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RUOK?

Regardless of where we live, or who our mob is, we can all go through tough times, times when we don't feel great about our lives or ourselves. That's why it's important to always be looking out for each other.

If someone you know – a family member, someone from your community, a friend, neighbour or workmate – is doing it tough, they won't always tell you. Sometimes it's up to us to trust our gut instinct and ask someone who may be struggling with life "Are you OK?".

By asking and listening, we can help those we care about feel more supported and connected, which can help stop them from feeling worse over time.

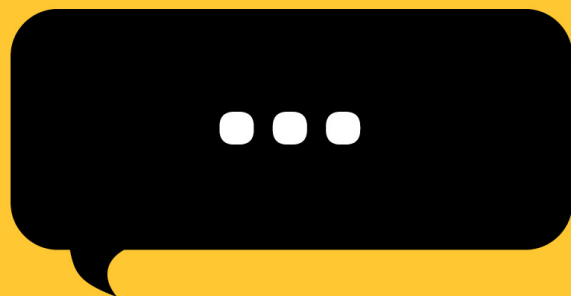
In Cherbourg we have been hit hard by suicide in recent months, on September 10th our local Cherbourg Suicide Prevention Action Network organised for a march through our streets.

Schoolchildren joined in, prayers were recited, drums were banged and shouts of "RU OK" and "It ain't weak to speak!" echoed as we marched together carrying photographs remembering loved ones. Our community members, elders, leaders and support workers took turns at speaking.

"It starts with just saying 'are you okay', but then being ready for that answer, too," Sam Murray told the crowd.

"Don't just use it as a slogan ... don't let this be the end of something, let this be the start of something."

(more photos from the march centre pages)



**THERE'S
MORE TO SAY
AFTER
RUOK?**

RUOK? DAY
10 September 2020

Learn what to say at ruok.org.au
A conversation could change a life



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or drop into our Cherbourg Radio Station or Council Chambers



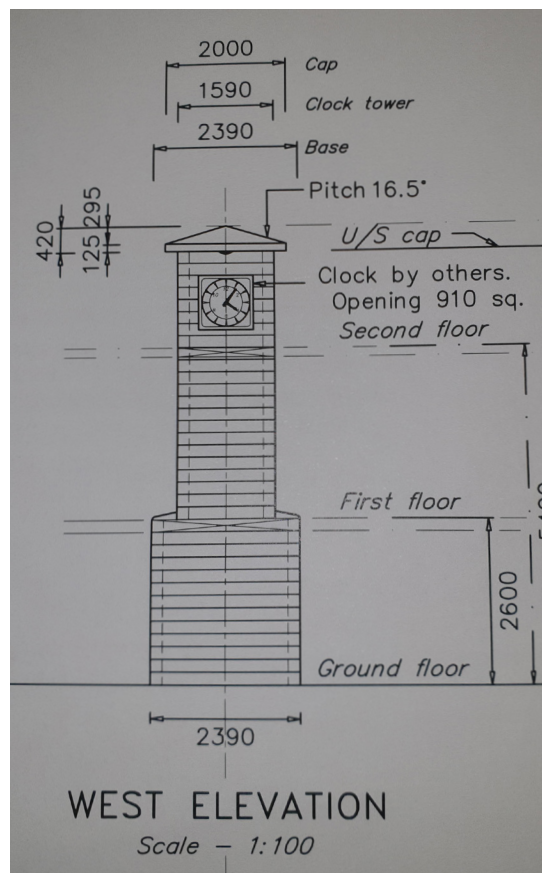
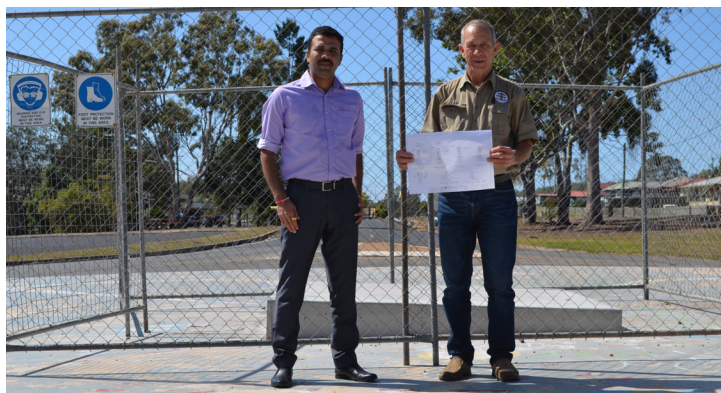
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Timely New Landmark for Community

A new landmark is soon to appear in Cherbourg, a town clock, part of Council's long term town planning for beautification projects, updates, and upgrade. Sharing a vision to make Cherbourg a better place, CEO Zala told Cherbourg Radio announcer Kimberly Barrett, he originally came up with the idea noting a clock can be found in most towns pride of place as a landmark community can be proud of. On taking the idea to council the CEO's idea was endorsed soon to take pride of place on the first roundabout as you enter Cherbourg.

