Etheridge Shire Council Inform Newsletter

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Georgetown Golf Club Play in Pink for Cancer 7th September 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Good Day to Everyone



Sept 3rd – 5th saw myself attend the Sitting of Qld Parliament in Townsville. I was able to arrange meetings with several ministers; Minister Mark Bailey (Transport & Main Roads), Minister Mark

Furner (Agricultural Industry Development & Fisheries), Minister Anthony Lynham (Natural Resources, Mines & Energy), Minister Cameron Dick (State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning), and Damien Walker (Director General for Innovation and Tourist Industry Development). Other brief meetings were with Minister Coralee O'Rouke, Minister for Communities, Disability Services and seniors and the Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk. All meetings were very productive with a visit to Etheridge Shire from Minister Mark Bailey (Transport & Main Roads) following the meeting with him earlier.

Minister Bailey came on a short road-trip with us from Croydon to Georgetown to glean a first-hand look at the Gulf Developmental Road between Croydon & Georgetown, the Gilbert River Bridge and the narrow sections of road to the east of Georgetown.

Our Council has been working for the last couple of years with the Federal Government with consultation workshops highlighting the Gulf Development Road as a road of strategic importance. If we are successful in our endeavours, it will see the remaining 46kms (approx) of single lane being upgraded to 8m wide sealed double lanes.

The Minister for Agricultural Industry Development & Fisheries, Mark Furner, has also indicated he will be eager to visit Etheridge Shire in September this year. The Minister's visit is to look at the Gilbert River Irrigation Project.

The monthly Council meeting was very productive with a deputation from Regional Development Australia regarding the Gilbert Agricultural Project.

The Sport & Rec building is all but finished with a few minor clean-ups to go.

Be mindful of fires as we enter the driest part of the year, although we have been blessed with some extended cooler weather so far! Make the most of it!

Take care

Warren Devlin | Mayor

FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DESK

2018/2019 AUDIT OF COUNCIL

The closing Audit Report for Etheridge Shire Council for the financial year ending 30 June 2019 from Council's external auditors includes an analysis of areas of audit significance, identified audit misstatements, and other matters.



The audit was conducted in accordance with the agreed external audit plan issued on 18 March 2019.

Based on the final audit, the auditors have raised and listed several low matters of concerns which relate directly to how Council is treating and determining certain Accounting Standards. These matters relate to:

- Provisions for the Rehabilitation of Landfills;
- Emergency Management & Fire Levy Included in the Revenue

The annual audit of Council conducted by Queensland Audit Office involves a detailed assessment of the controls that are currently being utilised within the operation of Council not just the financial side of Council, the auditors look at Governance, IT, Stores, Policies, Minutes, Payroll, Rates, Human Resources, Procurement, Revenue & Expenditure, Grants & Subsidies, Internal Controls and Risk and identify any weaknesses which may pose a risk to Council or which may affect the financial statements.

Council's auditors have indicated that they are satisfied with Council's operations and I am pleased to report to the community of Etheridge Shire, that Council will be receiving an "Unmodified Audit Opinion" for the FYE2019. *(This is a good outcome)*

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL "DRAFT" PLANNING SCHEME

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For more information contact Judy Austin on (07) 4037 3222, email info@etheridge.qld.gov.au or visit Council's website at <u>www.etheridge.qld.gov.au</u>.



PLANNING SCHEME

Development

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Australia Day Awards, Council would like the "Community" to start nominating prospective and worthy recipients who have made significant contributions to their community, and the Etheridge region, in 2019, based on the following categories:



Awards

- Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- · Community Organization of the Year
- Senior Sports Medallion &
- Junior Sports Medallion

Information can be obtained by contacting Ian Kuhn on 4079 9007 or visit Council's website (<u>www.etheridge.qld.gov.au</u>)

Application forms can be downloaded from Councils website, or by calling into the Council Office or Terrestrial Centre.

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL – UNIVERSITY / TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIP



Are you contemplating undertaken Tertiary and or TAFE studies in 2020?

If so, have you considered applying for the "Etheridge Shire University / Tertiary Scholarship"?

Council is now calling for nominations for the 2019/20 "Scholarship" program.

For more details about the "Scholarship" please feel free to contact Ian Kuhn on 4079 9007 or visit Council's website (<u>www.etheridge.qld.gov.au</u>)

STAFF CHANGES

I have been formally notified that Mr Neil Bethel has tendered his resignation from the position of Road Supervisor effective from the 18th September 2019.

Mr Bethel commenced with Council on the 10th May 1999 which is just over 20 years of loyal service to Etheridge Shire and during his tenure has held a number of positions such as Apprentice Plumber, Plant Operator, and more recently Roads Supervisor. In addition, Mr Bethel has undertaken personal development during his time with Council and has managed to gain his Plumbing Certification, Cert III & IV in Civil Construction along with a number of Plant Tickets.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mr Neil Bethel for his service, commitment, dedication and his professionalism in his current role and sincerely wish Neil all the very best on his future endeavours.

MULTI PURPOSE SPORTS COMPLEX

The Multi-Purpose Sports Complex is completed and Council is undertaking its final inspection with the builders this week to identify a few minor defects. *(For example: cleaning issues, sealing around a few open spaces).*













Council will be organising an official opening of the complex over the coming weeks and during this period Council is in the process of procuring Gym & Sporting Equipment which will be available for the community to utilise.

