



INFORM

APRIL - EDITION 4



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello and welcome to the Mayor's report



With the season beginning to change, we welcome the fine weather, which is allowing the Council to be out and about a bit more.

That said, Council is doing its best to open roads so industries and the travelling public can get moving, although machines are still breaking through some areas, and damage to running surfaces is being experienced. Please be aware that the Kennedy, Gregory, Gulf Development Road, Georgetown-Forsayth, and Shortcut Roads are TMR assets, and Council is bound by directions, budget, and specifications for works being carried out on these roads.

Council is well and truly aware of the great work being carried out on Council roads by our work crews under very trying conditions as a result of a very heavy and prolonged wet season.

As they say, you don't waste a good disaster, and Council's project managers at North Lane are compiling flood damage data to submit for funding. Once again, it is looking substantial given the high rainfall events across the shire.

Since the last report, I've been on the road representing Etheridge Shire at the Civic Leaders Forum in Brisbane, along with CEO Ken, which is always a great couple of days. While there, Tammy and I attended a dinner hosted by the Governor of Queensland, alongside five other councils. The invitation for Etheridge to attend came about from Her Excellency's visit to Georgetown and Forsayth last year. I found Her Excellency to be a very gracious lady with a caring attitude and great interest in the bush, having had a nursing career throughout Regional Queensland.

I then carried out my role as Chair of the NWROC, attending the Mayoral Delegation to Canberra, where we had meetings over three days with Federal Ministers, the newly elected leader of the Federal National Party, Matt Canavan, Opposition spokespersons, and a range of bureaucrats to hear the concerns of local government from across the North West Region. Etheridge Shire has conducted a thorough and extensive process to seek to fill the position of CEO, and I am happy to announce that Louise Knol has been appointed to the position.

Louise comes to Etheridge with a solid background in Local Government across all elements of the business model under which Etheridge operates. Louise is finalising her current arrangements with Winton Shire and will take up her appointment on July 1st, 2026. Welcome aboard Louise.

As part of this process we say a big thank you to Ken who has filled the position of Interim CEO with dedication and distinction, especially guiding us through the recent flooding events and keeping Etheridge ticking along with the daily grind of governance issues. Ken will stay in the role of Interim until Louise takes over the reins in July.

The Terrestrial Centre is rapidly taking shape as works progress. Council hosted Griffith Uni, Hutche's (builders), and fit-out company DNA here in Georgetown last week to ensure both this project and the Cumberland Dam project are on track as per plan and design.

Next week, I'll be in Brisbane with the FNQROC member councils for meetings with State Government Ministers and Opposition members. The Gilbert River Bridge is once again high on the agenda, along with the Hann Highway, where I will be urging the State to unlock the \$70 million allocated by the Federal Government for the sealing of the remaining 11 kilometres of this important transport corridor. A meeting with the Minister for the Department of Primary Industries has been scheduled, providing an opportunity to discuss the Etheridge Ag Precinct and extend another invitation for a visit to the flooded Gilbert River area.

A big well done to Einasleigh for a cracking weekend! Driving into the rodeo grounds last Sunday was a pleasant surprise. It was great to see such a good roll-up and a very good day of entertainment for spectators.

From all reports, Georgetown's Pigs and Rigs event went very well with good attendance and helped make a dent in the pig numbers across the region. Well, done to the winners in each category as well as the organising committee.

I would encourage all those who are able to attend the ANZAC services across our communities on the 25th of April to do so. ANZAC is becoming more popular, and rightly so, given the sacrifices and commitment of those who have gone before us, and our front-line service providers who show courage, dedication, and above all, sacrifice. Please show your support.

Closing out this month on a positive note: If you haven't read the presentations delivered by Josie, Carmen, and Melissa at the International Women's Day function here in Georgetown, I would encourage you to do so. Words of wisdom, courage, and encouragement, sprinkled with a little humour and life experience, certainly make for a good read. It can be found in the March edition of *The Inform*. Thank you, ladies, and well done!

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

Phone: 0439 414 771

If the LDMG (Local Disaster Management
Group) is activated by the chairperson
(The Mayor) the Controlling Officer will be
CEO -

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!



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Mayor@etheridge.qld.gov.au



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Suggestion Box Etheridge Shire Council

Your Ideas, feedback, and suggestions help us
build a stronger community.

