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“Don’t Ever Give Up” advice from a proud father

One of the best rewards for a parent is pride and a sense of achievement when their children succeed, Shamus Cobbo and Kayleen Blair are two very proud Cherbourg parents.

Son Selwyn Cobbo, who grew up in Cherbourg and went to school in Murgon, has a familiar football story, playing from an early age supported by family, strong role models and mentors, with a burning ambition to make a name for himself and one day pull on a Brisbane Broncos Jersey.

In June of this year that dream came true running onto the field to play his debut game for the Broncos.

(vs the Dragons Sydney 3rd June 2021)

Broncos Coach Kevin Walters says “Selwyn is great to watch. He moves really well and has a lot of attacking ability – our job will be to work with him to help turn him into a complete footballer” (reported by Burnett Today)

A big moment for dad Shamus and family was attending Selwyn’s debut, presenting Selwyn with the coveted Broncos jersey in front of teammates.

“No one ever said he couldn’t do it” behind him all the way, Shamus says he kept telling his son “you want it?....don’t ever give up, keep going, work hard,”



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Shamus says if you want your child to do well “This journey starts at home sitting around the dinner table having a chat, telling them right from wrong what’s good and what’s bad,” teaching self-discipline “it’s part of life, “be disciplined in how you eat, how you train, how you work.... anything you do, be disciplined about it”

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Cherbourgs Rising Star



Selwyn Knuckles Down to Win

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Selwyn's training ground was the famous Cherbourg Hornets Nest, dad Shamus said Selwyn was always serious about what he wanted to do, "He was too good for his age group when he was smaller, under 8's and 10's he went up a grade" but it was when Selwyn was heading into his teenage years he started to get a real fire in the belly "I started getting him up in the morning for a jog, then he started running up the Emu Farm there and back again" then fitness and training became his priority.

Selwyn eventually went on to captain his Hornets under 12s team to a premiership win in 2014 (it was the first time a Grand Final game was played here in community at Jack O'Chin Oval – The A Grade team winning a third consecutive premiership that year) At around 13-14 years old Selwyn decided he really wanted to play in the NRL competition, so he "made his choice" and started "knuckling down"

Education is very important dad Shamus explains, and Selwyn went all the way to year 12 at Murgon State High School where he was named School Captain in 2019, the first ever Indigenous student to fill the role.

When Selwyn wasn't playing for the Hornets, he took to the field for the Wide Bay school boys and South Burnett Eagles, onto Sunshine Coast Falcons, Central Crows and then Brisbane to play with Wynnum Manly Seagulls in this year's Intrust Super Cup Season before hitting the bench with the Broncos' Elite Player Development and Emerging Squad.



It was in 2020, at the age of 19 Selwyn signed a two-year contract with Brisbane Broncos starting November of that year, then this year re-signing and extending his contract (to 2023) with the maroons squad in June.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a frustrating setback in 2021, but Selwyn Cobbo is well placed to see his career continue to grow to great heights. With Cherbourg cheering him on dad Shamus is confident his son will be playing 1st Grade in no time.....and State of Origin?

Anything's possible when you work hard....

and never give up hey Selwyn?

ILLEGAL DUMPING - Time to Clean it Up!

Connection to country and culture is at the heart of our Cherbourg community, which is why "Caring for Country" is so important to us. This year's theme for NAIDOC is "Heal Country" which speaks to the ongoing journey we are all on to empower and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, nations, and heritage.

At a local level, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council have the future of our community always in sight, working together we can build a better tomorrow for us all through partnerships and projects that have the interests of our mob and community in focus.

The Local Government Illegal Dumping Partnerships Program, between Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, North Burnett Regional Council and South Burnett Regional Council, is just one of the very positive ways we work together and look after Country.

We recently partnered with South Burnett Regional Council in a



joint "clean-up" of illegally dumped material, collected, measured, and then disposed of correctly.

A BIG thank you to our collection crew, special mentions to Lindsay Bligh, Hughie Carlo, Justine Purcell, Aron Rosewarne, Lyndon Hopkins and Shamus Cobbo, we are VERY proud of you and all the deadly work you do for our community.

This year as part of a campaign to discourage illegal dumping CASC are installing signs to provide awareness and cameras.



This project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government.