In addition, I would also like to mention that the facility has an accessible lift incorporated within the Centre. This lift is not a toy and I would like to remind everyone of this fact. It is disappointing to have to mention this, as I have

received information that children are already playing and using the lift as if it is play item.

COMMUNITY CONSULATION MEETINGS – DRAFT PLANNING SCHEME

As mentioned above, Council has endorsed the new Draft Planning Scheme and as part of the legislative statutory process, Council must undertake public consultation regarding the new planning scheme.

Dates proposed to undertake the community consultation are as follows:

Georgetown

5pm – 7pm, 23 October 2019 at the Shire Hall

Einasleigh

10am – 12.00pm 24 October 2019 at Possum Ray Memorial Hall

Forsayth

4pm – 6pm 24 October 2019 at the Forsayth CWA Hall

Mt Surprise

10am – 12pm 25 October 2019 at the Mt Surprise Hall



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Forsayth Forsayth Hall 4PM-6PM Thursday 24 October

Mt Surprise Mt Surprise Hall 10AM-12PM Friday 25 October

Einsasleigh Einasleigh Hall 10AM-12PM Thursday 24 October

Come and have your say!

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL St George Street Georgetown QLD 4871 Ph 4079 9090 www.ethendge.qld.gov.au

TOWN COMMON RANGER

Council has advertised for a Casual Contracted Town Ranger to undertake various duties on the Einasleigh Common. If you are interested in applying for this position/contract, please go to Council's website

(<u>https://www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/council/job-vacancies</u>) to seek further information and also to obtain a response form.

The closing date is Friday 11th October 2019 to have your response back to Council.

If you wish to discuss this position/contract please do not hesitate to contact me on 4079 9005 or email me at <u>david.munro@etheridge.qld.gov.au</u>

CLOSURE OF COUNCIL 2019 - (CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD)

Each year council has shown good faith in its employees and has closed the Shire operations over the Christmas and New Year period to allow staff to enjoy the festive season with family and friends.



At the September General Meeting, Council has resolved to approve the following dates for the Christmas & New Year Closure of Council for 2019:

That Council:

Endorses the closure of:

- The Shire and Depot Administration Offices, Terrestrial Centre, Little Gems Childcare Centre, Town Crews and Workshop from Monday 23rd December 2019 to 3rd January 2020 with the return to work date being Monday 6th January 2020;
- □ The Road and RMPC Crews from end of shift Wednesday 11th December 2019 to 6th January 2020 with the return to work date being Tuesday 7th January 2020,

Subject to appropriate on call arrangements with senior staff being put into place for emergency matters.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM 5/0

TENDERS

Council has advertised two (2) tenders over the past week being:

- ESC2019-006 Design & Construct Tender Upgrade to the Visitor Information Centre (Terrestrial Centre) in Low Street, Georgetown
- ESC2019-008 Design & Construct Two (2) Residential Dwellings located in Georgetown

Tender documentation can be located on Councils website (<u>www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/council/open-tenders</u>)

Closing dates for both Tenders is 4:00PM FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 2019

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

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!



RESIDENTS OF GEORGETOWN NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS

The level of water in Well 1 in the Etheridge River has fallen to more than 2 metres 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 2 restrictions will now apply to all water connections within the Georgetown

Water Supply Scheme.

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

The following restrictions are effective from <u>midnight on 8th September</u> 2019

ZONE A

- 1. The use of one (1) sprinklers or soaker hoses is permitted on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between 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. (i.e. from 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night)

ZONE B

- 1. The use of one (1) sprinklers or soaker hoses is permitted on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays between 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. (i.e. from 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday night)

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

Breaches of these restrictions may result in a penalty.







RESIDENTS OF FORSAYTH NEW WATER RESTRICTIONS

The level of water in Big Reef Dam has fallen below 4 metres. 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 Forsayth Water Supply Scheme.

Notice is hereby given of water restrictions in accordance with the Local Government Act and the Water Act 2002 Section 388(1) Restricting water supply. The following restrictions are effective from midnight on:

Sunday 8th September 2019

ZONE A

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

ZONE B

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



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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
October	Friday, 18 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 487



Etheridge Shire Council Community Consultation Meeting Dates 2019/2020

Month	Date	Venue	Time
May	Wednesday 1 May 2019	Mt Surprise	9.00am
June	Wednesday 5 June 2019	Forsayth	9.00am
July	Wednesday 3 July 2019	Georgetown	To be advised
August	Wednesday 7 August 2019	The Lynd	10:30am
September	Wednesday 4 September 2019	Oak Park	10.30am
November	Wednesday 6 November 2019	Mt Surprise	9.00am
December	Wednesday 4 December 2019	Forsayth	9.00am
February	Wednesday 5 February 2020	Georgetown	7:00pm



PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that the Community Consultation Meeting scheduled for Wednesday the 2nd of October in Einasleigh has been cancelled. Council apologises for any inconvenience.

For further information please contact Chief Executive Officer David Munro on 4079 9005.

> BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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Proposed

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David Munro Chief Executive Officer



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PLANNING SCHEME, COUNCIL WILL BE UNDERTAKING PUBLIC 'TALK TO A PLANNER' SESSIONS:

ETHERIDGE SHIRE HALL, GEORGETOWN 5PM-7PM WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER

EINASLEIGH HALL, EINASLEIGH 10AM-12PM THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

FORSAYTH HALL, FORSAYTH 4PM-6PM THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER

MT SURPRISE HALL, MT SURPRISE 10AM-12PM FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER



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Etheridge Shire Council Design & Construct Tender Upgrade to the Visitor Information Centre (Terrestrial Centre) in Low Street, Georgetown

Tender No: ESC2019-006

Etheridge Shire Council is inviting Tenders from experienced building contractors for the design and construction to upgrade Councils existing Tourism Information Centre (Terrestrial) located in Low Street, Georgetown.

The Tender price is for a fixed lump sum.

In establishing and carrying out contracts for the carrying out of works, the provision of goods and services or the disposal of non-current assets, the Etheridge Shire Council may accept the offer most advantageous to it, consistent with and supporting the achievement of the strategic direction of the Corporate Plan. In making this decision, Council must have regard to the five sound contracting principles set out in section 104(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Please Note:

Interested parties can access the relevant tender documents by visiting the Council website www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/tenders

Tender submissions close: 4:00PM FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 2019

NOTE: Tenderers are to note the delivery address of their tenders and allow sufficient time for their tenders to be delivered to Georgetown by the closing date and time.

The lowest of any tender may not be accepted.

David Munro CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Etheridge Shire Council Design & Construct Two (2) Residential Dwellings located in Georgetown

Tender No: ESC2019-008

Etheridge Shire Council is inviting Tenders from experienced and QBCC licensed building contractors for the design and construction of two (2) residential dwellings to be located in Marlow Court, Georgetown.

The Tender price is for a fixed lump sum.

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Etheridge Shire Council Contract Town Common Ranger Einasleigh

Council is seeking an enthusiastic and reliable contractor to undertake the day to day management of the Einasleigh Town Common on behalf of the Etheridge Shire Council.

The contract will be for a minimum of 20 hrs per week for an initial period of 6 months with an option to renew or extend by mutual agreement with Council.

The main responsibilities will be:

- Undertake inspections & repairs of fencing & gates within the Common;
- · Undertake inspections & repairs of bores & pumps within the Common;
- Carry out systematic inspections of the Common to identify noxious weeds & plants & develop a
 plan to eradicate;
- Undertake spraying of any identified noxious weeds & plants within the Common;
- Organise and co-ordinate quarterly, ½ yearly and annual musters of the Common;
- Provide Council with a monthly work plan of activities;
- Report to Council with any issues or concerns regarding the Common.

Interested parties will need to have their own plant & equipment to undertake this contract and will need to have a registered ABN for GST purposes for payment.

Council will supply any materials as required to ensure that the infrastructure is maintained in good order within the Common. This will include, fencing materials, poisons, pumps, pipes and tanks and troughs.

Prospective applicants can obtain an application package by downloading the documents from Councils Web Site (<u>www.etheridge.qld.gov.au</u>) or by contacting David Munro, Chief Executive Officer on telephone 07 4079 9005 or email david.munro@etheridge.qld.gov.au.

Submissions close at COB, Friday 11th October 2019

David Munro CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Position Vacant:

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES



- FANTASTIC MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY
- PROVE YOUR PEOPLE MANAGEMENT SKILLS

leader for the role of Director Engineering Services to efficiently manage the Directorate. You will ensure Council's objectives are developed and implemented with an emphasis on creating and sustaining a culture of continual improvement, innovation and efficiency. You will lead Council's Engineering Services Direc-If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding career with a relaxed lifestyle, then this could be the position for you. We are looking for an enthusiastic torate and provide quality and cost-effective services to the community in the areas of Roads and Drainage, Water and Waste, Contract Management, Parks and Gardens, Workshop and Fleet Management.

To be successful in your application you must be able to demonstrate leadership and capability at a strategic and operational level. Tertiary qualifications in Civil Engineering and experience in planning, programming and management of works projects and programs are essential

Applications are to include a covering letter, with brief statement addressing selection criteria and resume with at least 3 recent referees

Position Vacant-

The Chief Executive Officer Etheridge Shire Council PO Box 12

GEORGETOWN, QLD 4871



For more information call 07 4079 9005, email info@etheridge.qld.gov.au or visit www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

Applications Close: 11th October 2019

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that in accordance with S.277(4) of the Local Government Regulation 2019 Council resolves to move the October General Meeting to Friday the 18th of October. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

For further information please contact Chief Executive Officer David Munro on 4079 9005.

> BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Intention to **install three grids** on **Ooralat Road Mt Surprise**. Enquiries Contact Etheridge Shire Council Works Depot

PH: 4079 9090



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REUNION EVER? Let Bekky know! Got ideas for how to make this the BEST REUNION EVER? Let Bekky k Phone: 07 4079 9002 Email: rebekah.haase@etheridge.qld.gov.au





Etheridge Shire Council would like to invite its communities to 'celebrate what's great about Australia' in preparation for our Australia Day activities and events in 2020.

To help us prepare, nominations are now sought for Etheridge's annual Australia Day Awards. Council invites your nomination of individuals and/or groups who have made significant contributions to their community, and the Etheridge region, in 2019.