Neil Uebergang, Building Manager for Cherbourg Council engaged an architect to draw up the designs to suit specifications, a highly recommended Toowoomba clock maker was then engaged for the build. The actual clock is circular, about a meter across and will be set into square shaped block work, the design will look to celebrate and commemorate the history of our community.

CEO Zala said, with the help of The Ration Shed Museum, plaques were to be made to go onto the clock structure that will recognise the names of the many tribes brought to Barambah Mission in years gone by. The project has been supported with funding from Works For Queensland.



Neighbouring Councils Meet in Cherbourg

Cherbourg Council were honoured recently to host a meeting of "Wide Bay Burnett Region Of Councils" (WBBROC) the first time the organisation has held an official meeting in our community. In August six mayors and their deputies from Cherbourg Gympie, Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, North Burnett and South Burnett Councils met in Cherbourg.

The local government councillors attended a regional roads meeting, visited the Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum, The Material Recycling Facility before heading to the Nurunderi Tafe for the official WBBROC meeting.

Mayor Elvie Sandow said it was an "eye opener" for her guests who learned more about our community, facilities, projects and future plans.

Councillors were delighted to be in Cherbourg, Mayor Sandow says she is looking forward to building and expanding partnerships with our neighbouring councils.

WBBROC chair, Bundaberg Mayor Jack Dempsey, said the Cherbourg Council had some really great projects, especially for the youth of the community.

"We want to highlight Cherbourg as such an important area for

Wide Bay," he said.

"We see a lot of funds going further north. We're saying, you've got Cherbourg so close to millions of people in south-east Queensland so if you put some funding into here, the rest of Queensland could come and get a really magnificent cultural experience.

Mayor Dempsey said WBBROC was there to help to Cherbourg.

"We want the young people here to have a bigger, brighter future," he said.



Mayors Urge Premier Maintain Border Protections

Queensland's border closures should stay in place for as long as they are needed, the mayors of Cherbourg and the wider South Burnett region say.

Cherbourg Mayor Elvie Sandow and South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto urged locals and visitors to the region to take all precautions possible to avoid bringing Covid-19 into the area.

To date, the South Burnett region has avoided any major outbreaks of the virus that has crippled the global economy and led to many deaths both overseas and in Australia.

But Ms Sandow and Mr Otto backed the Palaszczuk Government's controversial position on hard border closures, saying that even if it meant one life was saved, it would be worth it. Councillor Otto said that given the local economy's role as a major pork processor for the state and country meant it was essential that the region remained free of the virus, notwithstanding the rising number of domestic tourists visiting.



Ms Sandow said in Cherbourg, as with the wider Burnett, a significant proportion of locals were over 60 years old, and many had other health complications, and that it only took one person to enter Cherbourg carrying Covid-19 to potentially devastate the community.

She said the state government had taken the right steps to date with its border restrictions, but locals had to remain vigilant, particularly with social distancing and hygiene practices.

Paramedics Closing The Literacy Gap

Murgon paramedics will soon be swapping their stethoscopes for children's books as part of an initiative to support reading and writing skills amongst young students. Local role models from the Murgon Ambulance Station will partner up with kids from Gundoo Early Childhood Learning Centre, Cherbourg State School, Murgon State School and Silver Lining School (at Ficks Crossing) through support programs to encourage and foster important literacy skills.

After consultation with local schools and the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, the initiative has been given a resounding 'thumbs up' and the QAS is passionate about the potential long term positive impacts our staff can provide to the youth of the community.

It's hoped this partnership will not only strengthen the rapport between the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) and the Cherbourg community, but support Indigenous youth with Closing the Gap targets. Clifton Proud from Murgon QAS Murgon said "Murgon paramedics are enthusiastic to help support the great work teachers are already doing and we are hopeful other local community role models will join us in the future".



RUOK? 2020

Lifeline	13-11-14
Kids Helpline	1800-551-800
MensLine Australia	1300-789-978
Suicide Call Back Service	1300-659-467
Beyond Blue	1300-224-636



Let's share, we're stronger together

"When we talk we are sharing. For thousands of years we've shared experiences, shared love. The only way we get out of those tough times is by sharing and talking."