Lizzie is Lifting for Community



Lizzie (Elizabeth) O'Chin has been very busy this year, she recently won a Queensland Water Scholarship, through the Queensland Water Regional Communities Innovations Program (QWRCIP) covering her costs to attend the 45th WIOA QLD Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition in Toowoomba (which included a visit to Toowoomba Regional Council's Pechey Water Treatment Plant) *(excerpt from Queensland Water blog post)*

"I started working for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council in 2017 as a Trainee Receptionist. I had been with CASC for just over 3 years when other positions were becoming vacant within council. I thought this was my chance to progress further in my career, and I am now an Assistant to CASC's Operations Manager (Civil Engineer) - Darren Lonergan. In my time as an assistant, I have seen the issues our council faces with maintaining our water and sewage treatment plants. I attempted to assist our Water Operators in any way that I could, starting with basic administration tasks and data entry. On occasions I go out with our operators to the testing sites and observe, and I have also completed various training courses and attend meetings with Qld Health, Contractors etc. I enjoy helping the team and started asking about how I can become a water operator"

Council strongly supports further education which has led to Lizzie starting a Certificate III in Water Industry Operations.

Lizzie says when she heard she had received a scholarship to attend the 45th WIOA Qld Water Industry Operations Conference & Exhibition, she was nervous but excited for the opportunity to get an insight into the Water Industry.

"I would like to show my appreciation to qldwater, Toowoomba Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council for allowing me these opportunities and look forward to being more involved in the Water Industry in the future".

We are very proud of you Lizzie and your determination to make a difference!

BUT WAIT....there's more..... We are pleased to announce Lizzie has since gone on to a new position of Water and Environment Manager replacing Justin Cobus. (12th July) Justin has moved to his former position as W&S Operator. Congrats Lizzie we wish you well in your new role. Lizzie will be studying the cert. 3 course in W&S Operations this year in a block style arrangement, she will be closely aligned with the W&S Operators in learning the practical skills of their role in the field.



Help us to keep your Plumbing system clean!

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All The Best in Your Retirement William Malone

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council wished a happy retirement to Mr William Malone in June

CASC Workers had morning tea for William - To acknowledge years of service to the Community of Cherbourg - We hope for nothing but the best your future William





NAIDOC 2021 - HEAL COUNTRY!



In Conversation with: Edwina Stewart

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Edwina Stewart is the community services manager for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council. Her thoughtful insight and pride for community were captured in an interview with Daniel Pelci from local newspaper "Burnett Today". Aunty Edwina reflected on what this year's NAIDOC theme of 'Heal Country' means to her.

Why are you proud to be Indigenous?

My parents were and we are the first people from this country, we looked after the land, this is our home. I think our culture is strong and we are strong people.

What messages would you like to share with Australians who may not know much about Indigenous culture?

I believe our culture is always with us, it will never leave us. It's a part of our bloodline, we inherit culture from our great grandparents, and it's handed down to us through our bloodline.

Why is 'Heal Country!' important to you?

This is our home, and we have to look after it, when we look after our homes and our families we are healing ourselves. [Heal country] is telling us to go back to basics, to go back to our families and the way we are healing ourselves all of the time, I believe that's the message [of NAIDOC week].

What's your favourite part about living in Cherbourg?

My favourite part is our people, we have a lot of characters and dynamics within our community. We are a strong community, we are like a family unit, it's like a big family with different personalities. Cherbourg is like that, we are so lucky we are a small community, and we know everyone, it's like they are extended family.

What's something you wish people knew/understood about Cherbourg?

Cherbourg is made up of many tribes from all over Australia, we were brought together not in a good way. We were forced to live together; we have survived to become the community we are today through supporting each other and living together as different tribes. We have different cultural ways; we have learnt to live together. Our survival is the greatest thing we could teach other communities.

How do you connect with your Indigenous side in your daily life?

Within my own family we meet regularly to talk to each other, we talk to our grandchildren. We talk daily about what life used to be like and remind them about what our parents and grandparents went through. We remind them how good we have it now, we are trying to get back to our family unit and that one-ness. Connecting back to the bloodline and reminding ourselves we all have a voice and a purpose and to be proud of who we are.

What advice would you give your younger self, knowing what you know now?

I like to remember what our old relatives used to talk about, their stories and what life used to be like. I wish I could have documented what they said and kept that history of storytelling alive. I kick myself for not doing that.

