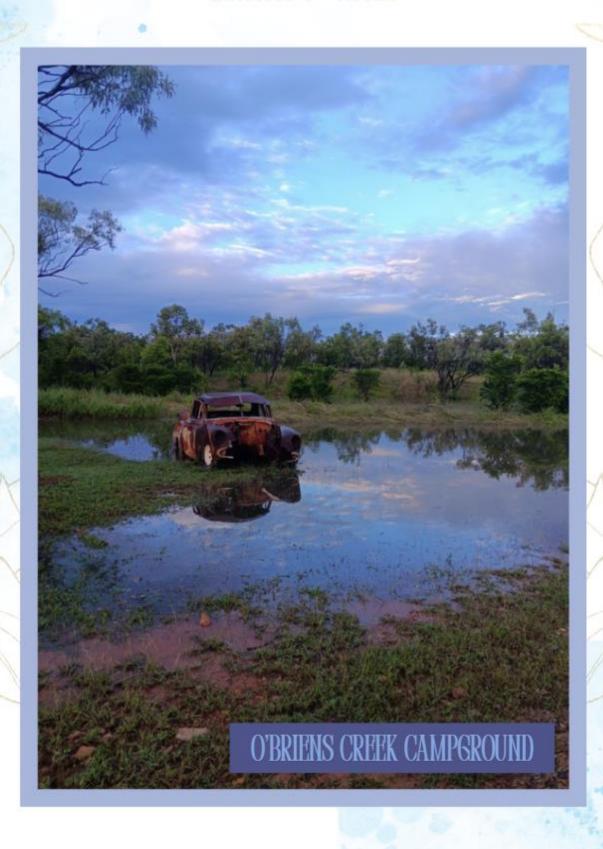
ETHERIDGE SHIRE







### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



### Hello and welcome to the Mayor's report

Hello and welcome to the Mayors Report.

Well Easter is done and dusted, and I hope it delivered all that people were hoping for. We now turn our attention to Anzac Day, and I would ask that we all support the ceremonies that are taking place in our communities across the shire.

The Community Connect gathering in Einasleigh was well attended and the community members engaged enthusiastically with council on a whole range of topics. It is always great to have community members turn up and advocate strongly for improvements to their communities and in doing so provides Council with a great platform to work collectively other to achieve better outcomes.

During this month I have travelled to Brisbane to Chair a delegation of Mayors from the North West ROC. where meetings with Ministers from the Deputy Premier down concerning issues impacting on Local Government were conducted over two days.

In total, eight ministerial meetings took place along with being addressed by the Chiefs of Staff for the Treasurer and Local Member Robbie Katter. We were also addressed by the administrators of Rex Airlines and given the current state of play as well as options to consider when new contracts are released which hopefully will include Georgetown on the itinerary.

Whilst in Brisbane CEO Mark and I met with executives from Genex for a broad discussion on project progression at the Kidston site. Council is due for a site visit in the near future to see the project first hand and discuss emerging issues that have implications for council.

The saturation levels across some of council's road network is causing heartburn to our staff and road users with issues still being experienced on the Kennedy and Gulf Development Road corridors. Council in conjunction with TMR Cairns are managing the situations as best they can given the amount of water still present on these sites. Please be patient and abide by the traffic signage in place to keep everyone safe.

This week council were hosts to Griffith Uni once again to carry out a little more consultation with Einasleigh and meet with Corporate Services manager Renee and myself to discuss the Sport and Rec. strategy for Etheridge Shire as well as progressing the Growing our Regions projects for the shire as well. This project includes Stage 2 of the Terrestrial development, Cumberland Dam upgrade, The Elders Walk in conjunction with the terrestrial upgrade.

Discussions are progressing with DPI (Department of Primary Industries) in relation to the Etheridge Ag Prescient and the appointment of an administration officer to manage the progression of the this project. These talks are going well and I would envisage that once expressions of interest are concluded we will see the position being filled and rubber on the road.

Until next month, Happy Trails.

Regards Mayor Barry Hughes Etheridge Shire Council

### First Point of Contact in an Emergency

### **Contact Personnel:**

Council's nominated first point of contact is

CEO - Mark Watt

Phone: 0439 414 771

If the LDMG (Local Disaster Management Group) is activated by the chairperson

(The Mayor) the Controlling Officer will be

CEO - Mark Watt

Phone: 0439 414 771

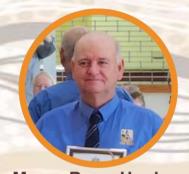
### **Suggestion Box**

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

All suggestions are welcome being anonymous or otherwise.

Let's work together to make the Shire better!





**Mayor Barry Hughes** 0458 621 233 Mayor@etheridge.qld.gov.au



**Deputy Mayor Laurell Royes** 0459 278 377 Cr.Royes@etheridge.gld.gov.au Cr.Tincknell@etheridge.gld.gov.au



Councillor lan Tincknell 0459 136 283



Councillor Seven Ryan 0448 089 144 Cr.Ryan@etheridge.qld.gov.au



Councillor lan Carroll 0459 623 582 Cr.Carroll@etheridge.gld.gov.au

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

### **Monthly Community Connect Sessions**

- Mt Surprise Hall, Mt Surprise 9AM THURS, 16 JANUARY 2025
- **Lynd Junction**9AM WED, 5 FEBRUARY 2025
- Sports Centre, Georgetown 9AM WED, 5 MARCH 2025
- Einasleigh Hall, Einasleigh 9AM WED, 9 APRIL 2025
- Oak Park 9AM WED, 14 MAY 2025
- Forsayth QCWA Hall, Forsayth **8AM WED, 11 JUNE 2025**



Come and have a chat with your local Councillors!



For more information please contact Council on (07) 4079 9090

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### **2025 General Meeting Dates**

In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Etheridge Shire Council General Meetings for the 2025 calendar year are to be held on the following dates in Georgetown.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
May	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
June	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
July	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
August	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
September	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
October	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
November	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Georgetown	9:00am
December	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Georgetown	9:00am

### Mark Watt

Chief Executive Officer

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Meeting to be held 28th April 2025

Etheridge Shire Council wishes to advise residents that a Special General Meeting has been scheduled to conduct business including:

- Emergent Supervision, Damage Assessment and Project Management – NQ Weather Events Feb & Mar 2025.
- Tender ESC 2024-024: Replacement of Security Fencing at Mount Surprise & Einasleigh Air Strips.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Review.
- Draft FY25/26 Operational Plan.