Nominations are called for the following Awards categories:

- · Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Community Organization of the Year or Community Event of the Year
- Senior Sports Medallion
- Junior Sports Medallion



Nomination forms can be obtained in the following ways:

- Downloaded from Council's website <u>www.etheridge.gld.gov.au</u>
- By email request to ian.kuhn@etheridge.gld.gov.au
- · Paper forms available at:
 - o Council Office, TerrEstrial & Post Office in Georgetown
 - o Goldfields Hotel (Post Office) in Forsayth
 - o The Gem Den (Post Office) in Mt Surprise
 - o The Lynd Oasis Roadhouse at The Lynd Junction
 - o The Post Office in Einasleigh

Nominations close with the undersigned at <u>4.00pm Friday, 6th December 2019</u>. For more information please contact Ian Kuhn, Director Corporate & Community Services on 4079 9007.





Whats Happening At Little Gems...

Our new 4 seater pram has arrived enabling us to embark on our river excursions again!



Outdoor play enables children to:

- burn off energy
- interact with and understand the natural world
- Offers a chance for more social interaction with peers and community
- develop their powers of observation and their assessment of risk
- develop opportunities for creativity and free play
- Helps to build physical health
- Develop small and large motor skills
- Develop language

Super hero day is an annual national day held to support Muscular dystrophy. "Muscular dystrophy is a neuromuscular, genetic disorder which results in the progressive deterioration of muscle strength and function. The most common form in childhood is Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, which can see a young boy using a manual wheelchair by the age of 8, and being completely dependent on an electric one by his early teens. Life expectancy for this disorder is usually only until early adulthood."

Little Gems has been participating in this fun filled day for past 4 years and this year together with the Georgetown School we donned our amazing super costumes and raised awareness and \$150.00 for the cause.



We have been exploring our 5 senses over the last few weeks.

Arriving at the centre to be greeted by the smell of freshly baked bread was by far the staffs' favourite activity.

Our sense of smell was further developed with 'name that smell activity table' that included curry and had a few noses wrinkling. We hammered and cut and rolled herbs giving a room a great scent.

We tasted salty, sweet and sour items, but the most fun was had at the sensory troughs exploring different textures like slime, goop and cloud dough. We used natural material in our art that extended our vocabulary with describing words 'smooth, bumpy, hard, cold, soft, and GROSS'



Unfortunately we will no longer be able to be a collection point for aluminium cans. We would like to encourage any community group to take the baton and continue with this worthwhile environmental and community orientated cause, if you are interested please contact me for any help and information

This month's shipment raised a whopping \$1204.00 that we once again donated to the RFDS.

Thank-you, Lyle and Savannah Freight and Daggys Transport for helping with this great initiative over the last 5 years.

What's next at Little Gems...

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY- dress up as a pirate matey & raise awareness for childhood cancer - 19th September

Ph: 40621265 Email: <u>childcare@etheridge.gld.gov.au</u>



<u>Georgetown Student Hostel est. 1968</u>

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: <u>hostel@etheridqe.qld.qov.au</u>



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.



Christmas Markets

Friday 29th November 2019 To book a table email: wendi.furber@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Georgetown Visitor Centre & Library



The Ted Elliott Mineral Collection

Tourist Season is coming to a close. As of the end of September, the centre will be open Monday to Friday only. This includes the library, so if you are an avid reader, come see us during the week to get your books for a weekend of reading and relaxation. We have had another quarterly exchange so a lot of new books are here.

If there is any title or author you would like, we can order it in for you.

We have a new addition on loan to our Art Gallery: a local has recently purchased artwork by artist Tom McAulay, who was commissioned by Bob Hawke to paint a series of "Australians in Sports". This piece was acquired through the recent auction of artefacts owned by Bob Hawke and Blanche D'Alpuget.

Come in and check it out at the visitor centre.

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: Sam from Ravenshoe Hair and Beauty - 0400 412 269 For more information contact Jodi Kernan on 0428 546 349.

WENARU HOTEL PRESENTS... POOL & DARTS COMP

\$5 entry for each pool and darts *Friday 18th October 2019*

Start 6pm

 $\begin{array}{rrrr} \rightarrow & \mathsf{Pizza} \And \mathsf{Garlic} \ \mathsf{Bread} \\ & \rightarrow & \mathsf{Raffles} \end{array}$

Starting \$25 jackpot for both pool and darts For entry or further enquiries **Ph: 0400 533 298** or **4062 1208**

3RD ANNUAL

GEORGETOWN BUSH RACES

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6 OCTOBER 2019 | 11AM GATES OPEN

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GREAT FAMILY FUN DAY

\$5 General Admission | Kids & Pensioners Free Proudly presented by Georgetown Bush Races Committee



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On Saturday 16th November, doors open 6:30pm at the Etheridge Shire Hall, Georgetown. Refreshments snacks available for and purchase. You can get your tickets online (URL below), from the Etheridge Shire Council Office or at the door: \$20/adult, children 17yrs & under attend free. Enquires to Bekky - PH: 4079 9002.

