

# Etheridge Shire Council

# Inform Newsletter

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## Pre-Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark Project

Council has been pursuing the concept of employing geotourism as a regional development initiative for the Etheridge Shire over the past year now. UNESCO Global Geoparks are single, unified geographical areas where sites and landscapes of international geological significance are managed with a holistic concept of protection, education and sustainable development.

We are pleased to announce that we meet the criteria and are eligible to lodge a nomination to UNESCO this November. The next stage of the process is now Community Consultation – getting your feedback and ideas around the Geopark.

We're having an **INFORMATION NIGHT** at the *Georgetown Golf Club with free Nibbles on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6:30pm*. We'll be explaining the full concept of the Geopark and would appreciate your input, questions and ideas. Hope to see you there! RSVP to Bekky on 4079 9090 or [rebekah.hill@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:rebekah.hill@etheridge.qld.gov.au) by Friday 28th April.

Want to know more? We've also included some info regarding Geoparks on pages 9 and 10.



L-R: Angus Robinson, Cr Troy Barnes, Jeff Bunt, Cr Warren Devlin, Norm Garsden, Cr Tony Gallagher, Cr Will Attwood and Cr Warren Bethel

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello to you all! I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break.

As April draws to a close, we are starting to enjoy the cooler weather which will bring southern visitors to our Shire. For many of them it has become an annual pilgrimage. Please make them feel welcome!

The Einasleigh races were a resounding success and I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the race committee on putting together another great event.

The month of April saw me travel between Normanton, Townsville and Cairns to various meetings and functions, lobbying to secure economic development for our Shire, based around future roadworks (Hann Highway funding) and agricultural development.

It's good to see the Forsayth roadworks progressing. The CEO, the Engineer and myself will be travelling to Hughenden on the 4th May after the Oak Park community consultation meeting on the 3rd May to meet with our colleagues from Flinders Shire to discuss works programming for the Hann Highway. I travelled to Townsville on the 20th April to meet Minister Darren Chester for the media release announcing funding for the Hann Highway.

Background work on the Charleston Dam continues. While it may seem that nothing is happening with regards to the dam, there have been numerous issues to sort through (fish ladder etc) (We are almost there! Along with my grey hair!!)

Being a councilor is about planning for sustainable economic growth for our future. Our Councilors are under no illusions! We have a full understanding that the main driver for our region is the beef industry. But we need to diversify. Irrigated Agriculture and Tourism are areas that are within our natural landscape. The Gilbert River irrigation area has the potential to value add to the beef industry (feedlots etc) conditioning our cattle right through to slaughter and supporting our northern meat-works to open all year round, which will add to the Townsville economy, not to mention export opportunities.

Tourism is another of our economic drivers that our beautiful natural landscape opens itself up for. Over the last 6-8 months Council has been exploring avenues to take advantage of the accelerating tourism market in Northern Australia. GEOTOURISM fits like a hand in a glove to our Shire. We have the most amazing and incredible natural formations such as the Undara Lava tubes, Mt Surprise Gemfields, Tallaroo Hot Springs, Cobbold Gorge, Agate Creek, Sandstone conglomerates, The Gilberton Area, The Einasleigh Gorge and one of Australia's largest Goldfields just to mention a few of the better known ones.

Geotourism is one of the world's fastest growing phenomenon within the tourism sector. There are 130 Geoparks registered in the world but currently none in Australia. Council feel this is an amazing opportunity for Etheridge Shire to have the first registered Australian Geopark. We live in a changing world and we need to be progressive in adapting to change by not only taking advantage of opportunities as they arise but have the vision and vigour to create new opportunities.



I urge the community to attend the Geopark Project info night on the 2nd May at 6.30pm at the Golf Club in Georgetown. Angus Robinson will be available to answer any questions.

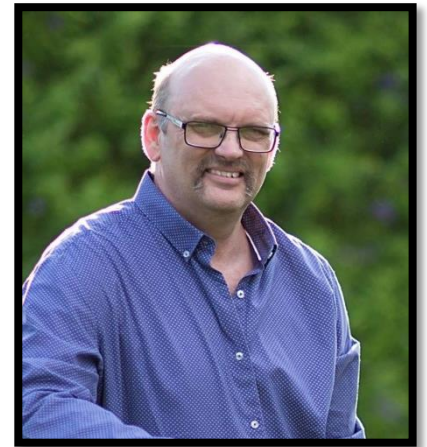
That's all from me for this issue. I hope to see you at the information night.

Take care and be safe.

Best regards  
Warren Devlin | Mayor

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I'll be celebrating one month in my new role as Chief Executive Officer at Etheridge Shire and I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome into this community. I will be kept busy over the next 3 years driving the Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme and GeoPark project in addition to the normal role of managing the Council to promote economic, efficient and effective management of public resources and excellence in service delivery.



I understand that there have been some concerns expressed about the GeoPark project - that its achievement may restrict or compromise existing economic activities. This is not correct: the GeoPark project aims to celebrate the mining, geology, grazing, agriculture and unique culture of the area.

GeoParks are designed to preserve significant examples of our geological environment, however this does not give UNESCO or the United Nations any power to impose restrictions on current or future mining activities, but it should enhance the tourism potential for the Shire.

The Geopark program is separate to and has different objectives to the World Heritage Convention and Global Network of Biosphere Reserves. A geopark will fall under the exclusive authority of the government in the country where it is situated: i.e. UNESCO will not impose any legal restrictions and the existing Federal, State and Local government laws will continue to be applied.

Council hopes that the Geopark designation will generate employment and economic activity linked to the area's special geology and beauty through increased visitation / tourism.

There are around 133 Geoparks in the world, mainly in Europe and Asia. Interested people can check out the following websites for specific information:

European Geoparks at <http://www.europeangeoparks.org/>

Asian Geoparks at <http://asiapacificgeoparks.org/>

Geological Society of Australia at <http://www.gsa.org.au>

Leisure Solutions at <http://www.leisuresolutions.com.au/>

If residents have any concerns about the GeoParks project, Council will be holding an information evening on 2 May 2017 to discuss the project in detail. If you would like to attend, please call the Council Office of 40799090.

Norm Garsden | CEO

# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES DESK



## FINANCIAL UPDATE



### Fast Financial Facts

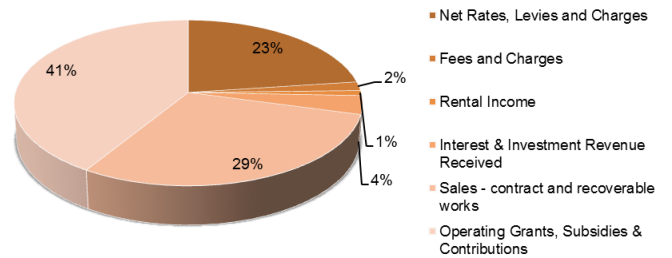
- Cash & Cash Investments as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 - \$14.476M (\$5.006M constrained)
- Debtors Outstanding - \$0.354M
- Payables Outstanding - \$0.334M
- Rates Outstanding 2016/17 Levy – 1.6% of the total adjusted rates levy outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (\$0.045M)

### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2017



\$ 's	Actuals 2016 2017	Budget 2016 2017	Percentage 2016 2017
<b>Revenue</b>			
Net Rates, Levies and Charges	\$ 2,437,175	\$ 2,416,692	101%
Fees and Charges	\$ 185,703	\$ 290,395	64%
Rental Income	\$ 104,344	\$ 148,604	70%
Interest & Investment Revenue Received	\$ 385,148	\$ 291,776	132%
Sales - contract and recoverable works	\$ 3,151,617	\$ 1,270,000	248%
Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	\$ 4,385,198	\$ 19,606,512	22%
<b>Total Recurrent Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 10,649,185</b>	<b>\$ 24,023,979</b>	<b>44%</b>

### Operating Revenue

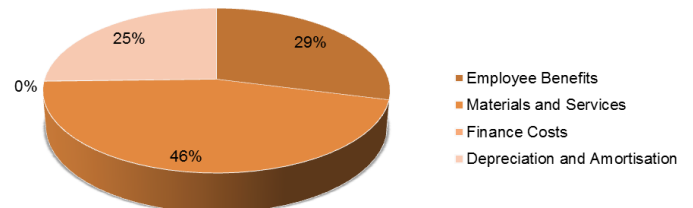


### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2017



\$ 's	Actuals 2016 2017	Budget 2016 2017	Percentage 2016 2017
<b>Expenses</b>			
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,890,588	\$ 4,386,126	89%
Materials and Services	\$ 6,124,487	\$ 15,898,138	39%
Finance Costs	\$ 8,294	\$ 15,288	54%
Depreciation and Amortisation	\$ 3,405,689	\$ 3,602,919	95%
<b>Total Recurrent Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,429,058</b>	<b>\$ 23,902,471</b>	<b>56%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,429,058</b>	<b>\$ 23,902,471</b>	<b>56%</b>

### Operating Expenditure



## NEW COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

In previous editions of the Inform I have advised the community that Council was successful in obtaining grants from the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning under the LGGSP 16/17 funding program to install a playground at Mt Surprise.