Who/what inspires you in life?

I think of my dad, he wasn't from Cherbourg. He was brought here from another community, he was taken from his homeland and lived in a few different communities before Cherbourg. What inspires me is that he was a strong family man and a strong person within our community. He never treated anyone differently – Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal. He thought of himself as an equal. The strong role models I've had throughout my life always had community at heart and always community driven, I take that from my Elders.

Nominate for Community Awards!

Cherbourg Community NAIDOC event will take place at Memorial Park on Tuesday 23rd November
Nominations for Community Awards will close
Wednesday 10th November



HEAL COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021

IN AN EMERGENCY



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Jackson and Daniel - Healthy Housing

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council encourages further education of all employees.

In May CASC workers attended a Healthy Housing Training Workshop part of Queensland Health Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Public Health Program.

The three day workshop was a training session for EHWs and AMWs across indigenous communities in Queensland. The workshop discussing healthy housing concepts, explored the relationship of health and housing, how the two are interlinked and impact on the burden of disease, the workshop includes theory of healthy living principles, understanding of diseases, what practical component of housing inspections and reviewing a state wide healthy housing template.

Photos here of Jackson, Daniel and Amanda at the workshop.



A Passion for Education

My name is Jamie-Lee Wiley and I am currently a Teacher Assistant at Cherbourg State School, I have been working in the Education profession for six years and I really enjoy it. Prior to working at Cherbourg State School, I worked at Gundoo Early Learning Centre for 8 years. Working with children is my passion and I absolutely love my job. In 2019-2020 I studied part-time to complete a Diploma of Indigenous Education through RATEP at Cherbourg State School.

I successfully graduated with my Diploma in December of 2020 in Cairns, it was an exciting and empowering moment for me, and I then decided that I would continue my studies. This year I began fulltime study at James Cook University in a Bachelor of Primary Education. I am now in my second semester of my first year, and I have found it challenging but also extremely rewarding.

To help with my study, I was honoured to receive a Pearl Duncan Teaching scholarship this year. I am very grateful for being one of three recipients. This scholarship means a lot to me because this is my gateway to a full-time permanent teacher position in Queensland, which opens a lot of doorways for me in the Education sector. I would not be able to do this without the support of my family who I am truly grateful for

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- > Round 1 applications open July 2021 and close December 2021
- > Round 2 applications open 19 January 2022 and close 4 February 2022

START DATE

- > Monday 7 February 2022

Skilling up for CBG



TRAINEES "DIGGING" THEIR FUTURE

Council training activities in July have seen seven (7) Cherbourg council staff commence a journey to gaining Excavator operator qualifications.

Staff trained on one of councils latest machines, a 1.7 ton Caterpillar mini excavator.

The new machine has a narrow track base to allow access through a single pedestrian gateway to conduct earthworks in house yards. Participants Craig Renouf, Lowana Leedie and Justine Purcell came in top of the class, impressing the instructor with their positive attitude and increased skill level after only 2 days of training. Participants will be out working on projects with the new excavator in the community over the next couple of months before going through their final assessment and becoming qualified operators.



WE LOVE YOU NAN KATHY



Nan Kathy Hopkins is just one of a number of volunteers helping out and children under their wing at our Cherbourg Sports Complex.

Nan has great time, bringing wisdom and knowledge while getting in amongst it, refereeing fun games and activities with community children, like Badminton, 10 Pin Bowling and Tee ball as well as yarning, telling stories and helping the Complex team supervising when going on trips and expeditions. Aunty Bena Dynevor says it's good having elders like Nan Kathy volunteering at the complex, "It helps children be comfortable around their elders, to know elders are important in their lives, it also brings that respect back having her here as a role model and also seeing us Aunties and Uncles showing HER proper respect as well"

Bena says Nan Kathy was already well respected even before she started helping at the complex, seen in and around community and loved by little ones "She's always got children hanging off her, going up and saying hello Nan" and she really likes it Bena said. Getting involved in community is a great way to enjoy connection, a sense of belonging and feeling part of the positive growth for the next generation of elders.

Aunty Bena is very grateful for Nan Kathy volunteering and ALL the much-valued volunteers who come helping out with the children, they're learning not only sports and teamwork but also respect, community values, caring and sharing.

