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Cherbourg Pauses For Healing

Cherbourg residents gathered together in October after a tough year in the community to pause, yarn and "heal".

The "Community Healing Event" event at the Cherbourg Sports Centre – part of Mental Health Week activities - was organised by the community's radio station, Cherbourg Radio, in conjunction with APM NDIS.

Cherbourg residents endured the toughest COVID-19 restrictions of any community in the South Burnett earlier this year, with special passes required to enter the town and restrictions on who could leave. On top of this, there has been too much sorry business ... including young deaths that have hurt too many families.

The aim of the day was to encourage local residents to get together to support each other, relax and enjoy some free entertainment.

There was face painting for the children, kids' activities plus performances by the Wakka Wakka dancers, Murgon State High School's "Mob Choir" and Muddy Flats. Cherbourg Radio broadcast live from the event and invited guests on air to share positive thoughts as well as moving stories of loss and grief.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Councilor Bronwyn Murray had a simple message for listeners ... every day should be RUOK day.

"When you wake up in the morning, asking RU OK, just saying 'good morning' makes a helluva difference! It makes your family know they are wanted and acknowledged," she said. This Story was is reprinted here with permission from South Burnett dot com dot au

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Council & Community



The 1st ever CASC Workers Awards

On Tuesday 9th of February Cherbourg Council took time out to recognise and celebrate our team, presesnting service and long service awards.

Held at the Council Works Depot, the day helped highlight a fresh approach with new leadership whilst acknoledging the many years of dedication and hard work put in by those that helped pave the way to today.



Recived a CLOCK for 20+ Years

ANTONIA JACOBS
EDWINA STEWART
LESLIE WRAGGE Snr
EILEEN JACOBS
TREVOR BLAIR
GREG TYNAN
FIONA GADD
CHARLES BOND
LANCE HILL
IAN BIRD

Recieved

a WATCH for 10+ Years
WILLIAM WEAZEL
KEVIN CURTIS
GENE BARRETT
ROBERT CHERMSIDE
ROBERT NIXON
TESSA FISHER
BERT BOWMAN BUTTON
JOSEPH WEAZEL
LINDSAY COBBO
SEAN NICHOLSON
WILLIAM GORMLY
CHATUR ZALA

Recieved

a Key Chain for 5+ Years
WILLIAM MALONE
JUSTIN COBUS
ANDREW BECKETT
SHAMUS COBBO
WAWIDA COLLINS
LINDSAY BLIGH
ERIC BLAIR
HAROLD CHAPMAN
NEIL UEBERGANG
COLIN FERGUSON

LYNDON HOPKINS

AARON ROSEWARNE

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HUGHIE CARLO







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KEVIN WATSON













The Future is Traditional Ways

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council are inviting traditional owners and local change makers interested in agriculture, horticulture, bush tucker, research and innovation to participate in a new small business initiative (contract) to grow and supply traditional foods (tucker) and fauna products for commercial sale and distribution.



The initiative while in early stages of development, offers an opportunity to meet with likeminded people, discuss and learn more about the project, how it can be rolled out, developed, funded, and protected, with a view to increased job opportunities in our community.

Utilising already available resources here in Cherbourg (like hydroponics), the new venture could quickly have plants growing at volume with produce making its way to the Brisbane marketplace and beyond within the next two years. Act now and you could be among a select group to join other motivated individuals working closely with University of Queensland in a partnership with mob from Eidsvold and Far North Queensland

Local senior students from our region, elders, and those in a middle-aged demographic are also encourage consider this unique opportunity.

Representatives from Cherbourg, Andrew Beckett, Bow Button and Sean Nicholson recently attended a workshop in Gatton, joining a panel discussing the full potential of this unique opportunity along with benefit sharing agreements. During the workshop attendees also worked on the contract with UQ with an Indigenous IP lawyer represent the interests of mob.

Want to know more? Contact Andrew Beckett or Sean Nicholson at CASC or email andrew.beckett@cherbourg.qld.gov.au sean.nicholson@cherbourg.qld.gov.au

SPOTTEDPhotos from Community









The Joy of Giving - Community Christmas Carnival













Cherbourg Talks

Health Summit Aims For Change

December 9, 2020

A Health Summit which aimed to bring agencies and the people they serve face-to-face to thrash out solutions to entrenched issues has been hosted by Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

The two-day summit, held at the Cherbourg Sports Complex on Tuesday and Wednesday, discussed the health – and mental health – issues in the community.

It was facilitated by Phillip Mills and Barbara Schmidt, who have worked with other Indigenous communities, especially in the Torres Strait.