The meeting will be held:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Monday 28th April 2025	Georgetown,	10:00am
	Council	
	Chambers	

Council appreciates your cooperation.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Council on 4079 9090

Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer



### POSITION VACANT CASUAL TOURISM/LIBRARY OFFICER

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITHIN A TEAM ENVIRONMENT

The Tourist Information/Library Officer will provide a high standard of customer service to both visitors and locals of the Etheridge Shire. Whilst conducting their work in line with current policies, current procedures and work instructions.

Etheridge Shire Council is currently seeking a dedicated, motivated, and enthusiastic Tourism Librarian Officer on a casual basis to join our team of experienced customer service professionals based at Councils Terrestrial Centre located at Georgetown for the 2025 Tourist Season.

Etheridge Shire Council is dedicated to providing high quality customer service to its external and internal customers, but we also value our staff and the important role that they play.

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

Position Vacant – Casual Tourism Library Officer The Chief Executive Officer Etheridge Shire Council PO Box 12 GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

Fax: 07 4062 1285

Email: info@etheridge.gld.gov.au

Further information can be obtained by contacting Council on Ph: 07 40799090 or email <a href="mailto:info@etheridge.gld.gov.au">info@etheridge.gld.gov.au</a> or Councils website

www.etheridge.gld.gov.au

Applications close at 4 pm Wednesday 7th May 2025

Mark Watt CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



### ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL.

... The Golden Heart of the Gulf

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST EINASLEIGH TOWN COMMON RANGER

Etheridge Shire Council are currently seeking a Ranger to join our team for the overall management and operation of the Einasleigh Town Common.

### The Role:

This EOI is for the management and operation of the Einasleigh Town Common, with the successful applicant being responsible for all the overall management, operations, care and supervision of the Einasleigh Town Common in accordance with the adopted Town Common Policy and Einasleigh Town Common Management Plan.

### How to apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit an expression of interest, including a cover letter and current resume, outlining relevant experience.

Please submit all enquiries and expressions of interest to renee.bester@etheridge.qld.gov.au

EOI closes Wednesday, 14th May 2025

Mark Watt
Chief Executive Officer

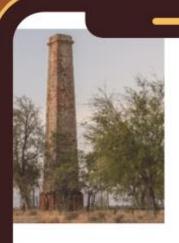
### Subscribe to our E-Newsletter

Like what you see here? Get it all straight to your inbox! Our E-Newsletter is your digital version of the Inform. All the news you see here, with bonus content online. Be the first to know about updates, events and more. No paper, no waiting-just all the good stuff, faster.









Your community newsl for the Etheridge Shire.

www.etheridge.qld.gov

Issue 20 | March 2025

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

General News General Meeting Updates Council Reminders What's on in Etheridge Job Vacancies Local Business Directory

**GENERAL NEWS** 





11 April 2025

### Gulflander Services Notification

### Industry Advice #2

Due to ongoing flooding impacting the Normanton to Croydon railway line, the Gulflander service resumption date will be further delayed with anticipated start date now Wednesday 7 May 2025.

As always, the safety of our staff and guests is the number one priority of Queensland Rail.

For further information please contact us on 1800 577 245 or +61 7 4231 9045 daily between 7am and 4:30pm AEST or visit <a href="https://www.gulflander.com.au">www.gulflander.com.au</a>

Kind regards,

The Gulflander



WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO JODI FOR 15 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL. YOUR COMMITMENT HAS MADE A LASTING IMPACT.



### NEWS FROM THE NORTH WEST

17 APRIL 2025

### Standing together for the North West in the capital



### Cr Barry Hughes - NWQROC Chair

Earlier this month, I had the privilege of leading a delegation of the North West Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NWQROC) to Brisbane. Alongside mayors and representatives from across our vast region - from Mount Isa to the Gulf, from Cloncurry to Croydon - we brought the voice of the North West directly to the steps of Queensland Parliament.

And let me tell you, we made it count.

Too often, the tyranny of distance makes it easy for governments in the southeast corner to overlook what's happening up here. But we're not ones to sit on our hands and hope to be noticed. If you want to be heard in Brisbane, you've got to show up, stand united, and speak with purpose. That's exactly what we did.

From aviation to road funding, housing, biosecurity, telecommunications, the CopperString project, and the ongoing challenges of flood recovery - we covered the issues that matter most to our people and our future.

One of the greatest strengths of NWQROC and our involvement with the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils, is the solidarity across councils. We don't go to Brisbane with a shopping list for just one council. We go as a united front, focussed on region-wide priorities and solutions that uplift the whole of North West Queensland and where relevant the wider Western Queensland region which covers 64% of Queensland. That's a powerful message and it resonates in the halls of power.

I'd go as far as to say this was one of the most productive delegations I've ever been part of. Over the jampacked two-day agenda we pushed hard for economic equity, and for our fair share of investment to flow back to the powerhouse North West of the state.

Aviation was one of the top topics on the meeting agenda, and rightly so. I know how critical reliable air services are to our communities.

We met with Rex Airlines' administrators and officials last week. Disappointedly, we'll have to wait until the current administration deadline of 30 June 2025 to find out what the future holds. While it continues to be frustrating, but not surprising, we got the impression we're nearing the end of this rocky road and hope to see some structural clarity around the future of airline services in our region.

Outside of aviation, we continued to push for better road funding, disaster resilience strategies and investment, and the State Government's financial commitment for transformative projects like CopperString. It simply must proceed. There can be no turning back!

In addition to meetings, a real highlight of the week was the official launch of our Jobs North West Queensland (<a href="www.jobsnorthwestqueensland.com.au">www.jobsnorthwestqueensland.com.au</a>) and Live North West Queensland (<a href="www.livenorthwestqueensland.com.au">www.livenorthwestqueensland.com.au</a>) platforms by the

Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning and Minister for Industrial Relations.

These initiatives, developed in partnership with RDA Townsville and North West Queensland funded by the Queensland Government, are a game-changer for our region. They showcase local job opportunities and promote the lifestyle we all know and love - wide open spaces, strong communities, and a chance to make a real difference.