THE JELLYMAN'S DAUGHTER

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S.S.A.A. FORSAYTH 8	DISTRICT BRANCH INC
Will be holding monthly Shoots and B	i Monthly General Meetings afterwards.
Where: S.S.A.A. Forsayth &	District Branch Inc Gun Range
When: Every 1 st Sund	ay of the month @ 9am
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Rifle – Must have S.S.A.A finance	cial membership and present card
Pistol – Must have S.S.A.A. Forsayth	& District Branch Inc Club membership
Sunday 6 th October	Shoot
Sunday 3 rd November	Shoot & General Meeting
Sunday 3 rd November	Shoot
Sunday 1 st December	Shoot & General Meeting
Sunday 5 th January	Shoot
Sunday 2 nd February	Shoot & General Meeting
Sunday 1 st March	Shoot
Sunday 5 th April	Shoot & General Meeting
Each event will have BBQ & Drink	s available for purchase afterwards.
Raffles wil	l also be held
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From the Forsayth Police

Hi, at the time of writing this article the Georgetown station OIC applicants have been interviewed and preferred candidate selected. The process from here involves candidate referee checks, job offer, review period and finally transfer. I anticipate the arrival of the new OIC before the end of this year. Unfortunately, I am unable to provide any firm dates as the entire process is administratively laboured.

For the next 2 weeks you will see a fresh face in the shire with Joshua Downing providing relief whilst I take 2 weeks leave. Joshua is unable to complete driver licensing matters with residents asked to either wait for my return to duty 8 October or contact Renee at Mount Surprise Station.

A shire resident was recently a victim of the theft of a wallet, although the offender remains at large police urge residents to consider photo copying the contents of their purses and wallets and placing this copy in a safe place. This simple measure will assist with the lodging of a complaint and the acquiring of replacement cards.

Finally, the bush fire season is well and truly upon us with several small fires already having occurred. Please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately to police on either 000 if urgent or police link on 131444

Ian Carroll OIC Forsayth Police



GEORGETOWN POST OFFICE NEWS

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

RETURN ADDRESS ON MAIL

There are instances where mail sent cannot be delivered for any number of reasons. When this happens, undelivered mail is returned to the sender. This is why it is important to ensure that a return address is included on all mail.

This action ensures that mail will be returned to the sender in a timely fashion. Items that do not have a return address are sent to a central collection point for Australia Post investigation staff to attempt to locate the senders address for return. This process can take many months due to the volume of mail investigators have to deal with.

It is in the senders' best interest to provide a return address in cases of nondelivery. Please include it on all your outgoing mail.

PO BOXES AVAILABLE

Can't get to the Post Office during business hours to collect your mail? A Post Office Box provides safe 24hour access to your mail when it's convenient for you to collect. As there is no street delivery in Georgetown, Australia Post offers a generous discount on the lease fees for PO Boxes. It is easy to apply – just ask at the counter.

BANK@POST

Need to deposit a cheque or cash into your bank account? We can help. Just bring your plastic card and pin number into the post office and we'll do the rest. Note: ANZ and BOQ services are not available at the AP.

SIMON SAYS

If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?

Georgetown Primary Health Centre High Street Georgetown 4871 Ph: 4062 1266 Fax: 4062 1226

How to Contact Georgetown PHC Afterhours.

The Nurse on Duty is available for emergencies only afterhours.

The clinic phone (40621266) is diverted afterhours to the answering machine.

The 3 prompts are:-

- 1. If you have an emergency Ring 000.
 - a. The Ambulance call centre will contact the clinic nurse, 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. If you need Nursing advice, Ring 13 HEALTH (13 432 584)
- 3. Leave your name and phone number and the nurse will return you call next day.

If you present to the Georgetown Clinic After hours you need to press the Door Bell label emergencies only.

RFDS can be contacted for Emergency advice on 1300 697 337

The diversion of the phone after hours allows for a person calling the clinic when the nurse is already away from the clinic attending another emergency, to be given advice on who to contact for assistance.

Thelma Klein DON Georgetown PHC 20/9/19 Serena Mulholland A/DON Georgetown PHC

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 <u>4062 12 66</u> for further information.



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

Physiotherapy treatment generally consists of:

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

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

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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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.



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

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

To contact the weekend telehealth service:

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

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

OR

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

Services covered:

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

If you have any issues or questions call the Cairns Base on 07 4040 0444. If the telehealth doctor has already been consulted and you need to contact them directly, you can contact the direct mobile number on 0447 076 501.

Proudly supported by:





Cootharinga North Queensland

Aged Care Services—Croydon & Etheridge Shire

"Tailoring Home Care solutions to assist older people live the life they want"

Cootharinga has now opened Cootharinga Home Care, a service which is designed to assist older people in their community who want to stay at home and access ongoing personal support services.

Our services include:

- Care service—includes products and services that support your health, wellbeing and independence at home through assistance with a variety of activities of daily living.
- Support services—Our trained and qualified support workers can assist you with jobs in the home and garden and also help you get out and about in the community
- Clinical care services— as part of your Home Care Package, our job is to work with you
 and other health professionals involved in your care, to help you achieve optimal health
 so that you can be as independent as possible at home.

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



Cootharinga North Queensland Ability First!

Call the 1800 Cootharinga Centre 1800 Cootharinga 1800 266 842

Our vision: "Building a better world with people of all abilities!"

Do you have Plans to develop a Tourism Business? Does Your Business Welcome Visitors?

Join Savannah Way Limited for a range of Support and Benefits!