Phillip said gaps in services were easy to identify. Some of these were policy-related, while others were linked to not having programs in those particular areas. But it was more important to listen to the community "voice".

"The pain, the suffering, the ongoing loss and this veil of depression that we are battling against even to be at the starting line as everybody else," he told the audience.

"That inequity needs to be addressed as well, because we can't expect people who don't have the support that brings them on a par to everyone else in this country to have the same health outcomes as the rest."

Barbara said there were many groups working to solve issues from above but there were only a handful of people working to find answers from within the community. Mayor Elvie Sandow told southburnett.com.au that she believed the government had to come out and listen to Cherbourg residents.

"They have to come out, sit down and talk to us," she said.

"Top down doesn't work."

And she said the agencies that worked at Cherbourg had to be held to account for their decisions.

South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto, who was a guest at the summit, said it was time the Federal Government "moved forward" and followed the example of New Zealand, working with and listening to Indigenous people.

Mayor Sandow said the people of Cherbourg had elected her to be their voice.

She had just four years to make a difference.

"I am here for change," she said. "If you don't make changes, nothing changes."

Mayor Sandow said a Health Summit like this had never happened in Cherbourg before, but she hoped it would not be the last time major issues were addressed this way.









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She hoped that over the next couple of years, Council could also host an Education Summit and a Law and Order Summit. "At the end of my four years, I can say I have tried," she said.

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SONGLINES CONNECTING COMMUNITYS

Visit from Yarrahbah - Gunggandji traditional dancers



Mala Neal has been travelling and touring with the Gunggandji Dancers since he was a young man introducing and educating about the Whale Song Project for many years acknowledging, honouring and celebrating his elders and ancestors. The Dancers payed respects and danced for our elders at Ny Ku Byan

Mala spoke on Cherbourg radio about his story - From June to October every year the majestic Humpback and Southern Right Whales make their way from Antarctic waters to the warmer waters of the Australian coast to give birth and raise their calves. Our People witnessed this annual migration for millennia and have entwined the Whale's Journey in our cosmology, ritual and everyday life in all the Aboriginal Countries visited by the whales.

The Whale Song Festival will mimic the whale's journey and celebrate it at the many significant Whale Dreaming Sites of our People. Southern Australia marks the beginning of the Whale's Australian sojourn north to the azure waters of the Great Barrier Reef. This unique event will share Aboriginal Culture along the Whale's Migration Route. It will re-link Aboriginal People across all the Festival venues along their Ancient Songlines.

For many years the Whale has been under pressure from nonIndigenous People - just as our Indigenous people have been. Whales have fought their way back from near extinction in the 1960s when whaling ceased in Australian waters. Numbers are now steadily increasing and most Australians now support Whale conservation. A rise in appreciation for the Whale's epic journey by Australians has coincided with a rising tide of awareness of Aboriginal Culture. Our now modern voices capture the spirit of the beautiful but eerie Song of the Whale in concert with our own Ancient Aborigi-

nal Voices.





From the first call of his ancestors as year by year goes on, up and down the east Australia coast the whale sings his song, His song line is strong, his journey long as he hears the calling of those who travelled before him, he travels this ancient line, he travels ahead to guide those behind. With him he has the mob, for he is the leader of his whale pod. He travels north, to warmer waters as did his father and fathers before him.

He stays close to the shoreline, singing his ancient song line, he is calling out for guidance and safe passage his calling is awaits the message.

He leaps out of the water, splashing and spinning, doing his corroboree, it the dance his been doing for an eternity, Without his song line his would go off course, he has seen many of them hit the shores.

His song line brings on the new season, his song line is the voice of reason.

He calls to you, his song line is clear, he tells you him coming through and he brings no fear. He asks for permission he tell you, I am here.

He will continue to travel this line, his son will follow in time he follows the traditions of the whale's song line.

Written by Paul Neal



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Nurunderi Graduates Beat 2020!

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December 8, 2020

A special celebration to mark the graduation of students from Nurunderi TAFE College has become a new tradition over the past five years at Cherbourg ... and one that always brings smiles to plenty of faces.

Nurunderi Campus Co-ordinator Sharon Sippel said she was very proud of all the students as they gathered with friends and family at the college on Tuesday morning for the ceremony.

"We are celebrating your successes today. Congratulations!" she said. "All these people that are here are cheering you on for all you have accomplished through this year ... this year has certainly seen many new challenges for us all.

"This is your celebration. This is all your hard work, your commitment to yourself and to your studies."