The kids especially enjoy hearing stories about old times, "about the sorts of games and how we used to play when we were younger" and Bena says it's not just the kids that benefit from this support and learning, the other workers and volunteers gain so much from having our elders joining in. Community is encouraged to volunteer at the complex, everyone is welcome be part of "the village, raising our children" Aunty Bena says there is no expectation to work, just being present sitting, yarning, talking and taking an interest in the kids is greatly appreciated.

1964 Tokyo Olympics

UNSUNG TOKYO OLYMPIC HERO

Story by Jeanette Brown

Australia has sent a record number of Indigenous athletes to an Olympic Games - 16 in total to Tokyo in 2021. Cherbourg Elder historian and founding member of the Ration Shed Museum, Sandra Morgan remembers the first time any Indigenous athletes participated, when our local boxing hero the late Adrian Blair represented Australia in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

Whilst Tokyo 1964 was a remarkable success story so were the four (4) men who held nine national boxing titles in the space of five years. These four men hailed from one small Aboriginal community of Cherbourg in Queensland - our impressive Jim Edwards Jr a lightweight and featherweight champion in 1960 and 1961 respectively. Jeffrey (Mitta) Dynevor was the bantamweight champion of Australia from 1960, 1961, and 1962. Eddie Barney won the national flyweight title in 1962. Adrian Blair was the national featherweight champion in 1961 and then lightweight titleholder in 1962 and 1964.

Unfortunately, Blair lost his second-round lightweight bout in the 1962 Commonwealth Games but was still strong enough in his division to be selected for the Australian Olympic team to Tokyo in 1964. This was the first time any known Indigenous Australians competed in the Olympics. Blair, who competed in the lightweight division, was



The Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 - 1995), Saturday 3 October 1964, page 24



Australian boxing team member Randle Hope steadies the heavy bag for Adrian Blair after training bouts in the Meiji University gymnasium at Tokyo.

joined by welterweight boxer Francis (Frank) Roberts from NSW and basketballer Michael Ah Matt from Adelaide.

Why did it take until 1964 for any Indigenous athletes to make it to the Olympics? There was no official ban, but various political, social, economic, and geographic factors meant that no Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander sportspeople were offered the chance in the 70 years since the Games began in 1896. Uncle Kevin Coombes, a wheelchair basketballer, was the first Indigenous athlete to compete in the Paralympics, in Rome in 1960.

Adrian Blair (1943-2008) was born and raised in Cherbourg at a time when boxing was a popular sport for young men. He was trained by local boxers Jack Brown and his Uncle, Elgar Harrison, and in the early 1960s by Les Haack at Murgon, where Blair worked for the council.

He came to prominence in 1958, as a 15-year-old, when he was awarded the 'best loser' trophy at a tournament held in Cherbourg. In 1961 he won the Australian amateur featherweight championship and in 1962 he became the Australian amateur lightweight titleholder.

In 1962 Blair, Jeffrey Dynevor, and Eddie Barney represented Australia at the British Empire (Commonwealth) Games in boxing in Perth, where Dynevor (another unsung local hero) won a gold medal. Blair then retired briefly to concentrate on football but returned in 1964 to win the Queensland amateur lightweight title and the Australian amateur lightweight championship. They stirred crowds with their flashy style, hard-punching, and natural skills.

In the six years prior to his selection for the Tokyo Olympic team, Blair fought 70 fights for 47 wins. In Tokyo, the 20-year-old Blair acquitted himself well, knocking out the Taiwanese representative, Wang, in the first round. He lost the next round on points to one of the Games best boxers, Russian Velikton Barannikov, who went on to win the silver medal.

Gary Osmond and Murray Phillips sport historians from the University of Queensland, who assisted with research to this story, are currently working with the Ration Shed Museum on a book about the Cherbourg Marching Girls and various aspects of sports which includes boxing.





Major Projects

Progress Update - August 2021 - Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Replace Two WTP Reservoirs and Associated Works.

Expected completion date: 21st January, 2022 on original works.

Work Scope Summary

This project includes the:

- o upgrade of the intake pipework into the creek wet well pump station
- o Replacement of the remaining section of rising main not yet replaced. Located on the upper part of the rising main connecting the WTP
- o Provision of a generator set to the rising main control building
- o Replacement of two reservoir clear water tanks
- o Upgrade of two supernatant ponds
- o Demolishment works of the old dosing pump and switchboard building (Costs only)

Possible variations (wish list) to the contract may be invoked dependent on funds left over as follows.