#RUOKstrongertogether
ruok.org.au/strongertogether



RUOK?
A conversation could change a life.



COMMUNITY TOGETHER



Clontarf Boys Academy TERM 3

Camps were back under way for Term 3 and we headed out to Buxton Bush Camp for all 3 camps this term.

Week 4 started off with the year 9 and 10s. We started off by setting up camp and then the boys were off playing footy in the Mudflats. After a BBQ dinner we sat around the camp fire and had a yarn to the boys about the next couple years are important as they are heading into Snr School.

Week 6 seen the seniors turn with our 11 and 12 Camp. It started off the same way but a little more relaxed as the boys took in the scenery and waves on the ISIS River. After dinner we asked the boys about their post school pathways and were blown away by the response and plans they already had in place.

Week 8 and it was the Jnr Schools turn with the year 7 and 8's it was full on from when we left to when we got back. The time blurred from the amount of activities we done with footy, fishing, Cards and leadership games. After dinner around the camp fire we spoke how they have to be Jnr leaders as we have



their younger brothers, nephews and families coming up from state schools and they need to help them settle and set the example.

Next terms camp haven't been confirmed as due to the pandemic but we looking at reward based camps based on the boys trying their hardest in and out of school.



Better Roads Roll out for Cherbourg



Cherbourg Council continue to pursue improvements and upgrades to communities infrastructure, road works are just one of the many priorities.

The latest works were on a 450m section of road from the Big Shot Fisher Bridge into the community. The project Scope: to stabilise, widen the shoulder, reseal.

Roadtek were engaged to do the work as they have the heavy machinery necessary for earthmoving, stabilizing and bitumen resealing. However our Councils works crew did take some time

under the guidance of our new Operations Manager and Civil Engineer Darren Lonergan to inspect and gain some insight into the engineering behind road construction.

This latest project was funded through the federal grant R2R.

We have further road improvement works under LRCI federal funding to be completed in October, these include – Bligh St, Beattie St, Jerome St and Fisher St.

Works include vegetation removal, edge and shoulder restoration, stabilisation and reseal.



Positive Experience for Veterinary Student Annual Cherbourg Visit

Five years ago, the UQ School of Veterinary Science was approached by the Council, AMRRIC and the Darling Downs Public Health Unit to help deliver an annual, dog and cat desexing service for Cherbourg. Other services provided include: general health checks, vaccinations, microchipping, parasite testing, parasite treatment and basic clips.

Since 2016, over 200 dogs and around 30 cats have been desexed. In that time, twenty senior veterinary students have had the opportunity to be involved in project. All have been very grateful for the experience!

The team has felt very welcomed by the community and are grateful for the opportunity to meet people and learn a little more about Cherbourg. We appreciate the very special role that dogs have always played, and continue to play, for the community.

The students are grateful for the opportunity to be involved in the clinical delivery of the service, and the chance to enhance their practical skills, communication and teamwork skills.

Over the years, a number of graduates have returned to help deliver the programme with several others now also working in veterinary practices that deliver similar clinical services to other regional and remote Communities.

The Cherbourg Visiting Vet Service is scheduled to run again in 2020, if restrictions permit.

The dates for the visit are 12th to 22nd October.

Please contact Daniel Weazel or Jackson Cobbo from the Council on (07) 4168 2554 for more information and to book in to have your pet see the visiting vets.



Darling Downs Health

Smoking and COVID-19

Smoking makes the lungs weak.

Don't share your smokes with other people.

Proof only - not for distribution

Don't go finding and smoking cigarette butts, they could have the COVID-19 germs on them.

DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?

Johanna Bou-Samra B.PHARM
Consultant Pharmacist and Tobacco Treatment Specialist
Indigenous Health, Toowoomba Hospital

Phone: **4616 6800** to make an appointment for a consultation
Email: THCTG@health.qld.gov.au

Indigenous Health

Queensland Government

CHERBOURG ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL, AMRRIC, THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF VETERINARY SCIENCE & DARLING DOWNS PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT:

12 Oct. - 22 Oct. 2020

VET VISIT

FOR CHERBOURG CATS & DOGS

FREE VET TREATMENTS FOR REGISTERED ANIMALS:

- GENERAL HEALTH CHECKS
- PARASITE TREATMENTS
- DESEXING
- MICROCHIPPING

TO ACCESS FREE TREATMENTS, CATS & DOGS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH CHERBOURG ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

REGISTRATION IS FREE
Registration forms & vet bookings are available at the Council Depot Office.