- I am pleased to advise that the Playground at Mt Surprise is now open for use albeit that Council is waiting on the Shade Sail to be erected over the playground. This should be installed over the coming weeks. I would like to thank the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning in providing the necessary Grant Funds to enable this project to proceed and I would also like to thank Councils, Manager of Planning, Building and Community Facilities, Mr Peter Gregory in organising and managing this project.



In addition Council was successful in obtaining a grant from the Department National Parks, Sport & Recreation under the 2017 Get Playing Places & Spaces funding program to install outdoor fitness equipment. This project is progressing along and should be completed by the end of April.

- I would like to thank the Department of National Parks, Sport & Recreation in providing the necessary Grant Funds to enable this project to proceed and I would also like to thank Councils, Manager of Planning, Building and Community Facilities, Mr Peter Gregory in organising and managing this project.



## OVERGROWN ALLOTMENTS

Council has been receiving complaints regarding overgrown allotments within the townships.

This is just a gentle reminder once again that we will need to be pulling out the mower from the shed, sharpening the mower blades and once again start mowing the grass.

# SHOW HOLIDAYS & SPECIAL HOLIDAYS UNDER THE HOLIDAYS ACT FOR 2017

I am pleased to advise that Council has been granted two Show Holidays for the 2017 calendar year as per Councils resolution dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016:

Request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2017 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983

## RESOLUTION

**That Council:**

**Advise the Treasurer, Minister for Employment & Industrial Relations, Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Hon Curtis Pitt (MP) that Etheridge Shire will apply for a Special Holiday pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983 for the following events;**

- 1. Cairns Agricultural Show – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017, as the Etheridge Shire holiday**
- 2. Etheridge Show / Forsayth Turnout – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017, as a bank holiday for the Etheridge Shire.**

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2016/GM1797**  
**5/0**

Council has received confirmation of the above show holidays from the Minister from the Office of Employment & Industrial Relations.

Official Show Holiday –

Cairns Agricultural Show – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

***(This is public holiday for all residents of the Shire)***

Bank Holiday –

Etheridge Show/Forsayth Turn Out – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2017

***(This is a Bank Holiday for all residents of the Shire)***

## **REQUEST FOR OLD MINING MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT**

Etheridge Shire Council is seeking any old mining equipment to be put on display in the Shire.

If you have any equipment or machinery that may be of use, please contact Anna Christensen on 4079 9090 or [anna.christensen@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:anna.christensen@etheridge.qld.gov.au)



# ENGINEERING UPDATE



## Road Maintenance Performance Contract (RMPC)

Work completed includes:

- Emergency works to repair undermined pipe on 98C (Gregory Developmental Road)
- Formation grading of 98D (Gregory Developmental Road)
- New guide posts on 99A (Kennedy Developmental Road) & 92C (Gulf Developmental Road)
- Vegetation slashing
- Roadside Litter / Rest Area Servicing

## Road Construction

Work has commenced on upgrading a 5km section of the Forsayth – Georgetown Road to bitumen seal standard. Work in progress includes:

- Clearing
- Construction of sidetrack
- Earthworks cut to fill operations
- Culverts

## Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA)

Work has been completed on the following roads:

- Dagworth
- Copperfield Dam Road
- Flat Creek
- Oakleigh

Works is continuing on:

- Gilberton
- Van Lee
- Paddys
- Torrlinger

# **GILBERT RIVER IRRIGATION SCHEME**

For some time, Council has been promoting the Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme (based on the Green Hills dam) to facilitate a more intensive agricultural development in the Shire.



Through this proposal, the Etheridge Shire sees an opportunity to progress orderly development of the Gilbert River area in accordance with Government policy and through accessing funds currently

available under the Federal Government's National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, the National Water Infrastructure Loan Facility and the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility. The successful implementation of this project will promote employment opportunities, development of new agricultural industries and economic development generally.

Council has sought a State commitment to whole of Government coordination and facilitated support for this project including guidance to assist with meeting high environmental standards. Council is also considering the establishment of a Special Purpose Entity, wholly owned by the Shire (but with opportunity for individual and corporate membership) to be the Proponent.

Council intends to

- (i) partner regional stakeholders in developing a clearer and focused development vision for land and water resources within the catchment;
- (ii) determine appropriate equity principles for future allocation of water (e.g. allowance for one to two significant developments, framework for innovative pastoral intensification, strategic Indigenous reserves reviewed and supported, etc) over time;
- (iii) evaluate and set guidance for progression of preferred water development supply options (including impact standards); and
- (iv) establish an Area Vegetation Management Plan under the VMA to allow for orderly and streamlined tree clearing arrangements to be proactively developed.

With seven million dollars already spent through the CSIRO on studying the Gilbert, it is opportune to narrow the focus of interest to the single most viable alternative: the Green Hills dam (due to the level of documentation and access to suitable land (adjacent to the river, approximately 25 km immediately down-stream)). Sources from within the Federal Government have indicated that the latest a submission could be considered for the funding currently available is August this year.

Using the considerable CSIRO studies already completed, it is believed that a credible business case can be prepared and submitted within this timeframe based on the well proven Tasmanian Irrigation model which includes business case approvals being based on three conditions: viz. environmental and other approvals being achieved, private investment being raised through the sale of water entitlements and live tenders being in place to show that the infrastructure can be built within the budget provisions of the business case. Only after demonstrating the fulfilment of these conditions is funding released against the milestones of the Federal / State funding agreement.



Council will be advertising for a Project Manager to lead the establishment of the Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme and gain the necessary approvals for this project.

## Project Description

The project is based on the Green Hills dam located on the Gilbert River with the full supply level at approximately 30 metres above the natural riverbed, giving an impoundment volume of approximately 300,000 ML and yielding 200,000ML for irrigation under an existing allocation. This is one of the dams proposed by the CSIRO studies conducted between 2010 and 2013. Delivery of the water is via the natural water course to one or more weirs on the Gilbert and a pump station on each weir delivering water via a pipeline approximately eight kilometres long to the boundaries of properties subdivided into lots of between 200 and 500 hectares. The lots will be subdivided from existing cattle stations where there is already approximately 12,000 hectares of cleared highly fertile land. It is estimated that fertile land together with water at 8 ML/ha could be offered at between \$4,500/ha and \$6,500/ha. It is proposed to raise between \$90 million and \$120 million of private sector investment in this way. Throughout Australia there is currently considerable investor interest in water if the right products are made available.

Electrical power for the disaggregated blocks and pump stations will be reticulated from a new substation. This land has already been mapped for soil quality and biodiversity. It is intended to apply for permits to clear another 3,000 or 4,000 hectares once an Area Vegetation Management Plan is in place.

As the Mareeba Dimbulah Water Supply System was established on tobacco in the mid-1950s but over time transitioned into high value agriculture and horticulture and yielded \$552M output in 2015 according to DAF, so it is proposed to use cotton as a host for Gilbert Irrigation. Based on this approach, preliminary economic modelling by Marsden Jacobs and Associates has shown that the proposal is economically viable yielding an economic NPV of between \$136 million and \$267 million (depending on capital in the range of \$220 million to \$360 million) based on 84.5% of the water going to cotton, the complementary crop and the remainder going to a mix of higher value yielding crops.

The establishment of a water trading framework will ensure that the water migrates to higher value production over time and the economic performance is higher than modelled.

# 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!





## UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS

UNESCO Global Geoparks give international recognition for sites that promote the importance and significance of protecting the Earth's geodiversity through actively engaging with the local communities.

### What is a Global Geopark?

A Global Geopark is a unified area with geological heritage of international significance. Geoparks use that heritage to promote awareness of key issues facing society in the context of the dynamic planet we all live on.