Seventy-six students at the college completed their studies this year. On Tuesday, certificates were presented to students who were studying:

 Certificate II in Skills for Education, Training and Employment Pathways

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- Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Home and Community Care)
- Certificate I in Construction
- Certificate II in Health Support Services
- Certificate II in Salon Assistant

Certificate III graduate Alicia Brenker reflected on a year of struggles in her address to her fellow students. "When we were informed (of the COVID-19 Cherbourg border closure) ... our hearts sank," she said. "How were we going to complete our course? "But, to give credit where credit is due, the staff here dug down deep and through their sheer determination they arranged ways for us to complete our courses, which led us to be here today graduating. "These guys pulled a rabbit out of a hat big time, and I

"These guys pulled a rabbit out of a hat big time, and I think they deserve major credit for that!

"To my classmates I say ... we did it! We beat 2020!"

Come have a yarn about YOUR future

Nurunderi welcomes and celebrates our new enrolments for 2021 studying in areas of Individual Support, Construction, Salon Assistant, Small Business Management, Adult Literacy and Numeracy. If you are thinking of further study, looking at a career change or a pathway towards employment we welcome you to come and chat with us.



Nurunderi is open Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm or you can call the team directly on 4179 6801. We are encouraging all ages to Stand Up, Skill Up and Be Proud with Adult Literacy and Numeracy classes. These classes are free as part of our Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program and run every week. You can improve your literacy and numeracy to pursue employment, better participate in the workplace, learn practical and relevant skills including technology, build confidence and further develop skills for life.

The TAFE Yarns at Nurunderi has led to many of communities ideas and suggestions to be put into place. We are excited about the progression of these. If you are interested in working in Community Services or Primary Health and wish to study these at Nurunderi let us know as we are currently seeking expressions of interest. We thank you for sharing your knowledge and encourage you to join us 3 March 10am for another TAFE Yarn. Morning tea will be provided. For catering purposes please let us know by calling 4179 6801.

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Gundoo give our little ones a good head start

Nan Jacqui Tapua is the director of the Cherbourg Gundoo Early Learning Centre

The team at Gundoo have welcomed back families for the 2021 learning year happy to see a lot of happy little learners ready for another year having fun while preparing for a bright future.

Nan says spaces are still available at Gundoo for little ones aged 6 months to 4 years old, "Your little one will enjoy nutritious meals along with stimulating age & culturally appropriate programs delivered by our highly qualified staff."

If you would like to find out more about Gundoo Early Learning Centre or need assistance with enrollment, please feel free to drop in for a visit or call 4168 2832 Monday to Friday for more information.



Gundoo Kids make great little learners









Darling Downs Health



COVID-19



LET'S GET TESTED
SO WE KNOW IF
THERE'S COVID-19
IN OUR COMMUNITY.
LET'S PROTECT OUR
COMMUNITY!



If you are sick and do continue to engage with people in community, you may be spreading the virus without knowing it.

IF YOU HAVE ..





















GET TESTED

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Indigenous Health



HIPPY Cherbourg Enrolling now!

What is HIPPY?

Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters, a free early years program for parents and carers.

HIPPY inspires families to be their child's first teacher, helps families have fun learning together while preparing children to ger ready for school, most importantly Hippy encourages a love of learning.

What do HIPPY families get?

Free HIPPY story books, activity packs and materials, there are 45 learning packs delivered over 2 years, plus you get regular time with a local HIPPY tutor and invites to fun HIPPY events.



Hippy is enrolling now, if you have a child turning 4 before June 30th, contact us for more information on 4168 3990 or drop into the Domestic Science building at the Ration Shed Museum.









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"HIPPY has given me confidence to talk to school teachers and ask questions"

> "Thanks to HIPPY I'm a confident and proud parent"



"I realised I am my child's first and most important teacher"



HIPPY helps you get your child ready for school

Murgon/Cherbourg

Contact information

HIPPY Cherbourg 2 Oak Street, Cherbourg Tel: 4168 3990 or Ration Shed 4169 5753 Email: info@rationshed.com.au Facebook.com/HIPPYCherbourg

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters is funded through the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

The Brotherhood of St Laurence holds the licence to

operate HIPPY in Australia hippyaustralia.bsl.org.au



Happy Healthy Pets

UQ Vets Visit to Community

Another successful visit from the team of vets from University of Queensland School of Veterinary Science and Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities who came to Cherbourg again in October, all part of an annual program organised by the Darling Downs Public Health Unit staff in collaboration with Cherbourg Council.