Register & Book now!



'Champion' Leaves With A Long List



Cherbourg's "Ministerial Champion" Dr Anthony Lynham visited the community in late July ... and left with a big wish list to take back with him to the State Government.

Dr Lynham met with Mayor Elvie Sandow, Deputy Mayor Tom Langton, CEO Chatur Zala and senior Council staff at the Council Chambers.

He makes quarterly visits to Cherbourg as part of his State Government role as "Ministerial Champion" for the town, however, the visiting schedule was disrupted by COVID-19 and this was his first visit back since visiting restrictions ended.

Top of the discussion list was the presentation of a plan for a new Council Chambers to replace the current building.

Dr Lynham was told the current building was totally inadequate: there is not enough room or storage space, it is sinking on one side, and is moving.

Mr Zala presented plans for a new building, an idea first raised in 2008 to create a new community hub in the main street.

This new building could be constructed in stages.

Dr Lynham was petitioned to lobby on behalf of the project, and he seemed impressed.

"You can't help but be impressed by the design, how the building looks, how it's going to function and how pragmatic this whole thing is for the community of Cherbourg," Dr Lynham said.

"I can see nothing better than to come back one day and have that building finished.

"It looks fantastic and it's structured so well that it can be (built) in different stages. So every stage is a modest step forward to completion. It's been well thought out.



"My role is to go back to Brisbane and take that concept design report and market (it) as much as I can with my colleagues and present this to government, to make sure the Mayor's case and the community's case is well-heard regarding this."

Other issues raised with Dr Lynham during the visit included:

- Updates on the recycling plant, funding for the cemetery, skate park and fencing; and solar panels for Cherbourg State School
- Council's concerns about the outcome of the Cherbourg Security Project
- A desire for the Cherbourg Police Station to be manned 24/7 with community patrols and more Police Liaison Officers
- A crackdown on people using Council-owned houses for illegal business activities
- A project to turn a flat piece of land near the cemetery into a driving range for children to play golf

There was also a "very candid" discussion about mental health issues in the community.

Mayor Sandow called for accountability, saying there was a lack of face-to-face and culturally appropriate mental health supports. She called for funding for community-driven initiatives such as SPAN (Suicide Prevention Action Network). Council has donated



the use of dongas beside the Council building for the use of SPAN. She said Council was also supporting the men's group for mental health counselling programs.

Dr Lynham described Cherbourg as "a community of triumph".

"This is a community that is doing really, really well. You only have to look at the recycling centre, Containers For Change, the school, the hospital and just when you walk around the community. It is a magnificent community.

"I think the community has a strong journey forward. It is a strong and resilient, proud community.

"It is being displayed to me yet again that Cherbourg is a community that has direction. It knows what it wants.

"It's not up to us to make any decision whatsoever in regards to Cherbourg's future because the community knows its future. It's my role and the government's role to assist to obtain that future."

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in the News

Big Ideas the future the future

Ideas ranging from plastic recycling to arts sales in Brisbane were discussed during a recent visit of Queensland's Chief Entrepreneur Leanne Kemp to Cherbourg.

Ms Kemp has been visiting various communities as Queensland comes out of COVID-19 shutdowns.

"How do we bring out the 'give it a go' spirit now that we are 'good to go' across Queensland?" she asked Cherbourg CEO



Chatur Zala and Council representatives at a meeting at the Council chambers.

The CEO said unemployment was the biggest issue in Cherbourg, and what was needed was local jobs for local people.

Ideas raised during the meeting included:

Hi-tech projects at Cherbourg's material recovery facility. Ms Kemp was accompanied on her visit by Oliver Mackay, from blockchain company Everledger which Ms Kemp founded in 2015. Everledger is working with Coex – the not-for-profit organisation created to run the Containers for Change scheme in Queensland – on projects involving plastic.

The Cherbourg Men's Shed – projects that could be implemented (including furniture restoration) and items that could be marketed in Brisbane. Ms Kemp, who toured the facility, suggested an exploration of ways technology could bring older and younger participants together. She also suggested link-ups with other Men's Sheds projects in Brisbane.

Potential cultural projects at the Indigenous Knowledge Centre. Art sales, including creating arts from waste.

Digital story telling, to accompany art as well as support mental health initiatives.

Ms Kemp said there was a capability in Cherbourg for transformation and change.