Many Geoparks promote awareness of geological hazards, including volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis and many help prepare disaster mitigation strategies among local communities. Geoparks hold records of past climate change and are educators on current climate change as well as adopting a best practise approach to utilising renewable energy and employing the best standards of "green tourism."



Geoparks also inform about the sustainable use and need for natural resources, whether they are mined, quarried or harnessed from the surrounding environment while at the same time promoting respect for the environment and the integrity of the landscape. Geoparks are not a legislative designation though the key heritage sites within a geopark should be protected under local, regional or national legislation as appropriate.

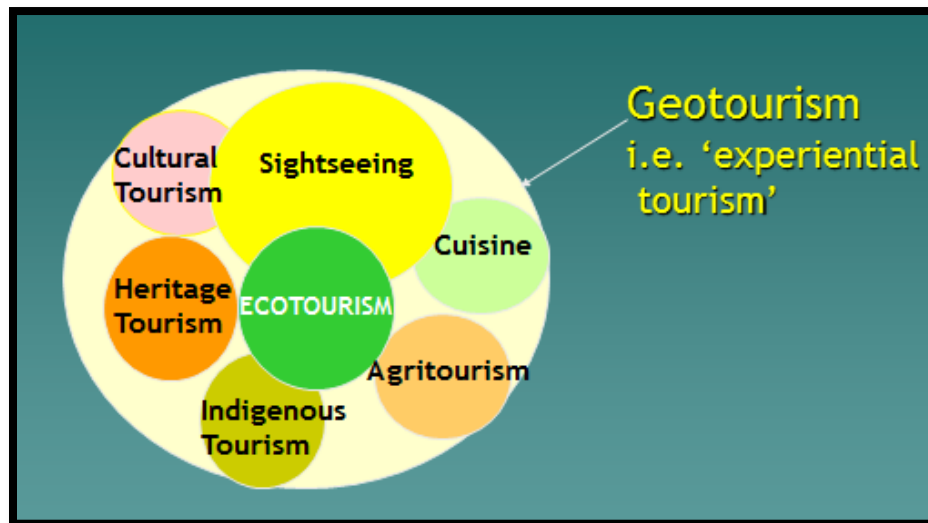


### Is a Geopark just about Geology?

No! While a geopark must demonstrate geological heritage of international significance, the purpose of a geopark is to explore, develop and celebrate the links between that geological heritage and all other aspects of the area's natural, cultural and intangible heritages.

It is about reconnecting human society at all levels to the planet we all call home and to celebrate how our planet and it's 4,600 million year long history has shaped every aspect of our lives and our societies.

Geotourism incorporating all types of 'Nature Based' and 'Cultural' tourism:



Understanding how Environmental, Natural & Cultural Heritages are included in the Geopark is as easy as A, B, C:

- A. Abiotic – non-living aspects such as the climate & geology e.g. landscape and landforms: *GEODIVERSITY*
- B. Biotic – the living parts eg. fauna (animals) and flora (plants): *BIODIVERSITY*
- C. Cultural – past & present, non-living & built

Key Factors of Geopark Development in Australia(2016):

- Geopark development needs to be state/local government agency initiated and supported.
- A high level of community engagement is essential to meet UNESCO requirements.
- The key driver of geopark development must be focused on regional development – i.e. jobs and growth.
- The approval of Government Geological Surveys for individual projects is an absolute necessity.
- Australian Government approval for UNESCO nomination may well be achieved if state/territory government 'ownership' endorsement and funding is clearly established.

Want to know more? Come along to our **GEOPARK INFORMATION NIGHT** at the *Georgetown Golf Club with free Nibbles on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 6:30pm*. We'll be explaining the full concept of the Geopark and would appreciate your input, questions and ideas. Hope to see you there! RSVP to Bekky on 4079 9090 or [rebekah.hill@etheridge.qld.gov.au](mailto:rebekah.hill@etheridge.qld.gov.au) by Friday 28th April.





## Etheridge Shire Council Public Notice of General Meetings 2017

In accordance with Section 277(1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Etheridge Shire Council General Meetings for 2017 are to be held on the following dates:

<i>May</i>	<i>Wednesday 17 May 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Wednesday 21 June 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>July</i>	<i>Wednesday 19 July 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>August</i>	<i>Wednesday 16 August 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>September</i>	<i>Wednesday 20 September 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>October</i>	<i>Wednesday 18 October 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>November</i>	<i>Wednesday 15 November 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Wednesday 20 December 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>8.00am</i>

## Public Notice of Community Consultation Meetings 2017

**Community Consultation days are open to the general public** and will be held within different locations on the first Wednesday of each month or unless re-schedules to an alternative date within the month due to other commitments.

Consultation days for 2017 are on the following dates:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOWN / LOCATION</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017</i>	<i>Oak Park</i>	<i>Oak Park Race Course</i>	<i>10.30am</i>
<i>7<sup>th</sup> June 2017</i>	<i>Mt Surprise</i>	<i>Mt Surprise Community Hall</i>	<i>9.00am</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> July 2017</i>	<i>Lynd Junction</i>	<i>Oasis Service Centre</i>	<i>10.30am</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017</i>	<i>Georgetown</i>	<i>Georgetown Community Hall</i>	<i>9.00am</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> September 2017</i>	<i>Forsayth</i>	<i>Forsayth CWA Hall</i>	<i>9.00am</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> October 2017</i>	<i>Einasleigh</i>	<i>Possum Ray Memorial Hall</i>	<i>9.00am</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> November 2017</i>	<i>Oak Park</i>	<i>Oak Park Race Course</i>	<i>10.30am</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i>	<i>Mt Surprise</i>	<i>Mt Surprise Community Hall</i>	<i>9.00am</i>

**Norm Garsden**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
PO BOX 12  
GEORGETOWN QLD 4871



## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRAINEESHIP**

Etheridge Shire Council is seeking applications from highly motivated, enthusiastic and team orientated persons with a commitment to providing excellence in administration.

The traineeship is for a period of 12 months, during this time the successful applicant will gain valuable on the job training and experience in administrative functions that will lead to gaining nationally recognised qualifications (Certificate III or IV in Business Administration).

Applications are to include a covering letter, resume and at least 2 references. Applications can be posted, delivered to the Administration Officer, faxed or emailed to:

***Position Vacant – Administration Traineeship***  
***The Chief Executive Officer***  
***Etheridge Shire Council***  
***PO Box 12***  
***GEORGETOWN QLD 4871***

Fax: 07 4062 1285

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

Further information can be obtained by contacting Council's Finance Manager, Jenni Alexander on Ph: 07 4079 9090 or Council's website [www.etheridge.qld.gov.au](http://www.etheridge.qld.gov.au)

**Applications close at 4pm – 2 May 2017**

**Norm Garsden**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

#### **Eradication of Goat Heads and Bindi's**

Council ask for assistance in the help of eradication of Goat heads and Bindi's. We would greatly appreciate it if you could help maintain the spread of these by spraying in your yards and footpaths to aid the eradication process.

Council has started the process of eradication in our townships, parks and vacant land. Unfortunately seeds are long-lasting in the ground so you may need to stay vigilant for as long as seven years to get all that were accidentally introduced into your garden.

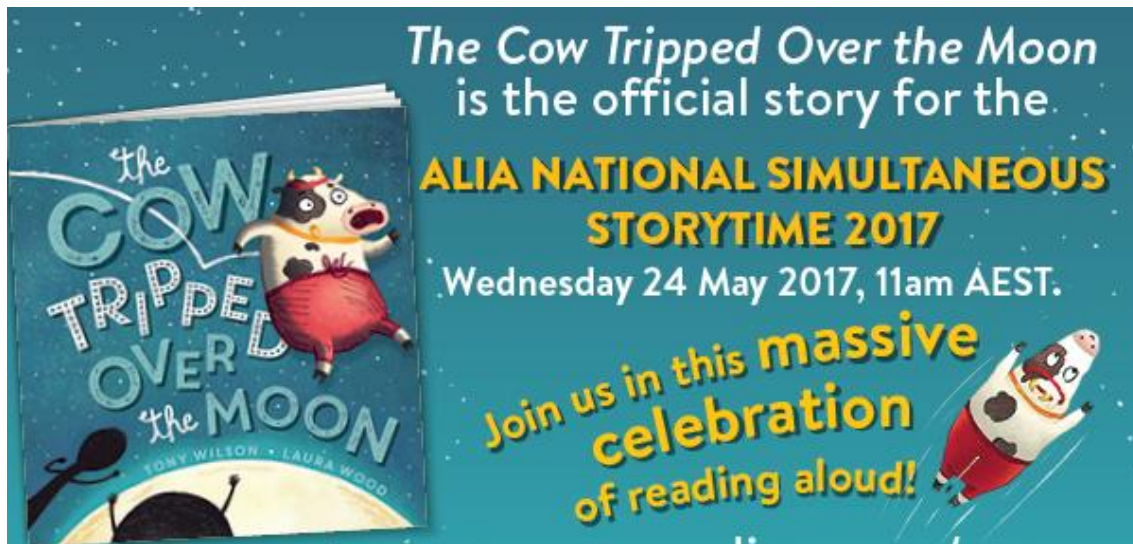
The best herbicide to use for the eradication process is Kamba M.  
If any assistance or information is required please contact Karen Butler on 4079 9090.