These platforms will help us attract and retain the skilled workforce we need, while also showing the rest of Queensland and the nation that the North West is not just a place to work, but a place of great opportunities for individuals and business. The catchphrase "Come for the Opportunity, Stay for the Adventure" sums it up perfectly!

Of course, the shadow of flooding was ever-present throughout our time in Brisbane. Our hearts and minds remain with those affected across the west. I know the pain, the isolation, and the resilience it takes to get through times like these.

What gives me hope is that we're working with a government that shows empathy for the bush. The conversations we had weren't just heard, they were understood.

So, to everyone across our region: know that your leaders are fighting for you. We're not just ticking boxes in Brisbane. We're building bridges, forming partnerships, and demanding a future where the North West is not an afterthought, but a priority.





### **Georgetown Primary Health Centre**

### Hello Georgetown Community!

Easter has arrived, along with the school holidays, so we hope you all enjoy a well-deserved break and fun times together with family and friends. The sun is starting to shine, and it is always such a beautiful and inspiring time of the year.

Its that time of the year when our flu vaccines have arrived! Are you eligible for a free flu vaccine this year? The following information can assist you in knowing you are eligible for a free vaccine:

**6 months to less than 5 years.** Your little one will need two doses one month apart if they have never had the vaccine before. ALL children in this age group are eligible.

**5 years to less than 65 years** – If you have a medical condition that predisposes you to severe influenza, ALL aboriginal and Torres strait Islander people, all pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy. If you are unsure if you qualify in this age group – please fee free to call and speak with the nurse on shift.

**65 years and older** ALL people in this age group are eligible.

Please call us on 4062 1266 to make a booking if you qualify for free flu vaccine.

### IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OBTAINING SCRIPTS FROM RFDS DOCTOR

Due to extensive consultation with the RFDS medical team, necessary change has been implemented regarding how patients are getting scripts from the RFDS Doctors. Going forward and effective immediately **ALL patients** must make a booking if they would like their script updated.

Ultimately it was agreed that patient safety was at risk with patients getting scripts without seeing the Doctor. If you have extenuating circumstances, and you have seen a doctor in the last 6 months please talk to the nurse on shift, as we may be able to arrange a phone consult for you.

Thank you for your understanding as Queensland Health and RFDS work together to provide gold standard health care to the community, with patient safety front and centre in our approach to health care delivery.

### PATIENT TRAVEL SUBSIDY SCHEME

We have been receiving travel form C's without travel approval.

For **each** time that you are attending an appointment away from Georgetown please see us at the clinic before attending your appointment so we can complete the relevant paperwork to obtain approval for travel as this will ensure less delays in the subsidy reimbursement.

Registration and EFT forms are required to be updated yearly so we also need to check o this when submitting forms for subsidy claims.

We will continue to compete travel forms on Mondays and Wednesdays between 2-4pm.

We are more than happy to answer any questions about patient travel so please drop into the clinic and ask.

### RFDS DOCTORS CLINIC UPCOMING DATES

**Thursday**: 24/04/2025, 08/05/2025, 15/05/2025

**Friday**: 02/05/2025

### **UPCOMING VISITING HEALTH TEAMS:**

### Women's' Health including Cervical screening

PLEASE CONTACT US TO MAKE A BOOKING WITH AN RFDS Dr if you are needing an appointment in regard to women's health and cervical screening on 40621266.

### **NWRH (Mental Health support)**

Face to face

Telehealth is offered.

Referrals can be self-referral, Dr or Nurse referral. Please call us 4062 1266 for more information or NWRH 47819300

### **Allied Health**

Please contact the Georgetown Clinic on 40621266 to have a referral attended to. Dates for rest of the year to be advised, we will let you all know as soon as these are confirmed

### **Dentist Visit dates**

12/05/25 - 16/05/25 children's dental

26/05/25 - 30/05/25 children's dental

09/06/25 - 13/06/25 adult dental

28/07/25 - 01/08/25 adult dental

22/09/25 - 26/09/25 adult dental

10/11/25 - 14/11/25 adult dental

Call 1300 300 850 to make a booking. Payments are required for those without a concession card.

### **Optometrist – Outside Optical**

10/6 – held in main clinic 2/9 - held in dental clinic

Please call Outside Optical on 07 47862034 to make an appointment.

### **MEN'S HEALTH CLINIC**

Dates for 2025:

24/04/2025 14/08/2025 4/12/2025

Dr Geoff Clarke the RFDS Nurse Practitioner will once again be offering Men's Health Clinics to our community. Appointments can be booked via the Georgetown clinic on 40621266.

### SKIN CHECK CLINICS - WITH RFDS DOCTOR AND NURSE

2/5 30/5 27/6

Bookings are made by Georgetown Clinic.

Thank you and Kind Regards, Serena and Jas



### JOB OPPORTUNITY (CASUAL) OPERATIONAL SERVICES OFFICER

### **HIRING NOW**

- EXCELLENT HOURLY RATES
- ON CALL ALLOWANCE AND OVERTIME RATES ALSO APPLY (WHEN CALLED OUT FOR THE AMBULANCE). TIME AND A HALF FOR THE FIRST 3 HOURS) THEN DOUBLE TIME THEREAFTER. ALL CALL OUTS PAID AT MINIMUM OF 2 HOURS EVEN IF WE ONLY NEED YOU FOR 20 MIN!
- WE NEED SOMEONE WITH REASONABLE COMPUTER SKILLS TO WORK IN OUR OFFICE: ANSWERING PHONE CALLS, PATIENT BOOKINGS, BASIC PAPER PROCESSING, SCANNING, FAXING AND FILING.
  - THIS JOB IS A "JACK OF ALL TRADES JOB" AND ALSO REQUIRES YOU TO CLEAN AND GARDEN.
    - WE WILL ALSO REQUIRE YOU TO DRIVE FOR OUR AMBULANCE ON OUR ROSTER.
- UNIFORMS PROVIDED, EXCELLENT WORKING TEAM, OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND MORE!!!
  - FULL TRAINING AND SUPPORT PROVIDED
- PLEASE CONTACT SERENA OR JASMOND AT GEORGETOWN PHC IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, TO MAKE A TIME TO DISCUSS APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIRMENTS 40621266
  - APPLICATIONS CLOSE 01/05/2025

### Tablelands Allied Health Outreach Service

Mount Surprise, Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown & Croydon



The first visiting services will be Physio, OT & Social Work

### TELEHEALTH SERVICES

If you miss out on an appointment or the service you require isn't visiting on this run we also offer Telehealth and Telephone Consultations in conjunction with some of the Primary Health Centres. Please contact Allied Health Admin on 40910467 to discuss an appointment.