Simply scan the QR code below to share your
thoughts with us.

No idea is too big or too small – whether it's
about services, facilities, or new initiatives, we'd
love to hear from you!

Together, we can create positive change.





PUBLIC NOTICE

2026 General Meeting Dates

In accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Etheridge Shire Council General Meetings for the 2026 Calendar year are to be held on the following dates in Georgetown.

Date	Venue	Time
20 May 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
17 June 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
15 July 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
12 August 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
16 September 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
14 October 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
11 November 2026	Georgetown	9:00am
16 December 2026	Georgetown	9:00am

Ken Timms PSM
Interim Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

OVERGROWN ALLOTMENT INSPECTIONS

Overgrown allotment inspections will commence in the next 14 days. Council would like to encourage the residents of the Etheridge Shire to make the necessary arrangements for the mowing and clean-up of any overgrown allotments.

Overgrown allotments create potential safety, fire or vermin risks. To reduce these risks please mow, slash or otherwise clear the overgrowth to comply with local regulations.

We appreciate your efforts in maintaining a clean and welcoming shire for everyone.



PUBLIC NOTICE

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR GEORGETOWN & FORSAYTH RESIDENTS

**Water service disruptions are being planned
during May**

Planning Cleaning of Water Mains – May 2026

Disruptions to water services are planned between 8.30am and 4pm within May 2026. Council will notify residents of dates as this gets closer. This disruption is necessary to allow council to carry out works on the water supply system.

Cloudiness /discolouration may be present after a water main is turned back on. The water will return to normal in a few hours. If water appears cloudy / dirty run the tap for a few minutes.

Council wishes to thank you in advance for your co-operation and apologise for any inconvenience. If you have any further queries please contact Shane Butler 0427 621 279.

Should you have any queries in respect to this matter please contact Council on (07) 4079 9090.

Ken Timms PSM
Interim Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

Community Assistance applications now open!

Etheridge Shire Council wishes to advise that applications for community assistance are now open and **will close on Friday 1st May 2026, for all events to be held from 1st July 2026 to 30th June 2027.**

Applications will be considered for in-kind support, infrastructure grants and sponsorship requests.

The Community Assistance package including application forms, guidelines and reporting requirements are available on Council's website or alternatively, please contact Council for a copy.

If you have any questions regarding Council's Community Assistance, please contact the Council office on 07 4079 9090.

Ken Timms PSM
Interim Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

Rates – Council Pensioner Remission



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

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

Ken Timms PSM
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



PUBLIC NOTICE

Etheridge Shire Council wishes to advise that the local telephone directory is currently being updated. Should you wish to amend, add or remove any details, please complete the form below and return it to Council no later than **14/05/2026**.

Correction/Addition/Omission

(Please circle)

Please Print Clearly

Name:

.....

Property/Station Name: (if applicable)

.....

Club Name & Contact Person:

.....

Telephone Number:

.....

Please return to: Etheridge Shire Council

PO Box 12

GEORGETOWN QLD 4871

Fax: 4062 1285

Email: info@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Should you have any queries in respect to this matter please contact Council on (07) 4079 9090.

Ken Timms PSM

Interim Chief Executive Officer



PUBLIC NOTICE

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL RADF Advisory Committee is currently seeking expressions of interest for a new Youth Member.

Members of the RADF Advisory Committee assist Council in providing a link between Council and local stakeholders, community members and arts & culture groups.

Expressions of interested are required to be received by 31st May 2026.

If this may be something that interests you or you would like more information, please contact
Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services on
PH: (07) 4079 9090 or Email: renee.bester@etheridge.qld.gov.au

Kenneth Timms PSM
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



● COMMUNITY

BUDGET MEETINGS



THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE 2026



10AM | EINASLEIGH HALL



1PM | FORSAYTH QCWA HALL





PUBLIC NOTICE

SPORTS AND RECREATION SURVEY

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) COMMUNITY SURVEY

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!



Have Your Say! – OSHC Survey

We're exploring the possibility of introducing a local Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service for families.

This would be a structured & professionally managed service with qualified staff.

To make this happen, we need to understand community interest and needs.