Savannah Way Limited promotes businesses and communities on the route. It is not-for-profit, independent of government, and the official Local Tourism Organisation for Queensland's Gulf Savannah.

Benefits of Bronze Membership (\$220 per year) include:

- Membership Listing on www.savannahway.com.au
- Website Product Listings and Ads on www.savannahway.com.au
- SW Newsletter Promotion and Subscription, Social Media Linkages
- Grant Project Sourcing
- Regional Industry Workshops
- Priority Recommendations to Media
- Research and Industry Intelligence
- Voting Rights at AGM
- Lobbying and Advocacy
- \$50 Discount on Australian Tourism Data Warehouse listing to appear on multiple marketing websites around Australia including official Queensland and Australia websites.
- Savannah Way Logo Use
- Gulf Savannah Visitor Guide Discount
- Friends of Savannah Guides Membership and Guide Training School discounts
- Membership Certificate

This year there is a major new bonus from our Regional Tourism Organisation, Tourism Tropical North Queensland!

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

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



Australia's Adventure Drive

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

Contact Bronwyn Jones for details on how to take advantage of these important opportunities E: info@savannahway.com.au P: 1300 031 926 W: www.savannahway.com.au

FAMILY PROBLEMS? GROG OR DRUGS?

CAMERON & LOUISE FROM CST CAN HELP IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LISTEN AND GIVE YOU A HAND TO SORT STUFF OUT

WE'LL BE IN CROYDON & GEORGETOWN OCT 9, 10, 11

WEDNESDAY, OCT 9: CROYDON & GEORGETOWN

THURSDAY, OCT 10: CROYDON ONLY

FRIDAY. OCT 11 CROYDON & GEORGETOWN CALL OR TEXT CAMERON 0498 010 171

CAMERON AND LOUISE CAN COME AND MEET YOU WHENEVER. WHEREVER



Community Services Tablelands

1 Main St, Atherton 4883 Ph: 4091 3850 www.cst.org.au f CommunityServicesTablelands

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

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

PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW AND RETURN:

ENTITY NAME:	
P.I.C:	
CONTACT NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:	MOBILE:
EMAIL:	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

Please remit payment to the Gulf Cattleman's Association:

<u>CHEQUES</u>: PO Box 80, Georgetown, QLD 4871 DIRECT DEPOSITS: BSB: 633000 ACCOUNT: 163390198 REFERENCE: "membership & entity name"

Please email completed Membership Form to: paddystn@outlook.com

Media Release

Date: 21.08.2019

Community Garden – A new purpose for Savannah House

Northern Gulf Resource Management Group has teamed up with the Public Health Network and have created a new purpose for the tired gardens at Savannah House. On Friday 16th August the first of five community workshops were held to repurpose the native gardens surrounding Savannah House into a community kitchen garden site.

Toneille Christensen from Organic Motion ran an inspiring workshop on the basic principal of planting a permaculture guild. The guild is filled with edible perennials that can be used in a wide selection of salads and stir-fries. The long-term goal for this garden is to supply plants, seeds and kitchen resources free to the Georgetown community.

It has long been recognised that community gardens are places that create wellbeing though social inclusion and Northern Gulf invite the community to drop by and chat to our friendly staff John and Laura over a cupper or to spend a spare five minutes watering or mulching this public space. We hope to have a gardening club running by the end of the year so more of the community can join Northern Gulf on this new journey of sustainability.

A plan for the community garden has been developed in consultation with Georgetown State School and will be on display in the coming weeks at Savannah House along with the garden maintenance plan. Feel free to add ideas for the garden plan or to participate in the maintenance of the garden as we build to a more sustainable healthy lifestyle together.

A community workshop will be held on Tuesday 8th October at 3pm at Savannah House. Come and join Vickie & Kathy in planting the olive and pomegranate grove and talk seed saving over a cuppa.

For further information please contact Vickie Mylrea 0429 067 338







SAVE THE DATE

Community Garden Workshop Planting stage 2 of the food Forest.

Savannah House, Georgetown Qld Commencing 3pm Tuesday 8th October.

For more infomation call (07) 409 201 88



OUTBACK & ONLINE

As part of <u>GET ONLINE WEEK</u> we will be assisting Australians living in rural & regional communities to use the internet & online tools to improve their business & everyday lives.

Come along and learn about:

THE INTERNET AND GETTING ONLINE

Whether you've never used the internet before, or use a computer every day, we can show you some simple tips and tricks to get the most out of what's available online to assist you in your business and everyday life - so come along and **GET ONLINE**.

✓ GETTING CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET

How to gain easy access to the internet on all of your devices whenever you need to.

✓ IMPROVING THE WAY YOU USE EMAILS

Get the most out of your emails and become better equipped at sending and receiving online mail.

✓ HOW TO USE YOUR WEB BROWSER

Maximise the use you can get from your web browser by saving your favourite sites and recording details.

✓ WHAT ARE APPS AND WHICH ONES ARE FOR YOU?

Find out what an APP is and which ones can help you in your business or in everyday life.

✓ MONITORING THE WEATHER

Where to find relevant information for your area and how to clearly understand the data.

✓ DATASETS THAT CAN HELP YOUR GRAZING BUSINESS

Learn about websites that can give you special data on environmental factors that could affect your property.



