel Race \$1500

A huge shoutout & thanks  
to our **SPONSORS!**



Friday night - Yabbie Races

## Entertainment on both Friday & Saturday Nights by Ali S

## SATURDAY

## ETHERIDGE SHOW

- FREE Admission
- FREE Exhibit Entries
- Licensed Bar
- Great Food
- Professional Exhibits
- Camping Facilities on Grounds
- Motorbike Raffle
- School Projects Display
- Cent Sale Raffle
- Entertainment during the day by **WINDY WIZARD**



## Novelty Events

- Greasy Pig Chase
- Dog Jumping Contest
- Whip Cracking Comp
- Kids Foot Race
- Lolly Drop for the Kids
- Dingo Derby
- Race one - big dogs
- Race Two - little dogs
- Ironman Comp
- Balloon Throwing
- Mens & Ladies 50m Foot Races
- 3-Legged Race
- Kick a Goal
- Bungee Pull
- Billy Boiling Comp
- Stock Relay Challenge
- Hula Hoop Comp
- Tug O War

Saturday Evening - Auction

**FIREWORKS AT 8:30pm**

**Bar open til Midnight**

"Ali S performed for our festival and was such a fantastic addition to the line-up. He is an Australian talent who wowed the crowd when he performed; he had everyone on their feet and singing along to all of his tunes. He is an absolute true blue Australian gem."  
— Tammy Roberts, Event Manager Julia Creek



Enquires to: President - Simon Terry 0400 898 409, Treasurer - Jennifer Pugh 0448 164 684

Nominations to: Secretary - Veronica Loudon 0428 716 022 FORSAYTH ALL SPORTS CLUB INC.



# 81st Annual Georgetown Bushman's Ball

Etheridge Shire Hall, Saturday 5th October 2019

Doors Open 7pm - Bar Until 1am

Admission: Adults \$25 -  
Pensioners & Over 13 - \$10

FINGER FOOD PROVIDED

Live Entertainment by 'KURDAZ'

Prizes for Bull of the Ball, Matron of the Ball, Mick of the Mob, Belle  
of the Ball, Miss Moo and Mini Mick

Goose Club Raffle & Lucky Door Prize

Damper Derby & Best Brownie

Hairdressers Available:

Lyn from Hair Logix - 0427 845 107

Sam from Ravenshoe Hair and Beauty - 0400 412 269

For more information contact Jodi Kernan on 0428 546 349.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - BAR STAFF

The Georgetown Bushman's Ball Association is calling expressions of interest for interested persons or a community group who would like to work the bar for our Annual Bushman's Ball on Saturday 5th October 2019. This is a long standing community event and we are a very small organisation needing your assistance.

3 Positions Available

\$25 per person per hour

Cash payment

RSA and previous experience preferred



\* Would be required to work from 7pm to 1.00am - bar will be stocked upon opening but will be workers responsibility to restock etc.

Please contact Jodi Kernan for further details 0428546349



# GEORGETOWN BOARS 'N' BOWLS

Georgetown Boars N Bowls 2019 was a great success. We had an incredible amount of support from all over the country with teams coming from as far as Mt Isa in the west and also teams from Victoria and NSW.

The 2019 hunt SMASHED last year's numbers out of the park!

With a combined total weight of 15 533.95kg! (2018 was 10 888.10kg)  
388 pigs in total made it to the scales yesterday. (2018 was 260pigs)

Well done to all the teams who participated this year and the volunteers who helped us out on weigh in day and the days leading up to the hunt.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank all the sponsors of this event for your contributions this year. Without the sponsors we wouldn't be able to hold this every year. We are still working out the final donation amount for the RFDS for 2019.

## Category winners:

Biggest Boar 1st - Tuffa than Tusk 96.5kg

Biggest Boar 2nd - Gilbert River Boars 88.5kg

Biggest Boar 3rd - Ghost Busters 85kg

Biggest Sow 1st - Ghost Busters 103.5kg

Biggest Sow 2nd/3rd - Boar Hoars and AGB 66kg.

Aggregate Weight 1st- Pleasant Creek Piggers 1813.15kg

Aggregate Weight 2nd- Ghost Busters 1737.30kg

Aggregate Weight 3rd - Boar Hoars 1686.60kg

Biggest Tusk - Gilbert River Boars 176mm

Babe & Boar - Taylor - Ghost Busters 79kg

Youngest Hunter (3-10yrs) Nathaniel 4yrs- Boar Terrain 73kg

Youngest Hunter (10-16yrs) Blake 11yrs - Out&About 71kg

Mystery Weight 40.03kg - Stick it to 'em - 40kg



Stay tuned for the finalised donation amount and we can't wait to see you all next year!