Please take 5–10 minutes to complete this short survey

OSHC: Supporting Children to Explore, Learn, and Grow Beyond School Hours





PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE GOVERNMENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Etheridge Shire Council has 1 Affordable Living House available now at the Georgetown Independent Living Facility

Application packs can be found on the Etheridge Shire Council Website.

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



PUBLIC NOTICE

INDEPENDENT LIVING

Etheridge Shire Council has 4 Independent Living Houses available at the Georgetown Independent Living Facility

Application packs can be found on the Etheridge Shire Council Website.

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



SURVEY

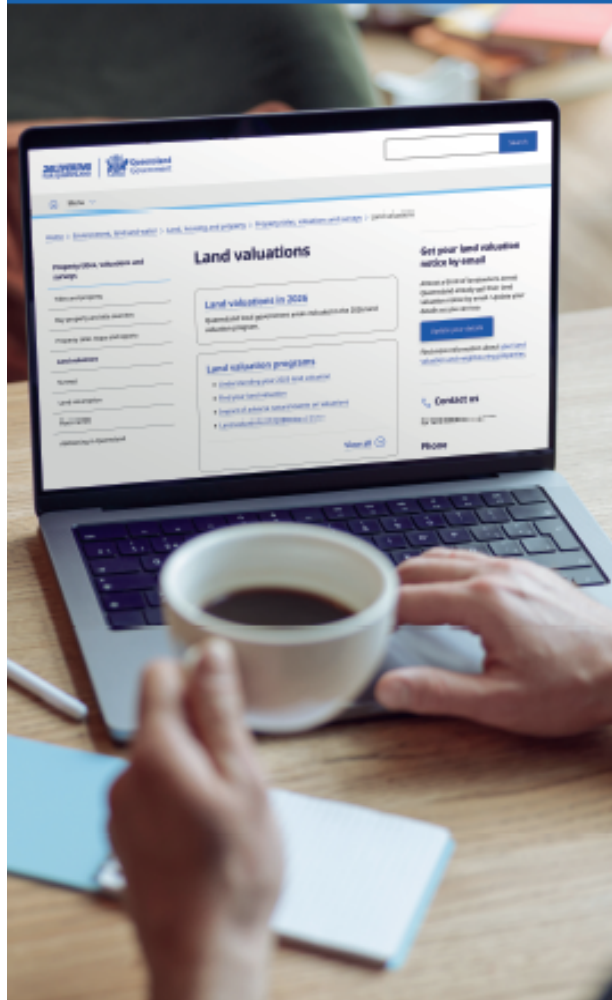
SMS EVERYONE

We're inviting you to take part in the SMS Everyone survey.

Share your thoughts on using SMS for Etheridge Shire Council Rates & Water Notice Reminders, General notifications and Disaster Notifications.

Your feedback will help shape how we communicate with you in the future.

2026 LAND VALUATION ROLL



The Queensland Government is moving towards a more efficient and accessible approach to delivering land valuation information. The annual 2026 land valuation roll is publicly available online, information includes:

- Each property's area, location and description
- Property identification number (displayed on your valuation notice)
- Real Property Description (RPD) lot/plan current and new land valuations.

To view the roll:

Scan the QR code or visit the
Land Valuations website
www.qld.gov.au/landvaluation



Explore the data via the Queensland Globe
<https://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au>

Need help accessing information?

If you are unable to access the internet or require assistance, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development business centres are available to help. You can: Call 1300 664 217 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am–5:00pm) until **11 May 2026**.



Power your property decisions

GO DIGITAL

Get your land valuation fast

Scan the QR code or visit www.qld.gov.au/landvaluation

Keep the doors open

Protect your business from the next natural disaster

Natural disasters can strike without warning, disrupting your operations and putting your finances at risk. By taking proactive steps now, we can minimise risks together and help you recover faster.

Prepare

Get your business ready for disasters:

- Create or review your Business Continuity Plan (BCP)
- Secure your financial and data backups
- Prepare emergency kits
- Develop clear communication and evacuation plans for staff.

 For free disaster resources visit business.qld.gov.au/disaster-hub

Stay informed

If your business is in a disaster warning area, make sure you take the time to:

- Check and update your BCP
- Make sure your household preparations are in place.

 Monitor local alerts and warnings on disaster.qld.gov.au

Why you need a BCP

A BCP is a practical plan to help you prepare for, respond to, and recover from unexpected events.