- Replacement of the filter media backwash supply pump and making the tanks redundant by installing two new pumps to supply backwash water directly from the CWT.
- Replacing parts of the damaged boundary security fence
- Providing a clear and accessible fire break around the site
- Provision of a reinforced concrete driveway at the top end of the WTP
- Provision of an Alum loading pump to easily and safely refill the storage tank
- Provision of a small pump well and associated plumbing at the discharge of both ponds in order to recycle settled backwash water into the WTP

Project Progress / Issues (see photos)

Site works have started on the following scope items:

- o Replacement of two reservoir clear water tanks (tank 1)
 - Reinforced concrete walls and roof have been poured
 - Formwork to the roof is being removed.
- o Upgrade of two supernatant ponds (pond 2)
 - dewatered with clay and vegetation removed exposing the bottom of the pond
 - There was a hold on further progress due to water seepage into the reservoir.

This has been managed by the incorporation of agricultural drains with pond works proceeding.

Project Works Completed

- o Installation of a new generator set hard stand and security fencing at the intake PSTN control building.
- o Demolishment works of the old dosing pump and switchboard building
- o The RC relining of Pond 1
- o Replacement of the remaining section of rising main (RM) not yet already replaced. Located on the upper part of the rising main connecting the WTP ~300m. The RM works are complete.
- o Provision of a generator set to the rising main control building
 - The reinforced concrete floor and security fencing is installed ready for the placement of the new generator set

Local artist Uncle Robert 'Rocko' Langton and Daughter Robyn are painting a mural at our Water Treatment Plant, Uncle Rocko's father worked at the WTP, Rocko and his brothers remember working with their dad and picking bush lemons off of the tree still on site today. Cherbourg's water supply comes from Barambah Creek, the mural will include pictures representing this; in particular "The Rocks". The mural will also show the wildlife from the area, locals fishing, canoeing and trees that Rocko used to pick "snotty gubbles" as he calls them.



Report submitted by: Darren Lonergan
Operations Manager (Civil Engineer)

Reservoir roof steel reinforcement and formwork in place ready for a concrete pour



RW RM replacement after the main crosses the road (Redundant treated W main also shown)



Clear water intake (CWT) inlet from RW (will be capped off after valve) White well inserted temporally to monitor deep seepage. The small electrical conduit has been placed there for possible future use. The embankment beside CWT re-profiled for ease of access & maintenance.



New Champion for Cherbourg



Champion Impressed By Cherbourg

Cherbourg's new Ministerial "Champion", Leanne Linard paid her first visit to the community in June... and she admitted she was impressed. Ms Linard is the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

Appointed to the "champion" role in late April this year, Minister Linard was accompanied on her visit by the former head of the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Clare O'Connor, who is now Director-General of the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy.

Ms O'Connor is Cherbourg's "Government Champion".

The "champion" roles are designed to give Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council a direct channel into Cabinet and into the upper echelons of the public service.

Minister Linard told southburnett.com.au there was a lot of pride in the community.

"The Mayor and the local councillors are really proud of the community. And I've just had my first visit to the school – a proud principal, beautiful kids playing," she said.

The visitors also dropped into Nurunderi TAFE, where they met another "really proud team".

"This community has great facilities and there's people who really love being here, are excited about what's here now but also where they're going in future," Minister Linard said.

She said Council had briefed her on what they would like her focus to be on, as well as their plans moving forward.

Concerns about child safety issues were also discussed with councillors.

"If there are things that need to be addressed, that's what this process is about," Minister Linard said.

Minister Linard and Ms O'Connor, accompanied by Mayor Elvie Sandow, Deputy Mayor Tom Langton and CEO Chatur Zala, also visited the Cherbourg Water Treatment Plant and the Materials Recovery Facility / Containers For Change depot then on to see new houses under construction, visit Gundoo Day Care and have a meeting with the Barambah Local Justice Group.

Minister Linard said she was looking forward to coming back to Cherbourg and engaging with more of the community and services.

She would also be talking regularly with Mayor Sandow.

The Assistant Minister for Health and Regional Health Infrastructure Julieanne Gilbert – the "Assistant Champion" – will also be visiting the Cherbourg in future.