Cheers

Mick Le Brocq

**WENARU HOTEL PRESENTS...**

# **POOL & DARTS COMP**

**\$5 entry for each pool and darts**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

**Start 6pm**

→ **Pizza & Garlic Bread**

→ **Raffles**

**Starting \$20 jackpot for both pool and darts**

**For entry or further enquiries Ph: 0400 533 298 or 4062 1208**

*Thank you*

**We would like to sincerely thank the Georgetown Progress Association for generously sponsoring the 2019 Rodeo Street Parade. It was a great success.**

**A special thank you to Julie Dance for organizing the Parade and encouraging participants to enter.**

**Congratulations to all the prize winners and thank you to all who participated.**

**Without your efforts the annual Georgetown Rodeo Street Parade would not continue.**

***Wenaru Hotel***





# END OF SEASON SALE

**Buy Local**

**Come along Have Some Fun**

**Gifts & Xmas Presents**

**Even That 'treat' For Yourself**

**Sterling Silver & 9ct Gold Jewellery**

**Scarves/Bags/Purses/Hats**

**Homewares....We've got the lot**

**It's all got to go at crazy prices**

**STARTS 1ST SEPTEMBER**

**P:40623055 THE GEM DEN**

**Next to the MtSurprise School**



# **FORSAYTH ALL SPORTS CLUB INC.**

Forsayth All Sports Club Inc.  
C/-Post Office  
FORSAYTH QLD 4871  
ABN: 34 703 657 939

President :- Simon Terry - Ph 0400898409  
Vice President - Michael Spence - Ph 0457888116  
Secretary—Veronica Loudon - Ph 0428716022  
Treasurer—Jennifer Pugh - Ph 0448164684

## **Win a Honda CRF230F**



A Special Thank  
You to Cairns  
Honda for their  
Ongoing Support

**\$10 per ticket**

**Raffle closes and drawn 3rd August 2019**

**RRP \$6,198 inc**

**Winner notified by phone**

**Prize does not include freight**

***(ONLY 2000 TICKETS BEING SOLD)***

***TICKETS AVAILBLE FROM: FINNIGAN'S REST FORSAYTH,  
BUSINESSES IN GEORGETOWN, OR BY CALLING 0448164684,***

***Orders can be emailed or posted to below address details.***

***Direct Debits welcome***

***Your generosity is greatly accepted and appreciated!***

Direct Deposit to: BSB: 633-000 Account No. 144196540  
Account Name: Forsayth All Sports Club Inc.—Use Name for Reference  
All cheques payable to:- Forsayth All Sports Club Inc.  
Post Payment to :- Jennifer Pugh, C/- Post Office, FORSAYTH QLD 4871  
Email: [forsaythallsportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:forsaythallsportsclub@gmail.com)





### **S.S.A.A. FORSAYTH & DISTRICT BRANCH INC**

Will be holding monthly Shoots and Bi Monthly General Meetings afterwards.

Where: S.S.A.A. Forsyth & District Branch Inc Gun Range

When: Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month @ 9am

#### **Rules:**

Rifle – Must have S.S.A.A financial membership and present card

Pistol – Must have S.S.A.A. Forsyth & District Branch Inc Club membership

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Shoot
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Shoot & General Meeting
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Shoot
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Shoot & General Meeting
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Shoot
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Shoot & General Meeting
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Shoot
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Shoot & General Meeting
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Shoot
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Shoot & General Meeting

Each event will have BBQ & Drinks available for purchase afterwards.

Raffles will also be held

For more details contact

President - Graham Loudon 0427 146 958

Vice President - Colin McFarlane 0427 578 957

Secretary – Jennifer Pugh 0448 164 684

Treasurer – Veronica Loudon 0428 716 022

Email: [forsayth@ssaaqld.org.au](mailto:forsayth@ssaaqld.org.au)

# GEORGETOWN RURAL SUPPLIES

24 ST GEORGE STREET

PHONE

40 621 553 OR 0447 015 372

- ✓ RIDLEY LNT URAMOL BLOCKS
- ✓ OLSSONS LICK BLOCKS
- ✓ ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTS INC POUR ONS, FLY SPRAYS  
& WORMERS
- ✓ VACCINES
- ✓ WEANER FEED
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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:

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# Northern Gulf Resource Management Group

The Stuart Andrews Natural Sequence Farming Field Day hosted by Northern Gulf and Werrington Station proved to be a huge success with 27 graziers and community members attending the day.

Stuart spoke to graziers about regenerative agriculture and three key principles; rehabilitation, rehydration and regeneration. Attendees on the day heard about contouring the land to slow and divert water flow to give the country an opportunity to increase its water intake and seep out into the land. Graziers also heard about the importance of regeneration through biodiversity and fertility in soils by increasing the production of organic matter, erosion management and reducing run off.

The day was practical and hands-on with attendees having the opportunity to ask questions specific to their own properties. Thank you to Stuart for taking the time to come to our region, and to Werrington Station for hosting and catering a great event.





# **Georgetown Primary Health Clinic**

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

## **Re: - Clinic Phones**

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

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

RFDS 40400500 or 000 – Ambulance for advice.

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

## **The Clinic needs more Volunteer Ambulance Drivers.**

What you need-

1. A current driver's licence.
2. A willingness to be 'on call' overnight and weekends.
3. A reasonable level of fitness as you will need to help carry equipment and assist with the stretcher.
4. A good local knowledge of properties and roads.
5. While 'on call' you cannot drink Alcohol. It is a requirement from QAS.
6. The Nurse will give an orientation to the Ambulance including how to use the stretcher and the Radio.

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

**Please call the Georgetown Clinic  
on 4062 12 66 for further  
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## School Dental team visiting Georgetown and Croydon



**1300 300 850**

Monday – Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm

All children aged 0-17 years are eligible for free dental treatment.

Visit Dates to **CROYDON**:

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August;
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Please call us on **1300 300 850** (between 8am – 4pm) to make an appointment. We look forward to seeing you!

## OUTREACH PHYSIOTHERAPY

The outreach physiotherapist visits Mt Surprise, Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown and Croydon on a 3-day trip about 5 times each year.