# TerrEstrial **NEWS**

## National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 24 May 2017 starting at 11am

Morning tea provided.



## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



Come along to The TerrEstrial Centre for a cuppa  
and donate to this worthy cause

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 from 9.30am

**For more information on any of these events contact the  
TerrEstrial Centre on 4079 9027**

# HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTION



Again 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**



Not like this but like this



- **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**

Green waste should be deposited at the green waste area at the Georgetown Landfill on the Forsyth Road. Council is aware that some residents have deposited green waste on land adjacent to town. This land is private land and council will take whatever action is necessary to discourage this activity.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Etheridge Shire Council

## FIRST POINT OF CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY

### CONTACT PERSONNEL:

Council's Works Manager is nominated as the first point of contact in respect to RMPC (Roads Maintenance Performance Contract) and relevant emergent work, amongst other demands at the time.

PHONE: 0484 119 391

If the LDMG (Local Disaster Management Group) is activated by the Chairperson (The Mayor) the Controlling Officer will be Norm Garsden

PHONE: 0458 621 285





# Little Gems

Children's Centre

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

Our Easter Crown parade was heaps of fun. To promote and encourage the concept of giving, the children were given 4 Easter eggs each to gift to a friend that we saw on our excursion. They happily parted with their eggs, and were excited to receive some back. The ladies and gentlemen at the office were treated to a cheery song, and tourists in the park witnessed a play.



Thanks to Tony and Aaron for giving us a tour of the butcher shop and showing us how mince was made. We were very impressed with the enormous cow hanging in the cool room





We have lots of events in the coming weeks

- 24th APRIL- Anzac Excursion to place poppies on the memorial
- May 5th is Photo Day
- Join us to celebrate Earth Day on Tuesday 9th with a pancake breakfast in our front yard
- Our weekly environmental river walks start on the 11th
- Under 8's week starts a week of celebrations from 22nd
- National simultaneous story time at Terrestrial on 24th



**We welcome Victor to  
our Little Gems  
Family**

### **Cooking Anzac biscuits**



**DON'T FORGET TO RECYCLE  
YOUR BREAD BAGS!**

To all our great families, thank-you for sharing your children with us  
The Team At Little Gems

Ph: 4062 1265

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

# WATER RESTRICTIONS

GEORGETOWN & FORSAYTH

**LEVEL 0**  
**WATER RESTRICTIONS** ARE NOW IN  
**FORCE**

## BASE LEVEL 0 RESTRICTIONS

**Base Level 0** – Restrictions will now apply to all water connections within the Georgetown and Forsayth Water Supply Scheme.

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

- 1. No sprinklers on Mondays.**
- 2. Sprinklers allowed Tuesday to Sunday between the hours of 5.00am to 8.00am and 5.00pm to 8.00pm.**
- 3. Attended hand held hoses permitted at any time except Mondays.**

**(Watering permitted 36 hours per week)**

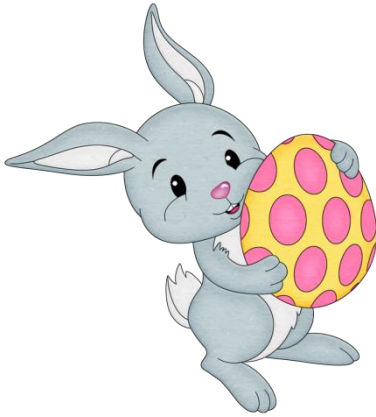


**LEVEL 0 RESTRICTIONS ARE EFFECTIVE AS OF MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2017**

# Easter Fun at the Georgetown Students Hostel

The Students at the Georgetown Students Hostel were treated to a little surprise before their Easter School Holidays when the Easter Bunny visiting.

Check them out getting ready for Easter with Easter Bunny Pancakes for breakfast.



If you would like more information about the Georgetown Students Hostel, please contact Karen Remfrey on 4062 1145.





## LOCAL POST OFFICE NEWS

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

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### **MOTHER'S DAY**

Looking for ideas for a Mother's Day gift? Australia Post have teamed up with Interflora to offer a select range of flowers and hampers that can be delivered straight to your Mum. Ordering is easy – just select your gift from a brochure at the post office, complete the simple order form, pay for the product and we'll do the rest.

Alternatively, you may consider a magazine subscription. There are over 25 different magazines to choose from covering health, sport, food, entertainment, gardening and fashion. Simply choose from the brochure, complete the order form, pay for the product and your order will be sent.

### **BANKING@POST**

At Australia Post you can deposit, withdraw or check account balances on your bank account with your plastic card and PIN number. Whether you bank with Commonwealth, ANZ, NAB, ECU, Westpac or one of many other banking institutions, transactions are made easy. Cheques can also be deposited into accounts so long as the name on the cheque matches the name on the card. In most cases, you can also transfer money from one card account to another. Just ask at the counter.

### **SIMON SAYS**

I recently added squats to my workouts by moving the beer into the bottom shelf of the fridge. And wouldn't exercise be more fun if calories screamed while you burned them?

# MARKETS IN THE PARK

Markets in Georgetown will be held at Heritage Park on  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May starting @ 8.00am  
*(it is anticipated to be a monthly event depending on numbers)*  
If you wish to have a spot to sell your Craft, Cooking, Plants  
or Products please let us know as soon as possible.

Proceeds for Table sites goes to the  
Georgetown Progress Association

Call 0487 739 784 or see Janell at Wenaru for info.

BBQ breakfast available

Raffles

Come and support the Progress Committee and enjoy a family morning in  
the park.

## Georgetown Rodeo Association



### Expressions of Interest

The Georgetown Rodeo Association is currently calling for expressions of interest for members of the public to provide catering services for the 2017 Georgetown Rodeo, held on the 7th, 8th & 9th July.

To be considered please send through a meal menu with prices for the weekend via post to The Secretary, PO Box 110 Georgetown QLD 4871 or email [georgetownrodeo1@gmail.com](mailto:georgetownrodeo1@gmail.com).

You will be required to provide meals for the following days:

**Friday 7th**  
- Dinner

**Saturday 8th**  
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Sunday 9th**  
- Breakfast, Lunch

If you would like any additional information or have any queries please contact  
Kristy Bethel on 0429 938 867

# PRIMARY KIDS GARDEN PRODUCE COMPETITION

Do you have a passion for growing home grown produce? Are you in prep to year 6 and reside in the Northern Gulf region?

Northern Gulf Resource Management Group invites you to enter the primary kids garden produce competition!! Take a photo of your home grown produce with your best growing tip/advice to enter and win one of these amazing prizes.

All entries are to be emailed to [education@northerngulf.com.au](mailto:education@northerngulf.com.au)

Competition closes on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Entries will be judged on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.



## First Prize

Gardena wheelbarrow  
and tool kit  
and  
Jamie Oliver greenhouse



## Second Prize

Jamie Oliver greenhouse,  
small garden tool set  
gloves and  
Seeds



## Third Prize

Jamie Oliver greenhouse  
and  
gardening gloves



**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GROUP**  
Living Landscapes - Local Livelihoods

# ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES

The allied health team from Atherton Hospital will be doing their Outreach trip from 15th – 17th May 2017.

There will be three allied health clinicians this trip – Lou Gobius (physiotherapist), Paula Wright (speech therapist), and Karen Kattenberg (occupational therapist).