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A Message of thanks from Coral Fisher

I have the pleasure of working with the Mental Health, Community Care Team, for Fraser Coast and would like to share just a small piece of our wonderful trip to the Cherbourg Ration Shed on Saturday 17th July 2021.

My Co-workers and I had the privilege of having Community Elder, Aunty Ada Simpson share the vast knowledge of the past, present and future of both Cherbourg and the Ration Shed. This reflected the theme of 2021 NAIDOC, 'Healing Country' history, knowledge and the telling of our people's story.

Being able to share this tip with my co-workers and being able to share our wonderful culture and great achievements was such a privilege, a huge thank you to everyone involved and the warm welcome we received. I would also like to thank Avril and Team at the Cherbourg SkillCentre Community Café for our fabulous feed, YUM.

Community T2S

Youth Justice Update

Team Profile: The Cherbourg Youth Justice Service has offices at Jumbunna (Cherbourg) and in the Courthouse Building in Murgon, and cover the Cherbourg and the South Burnett areas. We are a highly skilled team that work closely with young people and families and other services in the community, to support young people to change offending behaviours, whilst also holding young people accountable for their behaviours. Our team delivers a range of evidence based interventions, including restorative justice services, to support young people to make positive changes.



Program Delivery Profile:

T2S: (Transition to Success) is an evidence based program delivered by Youth Justice Services to prevent young people's introduction or progression through the justice system. T2S is delivered in partnership with schools, registered training organisations, community organisations and private businesses. This partnership model reconnects participants with education, training and employment opportunities as well as with community project that directly benefit our local areas. The purpose of T2S is to strengthen protective factors through engagement in education, training and employment, and the behaviours needed to access those opportunities, thereby reducing offending. T2S targets young people between the ages of 15-18 years, who have typically experienced problems engaging in mainstream education, training or employment. The program provides wholistic support to connect young people with their communities. Cherbourg Youth Justice completed its second T2S program, with

seven young people graduating on 3 June 2021. This was the culmination of a 16 week program which saw young people build their numeracy and literacy skills, obtain their learners licences, complete health checks, learn about healthy relationships, and build cultural knowledge. This was achieved through the participation of partners, including; Murri Rangers, CRAICCHS Medical Centre, Deadly Choices, Cherbourg Men's Shed, Stanwell Mines, CTC, and the Cherbourg Recycling Plant and Cherbourg Council. Thank you to these partners and businesses – without your assistance this program would not have been possible. If you would like to learn more about T2S please contact Tanya Alberts, Senior Transition Officer.

If families or young people would like further information about the services delivered by Cherbourg Youth Justice, please contact us on 41795300, or call into one of our offices.



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Budget Plans For Sustainability

Cherbourg's 2021-22 Budget will continue the Council's long-term focus on building major infrastructure and acquiring plant and equipment for the community. Community residents will face a 1 per cent rise in rentals and charges, which is marginally less than this year's forecast 1.1 per cent increase in CPI.

Handing down the Budget in June, CEO Chatur Zala said a key function of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (CASC) was to build community assets and acquire sufficient plant and equipment to make the town sustainable.

"Funding spent on plant and equipment will ultimately make Cherbourg more self-reliant, bringing down Council's overall operating costs in the long term," Mr Zala said.

This year, CASC will spend an estimated \$740,000 to acquire a rubbish truck, bobcat, forklift, front-end loader and conveyor for its fleet.

Thanks to a Works for Queensland grant, CASC will also undertake upgrades to its tip to make the facility more environmentally compliant.



This will include separating waste into the correct sections (plastics, cardboard, glass etc); creating green zones between collection points; capping and other measures to protect the water table against contamination; and installation of security cameras to deter illegal dumping.

Work on the new Cherbourg-Murgon footpath is expected to start in early October, with \$2.5 million allocated to the project in 2021-22. CASC will also spend \$4.1 million to install new water reservoir tanks with an expected 50-100 year lifespan.

Work on the water tanks began earlier this year and community supply is expected to come online by late December early January. The Council will invest \$2.6 million into the construction of new housing; a further \$2.5 million to upgrade existing housing; and \$230,000 into road works and line marking.

CASC forecast CPI rises in rents, fees and charges, sales and recoverable works, and grants and subsidies over the coming decade, with CPI expected to range between one and 3 per cent.