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

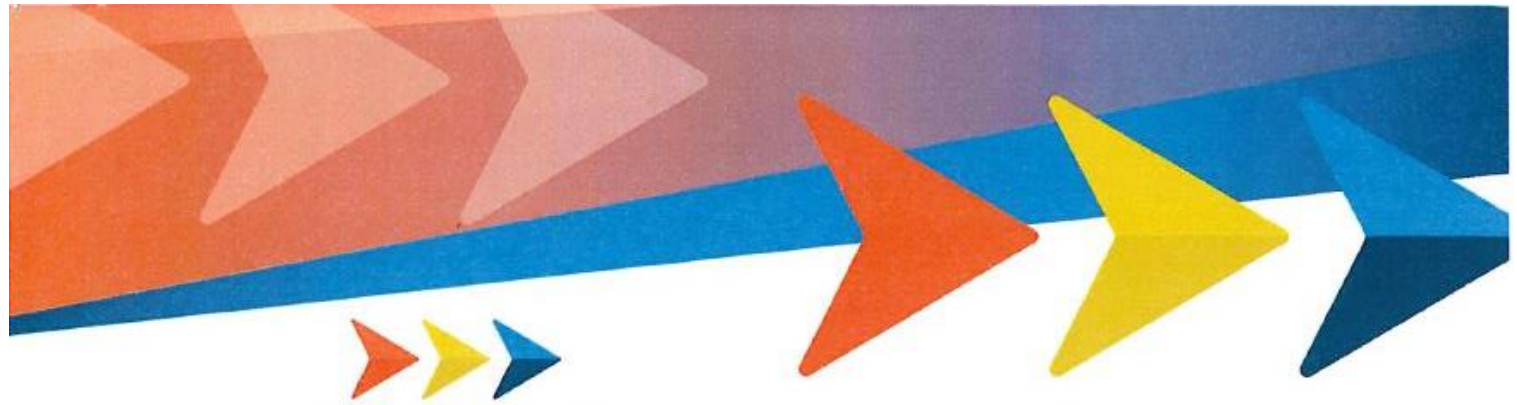
- musculoskeletal/sports injuries including fractures and muscle/joint pain
- balance/mobility difficulties
- recovery post surgery
- respiratory conditions including pneumonia, COPD
- paediatric development
- neurological conditions such as stroke, nerve damage, spinal injury
- burns

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- 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.





# NWRH

Operating in over 40 communities across rural regional and remote Queensland since 1993.

## Mental Health Professional

### John Christensen

John joined NWRH in January 2019. John is a Mental Health Nurse and has recently moved to North Queensland. John has 20 years experienced working with individuals, families and senior citizens. He really enjoys the travelling aspect of the role. John sees people of all ages and walks of life which keeps his clinical practice diversified.

#### Why is Mental Health important?

A Mental Health Professional can assist you to further your own personal wellbeing through:

- Providing treatment to foster optimal personal adjustment and development
- Empowering people to develop skills needed to resolve social and other problems
- Assisting health and community groups by raising awareness of healthy lifestyles

#### How to access our service:

Referral Pathway: **Please discuss with your GP a referral to this service.**

Visit: Your General Practitioner (GP); [www.connecttowellbeing.org.au](http://www.connecttowellbeing.org.au); OR Call [1300 020 390](tel:1300020390) to get started.

#### Service Itinerary:

Georgetown	Croydon:	Forsyth:
<b>May</b> Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup> <b>June</b> Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>May</b> Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> <b>June</b> Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>July</b> Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>May</b> Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> <b>June</b> Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> <b>July</b> Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup>



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# 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 e.g. 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 e.g. Stroke, multiple sclerosis
- Head and spinal injury
- Visual problems
- Dementia
- Emotional/psychological issues
- Learning or developmental delays

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**SEPT 16-18**

**PT and DT**

**NOV 25-27**

**PT and OT**

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## WHAT IS SOCIAL WORK?

Social Work is an Allied Health Professional Discipline. Social Workers are dedicated to helping people achieve optimum levels of personal and social wellbeing.

This Atherton Hospital Social Work service provides support in the Health setting in the Community - Counselling, Education, Advocacy individual & group settings.

Social Workers can be accessed in the Community setting, and can also be accessed in Rural & Remote Communities via Tele Health/Video conferencing.

Atherton Community Social Work can provide assistance for consumers in the Remote areas accessing -

- Anti- natal care in the Outpatient setting,
- Consumers receiving Chemotherapy in an Outpatient setting,
- Consumers in a Community setting including youth to aged care needs.
- Carer support.
- Palliative care concerns.

Tele Health allows for consumers to have access to services sooner, removes the need to travel to another center for care and allows interaction with Social Worker in a familiar environment.

If you would like to make a referral to Atherton Hospital Social Worker, or discuss a referral, please call 40910201.

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## Telehealth and video consultation services

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

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

### To contact the weekend telehealth service:

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

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

OR

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

### Services covered:

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

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**Our friendly staff are waiting to help you achieve the life YOU want!**

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



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- Savannah Way Logo Use
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This year there is a major new bonus from our Regional Tourism Organisation, Tourism Tropical North Queensland!

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- a website listing on TTNQ's corporate and consumer websites to drive bookings to the listed business
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## A Message from the Gulf Cattleman's Association

2019 is proving to be a year of unprecedented events for our industry here in the Gulf, across our nation and globally. We have witnessed parts of our industry being devastated by floods and droughts, watched the debate continue on our Live Export Trade and Global Markets adjust to new trade agreements.