Monday 14th October, 2019 9:00am-1:00pm

Doris Casey Memorial Hall, Croydon, QLD 4871

Morning tea and lunch provided. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Bring along your own electronic devices (Laptops, phones, computers, etc.) so we can set help set you up properly.

Staff will be available to answer any additional questions that you might have about the internet or online tools.

Register by Friday 7th October 2019

John McLaughlin Rangelands Project Officer (Grazing)

- 07 4092 1088
- 0411 294 331
- John.McLaughlin@northerngulf.com.au





E-Beef Smart Farm Field Day

Bringing new and emerging technologies to the North Queensland grazing industry.

Come along and learn about:

E-BEEF SMART FARM PROJECT

Hear from John McLaughlin (Northern Gulf) and Joe Rolfe (QDAF) about this project and how timely management decisions can enhance grazing productivity and profitability in North Queensland.

WALK OVER WEIGH (WOW) SYSTEMS

Hear from Tim Driver about how Walk-over-Weigh systems can improve animal performance, land condition and profitability in grazing enterprises.

✓ ONLINE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT TOOLS

With James Walker from Agrihive Taking control of your business & finances

✓ IMPROVING BEEF PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

With Fred Chudleigh from QDAF Improving the performance of NQ Gulf beef production systems

✓ VIRTUAL FENCING

With Jason Chaffey from Agersens Increase production and cut costs with virtual fencing

✓ GPS CATTLE EAR TAGS

With David Smith from Ceres Tag New generation smart ear tag for livestock provenance & management.

REGIONAL & REMOTE TELECOMMUNICATIONS

National

Landcare Program

With Omar Tas from MarchNet Outback should not mean out-of-reach.

Australian Government



Railway Hotel, Almaden QLD 4871

Site Visit

Attendees will visit Scardons Hill Station to view a WoW Demonstration site

FREE EVENT

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon BBQ provided.

Register by Friday 25th October 2019

To register visit...

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ebeef-smart-farm-field-day-tickets-71612570125

Or contact...

John McLaughlin Rangelands Project Officer (Grazing)

- 🔮 07 4092 1088
- 🔮 0411 294 331
- John.Mclaughlin@northerngulf.com.au





The E-Beef project is supported by a partnership comprising Southern Gulf NRM, Desert Channels Queensland, Northern Gulf RMG, and Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. Funding for the project is from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the Queensland Government Drought and Climate Adaptation Program.

THE UNDERTAKER

By Rick Tomkies

This true story, is one of a number of factual or fact-based "camp-fire" yarns, written by the Author and published by Australianabooks. Some have been abridged and revised and specially selected for the **Inform.** These short stories have been gathered during the Author's travels around the Outback and selected after checking their authenticity.

It was a hot summer's day as I entered the cool private bar of the *Central Hotel* in Normanton.

In 1974 it was the usual small country town pub – a private bar for the white locals and a larger public bar for the Aboriginal inhabitants...in the days before race and color segregation became illegal. The bar room was not exactly over-crowded, since it was in the middle of a tropical and North Queensland afternoon and the local workforce had not invaded the pub. Several Aborigines were feeding a jukebox in the main bar while others shouted and cursed one another over a beer.

"Hi, what'll you have?" asked the attractive lass behind the bar.

I ordered a beer and handed her a twenty dollar bill. Looking around the room I noticed that apart from a couple of other patrons at the farthest end of the bar, I was it. Downing the last of my beer, I wiped the froth away from my lips with the back of one hand, while the bar attendant, taking my glass away, filled a fresh one with the foaming ice-cold amber fluid. While she counted out the correct money from the change on the toweled bar-top, I took another sip and glanced at a newcomer who was perching himself on the barstool next to me.

"G'day," I said, nodding at him.

The stranger grinned. "G'day, 'ow yer goin'?"

The cove seemed friendly enough and I gave him an appraising glance while he ordered a drink. He was wearing a pink fluoro safety vest over a loose-necked shirt. His jeans, although relatively clean were obviously well worn. Being somewhat short of stature, he seemed to have difficulty reaching the floor – his boots rested on the rungs of the bar-stool. I judged, quite correctly, as it eventually transpired that he worked for the local shire council.

I could not help noticing an accent of some sort as he spoke to the girl behind the bar. I was soon to discover his origins, however.

A couple of pots and a few desultory sentences later, he eventually introduced himself as "Frenchy." Ha! Now I knew his origin!

Despite the hour, Frenchy did not appear to be in any sort of hurry to get back to work. Indeed, it transpired that not only was he officially the council carpenter, but intriguingly, he was also the designated undertaker for the town! A beer or two more and Frenchy began to regale me with some fascinating tales which he allegedly had experienced in his time as the official Council Undertaker...

"Dere vas dis time ven a – vot you call 'im a ringer, 'e died out on a station near 'ere and I 'ad to git 'im, an' git 'im ready for 'is burial, non? I ordered a coffin from Cairns fer 'im, but 'e wouldn't fit – 'e vas too big fer ze box! 'E vas a beeg bloke, non? Over seex feet long an' thees vide across ze shoulders..." Frenchy exclaimed, holding his arms apart in an endeavor to convey to me the deceased's width.

It was a mistake – I should have known better...I asked him, "What did you do then?"

"Ahh! Ze man vas frozen solid, so I cut orf 'is 'arms at ze shoulders to make 'im fit!"