Please find below a timetable and information from each of the clinicians.



## OUTREACH TIMETABLE FOR PHYSIO, OT, SOCIAL WORKER, SPEECH PATH & DIETITIAN

TIME & PLACE	PHYSIOTHERAPIST	OT SOCIAL WORKER	SPEECH PATH DIETITIAN
<b>MONDAY</b>			
CROYDON	14:00	14:00	14:00
	14:30		
	15:00	15:00	15:00
	15:30		
	16:00	16:00	16:00
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GEORGETOWN	10:00	10:00	10:00
	10:30		
	11:00	11:00	11:00
	11:30		
	12:00	12:00	12:00
FORSAYTH	15:00	15:00	15:00
	15:30		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
EINASLEIGH	9:30	9:30	9:30
	10:00		
MT SURPRISE	13:00	13:00	13:00
	13:30		

### **Speech Pathology Services:**

Atherton Hospital Speech Pathology Department provides services to rural and remote sites. A Speech Pathologist is a person who is qualified to assess and treat people who have difficulties communicating and/or eating and drinking. Speech Pathologists provide services to both adults and children and can offer assessment and therapy via video-conference formally known as 'telehealth'. If you would like to make a referral or discuss a referral, please contact Atherton hospital Speech pathology on 40910256,

#### Eligible Patients

Adults requiring speech pathology services generally had good communication skills in the past, until an illness or incident. If you tick one or more of the boxes below, please consider a referral to a Speech Pathologist.

Stroke – Rehabilitation for difficulties with understanding, word-finding, social skills, expressive language, grammar, fluency of speech and muscular weakness as well as eating and drinking.

Suspected Transient Ischaemic Attack affecting the patient's ability to communicate or swallow.

Degenerative muscular or neurological conditions such as Parkinson's, Muscular Dystrophy or Myasthenia Gravis; causing impaired cognitive function and/or language skills, or difficulties with speech clarity, volume, or feeding skills.

Traumatic or Acquired Brain Injuries – motor vehicle accident, farm accident, assault, falls, etc. causing language, cognition, feeding and/or memory impairments etc.

Head and neck surgery – to provide support to individuals and carers for issues related to speech, voice and feeding as a result of surgery

Head and Neck Cancer – to provide support for individuals before, during and post treatment for issues related to feeding, voice and speech, including alternative communication methods and stoma and/or voice prostheses management post-laryngectomy.

Dementia – for support regarding word finding, orientation & memory, etc

Dysphagia – many people have swallowing difficulties particularly the elderly, people with advanced respiratory conditions or those recovering from illness, injury or incidents such as a CVA. Some indicators are: history of chest infections, weight loss, coughing or poor feeding skills.

Voice disorders or transsexual voice – frequent voice loss and issues related to volume or quality, e.g. hoarse, breathy, tight etc. Professional voice users and individuals who use their voices frequently are often vulnerable to voice issues, (e.g. teachers, auctioneers, receptionist, etc). Also, persons transitioning from a male to female identity.

Hearing loss causing communication difficulty.

Other communication difficulties after Brain Damage – inflammatory (e.g. meningitis), toxic or metabolic diseases (e.g. deficiencies or drug toxicity), etc.

Children develop the skills for successful communication gradually, particularly in the first 5 years. If a child is not performing as you would expect for their age or you tick any of the following, please refer to a speech pathologist for assessment and intervention.

Does the child (compared to other children of the same age):

- Have difficulty following instructions or need frequent repetitions of questions
- Use a limited range of different words
- Speak only in single words or very short sentences after age 2
- Use immature grammar or have poorly formed sentences
- Have difficulty maintaining a conversation
- Poor social skills, such as taking turns, listening, greetings, etc.
- Sound different to other children or is difficult to understand
- Have a hoarse, husky, whispery or unusual voice or have vocal nodules
- Have severe communication impairment needing alternative communication methods
- Stutter or not speak fluently
- Have poor feeding skills, failure to thrive or eat only a limited range of food



## ***Outreach Physio Therapy:***

The outreach physiotherapist visits Mt Surprise, Einasleigh, Forsayth, Georgetown and Croydon on a 3 day trip about 5 times each year. The next visit is 27 Feb – 1 March and the physiotherapist, Lou Gobius will be travelling with the Dietitian, Kelly Oliver.

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):***

What Services Do Occupational Therapists Offer?

- Assessment and help with activities of daily living eg. Self care, leisure, preparing meals
- Equipment prescription
- Environmental assessment and falls prevention
- Assess for minor and major home modifications eg. Rails, ramps, bathroom access
- Aids for low vision
- Self management for chronic hand conditions
- Assessment and treatment of vascular insufficiency and lymphoedema eg. Compression garments
- Pressure care
- Functional cognitive assessment and treatment
- Self management education eg. Energy conservation, work simplification
- Who Can We Help?
- Our service is available for all people whose independent function is affected. This may include:
- Arthritis
- Amputation
- Hand injury

- Fractures
- Burns
- Cancer
- Recent surgery (eg. Joint replacements)
- Cardiac conditions
- Age related problems
- Neurological conditions eg. Stroke, multiple sclerosis
- Head and spinal injury
- Visual problems
- Dementia
- Emotional/psychological issues
- Learning or developmental delays

Who Can Refer to Occupational Therapy?

Parent, carers or individuals

Doctors – hospital or GP's

Medical specialists

Other Allied Health eg. Physio, Speech Therapist

Community nurses

Community agencies

A doctor's referral is necessary for hand and compression therapy.

If you would like to make or discuss a referral, please phone Atherton Hospital Occupational Therapy on 40910274

## **2017 GEORGETOWN CAMPDRAFT** **2<sup>nd</sup> . 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of June**

Come on down for a weekend of action packed camp drafting and enjoy the family atmosphere. Meals available all weekend and a jumping castle for the kids!

There will even be a chance to enjoy a little bit of shopping from selected western wear stalls.

Please jump onto Facebook and 'like' the Georgetown Campdraft Association page to keep up to date with information on the event and details on nominations.



# Georgetown Golf Club Inc.

## 2017 Annuals

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**Saturday:** 18 Hole Event & Novelties 9am Tee Off

**Sunday:** 18 Hole Event & Novelties

**Nominations:** \$25.00 Per Day (includes smoko & lunch)

**Presentations:** Approximately 3pm Sunday

**Lots of prizes to be won**

Meals available from 7.00pm each night – **All Welcome**

BBQ Dinner Friday Night 12<sup>th</sup> - \$15 per person

Hot Dishes Saturday Night 13<sup>th</sup> - \$20 per person

Breakfast available at the Clubhouse Saturday and Sunday Morning \$5 per person



President: Phillip Kernan  
Ph: 0458165772  
Secretary: Jo Evans  
Ph: 40621278

It would be appreciated if you could nominate at your earliest convenience, to assist with catering



We warmly welcome you to join us,  
meet some key members of our pastoral team  
and discuss your child's educational future



<b>CLONCURRY</b>	9 May	Gidgee Inn	5pm - 6:30pm
<b>MOUNT ISA</b>	10 May	Overlander Motel	8am - 12pm
<b>KARUMBA</b>	10 May	Ash's at The Point Cafe	6.30pm - 8pm
<b>CROYDON</b>	11 May	Croyden Club Hotel (Gardens)	11am - 12pm
<b>FORSAYTH</b>	12 May	Forsayth State School	9am - 12pm
<b>JULIA CREEK</b>	18 May	Julia Creek CD Grounds (McIntyre Park)	4pm - 6pm
<b>JULIA CREEK</b>	19 May		10am - 12pm
<b>RICHMOND</b>	19 May	Moon Rock Cafe	2pm - 3pm
<b>HUGHENDEN</b>	19 May	Windmill Cafe	4:30pm - 5:30pm
<b>PENTLAND</b>	20 May	Pentland Motel	9:30am - 10:30am
<b>CHARTERS TOWERS</b>	20 May	Henry's Resturant	11:45am - 12:45pm



**The National Parks, Sport and Racing's  
 Get Going Program  
 Has Funded The Georgetown All Sports Association To:**

Engage the services of accredited sports coaches to provide an introduction into the sports of Football, Basketball, Athletics and Tennis in a "Come and Try" format at Georgetown June 15th & 16th 2017.

As access to Tennis and Basketball facilities are required, the Georgetown State School has generously offered its facilities as the venue for the 2017 Georgetown Sports Clinic.