As your northern industry representative, the Gulf Cattleman's Association continues to advocate on your behalf by involvement in the political area and with associated industry bodies. Our continued presence in these areas ensures that your voice is heard and your representations are taken forward.

As we move into the future, a future that needs to be determined by us, it is important to build our membership numbers to put us in the best possible position to take our vision for our future to those who need to understand and accept our strategies to take our industry to where we want it to be.

One of the many criteria for funding is the number of members and so we must increase our membership so that we are eligible for funding. An increase in our funding will enable your industry representatives to collaborate with other organisations so that the northern beef industries messages continues to get to where it can and needs to be heard.

To achieve our vision for the future and achieve the best possible outcomes for our industry, the Gulf Cattleman's Association needs your support. Own your tomorrow by becoming a Gulf Cattleman's Association member today so that we can represent you and your needs.

Please join by completing the Membership form attached and then email to: [\*\*paddystn@outlook.com\*\*](mailto:paddystn@outlook.com)

## MEMBERSHIP 2019/2020



### Gulf Cattleman's Association Inc.

*'A Graziers Alliance for Grassroots Issues'*

PO Box 80, Georgetown QLD 4871

Inc. IA42150

ABN: 63680779361



- The annual membership for the financial year 2019 - 2020 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
  - ☐ Corporate Membership: \$500 per annum with no voting rights

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## CHAPTER SEVEN

### NEW FRIENDS CONFIRM SIGHTING

By Rick Tomkies

*The following abridged story is from the book "The Ghost of Cape York" and continues from last month's Inform. Although the actual story is fictitious, it is based on a persistent rumor which circulated around Cape York for many years of a Japanese Zero fighter plane which had been shot down during World War 2. The plane is said to have been recovered in recent years and now allegedly resides in an Australian museum.*

Alex finished cleaning up the breakfast dishes while Blue tidied up their camp and sorted out their gear, ready to pack up the next day, deciding that they'd do a spot of fishing this last day.

"It's been a great spot, this," volunteered Alex, throwing out the dirty washing up water from a large plastic bowl. "It'd take a power of beating, I reckon!"

Blue straightened up from zipping his tent. "Too right," he agreed. "Yer not wrong there, Alex!" Rummaging through a fishing tackle box, he sorted through some lures, before choosing one and holding it up for inspection. "Mmm," he muttered to himself, then adding, to no one in particular, "I think I'll give this one a go!"

Glancing at his companion, Alex picked up his fishing rod. "I think I might try one of those new ones that I brought - give 'em a go, you never know unless one tries them!"

The two men prepared to wander down to the water's edge, the tide was on the make, the sea was almost glass-like, with the early morning sun's rays reflecting of the mirror surface.

At that moment, the sound of an outboard motor reached them from across the water in the direction of the trawler, which had been anchored since first-light.

The men looked towards the source of the sound. A dinghy was swinging away from the fishing boat, and began heading towards the shore.

"Looks as though we're going to have visitors, Alex," observed Blue, squinting his eyes against the sun as he peered at the approaching boat.

"Yeah," agreed Alex. "It certainly looks that way! Wonder what they want?"

"Oh, they're probably coming over to be friendly. Maybe they want some new company. They've probably been at sea a while," replied Blue.

"Well, I guess that's our fishing bugged, for a while anyway!" Alex muttered, slightly peeved.

"Aw, I don't think they'll stay long, mate. We'll wait and see what they want!"

In a few minutes, the dinghy was close enough to make out the three occupants. Blue gave a cheery wave, while Alex, non-too pleased with the interruption to his fishing plans, watched on. The figures in the small boat returned Blue's wave, as the dinghy drew closer, the bow cutting the flat surface to leave behind a frothy wake. A heavily built man wearing a black beanie and a dark blue singlet was steering from the stern. Easing back the throttle, the bow of the boat settled down into the water, as it cruised towards the beach. Cutting the motor, the man in the stern steered the boat into the sloping sand, while a tall, lanky youth at the bow jumped into the shallow water grabbing the dinghy's gunwale as the keel touched the sandy bottom, to hold the boat steady. The other two occupants jumped out while the first, still holding the dinghy, threw out a sand anchor.

The Beanie splashed through the water to thrust out a large, work-calloused hand. "G'Day mate! The name's Bryan, - Bryan Hunter! I'm the skipper of the trawler over there!" He grinned, jerking a thumb over his shoulder in the direction of the fishing trawler.

Blue and Alex shook the proffered hand and Blue made the introductions. Bryan introduced his deckhands. "This here's Jimmy," he said indicating the taller of the two young men who had been the first to jump into the water from the dinghy, "and this is Peter," he added, indicating with a nod of his head at a youth whose tee shirt had seen better days. He was wearing a reversed black

cap. "G'day," greeted Peter.

"We saw your camp here, and since we've just finished cleaning up, thought we'd pop over and say hello," stated the skipper as the group stood at the water's edge, the gentle waves of the incoming tide lapping around their feet.

"Fair enough," remarked Blue, inclining his head in the direction of their camp. "Come on up - we're not doing anything in particular today, apart from a spot of fishing, that is!" His brown eyes flicked across to Alex, who meeting his glance, raised his eyebrows briefly in the understanding of the unspoken message. After all, it was customary with people in remote parts of the country to welcome strangers with a little hospitality, he knew. He could always go fishing a little later.