### **2025 DATES**

(By appointment only)

March 18 - 20th

June 24 - 26th

Nov 18 - 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### What services do we offer?

Dietetics

Social Work

Physiotherapy

Speech Pathology

Occupational Therapy



We aim to provide face-to-face outreach services three times per year in 2024. In between these visits, Telehealth and Telephone service can be utilised. Our outreach team consists of a Physiotherapist, an Occupational Therapist, a Speech Pathologist, a Dietitian, and a Social Worker.





### BreastScreen is coming to

### Georgetown 23-25 June 2025

Located at the Health Centre (High Street)
See your health worker to make a booking



Free breast screening for women over 40



No doctor's referral needed

Women aged 50-74 are especially encouraged to attend

Call 13 20 50 or visit breastscreen.qld.gov.au



### Oral Health Services



Free dental care for children aged 0-17 years old

### Children's dental visit dates to Georgetown:

13-15 May 2025

27-29 May 2025

A parent or guardian will need to attend

Phone: 1300 300 850

Monday - Friday | 8am - 4pm Except Public Holidays





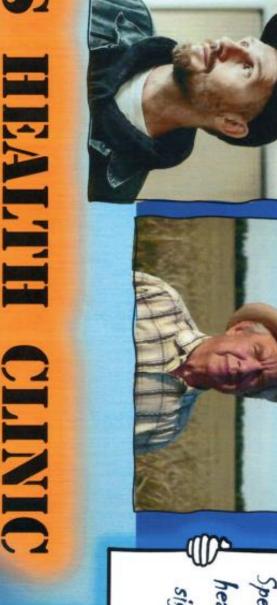












NOT weakness.

# MEN'S HEALTH CLINIC

Proudly supported by Georgetown Primary Health Centre & the Royal Flying Doctors Service



## INTERESTED MATER

Primary Health Centre for a booking: 4062 1266 Please call Georgetown



SPORTS CENTRE ON: GEORGETOWN AT THE

WITH DR GEOFF CLARKE RFDS (NURSE

PRACTITIONER)

## LETS STAND TOGETHER AND SPEAK UP ABOUT DOMESTIC ABUSE

Thursday, 22nd May 2025 — 10:00 AM Venue: Georgetown Hall Supper Room

Join us for an open, respectful, and safe space to talk about domestic abuse. Whether you need support, want to share your story, or simply gather information and resources — you're welcome here. Finger food, tea, and coffee provided.

Everyone is welcome. You are not alone.











DATE/S: Friday June 13th

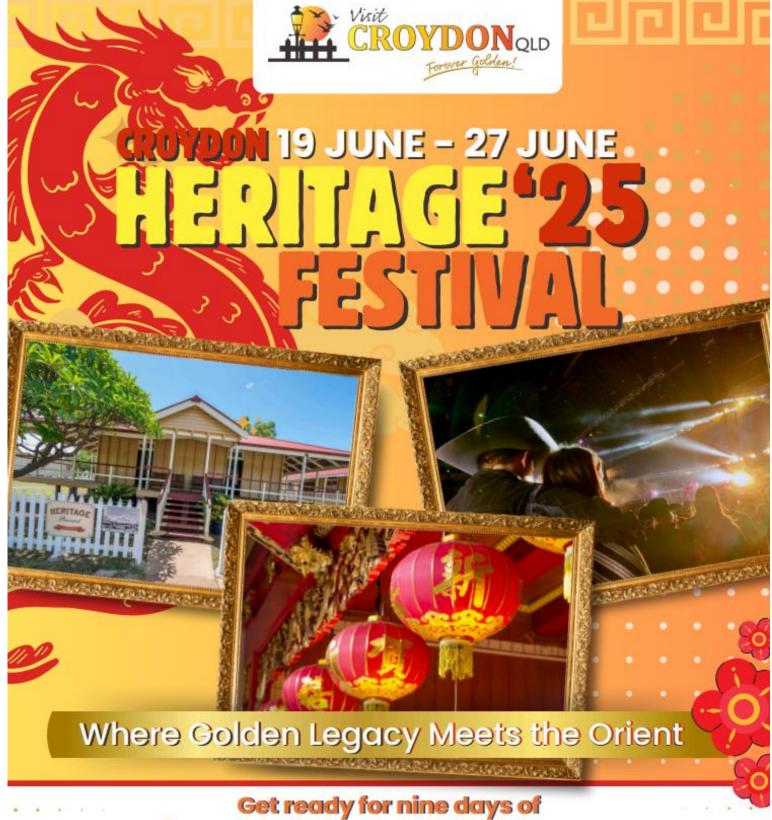
SHOW TIMES: Theatre Workshop 4:15pm (5,yrs – 12yrs)

Theatre Show 5:30pm

www.bluegumfarmtv.com.au

This Blue Gum Farm TV project is supported by the Queensland
Government through Arts Queensland.





### Get ready for nine days of history, culture, and Outback adventure!

Kick off with the Croydon Rodeo & Campdraft, then dive into a week of heritage celebrations. Witness the grand opening of the Chinese Archaeological Temple Site, featuring its stunning new entrance design and more surprises. Enjoy traditional Chinese dances and cultural performances and a special visit from Chinese Consul General Dr. Ruan Zongze.

Join FREE tours and activities and experience Croydon's BIGGEST Heritage Festival yet!







Phone: (07) 4748 7153

Web: www.visitcroydonqld.com.au



Email: info@visitcroydonqld.com.au #VISITCROYDONQLD

1374 2025 G.S.S.P.K FAMILY FUN EVENT! MAJOR RAFFLE MORE INFO TO COME



## 10TH • 11TH • 12TH JULY 2025

MORE INFORMATION TO COME





### Boost your accounting skills with our free Intermediate **Xero for Business** workshop.

- 9am-5pm Wednesday 07May25
- Georgetown Sport Centre Georgetown

Perfect for small businesses and start-ups, XERO is an online accounting software that doesn't require bookkeeping knowledge to manage your business finances. Take your business to the next level.