**Program**

<b>June</b>	<b>Group 1</b>	<b>Group 2</b>	<b>Group 3</b>	<b>Group 4</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>
<b>Thur 15th</b>	Organise	Groups			8.30 am	8.40 am
	Athletics	Football	Tennis	Basketball	8.40 am	9.20 am
	Basketball	Athletics	Football	Tennis	9.30 am	10.10 am
	Tennis	Basketball	Athletics	Football	10.20 am	11.00 am
Lunch Break					11.00 am	11.30 am
	Football	Tennis	Basketball	Athletics	11.40 am	12.20 pm
	Athletics	Football	Tennis	Basketball	12.30 pm	1.10 pm
Break					1.10 pm	1.30 pm
	Basketball	Athletics	Football	Tennis	1.40 pm	2.20 pm
Community		Athletics		Clinic	3.30 pm	5.00 pm
<b>Fri 16th</b>	Tennis	Basketball	Athletics	Football	8.40 am	9.20 am
	Football	Tennis	Basketball	Athletics	9.30 am	10.10 am
	Athletics	Football	Tennis	Basketball	10.20 am	11.00 am
Lunch Break					11.00 am	11.30 am
	Basketball	Athletics	Football	Tennis	11.40 am	12.20 pm
Thank You		Goodbye			12.20 am	1.00 pm

Further enquiries can be directed to  
 Blue Stewart (07) 40962489



# Basalt Bash & Beauty

Event Date: 12-14 June 2017  
Event Venue: Mount Surprise

Get your tickets NOW  
'Basalt Bash & Beauty' Women's Day.

Explore your creativity, learn some tips and tools for your business, revitalise your health and wellbeing and above all have some fun and laughter.  
Tickets available soon.

For more information about the day please contact:  
Kathy Rowling 0439 966 936 or Tahna Jackson 0408 786 057

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# GEORGETOWN BOARS & BOWLS

**AT THE GEORGETOWN GOLF CLUB**



*Huge family fun day,  
all welcome!*

**23<sup>rd</sup>  
July**

## Categories Include

- o Biggest Boar
- o Biggest Sow
- o Aggregate Weight
- o Biggest Tusks
- o Babe & Boar
- o Youngest Hunter (<12 yrs)
- o Mystery Weight
- o Dog competitions

**Games**

**FREE Beer and Burger  
with nomination**

**Dusty Lawn  
Bowls**

Help us raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctors Australia

Hunting starts Thursday 20/7/17 pm – Sunday 23/7/17 am

- **10am – 2pm:** Weigh in **\*NO ROTTEN PIGS ACCEPTED**
- **2pm – 3pm:** Games for kids and adults
- **3pm – 4pm:** Presentation of trophies
- **5pm – 7pm:** Dusty Lawn Bowls & Games
- **7pm – late:** Dinner and drinks **\*NO BYO**

Sunday 23/7/17



**Where:** Georgetown Golf Club, Cemetery Road, Georgetown, 4871.

**When:** Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017.

**Nominations:** Close Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. **Cost:** \$25pp

**Ph:** Mick LeBrocq (0429430298), Steve Winton (0417198544), Darryl Day (0487654198)

# SAVE THE DATE

79<sup>th</sup> Annual Georgetown

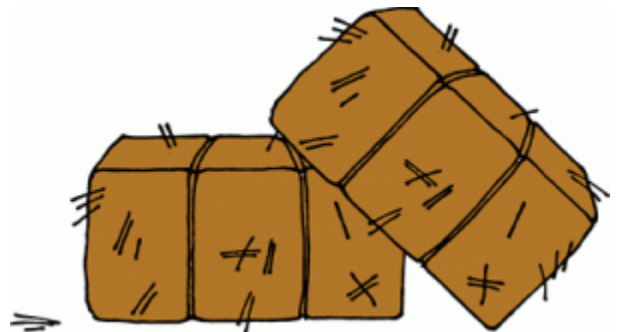
*Bushman's Ball*

30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

- GATSBY THEME -

## Mulch Hay for Sale

\$22/Bale inc. GST  
70km West of Georgetown  
PH: 07 4062 5370





# Georgetown Progress Association Return of The OP - SHOP!

The Op Shop will be reopening on Thursday 13 April and we desperately need your help.



We are seeking donation of unwanted goods for recycling to needy owners with all profits to benefit the community through Progress.



Items can be deposited at the op shop (opposite terrestrial). Collection can be arranged for larger items.

Phone Kevin on 40621 219



If you wish to volunteer time to staff the shop, this will be greatly appreciated.



Consignment sales will again be accepted so turn your unwanted items into \$\$\$



People generally don't really understand why or how other people become addicted to drugs. Often they mistakenly think that those who use drugs lack moral principles or willpower and that they could stop their drug use simply by choosing to, by using their "will power". In reality, drug addiction is a complex disease, and quitting always takes more than good intentions or a strong will. Drugs actually change the brain in ways that make quitting hard, even for those who want to. Sometimes when people are a long way into drug addiction a drug induced paranoia which is characterised by significant distortions of reality, can present and these will impede a person's ability to make a full recovery. Fortunately, researchers know more than ever about how drugs affect the brain and have found treatments that can help people recover from drug addiction and lead productive lives.

**What Is drug addiction?** Addiction is a chronic disease characterized by people looking for and using the desired drug, and that need is compulsive, and difficult to control, despite harmful consequences. The initial decision to take drugs is voluntary for most people, and may arise as a consequence of curiosity and/or experimentation which often soon descends into repeated drug use which then can lead to brain changes that challenge an addicted person's self-control and interfere with their ability to resist intense urges to take drugs. These brain changes can be persistent, which is why drug addiction is considered a "relapsing" disease—people in recovery from drug use disorders are at increased risk for returning to drug use even after years of not taking the drug.

**What happens to the brain when a person takes drugs?** Most drugs affect the brain's "reward circuit" by flooding it with the chemical messenger dopamine. This reward system controls the body's ability to feel pleasure and motivates a person to repeat behaviours needed to thrive, such as eating and spending time with loved ones. This overstimulation of the reward circuit causes the intensely pleasurable "high" that can lead people to take a drug again and again.

As a person continues to use drugs, the brain adjusts to the excess dopamine by making less of it and/or reducing the ability of cells in the reward circuit to respond to it. This reduces the high that the person feels compared to the high they felt when first taking the drug—an effect known as tolerance. As tolerance increases there is a need usually to take more of the drug as they try to achieve the same dopamine high. It can also cause them to experience anhedonia (loss of pleasure) as they then get less pleasure from other things they once enjoyed, like food or social activities.

Long-term use also causes changes in other brain chemical systems and circuits as well, affecting functions that include:

•Learning	•Judgment
•Decision-making	•Stress
•Memory	•Behaviour

Despite being aware of these harmful outcomes, many people who use drugs continue to take them, which is the nature of addiction. Judgement and decision-making abilities are significantly impaired.

**Why do some people become addicted to drugs while others don't?** No one factor can predict if a person will become addicted to drugs. A combination of factors influences risk for addiction. The more risk factors a person has, the greater the chance that taking drugs can lead to addiction. For example:

- **Biology.** The genes that people are born with account for about half of a person's risk for addiction. Gender, ethnicity, and the presence of other mental disorders may also influence risk for drug use and addiction.
- **Environment.** A person's environment includes many different influences, from family and friends to economic status and general quality of life. Factors such as peer pressure, physical and sexual abuse, early exposure to drugs, stress, and parental guidance can greatly affect a person's likelihood of drug use and addiction.
- **Development.** Genetic and environmental factors interact with critical developmental stages in a person's life to affect addiction risk. Although taking drugs at any age can lead to addiction, the earlier that drug use begins, the more likely it will progress to addiction. This is particularly problematic for teens. Because areas in their brains that control decision-making, judgment, and self-control are still developing, teens may be especially prone to risky behaviours, including trying drugs.

**Can drug addiction be cured or prevented?** As with most other chronic diseases, such as diabetes, asthma, or heart disease, treatment for drug addiction generally isn't a cure. However, addiction is treatable and can be successfully managed. People who are recovering from an addiction will be at risk for relapse for years and possibly for their whole lives. Research shows that combining addiction treatment medicines with behavioural therapy ensures the best chance of success for most patients. Treatment approaches tailored to each patient's drug use patterns and any co-occurring medical, mental, and social problems can lead to continued recovery.