Having a BCP helps your business get back to normal quickly after events like a storm, supply problem or power outage. It also protects your staff and assets, minimises downtime, and maintains essential services for your customers.

 Find out more and get a BCP template at business.qld.gov.au/bcp

Support after a natural disaster

If your small business has been affected by a disaster, we can help you get back on track with:

- Disaster assistance loans and grants
- Free business mentoring
- Free financial counselling
- Free wellness coaching.



Get more information about our support services at business.qld.gov.au/disaster

 Contact Us -
13 QGOV (13 74 68)

 Follow Us -
@businessqldgov

Natural disaster support for small businesses

If your small or family business has been affected by a disaster, there's information and support services to help you get your business back on track.

Natural disaster resilience and recovery

Find advice and resources to help you:

- respond to, and recover from, a natural disaster
- access financial assistance and other support
- prepare your business for natural disasters.

business.qld.gov.au/disaster

Disaster assistance loans and grants

Queensland businesses impacted during disasters may be eligible for low interest loans or grants to help with recovery. Check QRIDA regularly for updates.

qrida.qld.gov.au/business

Free mentoring for recovery and business support

We can provide your business with support through our Mentoring for Growth program available across Queensland to help your business recover and grow.

business.qld.gov.au/mentoring

Small business wellness coaches

Access support for your mental health and wellbeing when recovering from a natural disaster. Free one-on-one wellness coaching is available to help small and family business owners.

business.qld.gov.au/wellness

Small business financial counselling

Businesses experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship can access free, impartial and confidential support, including cash flow planning, budgeting and insolvency advice.

business.qld.gov.au/financial-counsellors

Contact us:



13 QGOV (13 74 68)
business.qld.gov.au

Follow us:

 [@businessqldgov](https://www.facebook.com/businessqldgov)

Disaster Assistance Pop Up Offices for Primary Producers

North Queensland Monsoon Trough, Associated Tropical Cyclone Koji, Cyclone Narelle and Severe Weather

Tuesday 28th April

Georgetown

Georgetown Hall

41 George St

9am to 5pm

Wednesday 29th April

Croydon

Doris Casey Memorial Hall

21 Brown St

9am to 5pm

Thursday 30th April

Normanton

PBC Office for Gkuthaarn and

Kukatj Aboriginal Corporation

77 Landsborough St

9am to 4pm

RSVP

Kacie Baker

Mobile: 0477 755 243

Email: kacie.baker@dpi.qld.gov.au

Need help accessing disaster support and loans?

The following people will be available in your region at the end of April for support:

- **Kacie Baker**, Industry Recovery and Resilience Officer, Department of Primary Industries, Mareeba
- **Lynette McGuffie** and a **Business Wellness Coach**, Rural Financial Counselling Service North Queensland
- **Michelle Borg**, Queensland Rural Industry Development Authority, Far North Queensland

Book your appointment

While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins are welcome throughout the day.



Australian Government

The Industry Recovery and Resilience Officer (IRRO) program and recovery loans and grants are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).



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Rural Fire Service QLD Area Office in the field Etheridge Shire

We are bringing the RFSQ Area Office to you! Whilst we are here for pre-season operations and training, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to connect with our community and members!

Come and have a chat – we are here to assist with any RFSQ matters and answer your questions in person.

We are always excited to welcome aboard new members!

When: 5 May to 8 May 2026 between 9am – 4pm.

**Where: Einasleigh 5 May, Forsayth 6 May,
Georgetown 7 May at your local RFB shed.**

For any enquires please contact Tablelands Area Office on 07) 4089 6888 or
RFSQ.tablelands@fire.qld.gov.au

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FOR QUEENSLAND**



**Queensland
Government**



THREAD TOGETHER



We are excited to announce a new partnership between Better Together and Thread Together, helping bring brand new clothing to our community through the Mobile Wardrobe.

Thread Together tackles two issues at once:

1. reducing clothing waste
2. supporting people experiencing clothing insecurity.

By redirecting new, surplus clothing to those in need, we can help protect the environment while improving well-being and self-esteem across our communities.

A new range of high-quality clothing for men, women and children available through the Mobile Wardrobe that comes to you!

No referral needed. Just come as you are. We're here to support you with dignity and care.



The 'Thread Together' logo is displayed on a teal tag with a dashed line at the top, hanging from the bottom of the photo.