Appalled, I exclaimed, "You did what?!"

Frenchy grinned and with a typical Gallic shrug of his shoulders added philosophically, "'E deed not feel a thing, non?" He rapped the bar top with the knuckles of his fist... "'E vas as 'ard as zat!"

Chuckling and shaking my head with amusement, I ordered another round of drinks and questioned him at some length on his job as official undertaker for the town. It eventuated that since there was no private undertaker in this remote country town and on one else was willing to take the position on, Frenchy was "it!"

I decided to forego the obvious question as to how a corpse might be frozen ... the local mortuary was only a small brick building out in the middle of a paddock in the vicinity of the local hospital. In fact, I had only recently noticed a deceased person, wrapped in plastic, being unceremoniously transported to the very same "mortuary" on the open back of an old utility truck. As I eventually discovered, this particular corpse had been dead for several days over the recent long weekend and had lain unnoticed in a road worker's hut, before the remains were literally scooped up to be sent by chartered plane to a pathologist in Cairns in order for the cause of death to be established.

As I listened to this Frenchman, I came to realize that nothing would really surprise me in this part of the country! Like proper hearses, deep freezing facilities were somewhat limited – confined perhaps to the local butcher shop or possibly the local hospital...the latter yes, but the former, I very much doubted – but then, this *was* almost in the middle of nowhere and in those days rules and regulations were indeed fairly sparse.

My drinking companion, Frenchy, took another gulp of his beer and, obviously relishing his yarn telling, especially to a receptive audience, proceeded to tell me about the time the local police came to him and requesting he gather up the remains of an old Aborigine, who it seemed, had imbibed too much wine, fortified with methylated spirits and had succumbed to its effects. The highly intoxicated gentleman had laid down in the shade of a prickly 'Chinkee Apple' bush to sleep off the effects, in the waste ground right behind the very hotel we were drinking in and failed to awake. Here he remained for nigh on a week in high summer temperatures, before someone investigating the foul stench had discovered his decomposing remains. Apparently the local police, not overly keen on recovering the body, especially since there was someone else who was paid to do it, had engaged Frenchy's services,

providing him with the necessary protective overalls, gloves, mask and helpful advice (administered, I understand, from a rather more salubrious distance) while the intrepid Frenchman literally shoveled the glutinous remains into a body bag.

As the beer drinking progressed, so did Frenchy's yarns – he needed little encouragement at the best of times it seemed, especially while he had a ready listener and a drinking companion. As the beer drinking and time progressed, so did Frenchy's accent and storytelling.

I inquired did some of his gruesome work bother him? I took another sip of the cold beer and leaned with one elbow on the bar, glad to be out of the hot sun and into the cool and shady hotel – with cold beer and fascinating if not shocking yarns...they certainly helped to pass the time.

"Non, non, monsieur – not at all – eet's seemply part of ze job, non? And ze money – she's not too bad, too, eh?" he replied with a short laugh. He paused to sample some more of his brown lubricating liquid from the glass in one hand. "Den zere vas anodder time..."

I waited patiently while he apparently collected his thoughts before regaling me with the events surrounding the occasion when a funeral procession was interrupted. According to Frenchy, a local woman had passed away and since the hot tropical climate was not inducive to a protracted pre-funeral viewing, Frenchy had been contracted to provide a hurriedly built coffin into which the deceased was placed. After the funeral service, the pall bearers proceeded to place the casket into the rear of a station wagon belonging to one of the deceased's relatives, when a muffled thumping was heard from within the coffin, which was about to accompany with the grieving party to the local cemetery. The shocked and frightened relatives of the dead woman, most of whom were Aborigines, panicked and screamed in horror, their superstitions brought to the fore, especially when the casket was hurriedly opened to reveal that their "dead" relative very much alive! This slight interruption brought the funeral procession to an abrupt and very premature halt!

Shaking my head in disbelief, I patted the undertaker of the shoulder, "Aw, c'mon now Frenchy...!" The French carpenter cum undertaker looked at me, "Eet eez all true," he solemnly declared.

Over my last beer, he began to recount his experiences of another funeral. He had been summonsed yet again to the funeral of a deceased man who had been dead for a number of days. Frenchy's task, he began to regale me about, was to bore a hole in the base of the coffin in order to release a quantity of fluid.... I looked at my watch and excused myself *—it was definitely time to go!*

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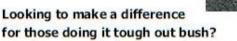
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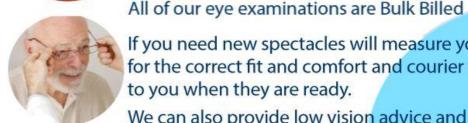
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5 Georgetown Bushman's Ball	20 General Meeting, Georgetown
6 Georgetown Bush Races	23 Forsayth Horse Sports
18 Wenaru Hotel Pool & Darts Comp.	29 TerrEstrial Christmas Markets
18 General Meeting, Georgetown	30 Georgetown Horse Sports
November 2	December
Georgetown Hostel 50 Year Grand Reunion 6 Community Consultation Meeting, Mt	1 Gregg Bethel's Memorial Cricket Match 4
Surprise 15 Festival of Small Halls, Oak Park	Community Consultation Meeting, Forsayth 7-8 Einasleigh Horse Sports
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