More good news is that drug use and addiction are preventable. Although personal events and cultural factors affect drug use trends, when young people view drug use as harmful, they tend to decrease their drug taking. Therefore, education and outreach are key in helping people understand the possible risks of drug use. Teachers, parents, and health care providers have crucial roles in educating young people and preventing drug use and addiction.

### Points to Remember

- Drug addiction is a chronic disease characterized by drug seeking and use that is compulsive, or difficult to control, despite harmful consequences.
- Brain changes that occur over time with drug use challenge an addicted person's self-control and interfere with their ability to resist intense urges to take drugs. This is why drug addiction is also a relapsing disease.
- Relapse is the return to drug use after an attempt to stop. Relapse indicates the need for more or different treatment.
- Most drugs affect the brain's reward circuit by flooding it with the chemical messenger dopamine. This overstimulation of the reward circuit causes the intensely pleasurable "high" that leads people to take a drug again and again.
- Over time, the brain adjusts to the excess dopamine, which reduces the high that the person feels compared to the high they felt when first taking the drug—an effect known as tolerance. They might take more of the drug, trying to achieve the same dopamine high.
- No single factor can predict whether a person will become addicted to drugs. A combination of genetic, environmental, and developmental factors influences risk for addiction. The more risk factors a person has, the greater the chance that taking drugs can lead to addiction.
- Drug addiction is treatable and can be successfully managed.
- More good news is that drug use and addiction are preventable. Teachers, parents, and health care providers have crucial roles in educating young people and preventing drug use and addiction.

If you or someone you know is in the grip of a drug addiction, the alcohol ice and marijuana and so the list goes on please reach out by calling me on 0402 289 577. Help is available and with the above caveats be successful as long as the person involved wants to make changes in his or her life. (credit Drug Abuse.gov)

## COPPER'S CORNER

It is time for yet another reminder about the use of unregistered motorbikes, quads and UTV's on roads and road related areas with 3 local residents receiving fines for not obeying the law in recent times. In Queensland, a road or road related areas is defined as including all land in allocated road reserves which is in essence, from fence to fence. This means that all road rules apply to all vehicles travelling in this area – not necessarily just on the “black stuff”. I understand the need to move motorbikes out of town and having to trailer them is somewhat inconvenient.

IF A CRIME'S HAPPENING  
RIGHT NOW, CALL  
TRIPLE ZERO (000).

IF *NOT*, THINK  
POLICELINK.  
CALL 131 444.

For this reason, I relax my expectations to allow unregistered bikes to be ridden on footpaths to get out of town **providing they are pushed across the roads and do not annoy the local residents**. New laws prohibit children under 8 years from being passengers on quad bikes and **ALL** riders are now required to wear helmets when riding on roads (if the vehicle is registered), Road related areas (footpaths / side of road etc.) and on stock routes. Not wearing a helmet will cost you \$365.00 and 3 demerit points on your licence.

So in brief, please stop the practice of riding unregistered / uninsured motorbikes on the road. And if you are riding- put a helmet on. I have spoken on this topic for over 2 years now, and sadly people are still taking liberties believing that the law does not apply to them. If anyone is found not following these simple laws, they will face fines up to nearly \$1000.00 and possible seizure of the motorbike. If anyone has any questions about this, please give me a call or see me when I'm out and about.

Finally a reminder that I do drivers licencing and weapons licencing by appointment only as this avoids me sitting in the office if nobody is coming in. If the office is unattended, leave a message and I will return your call to make an appointment.

Troy BARNES  
Officer In Charge  
Georgetown Police Station

Forsayth  
By Night  
Dinner & Tour

This project is supported by  
the Queensland Government  
through Arts Queensland.

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**Monday – Friday** 6.00am to 7.00pm

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**Sunday** 7.30 am to 6.00pm

Please note kitchen shuts approx 45 mins prior to close BUT we are happy to still do basics i.e sandwiches, toasties, chips right up until closing time!

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## **TransNorth Bus Depot**

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Cairns – Georgetown – Karumba on Mon, Wed, Fri

Karumba - Georgetown – Cairns on Tue, Thu, Sat

**TICKETS** available at Roadhouse counter or online. (Confirmation unavailable on a weekend or public holiday)

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## **SAVANNAH**<sub>FREIGHT</sub>

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*Hawkins Freight Depot - 91 Lyons St. CAIRNS*

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**Loading** in Tolga & Mareeba on Wednesdays

**Delivering** on Fridays

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Please note runs may change during weeks with public Holidays

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## ETHERIDGE SHIRE LOCAL'S SPECIAL

City Plaza Apartments Cairns have a special deal for Etheridge Shire Residents

### **Two Bedroom, Fully Self-Contained Apartment for Only \$140 Per Night\***

If you would like to take advantage of this deal or require further information please contact City Plaza Apartments Cairns and advise reception you would like to take advantage of the special rate organised by Etheridge Shire Council.

Phone: 07 4041 5496

Email: [info@cityplazacairns.com.au](mailto:info@cityplazacairns.com.au)

Website <http://www.cityplazacairns.com.au>

*Please note this deal is only for Etheridge Shire residents.  
Proof of residence maybe required.*

*\*regular rate \$175-\$195 per night  
Based on two or more nights stay and availability*

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# RECIPE

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# MONTH

## Homemade Sausage Rolls

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 kg steak (beef) minced
- 1 onion diced
- 420 g mixed vegetables
- 1 cup dried breadcrumbs
- 3 egg
- 1/3 cup teriyaki marinade
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp spice mix
- 1 pinch seasoning \*to taste
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 6 sheets puff pastry
- 2 tbs Italian mixed herbs \*to decorate

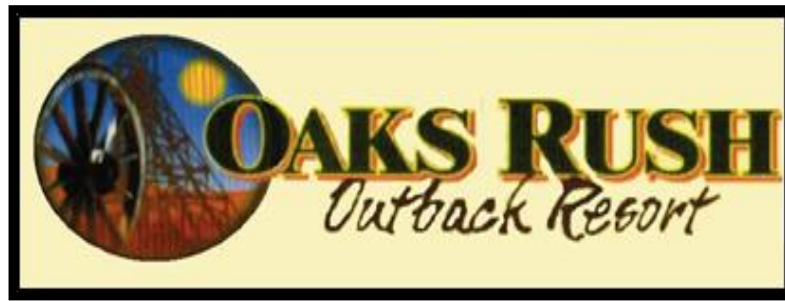


### METHOD

1. Blend eggs, onion, vegetables, marinade, and all spices together then add the mince. Mix thoroughly and add enough breadcrumbs to soak up the liquid in the mix.
2. Roll out the mixture as thick or thin as desired.
3. Cover sausage mixture with pastry and cut each roll into 4 party sausage rolls, or as desired.
4. Place on trays and brush with a little water. Sprinkle each sausage roll with mixed herbs or Italian herbs.
5. Cook at 180C for approximately 20 minutes or until golden brown

### NOTES

After the sausage rolls have cooled they can be frozen. If you have any mince mixture left over try making a few small meatballs and serve with sweet chilli sauce.



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## **AGATE CREEK SAFARI CAMP**

Agate Creek, about 90kms Southwest of Forsayth, is where some of the best gemstones and crystals in the world have been found. The fossicking area itself covers an expanse of around 4500 hectares. From where the fossicking area begins, signposts will guide you to the Safari Camp which is approximately 15kms in.

Onsite facilities include shaded campsites, van sites, septic toilets, hot showers and natural spring water. Not just for the rock hounds, Agate Creek's attractions include observing birds and wildlife and discovering local Aboriginal Culture. Fossicking and Culture Tours can be arranged through the Camp Manager for a minimal fee. Each day is ended with out campfire at which everyone visiting is welcome. If you're looking for a drop in visit, check out our Day Visitors' Centre where we have Agate samples and a BBQ Area that you're welcome to use.



Camp fees start at \$8 per person/per night for a 7 night stay\*  
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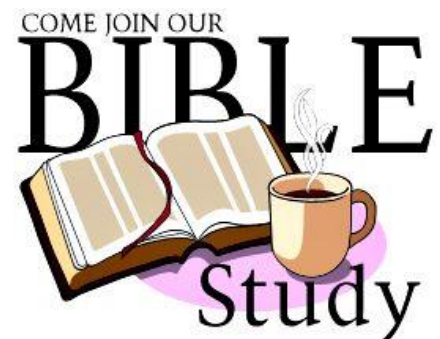
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GEORGETOWN

Kids Church happens 9:30am Sundays for primary school aged students during the school term. Here we learn about the Bible and the Christian faith whilst having lots of fun with songs, games, stories and activities. Feel free to come check it out.