Everyone Welcome

A small icon of three hands in green, purple, and blue, similar to the 'Better Together' logo.

Location: **Mt Surprise Park**



Date: **Wednesday 20th May**



Time: **12.30pm - 2.30pm**

For more information call Amanda on 0488 791 418



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THREAD TOGETHER



Location: **Georgetown**
Greens park (near swimming pool)



Date: **Friday 22nd May**



Time: **9am - 12pm**

For more information call Amanda on 0488 791 418

WOODY WEED ERADICATION

Training

WITH LEADING EXPERT
PROFESSOR VIC GALEA

Vic's research and successful trials centres on the management and eradication of woody weeds using stem implanted capsules containing either biological agents (fungi) or synthetic compounds (chemical herbicides), a safer, faster more efficient application method with **100% kill rate**.

THIS LATEST TECHNOLOGY, STEM IMPLANTED CAPSULES, IS SUCCESSFUL FOR ERADICATION OF:

- ✓ RUBBERVINE, PARKINSONIA, PRICKLY ACACIA
- ✓ MESQUITE, MIMOSA BUSH, MIMOSA PIGRA
- ✓ CHINEE APPLE, CHINESE ELM, ATHEL PINE
- ✓ NEEM, CATS CLAW CREEPER, LEUCAENA

**RSVP PROCESS AND
SITE LOCATIONS
COMING SOON**


Vic Galea has been working with agricultural industries since the 1990s with extensive experience in crop disease detection, identification, and management of pathogens in a range of sub-tropical and tropical crops. He is the principal scientist of BioHerbicides Australia and Deputy Head of the School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability at the University of Queensland (UQ).




Professor Vic is coming up for free face-to-face field training with the Injektor tools in the week starting July 27

Councils are your every day

A handy guide to what your local council is responsible for – and what it isn't.



Councils look after our **PLACES AND SPACES**, keeping the swings swinging, the slides slippery, and the laughter loud.




Councils take care of **MANAGING WASTE**, making sure yesterday's bottles and boxes don't become tomorrow's landfill.




WATER AND SEWAGE

The majority of councils manage our **WATER AND SEWAGE**, keeping it flowing where we need it, clean when we use it, and ready for whatever the weather brings.



Councils look after our **LOCAL ROADS**, patching the potholes, fixing the cracks, and keeping us moving from here to there.



Councils focus on **PLANNING**. Thinking ahead so the roads, pipes, parks, and places we rely on are ready not just for today, but for what comes next.



It's the **STATE GOVERNMENT'S** job to look after things like state-owned roads, schools, hospitals, emergency services, policing and the justice system.



Meanwhile, the **FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** is in charge of managing the economy, trade, defence, immigration, social services, foreign affairs and more.

Councils are the tier of government closest to our lives. They make today happen, while planning for tomorrow. Councils step in to fill gaps whenever there is community need.



This is called cost shifting, and it impacts you because councils have to do more with less to ensure your community is provided for.

To learn more about how council supports you visit lgaq.asn.au/everyday.



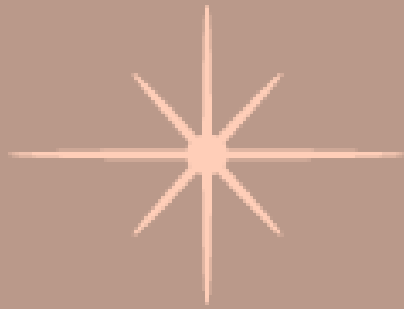
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LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB

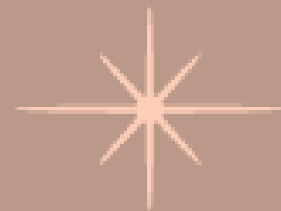
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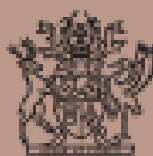
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Nibbles, tea & coffee
provided



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BOOK LAUNCH OF



UNEARTH
ETHERIDGE



JENNY KROONSTUIVER

Tuesday

12th May

10:00am

New Historical Fiction

LAST COACH TO QUARTZ HILL

*Author Talk
Book Signing
Morning Tea*

JENNY KROONSTUIVER

LAST COACH TO QUARTZ HILL

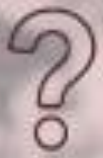


TERRESTRIAL CENTRE

20 Low Street, Georgetown

RSVP to
0458 712 370

MAY MEMORY LOUNGE



Calling all Etheridge Seniors!