The program is a great opportunity for Cherbourg residents to receive vet checks for their dogs and cats that have been registered with Council The vet treatments include general health checks, parasite treatments, desexing and microchipping.











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Essential goods are free, but a donation would be appreciated.

Community Events Calender



MARCH 2021

1st Mar Walkabout Barber4th Mar Interagency Meeting

11th Mar SPAN Meeting

19th Mar Light Up Cherbourg

National day against bullying & violence

21st Mar Community Gospel Concert 23rd Mar R U OK? Community March 31st Mar Run For Fun Colour Run

APRIL 2021

1st Apr Interagency Meeting

2nd Apr5th AprPublic Holiday – Good FridayPublic Holiday – Easter Monday

8th Apr SPAN Meeting 15th Arp Youth Forum 25th Apr ANZAC Day

26th Apr ANZAC Day Holiday

27th Apr Rainbow Awareness Day

MAY 2021

3rd May Public Holiday – Labour Day

6th May Interagency Meeting

13th May Services Expo 18th May Under 8's Day

26th May National Sorry Day Public Holiday

JUNE 2021

3rd June Interagency Meeting
4th June Multi Cultural Food Day

10th June SPAN Meeting

JULY 2021

1st Jul Interagency Meeting
6th Jul NAIDOC Community Day

9th Jul NAIDOC Holiday

AUGUST 2021

4th Aug ATSI Children's Day 5th Aug Interagency Meeting

9th Aug Ekka Holiday 12th Aug SPAN Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2021

2nd Sep Interagency Meeting

9th Sep R U OK?

Community March & Memorial Service

23rd Sep Dementia Awareness Day

OCTOBER 2021

4th Oct Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday

7th Oct Interagency Meeting

14th Oct SPAN Meeting

15th Oct CHERBOURG DAY- Rodeo 21st Oct Breast Cancer Awareness

Morning Tea

NOVEMBER 2021

4th Nov Interagency Meeting

11th Nov SPAN Meeting25th Nov White Ribbon Day

DECEMBER 2021

2nd Dec Interagency Meeting

9th Dec SPAN Meeting

17th Dec Christmas Carnival

25th Dec Christmas Day 26th Dec Boxing Day

27th Dec Christmas Day Holiday

28th Dec Boxing Day Holiday



White Ribbon Day

We can create the change. Show your commitment to ending men's violence against women by wearing a white ribbon or wristband. Use it as a starting point to talk with your friends, family and colleagues about men's violence against women. Be proud to stand up, speak out and act to prevent men's violence against women.













Graham House Community Centre Centrelink - Self Service Agency



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Cherbourg Languages at Murgon State High School





Ngara Yumbin, (Hello everyone)

Wandja ngin yanande daru (How are you going today?) Welcome to Term 1 of 2021 and the exciting news of the beginning of teaching Wakka Wakka at Murgon State High School. The goal of having the Wakka Wakka language taught to students has been a long-term goal, reaching back over fifty years. The language has been dormant for a long period of time due to the native language being prohibited from being spoken in the community. Thankfully times have changed and we now understand the value of culture, identity and language as being an integral part of who we are.

Wakka Wakka at Murgon State High School is being taught to students across Year 7 and 8 in 2021 by Mr Brendan Theodore and Mr Brendan Kimmerly. They are being assisted by Uncle Fred Cobbo, a local Wakka Wakka man and school employee. In a recent article written by Erica P in the Science Times dated 18 December 2020, it highlighted the many advantages of learning another language. In brief it stated how, contrary to popular opinion, learning another language improves working memory, increases the ability to focus and multi-task and from the latest research in neuroscience, increases the level of white

matter in our brain which enables better neuron connections, faster reaction time and faster learning. In the article's own words, 'learning a new language makes people smarter'.

Our classes are off to a great start this year. Students are demonstrating respect to the subject, engagement and a willingness to learn. All these things are a positive start in what is a pioneering program here at Murgon State High School.

We are very grateful to the Elders and senior members of the Cherbourg and Murgon communities for showing the resilience and fortitude in seeing this program into operation. We would also like to thank the language team at Eidsvold State School and their Elders who have been piloting their own Wakka Wakka language program in the past four years.

Thanks must also be given to our colleagues from various education sectors who have spent countless hours working with

education sectors who have spent countless hours working with the school in 2020 preparing for the roll out of Wakka Wakka. We look forward to continuing to work alongside you in our journey.

Yanande (Goodbye)
Mr Theodore, Mr Kimmerly & Uncle Fred



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.