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Workers and Trainees @ Council

More Jobs & Training for Community

There has been a lot of movement at Council lately, new positions being advertised and filled in various departments of CASC, as well as new trainees getting their first start.

Here at CASC it is our policy to offer increase skills and offer opportunities for further education and training as well.

Jackson Cobbo was in Bundaberg doing training for his Cert II in Water operations recently.

The Training is held over three days and at the Bundaberg Water Treatment Plant.

We wish Jackson all the best for his future





Rights and Responsibilities

What are your rights and responsibilities when renting?

All tenants and lessors/agents must comply with the law. It is important to understand your rights and responsibilities from the very start of your tenancy.

Your responsibilities as a tenant

You have responsibilities to Council who are the lessor of the property. You must:

Meet your responsibilities under you tenancy agreement:

- Pay your rent on time and in the way written in your tenancy agreement
- Abide by the terms of your agreement and any body corporate by-laws that apply
- Tell the lessor/agent if you damage the premises (accidentally or otherwise)
- Follow the rules set out by the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*.

Respect your home:

- Use the premises mainly as your home, unless otherwise agreed
- Do not use your home for any illegal purpose
- Do not cause a nuisance, or seriously affect the reasonable peace, comfort or privacy of your neighbours
- Keep the house, yard and any inclusions clean (e.g. stove) etc.
- Make sure you or your guests do not deliberately damage the premises
- Be responsible for your behavior and of your guests.

The responsibilities of the lessor/agent

The lessor/agent has responsibilities to you, the tenant. They must make sure:

They meet their responsibilities under the tenancy agreement:

- They cover the cost of preparing the tenancy agreement (and follow the agreement)
- All charges, rates, taxes for the place are paid for
- A full set of keys is given to one tenant, and the others get keys for entry
- They follow the rules for renting set out by the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*.

They provide you with a suitable home:

- The premises is ready for you to move into on the date agreed
- The premises is fit to live in and is in a good state of repair
- The premises meets all laws that deal with health and safety
- The place is reasonably secure
- They do not cause a nuisance, or seriously affect the reasonable peace, comfort and privacy of the tenant
- They keep the premises and any inclusions in good repair during the agreement
- Common areas (if there are any) are kept clean.

Workers and Trainees @ Council

Getting Behind The Scenes at our Works Depot

Cherbourg Council are constantly looking for better ways to inform community about employment and training opportunities for locals.

Recently we held a recruitment information session and invited the 18 people who applied for the Apprentice Mechanic and Glazier positions

The session held at our workshops gave applicants the chance to learn more about the recruitment process, the job and working for council



Some New Faces at on the Cherbourg Council Team



Since July we have seen some new faces starting or moving into different roles. Welcome aboard: Kerri Watson (Cleaner at Council) -Mark Celledoni (HR Advisor) -Chantelle Mackay (Housing Officer) -Shanyce Blackman (Radio) -Kimberly Barrett (Radio)



Service Australia's Mobile Service Centre in Cherbourg

The mobile service centre can help with:

- new claims for most Centrelink payments
- updating your information in our records
- confirming documents and supporting information, such as certifying copies of birth certificates
- access to Self Service Terminals
- help with using online accounts and Express Plus mobile apps.

Date	Day	From	To
26/10/2020	Mon	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
27/10/2020	Tues	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
28/10/2020	Wed	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
29/10/2020	Thurs	9:00 AM	4:00 PM
30/10/2020	Frid	9:00 AM	4:00 PM

Information can also be provided about:

- how financial matters may impact your payments
- payment and service options to suit your needs
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- Medicare transactions
- Medicare registrations
- social work support and referrals



Cherbourg



Message from Murgon State High School - New App for Tuckshop Orders

Just a reminder, you will only be able to pre-order morning tea and lunch on the Qkr! app or with EFTPOS before 8.30am. Tuckshop ladies will only prepare pre-ordered morning teas and lunches. You can still purchase other items (chips, drinks, iceblocks etc) at second break. All students will need to order before morning classes.

These processes have been put in place, to allow the two Tuckshop staff to have enough time to prepare meals before serving at break times. Qkr! is very easy to use. The instructions on how to download the app are below. You can also pay your school fees online.

For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr! you can:

- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'

Add each child's details

Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

Tap the green box to view your receipt or to cancel an order

Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet

At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.

Cherbourg Residents

Need repairs and maintenance to your home?
The Qbuild phone number is **1300 738 616**
Call this number for house maintenance
Qbuild will then create a work order for your repair.

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