Register using the QR code or visit bit.ly/4k4Pd52.

Contact deborah.Schedue@gulfsavannahnrm.org for more information. Morning tea and lunch provided.

This project is supported by the Foundation for Rural Regional Renewal, through funding from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.















### Become an accredited Mental Health First Aider and help support family, friends and the community!

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will teach you how to apply the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan to support someone experiencing mental health difficulties.

- · Recognise common mental health problems
- · Provide initial help using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan
- Seek appropriate professional help and
- Respond in a crisis situation

This is an educational course, not a therapy or support group.

14-15 May 2025 Dates:

9am - 4:30pm Times:

Cost: Free

Georgetown - Sport Venue:

Centre

Facilitator:

The Mindset Academy -

Tobi Schnell

Register using the QR code or visit bit.ly/414yCW1 Contact deborah.schedue@gulfsavannahnrm.org for more information.















### You're invited: Community roadshow event - Kidston Hybrid Project

Join Genex in Greenvale on Tuesday, May 06 for an informative session on the Kidston Hybrid Project.

### Introducing Genex's 270-megawatt Kidston Hybrid Project

Previously known as the 258-megawatt (MW) Kidston Wind Project (K3-Wind), this project has been reconfigured as the 270MW Kidston Hybrid Project (K3-Hybrid) and forms part of the final stage of the Kidston Clean Energy Hub. The project combines 120MW of wind with a 150MW/600-megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS), optimised to enhance performance, improve energy reliability, and minimise environmental impact.

The project will connect to the new 275-kilovolt (kV) transmission line being delivered by Powerlink Queensland for the K2-Hydro Project, expected to be completed in 2025. The integration of wind, solar, pumped hydro, and BESS into the Kidston Clean Energy Hub creates a globally unique, multi-technology renewable energy precinct.

Discover how Genex's K3-Hybrid project will deliver benefits to local businesses, create employment opportunities, and strengthen community infrastructure.

### **Event details:**





Date: Tuesday, May 06 T: Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm



Location: Greenvale Community Centre (2 Acacia Drive, Greenvale)

### During the session, the Genex team will provide insights into:

- the project's purpose and key specifications
- current and upcoming activities, including wind turbine transportation and potential community impacts
- benefits and opportunities for residents and the wider community
- ways for local businesses, contractors, job seekers, and universities can participate
- how to contact Genex with questions, concerns, or proposals throughout the project lifecycle.



Refreshments will be provided. The session will include a Q&A and the opportunity to connect with Genex representatives.



Register your interest online, via the QR code, or by emailing info@genexpower.com.au.





### You're invited: Community roadshow event - Kidston Hybrid Project

Join Genex in Einasleigh on Wednesday, May 07 for an informative session on the Kidston Hybrid Project.

#### Introducing Genex's 270-megawatt Kidston Hybrid Project

Previously known as the 258-megawatt (MW) Kidston Wind Project (K3-Wind), this project has been reconfigured as the 270MW Kidston Hybrid Project (K3-Hybrid) and forms part of the final stage of the Kidston Clean Energy Hub. The project combines 120MW of wind with a 150MW/600-megawatt hour (MWh) battery energy storage system (BESS), optimised to enhance performance, improve energy reliability, and minimise environmental impact.

The project will connect to the new 275-kilovolt (kV) transmission line being delivered by Powerlink Queensland for the K2-Hydro Project, expected to be completed in 2025. The integration of wind, solar, pumped hydro, and BESS into the Kidston Clean Energy Hub creates a globally unique, multi-technology renewable energy precinct.

Discover how Genex's K3-Hybrid project will deliver benefits to local businesses, create employment opportunities, and strengthen community infrastructure.

#### Event details:



Date: Wednesday, May 07 (: Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm





Location: Einasleigh Town Hall (Baroota Street, Einasleigh)

#### During the session, the Genex team will provide insights into:

- the project's purpose and key specifications
- current and upcoming activities, including wind turbine transportation and potential community impacts
- benefits and opportunities for residents and the wider community
- ways for local businesses, contractors, job seekers, and universities can participate
- how to contact Genex with questions, concerns, or proposals throughout the project lifecycle.



Refreshments will be provided. The session will include a Q&A and the opportunity to connect with Genex representatives.



Register your interest online, via the QR code, or by emailing info@genexpower.com.au.



## LISTENING FOR THE BELLS DOWN THE CREEK

This community has recently farewelled two of its wellrespected senior citizens, namely John Hughes and Colin
Butler, both experienced bushmen and excellent
storytellers of episodes during their working life (both
serious and comical).

It is strange how sometimes fragments of conversation remain in one's memory. One such phrase occurred to me more than 50 years ago, at some social gathering in Georgetown. John Hughes, Nipper (Kevin) Ryan, myself, and several others were in a group talking and I remember John saying to Nipper something about 'listening for the bells down the creek'. He was obviously referring to bells on working (plant) horses, hobbled out for the night at a mustering camp, presumably on Paddy Hughes' block at Croydon.

Now the word that matters in this phrase is 'for'. Many people would use 'to' when referring to bells but experienced bushmen would listen 'for' particular bell notes, knowing which horse had a particular bell and also knowing what horses were 'mates' with that animal. In this way, he would keep track of all the different groups of horses and know if some were 'clearing out' for home, as well as knowing which group had horses able to be 'barebacked' if the horse-tailers had to go on foot. This was in the days before horse paddocks were built at mustering camps away from home and horses were hobbled out.

Both John and Colin would have been adept at interpreting the horse bells and wherever these two 'Gentlemen of the Bush' are now, it's to be hoped that there are 'bells down the creek' for them to listen for, and plenty of horses to ride.



### SKULLY'S TALES

### "Pooping in Public Protocol"

Retirement is sweet. I'm living the dream—no cattle to chase, no paddocks to patrol, just adventures, belly rubs, and a comfy bed. And snacks. Let's not forget the snacks. But there's a certain decorum to this house-dog life. Turns out, pooping is a whole etiquette class of its own.