The Church gathers weekly on Sundays for informal services during the school term. These services often include contemporary worship songs, prayer, a Christian discussion or message and a catch up. Please contact Joe Haase to confirm the location.

These get togethers happen weekly where we read the Bible, consider what it says, explore the meaning and discuss it with each other. Anyone is welcome to join.



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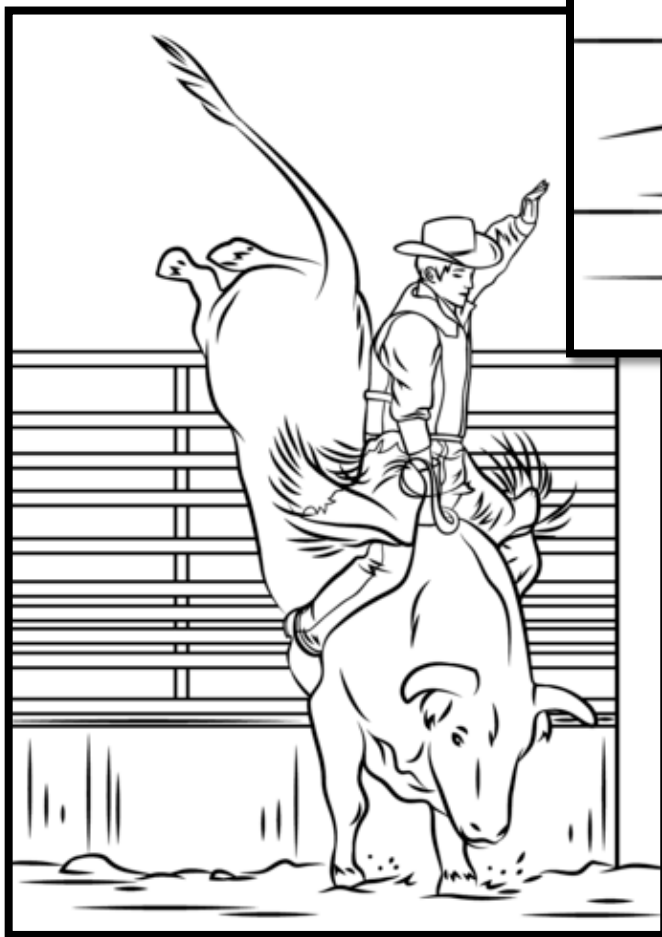
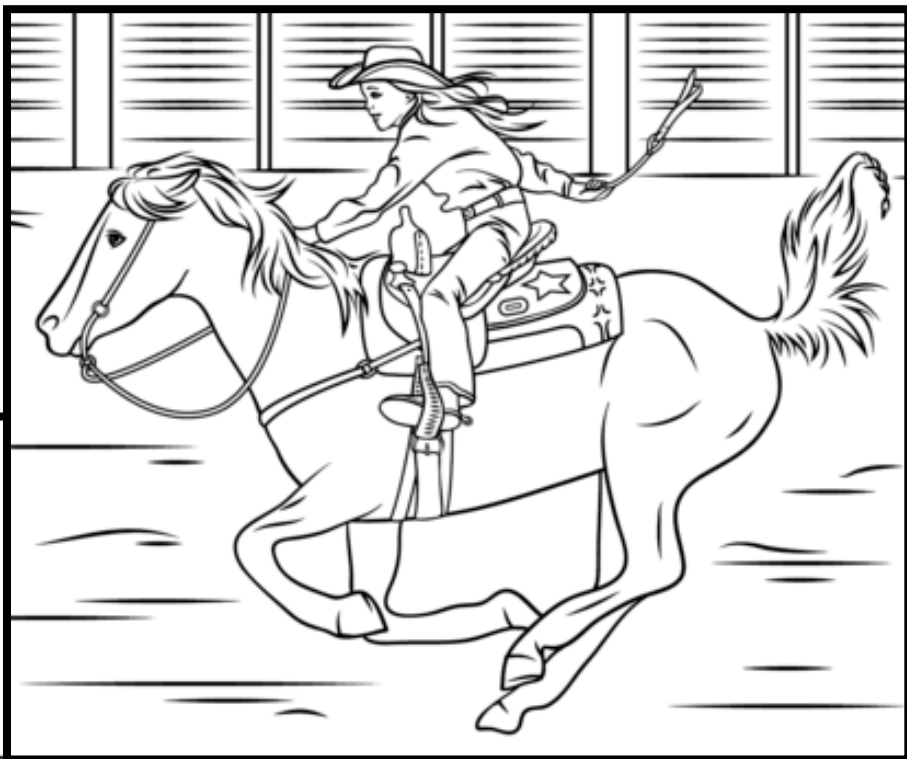


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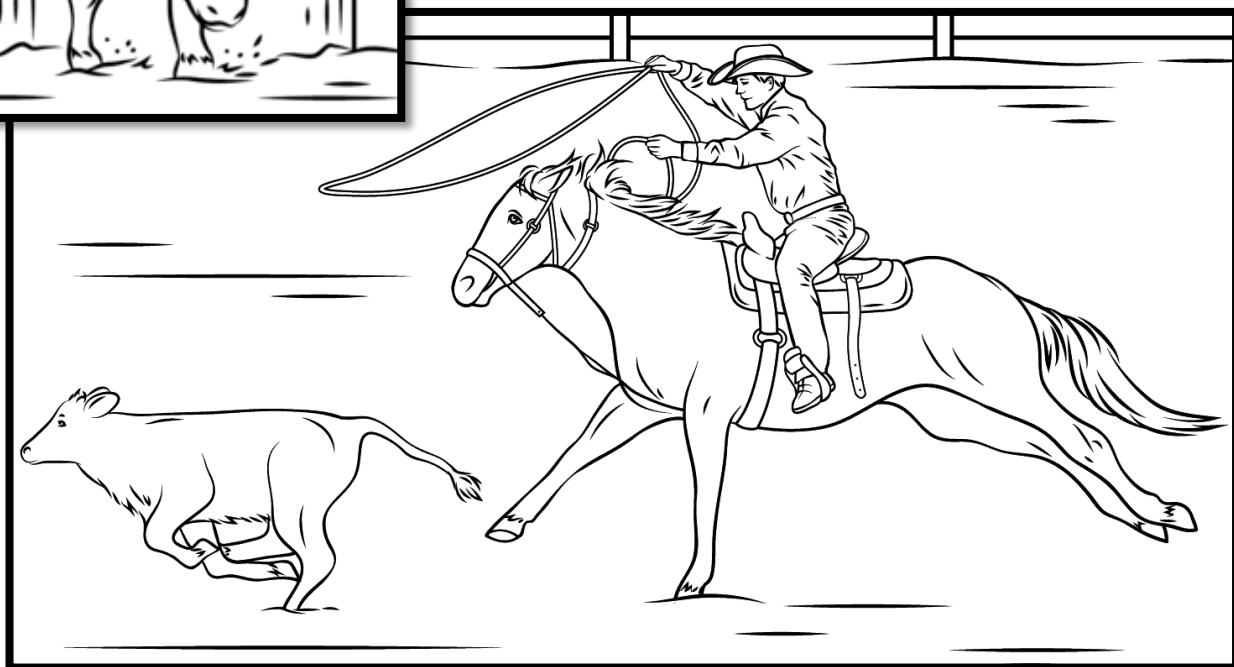
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# Calendar of Community Events 2017

## May

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Labour Day Public Holiday

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Ikin's Angels Karaoke Night @ Wenaru Hotel

13-14

Georgetown Golf Club Annuals

17

Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea at the TerrEstrial

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National Simultaneous Storytime @ TerrEstrial

31

State of Origin

## June

3-4

Georgetown Campdraft

12-14

Basalt Bash & Beauty

## July

6-8

Georgetown Rodeo

7-8

Oak Park Races

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Cairns Show Holiday

23

Georgetown Boars and Bowls

## August

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Etheridge Shire Holiday

5

Forsayth Turnout

## September

30

79th Annual Bushman's Ball

## October

2

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday



### **PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING**

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