As the visitors settled around the camp fire, Blue brought out the last of their fridge-cold beer, much to the fishermen's delight.

Conversation dwelled on the area, and the various topographical features of the region, the two campers learning that traversing the coast by vehicle even by 4WD much further north would have proved difficult if not impossible, due to the rocks and even cliffs in one part. South of them, were a number of mangrove lined streams and small rivers, as they had already discovered.

Having discovered that Blue was a fisherman himself, the conversation turned to fishing and their trawlers. The campers soon learned that the name of their visitors' trawler was *The Mystic Lady*.

"Hell," exclaimed Alex excitedly, "we read about you lot in a newspaper report a while back. It said that you'd seen a World War Two plane or something up around here!"

Bryan snorted contemptuously, "Huh! Those bloody journos! They don't give anyone much credence in what a guy actually saw!" He crushed his empty beer can with one hand, throwing the crumpled aluminum into the fire.

Jimmy, the lanky deckhand, leaned forward on his seat beside Peter. "Hey! Guess what? We saw that plane again two or three days ago - it's a wonder you two didn't see it yourselves!"

Blue and Alex exchanged glances.

"You know what? We bloody did!" replied Blue with a wry smile.

The group all began to talk at once, everyone trying to say what each saw. The trawler skipper interrupted everyone.

"Hold on a minute, you guys!" He said and turned to Blue. "Did you say you actually *heard* it?"

"Yeah, mate." Blue looked puzzled. "Of course, why?"

"Well when we've seen it both times, we hadn't actually heard it. Mind you," he added, "I s'pose we wouldn't above the noise of the boat's engine. After all, we weren't that close."

Everyone seemed to agree that if they'd all seen it, and some had heard the plane, as well as the sightings matching, there couldn't be any question that it was actually a war plane, or something very much like it. It all seemed to be rather mysterious indeed.

At this point, Bryan suggested to the older crew member, Jimmy that he and Peter take the dinghy back to the trawler and bring back some prawns together with a few more cans of beer to share with their hosts.

While the two deckhands were away, the three men discussed the strange sighting. It was then that Blue mentioned the wrecked aircraft further up the beach. "I guess that crashed during the war, then," remarked Bryan. The other two agreed, and told their guest about their find. Bryan listened with interest.

Blue hesitated for a moment. He was wondering if he should mention the sighting of the airman who seemed to mysteriously vanish as he and Alex had approached the figure. "I'll tell you something, Bryan! Now don't laugh, but this is even stranger! Alex here'll confirm it, but before



we dug the sand out of the cockpit and found that skeleton, we saw, or *thought* we did, a man, dressed exactly like that of an airman sitting a few yards away on a log. Not only that, but it looked like he was a *Japanese!*

Bryan Hunter, astonished, looked from one to the other, trying to see if they were serious. "Yer gotta be kiddin', surely? You *sure* you saw someone? That seems impossible - I mean the war finished over fifty years ago – bloody near sixty, in fact – no one would remain out here without being discovered. Anyway, how'd he survive all this time ...and where would he have come from? After all, you said you found the remains of the pilot of that crashed plane, eh?"

The other two nodded in agreement. The trawler skipper's logic couldn't be denied.

"You know what? I think you two saw a ghost!"

Blue and Alex laughed uproariously at what they took to be a joke.

"Yeah, right," laughed Blue, "should you believe in such things! I don't, that's for sure!"

The grin on Blue's face began to fade as Bryan replied, "I'm not bloody joking, mate! There are lots of reports about such unexplained things - often made by reputable people, what's more!"

Alex concurred, saying he believed in the paranormal. "I think you could be right – I mean, what other explanation could there be?"

The debate ended there with the arrival of the two deckhands, Peter carrying a couple of six packs of beer and Jimmy brought ashore a plastic bag full of fresh, green prawns. It was barely mid-morning, but the fishermen agreed after Blue issued the invitation, to stay for an early lunch.

"That's great, thanks mate," said Bryan, "we'll do that, then we'll have to head back to the boat and catch up on a bit of 'shut-eye'!"

While the others chatted and laughed, Alex busied himself collecting a bit of firewood for the fire before sitting down to enjoy his cold beer. The group of men joking and laughing suddenly stopped, all five turning to the sound of an approaching aircraft.

The men all stood up as one to rush headlong out onto the beach, away from the overhead tree canopy, to look in amazement at the now familiar sight of a low-flying wartime fighter plane. The Japanese Zero, for that was what it resembled, was heading towards them, barely above tree-top height. The plane was quite distinct in the clear, sunny morning air and, as it passed overhead, all five men could clearly make out the Rising Sun insignia on the side of the plane.

While the group watched, they all noticed what seemed to be a thin trail of blue smoke issuing from the plane, which hung briefly in the air before it dissipated.

"Hey, look at that, will you!" Bryan Hunter exclaimed, pointing towards the plane, "it looks as though it's got engine trouble or something!"

The others made noises of agreement as they looked. Suddenly before the plane had gotten very far, the sound of the motor stopped, and then, to their utter amazement, the aircraft seemed to vanish into thin air. The five men continued to look at the spot where they'd last seen the plane, not believing their eyes.

"That's bloody incredible," gasped Blue as though to himself. His jaw had dropped, and he was blinking hard while he shook his head, not believing what he had seen.