Employee wages and salaries are expected to rise by 2 per cent per annum over the same period, while depreciation allowances will remain relatively constant

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Tik-Tok a New Town Clock





Cherbourg

FIRE MITIGATION PLAN REDUCES RISKS

Cherbourg council and Queensland fire and emergency services have been working closely to formulate the Cherbourg Bushfire Risk Mitigation Plan for 2021.

The plan outlines Operation Cool Burn 2021 which takes in the cooler weather of April to August to conduct

Fuel reduction burns in the areas of grass and bushland surrounding Cherbourg town limits.

Planning included mapping and construction of bare earth fire breaks with a contracted grader and councils tractor and blade.

Council also constructed mowed and whipper snipped grass breaks behind houses in the most fire prone areas.

Cherbourg council farm staff, Cherbourg fire station and nearby Tablelands rural fire service staff started burning in July and will continue cool burns through August (Weather Permitting).



Pop-Up Recycling Takes Off

South Burnett residents eager to cash in their cans and bottles now have some new pop-up options which might be a bit closer to home.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council – which operates the Containers For Change depots in Cherbourg and Kingaroy – now runs pop-up depots in Nanango, Blackbutt and Yarraman.

The new pop-up locations are:

- Nanango Showgrounds (entry via Kimlin Street) – Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-noon
- Blackbutt – Hart Street (between the Taromeo Fire Shed and the Showgrounds entrance) – Tuesdays, 9:00am-11:00am
- Yarraman Men's Shed (Mill Street) – Wednesdays, 10:00am-noon

Kingaroy Containers For Change manager Christine Beresford told southburnett.com.au the new pop-ups operate in the same way as the Cherbourg and Kingaroy depots, ie. no cash is handed out on the spot. Residents should bring along their Containers For Change scheme IDs and the cash will be deposited into their bank accounts. Christine said that depending on the response, the pop-up in Nanango could become a permanent site but this would be assessed after about three months.

"We are trying to capture what volume of recycling we are currently missing," she said, Christine has dreams of opening more pop-ups around the region – possibly at Kumbia, Proston or Goomeri – but it was important these first three sites were bedded down.

"We are trying to establish these ones first," she said. "And if we can purchase more trailers, we might also be able to take them to events."

"I know it is going to grow but we have to put in the effort. And hopefully, it will create more jobs, too." In the meantime, the Kingaroy site is still being kept very busy.

Christine said 46,000 items were processed on Monday at the depot on the corner of Kingaroy and Cornish streets.

And it could get even busier. A new arrangement at Kingaroy Shoppingworld is in the process of being developed, where shoppers will be able to drop in individual containers to benefit local charities



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Heal Country

Heal Country! – calls for stronger measures to recognise, protect, and maintain all aspects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage. In 2021 COVID-19 has become part of our everyday life, we never know where and when the next outbreak will be and how it will affect our communities plans to celebrate NAIDOC week events. This years Cherbourg Community event was planned for Tuesday 6th of July, sadly an outbreak in the Brisbane area meant the postponement til November. But this did stop our local schools from bringing the spirit of NAIDOC to our children.



Community Events Calender

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 Meeting
25th 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

Kops in Kilts to Visit Cherbourg State School



On Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 10am local students will have a chance to see a different side to the police as the popular QPS Pipes and Drums march into town showcasing their *Kops in Kilts* show at the Cherbourg Primary School. Students will get to experience Scottish culture with traditional pipes and drums as the canny police officers play a selection of familiar tunes to get children singing and dancing. Other smaller schools from the area are also attending. Council is supplying water for the students



Spot the Next Fashion Photographer and Super Model

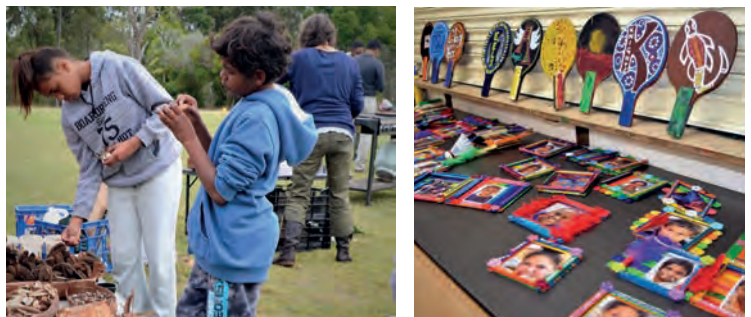


Plenty of Fun at The Sports Complex

There are always plenty of fun activities at The Complex and every School Holidays Aunty Bena and the team do a great job, with arts & crafts, sports, events and field trips.