At home, Mum has rules. Lots of them. No pooping in the house. (Fair enough, it smells bad.)
No pooping on the verandah. (Not even when it's raining buckets, and I'm hopping around on
my three legs, trying not to slip while doing the "poo shuffle.") And no pooping in the carport
or on the path. Apparently, grass or dirt are the only socially acceptable surface for my
business. So, I've found my spot near the septic tank—it feels... appropriate.

But then we went to Cairns. The Big Smoke. And that's when I learned that Mum has a dark, strange secret. Something so bizarre it could make even a cat raise an eyebrow. We're strolling along the Esplanade, me trotting like the good girl I am, sniffing out all these new smells (so many smells, my nose was working overtime!). Suddenly, I feel it. That unmistakable, uncontrollable urge—the poop signal. This was uncharted territory. At home, I have my rules. On the station, I had free rein. But here? On the lead, surrounded by people? I froze. What's the protocol?

Desperate times call for desperate measures, so I assumed the position—the "humping a tennis ball" pose—and let nature take its course. And let me tell you, it was an impressive log. I mean, even I was proud. But then, the shame set in. I looked up at Mum with my best sorry eyes, bracing for one of her poop rule lectures.

Instead, Mum did something... unspeakable.

She pulled out this plastic bag, bent down, and scooped up my poop! With her hand. (Okay, there was plastic in between, but still!) Then—oh, it gets worse—she TIED THE BAG IN A KNOT and carried it with her like some kind of sacred relic.

I was mortified. Ducking, weaving, trying to escape the end of the lead like a fish on a line.

Didn't she realize everyone could SEE her? I kept glancing around, hoping no other dogs from

Etheridge Shire were watching this horror show.

But it didn't end there. No. Apparently, this wasn't a one-time lapse in judgment. Every time we went walking in Cairns, it happened again. My poop, in a bag, swinging in her hand like a badge of honour.

At home, poop is treated like toxic waste. But here in the Big Smoke, it's apparently treasure. I don't understand. Is she saving it? Selling it? Is there some secret underground poop economy in Cairns? Or has Mum finally gone completely barking mad?

So, I'm turning to you all for advice. How do I help Mum with her poop-obsession problem? Or should I just accept that, in the Big Smoke, humans are... weird?

Yours in bewilderment,

Skully the Retired (and Mortified) Kelpie

### A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST WITH LURLEEN YOUNG (LARSEN)

Lurleen Larsen grew up on "Hounfels Station" in Georgetown, a remote homestead where life followed the rhythms of the land. She was homeschooled by her mother alongside her brother Malcolm and developed a love for reading early on.

One of her fondest memories is the sound of horse hobbles signaling the arrival of packhorses carrying mail, which often included new reading material. This was a cherished event in the otherwise isolated environment of the station.

When they were old enough, Lurleen and Malcolm attended primary school at the Methodius Hostel in Herberton. The transition from home learning to a structured classroom introduced them to new experiences and opportunities. Unfortunately in the devastating floods of 1956, their homestead was completely washed away, leaving the family no choice but to relocate and start anew in Georgetown.

Lurleen later married George Young ("Youngie"), and remained living in Georgetown, while Youngie worked at Lornevale Station. She recalls attending many dances in Forsayth and Georgetown and interesting enough shares the story about Youngie giving Jean Stoddart's (Ryan) brother, Lenny Ryan, the infamous haircut just before he was scheduled to perform at an event. She has many happy memories of of her friends and camaraderie of their close rural community.



Travel in those times was challenging. Groceries had to be ordered months in advance from "Burns Phillips" and arrived by train in Forsayth before being transported to Georgetown by Greens Motors.

Specialist appointments required a train journey from Forsayth, an overnight stay in Almaden, and then a steam train to Cairns the next day.

Lurleen acknowledges improvements over the years, such as sealed roads, motor vehicles, and the introduction of the flying doctor service. She also notes the benefit of having fresh produce available in town, making daily life more convenient.

She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and values the moments shared with them. A dedicated reader, she is a member of the local library and continues to nurture her love for books.

Known for her straightforward nature and sense of humor, Lurleen is recognized for her quick wit and honesty. Her stories and recollections provide insight into life in rural Australia and the changes and challenges she has witnessed over the years.



Lurleen & Malcolm with Ellie maid/companion



Lurleen & George Young 1960



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATE IN CRICKET SHOULD

# FEEL SAFE BE SAFE HAVE FUN BE HAPPY BE INCLUDED



### SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

If you are unhappy with the way you or another child are being treated speak to your parent or guardian or to:

Cara Gallagher - 0459 151 543 Amahlia Tyson - 0436 003 411

### LOOKING AFTER OUR KIDS



















### **GEORGETOWN GOLF CLUB**

ABN: 83 170 200 508 | PO Box 68, Georgetown Qld 4871 | PH: 07 4062 1157

### 2025 MEMBERSHIP

- 9 Hole Golf Course
- Regular Golf Fun Days (Breast Cancer Fundraiser & Men's Cancer Fun Day)
- Golf Annuals May 17th & 18th
- Fully Air Conditioned Club House
- Bar Open from 5pm Monday to Friday
- Evening Meals (during tourist season)
- Take away alcohol available for purchase
- Member's Draw every Friday Night
- Pool and Darts
- NRL Footy Tipping Competition
   \*Participants must be club members
   and pay a \$40 nomination fee.
- Club Shirts available to purchase
- Club house available to hire for functions at a minimal cost.

Find us on facebook
---------------------

@GeorgetownQldGolfClub to keep up with all our events

The Georgetown Golf Club Inc. would like to welcome existing and new members to the 2025 Golfing Season. With lots of our usual events and some fantastic new improvements to the Clubhouse underway, there's no doubt that we have a promising year ahead. To join us please fill out the tear off form and return it by dropping it to the Clubhouse or posting it to the above address.