The men looked at each other, totally astonished and lost for words. It was young Peter, who was the first to speak out. "I'll...I'll be fucked!" He stammered. "Wh – what d'you think happened to it – yer reckon it crashed... or what?"

Bryan shook his head slowly, rubbing his unshaven chin as he as he muttered, somewhat shaken by the experience, "Yeah, mate, I think it crashed all right, but not just then!"

Peter, not understanding, looked blankly at his skipper. Before he could reply, Jimmy, looking around at the others, shouted. "Hey, let's go and look for it then!"

Alex, catching Bryan's eye at that moment, said, "Y'know, Bryan, somehow that explanation of yours earlier somehow makes sense!"

"What explanation?" demanded Jimmy, "What're you getting at?"

Bryan breathing in deeply, pursed his lips as he considered how best to reply. He jerked his head towards the campsite. "OK, OK! Come over to the fire and sit down. Whatchya reckon, Blue? Shall we tell 'em?"

Blue shrugged. He didn't exactly believe the trawler skipper's theory, but not having any other logical explanation at that particular moment, he replied, "That's up to you, Bryan. I don't know what to make of all this!"

Bryan nodded. "Yeah, but we may as well tell 'em about your find up the beach!"

"I think....." began Alex, but was interrupted by Jimmy.

"Hey! What's going on, eh?" Jimmy and Peter followed the others to the camp. Peter was curious, but remained silent, waiting to see what Bryan had to tell them. Obviously, he and Jimmy were not party to some information.

Alex filled a large container with water, placing it on the fire, before retrieving the bag of prawns to cook when the water came to the boil.

Before proceeding, Bryan handed around another can of beer to each of the others. His can cracked loudly as he tore the tag off the opening, and a little froth bubbled over the rim before he took a swig of the cold contents. "OK. When you two guys were away getting them prawns and grog, Alex and Blue here told me something they found further up the beach, the other day." The two deckhands sipped their beer, and waited, listening expectantly for some revelation about this mysterious, so-called Japanese fighter plane that they'd seen.

"Apparently Blue and Alex found the wreck of what is evidently an old wartime plane wreck. "He looked at Blue for a moment. "Well, you tell 'em, mate - what you and Alex here saw and found, exactly."

Their host told them about their find when they explored the beach further north.

He paused for a moment, as he thought about their "seeing" what looked like a Japanese airman.

The young deckies prompted him to go on, as they listened, fascinated.

"Go on," they said in unison.

Blue glanced over at Alex, who was preparing lunch for themselves and their hosts, suggesting to Bryan they stay for something to eat.

Bryan held up a hand, politely declined the offer. "No thanks mate. We c'n eat all the prawns we want - anyway, we have to get back early and have a camp pretty soon - since we've been up all night, but you two go ahead!... Don't mind us. We'll head off when we've finished our beers – but go on!"

Describing what happened next, Blue suggested that Alex tell them what he saw when he climbed up onto the log to join Blue.

Alex stopped what he was doing, and, taking a long pull at his beer. "Well," he said, "This might sound unbelievable, but as sure as I'm sitting here, it's the bloody truth. When I looked towards where Blue pointed, I saw something move, about fifty meters away. I distinctly saw what looked like an airman sitting on a log. Well, he was wearing flying overalls, anyway. I could quite clearly see the man's features at that distance, because he had, y'know, those sort of flying goggles that pilots wear, pushed up onto the top of his head. He definitely looked like a Jap to me. When we shouted and waved, he seemed to ignore us, then he got up and moved away and suddenly disappeared, eh, Blue?" Alex looked at his friend as though for confirmation.

Blue nodded. "That's right! We both ran over to the spot where we'd seen this fellow, but – and this is the strange part – there was absolutely no bloody sign of anyone being there! No foot prints in the sand – nothing!" Blue spread his hands out, palms uppermost, as he shrugged, perplexed.

Peter, not quite understanding all this, interjected. "I don't get you, mate. How could there not be



any footprints or anything?"

At this point, Bryan explained to his two deckhands, who, puzzled, sat looking from one to the other. "Look, what it seems to be is that these two saw the ghost of the pilot of the crashed plane. That's why the pilot didn't respond, just disappeared and left no trace. It's a classic scenario!"

Jimmy, laughing disbelievingly, said, "A what – a classic *what*? Are you trying to tell us that they saw a friggin' ghost? *Yeah! Right!*"

Peter taking a mouth of beer, spluttered, and nearly choked. "Geez! Come on - there ain't no such things!"

Raising his eyebrows, Bryan turned to the younger one of his crew. "Hey, just a bloody minute, will ya? How the hell would you know, Peter? Just listen to this, eh? Ya might learn somethin'!" He turned to Blue, and grinned, jerking his head towards his two deckhands. "Gorn, mate, tell 'em the rest of the story. They might learn something!"

Blue continued, with Alex interjecting from time to time, as they told the three visitors about the finding of the skeleton of the long-dead pilot, explaining that the pilot that they both independently saw seemed real enough at the time, but logically, when they thought about it, the man couldn't really have existed!

"Well, what about that plane we all saw today?" queried Jimmy. "I s'pose you're gonna tell me that *it* didn't exist? Well, that's *bullshit*, 'cos we all *heard* and *saw* it!"

At this point, Bryan interjected. "Well, that's right, Jimmy, although I can't explain it exactly, we did all see and hear it, but what we saw and heard was the scene being kinda 'relived' as it were! I've read and heard about that sort of thing before."