Terrestrial Centre. Georgetown



Wednesday 20th May 2026



10.00 am



Morning Tea Provided

Watercolour Workshop

A relaxed session to learn water colour basics: brush strokes, colour mixing and simple techniques. All materials supplied!

17th May - 2:30pm - 6:00pm
Terrestrial Centre

Send us a message on 0458 712 370 or email Library@etheridge.qld.gov.au to register your interest.

Only 12 spots available so get in fast! Oh, and its free!



**SPROUT SQUAD
28TH MAY - AT THE
TERRESTRIAL CENTRE
TIME: 3:15PM**

PLEASE RSVP BY THE 21ST MAY



☆☆☆
first5 forever

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GEORGETOWN STATE SCHOOL

TRIVIA NIGHT 2026!

Friday 5th June - 6:00PM START

ETHERIDGE SHIRE HALL

Get Ready for a
True Blue Aussie Bash!

Come dressed in your best Aussie clobber!

Prizes for Best Dressed!

Ripper Prizes to be Won!

Round up your mates &
bring your **top Aussie banter!**



It's gonna be a
BONZA night!

BYO drinks *and tucker*, mates!

Tables of 8 - \$10 per head

All funds raised support
Georgetown State School!



VIOLIN LESSONS

IN FORSAYTH

FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

FREE!

Phone Renee
on
0413 777 477

*RADF Grant Funding covers the cost of lessons
for one school term.*



Forsayth State School

Students Have Been Busy Exploring Their
Earth and Space Science Unit!



Discovering How Plants Grow

The wonders of life from seed to sprout!



Learning About the Water Cycle

** From rain to rivers to the clouds above!**



Exploring Earth's Place in Space

** Planets, stars, and beyond!**





YOU ARE INVITED TO

MARKETS & MOVIE NIGHT

GEORGETOWN BUSH RACES GROUNDS

MAY  2026

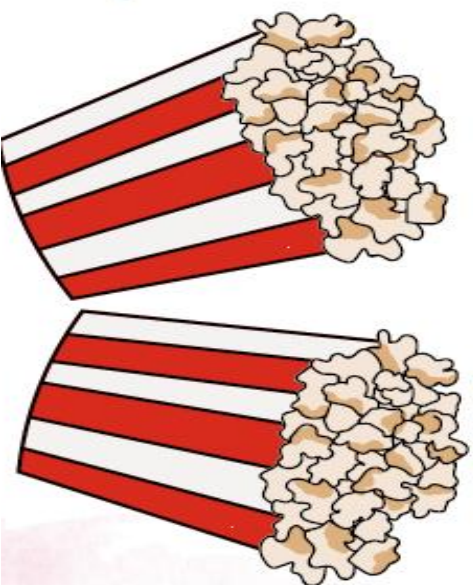


**GEORGETOWN
BUSH RACES**

Yesterday • Today • Tomorrow

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE HOSTING A MOVIE NIGHT AND MARKET STALLS
AS PART OF OUR GEORGETOWN BUSH RACES FESTIVITIES!

- BBQ
- COLD DRINKS
- BAR
- MOVIE NIGHT
- MARKET STALLS
- GREAT FAMILY ATMOSPHERE



IF YOU SELL HANDMADE GOODS, FOOD CRAFTS,
BOUTIQUE ITEMS, KIDS GOODIES, PLANTS OR
ANYTHING FUN FOR THE COMMUNITY, WE'D LOVE TO
HAVE YOU JOIN US!

PLEASE PM THE PAGE OR EMAIL
GBRSPONSORSHIP@OUTLOOK.COM
ALL WELCOME



GEORGETOWN POST OFFICE NEWS

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

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS NO LONGER PROCESSED HERE



The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) has amended their protocols for all agents providing passport application processing at Australia Post outlets.

This amended protocol requires Australia Post to meet those requirements for their registered agents.

It is regrettable to advise that Australia Post has been unable to satisfy these changes with DFAT for this outlet, and as such, **passport processing at this outlet will no longer be available until further notice.**

Passport processing is available at participating Australia Post outlets and can be found on the Australia Post website.