	$\sim$	
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPL	ICATION	
Name		
(FIRST APPLICANT)		
Signature	Date//	
Name		
(SECOND APPLICANT)		
Signature	Date/	
Address		
Phone		
SOCIAL MEMBER \$50 pp		
PLAYING MEMBER* \$150 pp		
(Must be a Playing Member to register with and obtain a Golf Link Card)		

### NRLTIPPING

### ETHERIDGE SHIRE 2025



FREE TO JOIN!!! Join the Etheridge Shire NRL Tipping Competition, 2025 and compete against the rest of the Shire, the rest of Queensland, the rest of Australia, and supporters of your NRL Club. Prizes for Etheridge Shire (Locals Only – Residents and Workers and their friends and family), plus the NRL run Competition has an overall \$10,000 first prize, as well as various other prizes including best streak, Club Champion prizes and prizes for the Final Series. Simply visit www.nrl.com, click on the 'Tipping' Tab, set up a tipping account – or re-activate your existing account – and enter the Competition Pin – A75CKRVD or Competition name 'Etheridge Shire Tipping Rd27' in 'Join a Comp'. Then just enter your tips online each week! Simple as that. Any questions, just give Glen a call at Etheridge Shire Council on 4079-9090.



### Tell Us Your ' Etheridge Stories!



**WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT** 

- . HISTORY
- . MYTHS
- · LOCAL LEGENDS
- · FUNNY MEMORIES
- · + MORE





Max Whitaker

Mobile: 0429 990 651

Phone: 07 4742 1220 Fax: 07 4742 1690

Email: admin@curley.com.au



CLONCURRY . GEORGETOWN . CHARTERS TOWERS . NORMANTON . BOULIA



### OATSY'S MOBILE WORKSHOP PTY LTD SERVICING RURAL AND REMOTE AREAS

- 15 Garnet Street | PO Box 53 MOUNT GARNET OLD 4872
- Chris 0428 194 757 | Johanna 0427 147 023

DIESEL FITTING | WELDING & FABRICATION WORK | AIRCON & AUTO ELECTRICAL WORK | LIGHT & HEAVY VEHICLE SERVICING | HYDRAULIC REPAIRS











To advertise in next year's
Etheridge Phone Directory email
info@etheridge.qld.gov.au
or contact our office
(07) 4079 9090.

### Latara Motel





**BINGO** 



**Every 4th Sunday of the Month** 

\$10 Per Book \$3 Pen \$8 Troll

Event will not occur if Bingo falls on a public holiday or Golf Club event

GOLD COIN ENTRY (FOR ETHERIDGE CARES)

#### PLEASE BRING A SHARED PLATE FOR SMOKO

Venue: Georgetown Golf Club Please bring correct change

9am to 11am













CREATIVE ART, SEWING

ON SHIFT SO STARTING 01/02/2025

FUN CRAFTS, COOKING AND SEWING & MORE

PLACE: MASONIC LODGE CUMBERLAND STREET GEORGETOWN









#### Remote Area Families Services (RAFS)

#### About RAFS and what it provides

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

Charleville Em

■ Emerald

Longreach

■ Mt Isa

Mareeba

<u>Please Note:</u> We do not provide a babysitting service during any of our events. RADF staff are unable to take sole responsibility of children during the play sessions.

#### Ways to access the service

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

#### RADF offers

- Playgroups Home visits Events
- Resources, support and guidance

Scan the QR code for more information



### Georgetown

Phone: (07) 40 621 999

Fuel, AdBlue & Castrol Oils
Autogas & LPG
Aviation Fuel
Groceries
Dine in & Take Away Food
Automotive & Batteries
Pet Supplies
Hardware & Gardening
Cement
Ice

Open 7 days Mon-Fri 6:30am - 6pm Sat & Sun 7am-5pm

Fuel Available 24hrs via Card



### Northern General Freight

We have a single flat top, step deck, B Double, road train & B Double cattle crates. Will cart Hay, Stock lick, Machinery, buildings, cattle, steel & much more!

Servicing the Etheridge Shire & beyond. Depot in Einasleigh & an undercover depot now in Georgetown.

> Jim 0429 96 013 Irene 0467 672 525

northerngeneralfreight@outlook.com

### Savannah Freight

Savannah Freight Depot – Georgetown Roadhouse

Loading in CAIRNS - Monday & Thursday at Savannah Freight Depot – 10 Spoto St. Woree, CAIRNS Delivering - Tuesday & Friday

Loading in Tolga & Mareeba on Wednesday

Delivering Fridays

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

We carry dry goods, chiller and freezer on all runs (exc chiller/freezer on return trips)

Please phone our Driver 0427 356 698 for enquiries

### **Hydraulink**

**Hose and Fittings** 

Chris & Hayden Oats Service Technicians

E hydraulinkmtgarnet@gmail.com W www.hydraulink.com.au

Hydraulink Mt Garnet

3 Rutile Street Mt Garnet QLD 4872

P.O. Box 53 Mt Garnet QLD 4872 ABN 25 658 250 018

M 0474 829 074

**Independently Owned Network Partner** 

Best under pressure



Call Kevin 0438 018 932

Now visiting Georgetown, Forsayth & Croydon every 3 months - Available for Free Quotes

kev@greatnorthernplumbingservices.com



QBCC: 1295775

Plumbing
Water and Sewage Treatment Specialist

- Residential

- Commercial

- Mining

Now working in

Einasleigh, Forsayth and Georgetown

### **General Pest Treatments**



info@townsvilletermitepestcontrol.com.au

0429 947 171



RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL ELECTRICAL SERVICES
INCLUDING:

ENERGY EFFICIENT LED LIGHTING UPGRADES

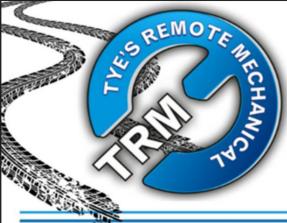
SPLIT AIR-CON INSTALLATIONS & HYDRO CLEANING

SWITCHBOARD & SMOKE ALARM UPGRADES

wired@spinfx.com.au

QLD ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LICENCE #82067 ABN 47 832 679 917

ARCTICK LICENCE #L169067

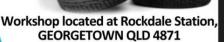


Tye's remote mechanical is a locally owned and operated business that specialises in servicing and mechanical needs from small, light and heavy vehicles, general maintenance, advice and servicing vehicles under warranty approved.

Available to travel and after hours callouts.