"You know," Blue mused, staring out over the blue sea, as he recollected a past incident, "my grandfather told me about an incident that occurred somewhere near here during the war when he was coast watching or something for the defense forces."

The others turned to him as they listened. Blue continued. "I was telling Alex a while back about it after we read that report in the newspaper. I wouldn't know if that has anything to do with what we've experienced, or not."

He went on to describe what had happened when the Japanese Zero had attacked that particular winter morning back around 1942.

"You know what?" remarked Bryan thoughtfully, finishing his beer. "That sounds about right. If you remember, we all noticed something about that plane this morning – not only was it flying low, but remember it had smoke coming from it's engine? Then it seemed to completely vanish – we didn't see it crash or anything, but it just disappeared, and come to think of it, where *did* it disappear to?" Bryan looked around at the group. He had their undivided attention. His deckhands shook their heads and shrugged.

"Guess what!" Bryan added. "Just about where these two jokers found that wrecked Zero!"

Jimmy stood up as he finished his beer. "Well, I'm blowed if I know, Bryan! It doesn't make sense to me!" Are you trying to tell me that the plane we saw - and heard - this morning, didn't really exist?"

Bryan laughed. "Not really, Jimmy! It *did* exist - about sixty one years ago! Like I said before, we all saw the whole thing being re-enacted, as it were. Come to think of it, there was, if I remember correctly, a US Air Force base somewhere around Iron Range during the war. Not that this has gotten anything to do with it, I s'pose!"

Alex spoke up at that point. "What are we going to do about this plane, anyway?"

Bryan replied, "I don't think there's much point in telling anyone about it – look what happened when I mentioned the sighting before! Everyone thought we'd been drinking, I think!"

"No," answered Alex, "that's not what I meant. *Not* this sighting – I meant, what about the wreck,

with the skeleton in it?"

"Oh, that! Yeah, well, you'd better notify the Police when you leave here, I guess. Where are you headed after here?"

"I dunno, yet, Bryan," Blue answered. "We might go down and have a look around Lockhart River before we go home. Why?"

Bryan stood up, "Well you can tell the police there, or at Coen when you pass through, I guess."

Blue nodded, understanding. "Oh, right. I suppose we'd better!"

Bryan shoved out a large hand. "Well, thanks mate. Been nice meetin' yer."

Blue shook the proffered hand. "Yeah! Likewise! - Been good to meet you. Might catch up with you again sometime!"

They all shook hands as they said their goodbyes, wishing everyone luck, and headed towards the nearby dinghy, now beginning to float on the high tide. Just as Bryan stepped into the boat, he paused, and looked back at Blue.

"Listen, Blue, if you're ever wantin' a job, contact me. I'm in the 'phone book, mate. If I'm not home, leave a message with me missus! OK?"

Blue nodded. "Right-o Bryan, and thanks - I will!"

Bryan Hunter gave Blue a brief nod, as he made his way to the seat at the dinghy's transom.

"Right! Don't bloody forget now, eh?" With that, he fiddled with the outboard motor for a second or two before he pulled the starter cord. The motor roared into life, the trawler skipper swung the tiller as the three gave the two campers a cheery wave before heading back to the *Mystic Lady*.