However last term was extra special for some of our young ones. Bena tells us "the break up for the children was up at the emu farm lookout, along with games there was face painting and threading with Aunties Martha and Sophie from IKC and arts & craft activities with Tracey Lewis from bush critters.

We also had a shirt presentation to council, people who where involved in complex mural project and to complex children. It was a great way to end our holiday program".





Cherbourg Council Leading by Example COVID Super Clinic in Cherbourg

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In the first week of August a three-day COVID Vaccination “Super Clinic” was held at our Community Hall. Over the three days 1100 Pfizer vaccinations were given.

Cherbourg Mayor Elvie Sandow who attended on the first day along with the rest of our elected councillors said she was happy with the turn out.

Mayor Sandow said the super clinic had been “going really good”. “If we are going to beat this virus, you have to get vaccinated,” she said.

The Mayor said she was not concerned that people from other parts of the South Burnett had also come along.

She said other people visited Cherbourg, and Cherbourg residents – many of whom had underlying health issues – were also out and about elsewhere.

“We only need to have one case in this community, and it will wipe our community out,” she said.

“We all live in this area.”

Mayor Sandow said all the Cherbourg councillors had been vaccinated, and she was encouraging Council’s workforce to also get vaccinated.

“We are leading by example,” she said.

Mayor Sandow said Cherbourg residents did not want to have to face another lockdown, such as the community endured last year with checkpoints on the main road.

“Not at all. That creates a lot of social issues, our suicide rate,” she said.

Mayor Sandow said the Cherbourg community should be very glad the super clinic was available, and people could just walk in.

“Down in Brisbane, people are lining up and waiting for hours,” she said.

For more information on COVID vaccinations you are encouraged to seek advice from your Doctor or other medical professionals,



Queensland Health

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) Nursing Service

Health advice for communities during COVID-19

- We provide health advice to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living in Queensland during COVID-19.
- You will be asked if you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and if you would prefer to speak with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurse. This helps us to best support you.

We will talk to you about:

- your health concerns
- any symptoms you have
- how to access local health services
- how to take care of yourself at home.



All calls to 13 HEALTH are answered by an adviser who will respond to health information questions.

The caller may then be transferred to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Registered Nurse for health advice and symptom assessment.

**Concerned about COVID-19?
Make the call to 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)**



Star of Taroom



'Star' Stirs Up Thoughts Of Taroom

The visit to our region by the "Star Of Taroom" in July brought back some vivid memories for one former Cherbourg resident who returned home especially for the visit.

Aunty Lesley Williams – an award-winning author, film producer and historian – grew up in Cherbourg when it was still a government-controlled mission.

She was trained as a domestic and sent out to work in 1964 as a teenager on a property ... at Taroom.

When Aunty Lesley heard about the "Star's" journey back home, she wanted to find out more. And she wanted to make sure the carved sandstone rock – important to the Iman people – could take a detour to Cherbourg so the local Indigenous community, especially the children, could experience the historic occasion.

The "Star Of Taroom" was being walked back to its traditional owners by Johnny Danalis, the son of the man who originally took it to Brisbane in the 1970s.

Aunty Lesley contacted the organisers of the trek to request the detour, and her sister, Aunty Jeanette Brown, made the arrangements in Cherbourg.



The Star Of Taroom was pulled through an honour guard of local students when it arrived at Wakka Wakka Park.

The children from Cherbourg State School, Murgon State High School and St Joseph's Murgon then joined with community members and the Star Of Taroom trek team to walk the rock from the new yarning circle to The Ration Shed Museum.

Students took turns at pulling the "rockshaw" as it made its way up Barambah Avenue.

Johnny Danalis explained to the children the trek was about paying respect and saying sorry.

It was also about getting the attention of all the white people who have taken things and have them stored under beds, in sheds and now don't know what to do with them.

"Reach out and talk to the Traditional Owners and start a conversation about returning them. It is a healing thing," he said.

"I am sorry that my family took this stone. I am trying to put things right."

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