#### Our services include:

- · Mechanical repairs and servicing
- · travel & call outs available
- · Windscreens & fitment
- Stockist of direct wholesale tyres
- Large range of truck & car tyres available
- Car & truck tyre fitment
- · Wheel alignment & balancing
- Batteries
- Scan tool diagnosis



Ph: 0487 848 709 / 07 4062 5333 Email: invoice\_trm@outlook.com



Servicing all areas from Normanton to Millaa Millaa and every where in between.

READY TO BUY, SELL OR LOOKING FOR MANAGEMENT?

CALL US TODAY



CKJ CONTRACTING QLD

CKJ CONTRACTING QLD
WEONA STATION, MOUNT GARNET QLD 4872

LIVESTOCK & GENERAL CARRIERS & MACHINERY HIRE CHRIS: 0447 164 415 MICHAEL: 0428 685 429 CKJOLLSON@BIGPOND.COM

ABN 61 800 465 891

P.O. Box 270 Ravenshoe, QLD, 4888

(07)4097 6900

www.towntocountryrealty.com.au

1 TO 6 DECK UNITS
STEP DECKS
FLAT TOPS

WATER TRUCK
GRADER
LOADER
DOZER



Proudly offering the following services

R22 Helicopter
Providing all of your helicopter needs
Web and Willis Speying
Servicing the Etheridge Shire

Webbing available for joined cows, at any stage of gestation without slipping the calf, and willising for maiden heifers over 200kg. Will travel further for larger mobs.

> Please contact Dan for further information 0418 730 696 or 07 4062 5348



### **AERO FUEL NQ**

Serving the needs of the aircraft industry

Onsite refuelling of planes & helicopters at Forsayth airport

Bulk drum refills

Call Simon 0400 898 409



### **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

✓ CALF REARING SUPPLIES INC MILK, TREATS, FEEDERS & BOTTLES

> ✓ HORSE FEEDS & HORSE BLOCKS ✓ CHAFF, MILL RUN & POLLARD ✓ DOG & CAT BISCUITS

> > ✓ BIRD SEED

✓ COARSE & FINE LAYER MASH & LAYER PELLETS

✓ POLY PIPE AND FITTINGS INCRURAL & HIGH PRESSURE

✓ FERTILISERS, POTTING MIX & GARDEN SUPPLIES ✓ PEST & WEED CONTROL

✓ STEEL INC FLAT, ROD & PAINTED OR GAL RHS & PIPE



GREY GALAH Bekky H. 0402 248 171 BNB greygalahbnb@gmail.com 58 Low St. Georgetown QLD



The Grey Galah Bed and Breakfast is a peaceful place to pull up stumps for the night, just a short walk from the centre of town. It's a freshly renovated house that boasts three queen bedrooms, each with their own ensuite. Each room has its own tv complete with Netflix access. Guests can book the whole premises out or a single room with access to shared kitchen, dinging, lounge & laundry facilities. Continental breakfast & FREE WIFI included.



**Business hours:** Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm Saturday 8:30am-12pm

**SUPPLIES** 

NORTHERN LIVESTOCK Feel free to contact Youri anytime on 0418 245 599 or youri@northernlivestocksupplies.com.au

### **Helping Livestock Producers Buy Better**

Are you looking for a better deal on your farm inputs? Northern Livestock Supplies provides a wide range of products for livestock producers across the Far North region. We pride ourselves on providing personalized service and better prices, helping you increase your bottom line.

We have extremely competitive prices on the following, and can usually beat any quote on:

- Long-acting injectable Moxidectin
- Doramectin injectable
- All types of pour-on drenches
- Fly and tick specific pour-on

We can also help with almost any other products you need, including:

- Fencing
- Lick
- Livestock handling
- Beachport liquid minerals
- General rural supplies

We can supply both small and large quantities to suit your needs and can arrange freight anywhere in the Far North.

We have various payment options and can provide extended terms and financing via our partners on request, with simple applications.

If you have any questions, would like a no-obligation quote or on-farm visit, or would just like to have a chat to see how we can help please reach out anytime on the details below.

> We look forward to working together. Kind regards,

Youri Dreezen and Sharnie Koster

### SHAREEN BAMBLING MASSAGE THERAPY 0419275244

WORKING ON WEDNESDAYS 9AM-2PM IF THAT TIME DON'T SUIT JUST CALL AND WE CAN WORK A TIME OUT THAT **WILL, BETWEEN 9AM-2PM** PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS

> PRICE LIST 1.5HRS-\$140

> > 1 H R -

30MINS-



### LAND FOR SALE

**40 ACRES** 

20 mins FROM

WATER GEORGETOWN. GOOD FROM McDONNELL CREEK WITH FRONTAGE TO THE GILBERT RIVER

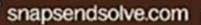
\$150,000

Ph 0418 772 053



### See something, Snap something

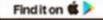
- Snap a photo
- O Confirm Snap location
- Select incident type
- Send your snap
- Solve







Download to Snapl





### Flood and bushfire preparedness

Researchers at UNSW are conducting a project about flood and bushfire preparedness in Australia. All Australian residents over 18 years old are invited to take part in either one or both surveys on flood and bushfire preparedness. Your input is invaluable in developing knowledge that can inform policies on emergency response strategies community and resilience.

Scan to Participate in Flood Research

Scan to Participate in **Bushfire** Research



### Never vour oatteries

Tape Take them













### CALENDAR OF 2025 UPCOMING EVENTS

May

5th -Labour Day 11th -Mother's Day 14th -Under 8's Day 17th-18th -Georgetown Golf Annual

June

Queensland Day 28th -School Holidays 28th - 29th -Mt Surprise Campdraft

July

4th - 5th Oak Park Races
10th-11th-12th Georgetown Pigs and Rigs
11th-13th Einasleigh Campdraft

**August** 

Etheridge Shire Holiday 2nd-3rd -Forsayth Turnout 8th-9th -Einasleigh Campdraft

COUNCIL IS COMPILING AN
ETHERIDGE SHIRE EVENTS
CALENDAR AND WOULD LOVE
TO HEAR FROM YOU! SHARE
YOUR 2025 EVENTS AND
DETAILS WITH US.

### **INFORM ARTICLES**

The Inform will be distributed on the last Thursday of each month unless unforeseen circumstances prevent this. Articles need to be submitted electronically by no later than 1:00pm on the Wednesday prior. Late articles will not be published.