*To be continued.....*

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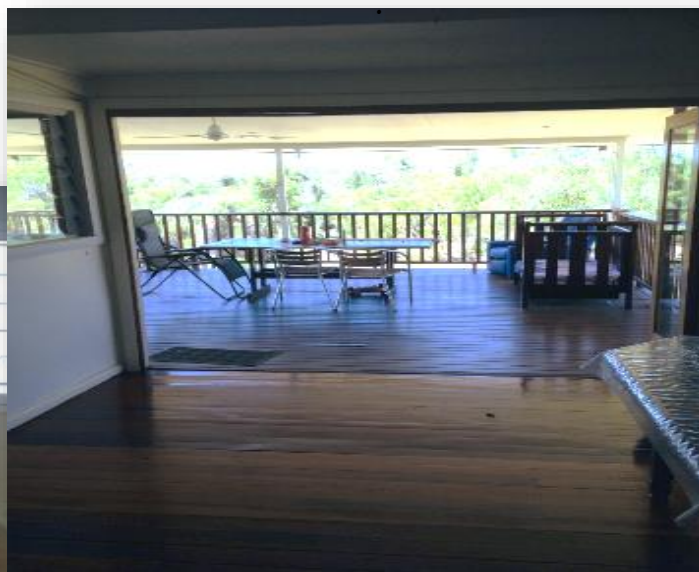
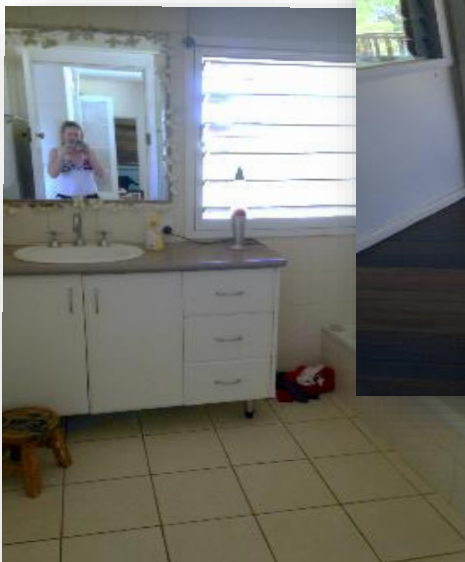
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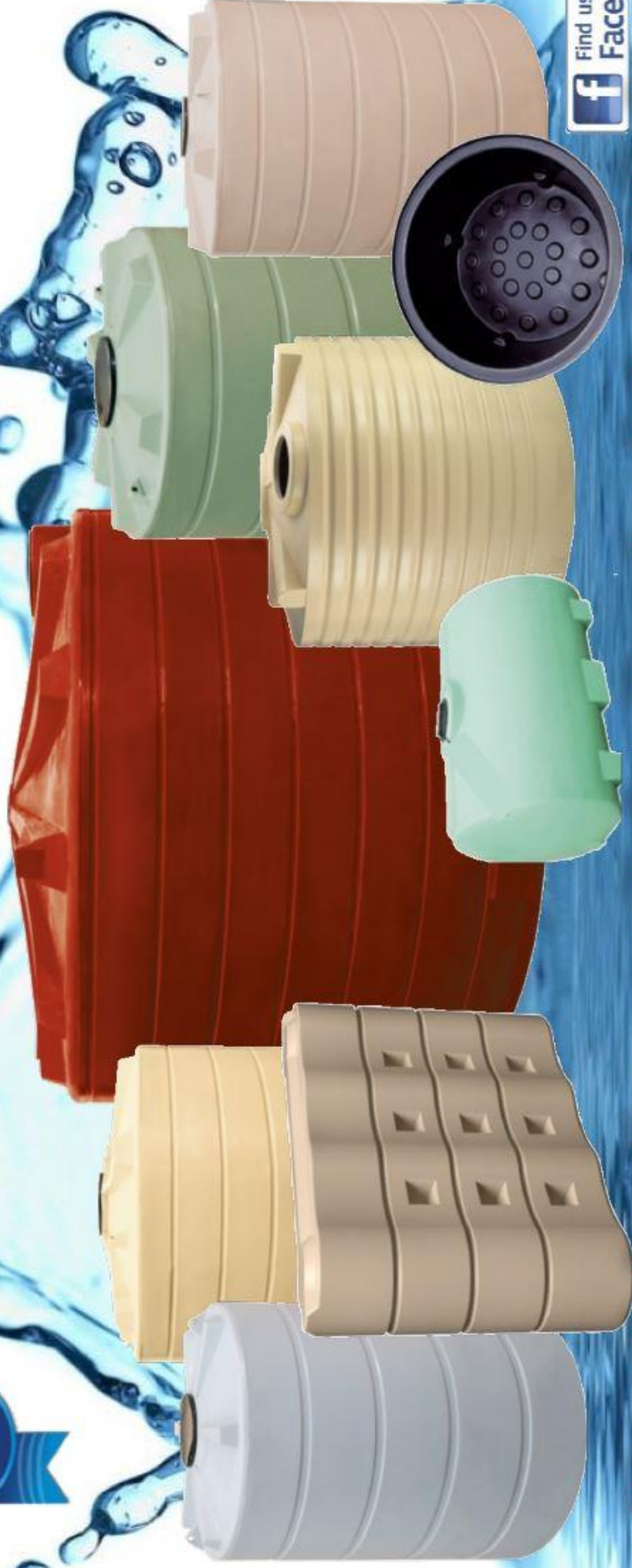
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# Recipes of the Month

## Chicken & Sweet Corn Soup

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 litre chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon finely grated ginger
- 310g can corn kernels
- 310g can creamed corn
- 3 small chicken breast fillets, thinly sliced

### METHOD

**Step 1:** Place the chicken stock in a large saucepan with the soy sauce, ginger, corn kernels and creamed corn.

**Step 2:** Cook over medium heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

**Step 3:** Add the chicken and green onions and cook for 3-4 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

**Step 4:** Serve sprinkled with extra chopped green onion.

## Pumpkin & Gnocchi Soup

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 brown onion, finely chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1kg pumpkin, peeled, seeded, cut into 3cm pieces
- 2 cups Massel vegetable liquid stock
- 100g sliced pancetta, torn (optional for a vegetarian option)
- 2 tablespoons torn sage leaves
- 700g pkt ready made gnocchi

### METHOD

**Step 1:** Heat half the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic for 5 minutes. Add pumpkin and stock and bring to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 15 minutes or until pumpkin is tender. Using a hand held blender, process soup until smooth. Season.

**Step 2:** Meanwhile, heat remaining oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Cook pancetta and sage for 4-5 minutes or until crisp.

**Step 3:** Bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil. Cook gnocchi for 2 minutes or until tender and they rise to the surface. Drain.

**Step 4:** Divide soup between serving bowls. Add gnocchi and top with pancetta mixture.



# Calendar of Community Events 2019

## August

- 2  
Etheridge Show Holiday
- 2  
B to B Variety Bash competitors stay overnight in Georgetown
- 3  
Forsayth Turnout & Etheridge Show
- 9  
Wenaru Hotel Pool & Darts Comp.
- 12  
Melbourne Cup Visit, Georgetown
- 12  
Mexican Night, Goldfields Hotel

## September

- 7  
Pink Day, 9 Hole Ambrose, Georgetown

## October

- 2  
Georgetown Bushman's Ball
- 6  
Georgetown Bush Races

## November

- 23  
Forsayth Horse Sports
- 30  
Georgetown Horse Sports

## December

- 1  
Gregg Bethel's Memorial Cricket Match
- 7-8  
Einasleigh Horse Sports

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