GEORGETOWN STATE SCHOOL P & C

After a very successful campaign to raise much needed funds for Variety Australia through a donation tub on the post office counter, we have decided to turn our campaign locally.

As such, proceeds from the counter collection tub will now go to support the work of the Georgetown State School P & C.

We look forward to this new partnership in support of our local community.

SIMON SAYS

A gift is not a gift when accompanied by an expectation!

Well Womens Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, etc. All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

Georgetown Primary Health Centre

Monday 11th May 2026

Ph: 4062 0000

Forsayth Primary Health Centre

Tuesday 12th May 2026

Ph: 4062 2200

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



**JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026**

TO ALL AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND LOCAL COUNCILS

Now in its 27th year, National Walk Safely to School Day encourages primary school children, their parents and carers to walk safely and regularly to school.

Walking every day builds confidence, improves concentration and establishes healthy habits for life - while making our roads safer and our air cleaner for everyone.

Research shows that children who are active before school are more focused, more productive and perform better in the classroom.

**BETTER HEALTH • IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY • CLEANER AIR
REDUCED CAR-DEPENDENCY • INCREASED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

GET INVOLVED

- Ask every student to wear a tattoo on the day to help promote this important community event
- Use the Teachers' Tool-Kit and publish WSTSD information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and print additional posters at walk.com.au
- Host a Healthy Breakfast - ask your P&C, council or local supermarket to sponsor it
- If you can't walk all the way, combine a walk with public transport
- If you must use the car, try leaving it a good distance from school and walk the rest of the way
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador at walk.com.au



**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**



Young Voices Art Showcase

Get creative. Share your thanks.

This Thank a First Responder Day, children and young people are invited to express their gratitude through art. From drawings and paintings to photography and digital design, every artwork is a powerful way to say thanks.

Theme

- ✦ Acts of kindness or helping others.
- ✦ What first responders mean to your community.
- ✦ Messages of thanks or support.
- ✦ Community connection or appreciation.

Using the colour **teal** or the Thank a First Responder Day triple zero heart logo is encouraged.

Who can enter

Children and young people across Australia.
Individual, partnered or group/class entries welcome.

Key dates

- Entries open: Friday 1 March 2026
- Entries close: Sunday 24 May 2026
- Winners announced: Monday 8 June 2026

Thank a First Responder Day
Wednesday 10 June 2026



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Georgetown Primary Health Centre

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Georgetown Primary Health Centre

Dear Georgetown Community Members

Hopefully we are starting to see the end of the wet and we can begin to dry our feet off which means that the tourist season will start! Also, the start of all the events around Etheridge Shire, so a busy time for everyone.

We hope everyone has a safe Easter and you get to spend some time with loved ones.

PATIENT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Thank you to everyone for coming in and having your patient travel approved before you are leaving Georgetown for your appointment. When you come in Indra in reception will also check all the other important forms on file are up to date. Patient travel can now be attended most days of the week, but please call ahead so we can ensure Indra is on shift.

A reminder that travel will only reimburse you to the closest town where the appointment can be held, for example if a scan can be done in Atherton but you choose to go to Cairns, reimbursement amounts will be calculated on Atherton.

RFDS DOCTORS CLINIC UPCOMING DATES FOR THE REST OF 2026

Thursday: 26/03, 09/04, 16/04, 23/04

Friday: no April Friday clinic due to Easter next May 1st

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23/11/26-27/11/26 Adult

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Women's Health Nurse

11th May

Please contact the clinic on 40620000 to make an appointment for the Women's Health Nurse

Men's Health Clinic

23/04/2026

Please contact the Georgetown clinic on 4062000 to make an appointment with Dr Geoff Clarke

Optometrist – Outside Optical

2026 dates are yet to be confirmed.

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Kind regards,

Jasmond Murray with and on behalf of Serena Mulholland

Directors of Nursing

Georgetown PHC.

Gulflander season 2026

The Normanton to Croydon rail line continues to be impacted by flooding following an exceptional wet season.

Assessments have identified considerable flood damage, with 61 locations across approximately 4,879 metres of track requiring inspection and repair.

We shared a provisional recommencement date of Wednesday, 6 May 2026, however based on the increased scope of works required we are now anticipating that Gulflander timetabled services and tours will recommence from Wednesday, 3 June 2026. This timing is subject to final inspections and repair completion, we will share a further update as works progress.

Interim Gulflander Experience

While track repairs are underway, our Gulflander team is pleased to offer a short Gulflander journey from Normanton railway station to 4-Mile and return.

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Full details and operating dates for this interim experience will be available on the Gulflander website early next week.

Our team is working diligently to restore the railway to a safe, reliable, and high-quality standard, ensuring the Gulflander experience returns to deliver all the favourite customer experiences this travel season.

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Important Information

The Georgetown QCWA will host the Etheridge Shire 1976 Jubilee Debutante Ball in Georgetown on Saturday, 22nd August, 2026.

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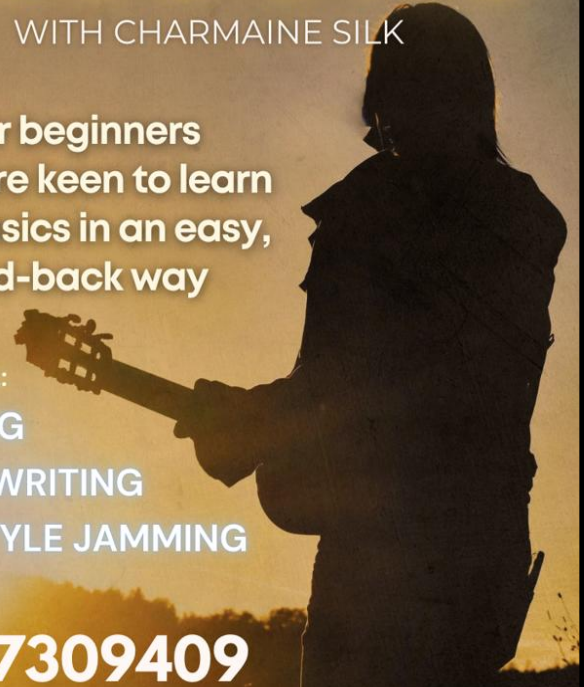
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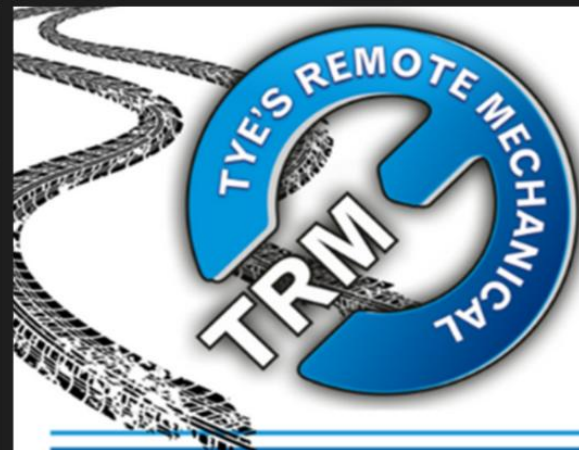
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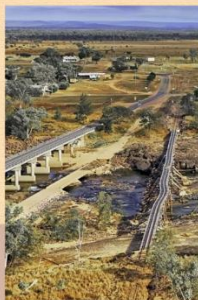
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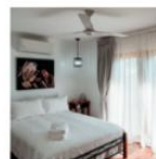
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**If approved by Centrelink, boarding fees may be covered by AIC (Assistance for Isolated Children) funding.*

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

2026

MAY

4TH - LABOUR DAY
10TH - MOTHERS DAY
12TH - BOOK LAUNCH OF JENNY KROONSTUIVER
14TH - BOOK CLUB
16TH - MARKET AND MOVIE NIGHT
17TH - WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP
20TH - MEMORY LOUNGE
28TH - SPROUT SQUAD
30 - 31ST - GOLF ANNUALS

JUNE

5TH - GSS TRIVIA NIGHT
6TH - QUEENSLAND DAY
26TH - 27TH - 28TH - MT SURPRISE CAMPDRAFT

JULY

3RD - 5TH - GULF STOCKMANS CHALLENGE AND
GEORGETOWN CAMPDRAFT
9TH - 10TH - 11TH - PIGS AND RIGS

**COUNCIL IS COMPILING AN
ETHERIDGE SHIRE EVENTS
CALENDAR AND WOULD
LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
SHARE YOUR 2026 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.