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Cherbourg Council Reflects - 12 Months

In late March of 2020, a new council were sworn in, along with our first ever female Mayor, Elvie Sandow.

The new council challenged from the start, COVID created a scramble for information, knowledge and reassurance. This worldwide epidemic forced difficult decisions on all levels of government and the wider community.

Prior to COVID, one of the big conversations (and continues to be) Mental Health and Wellbeing, education and building resilience, COVID has amplified the need for support and resilience in not only our community (and other First Nations communities) but across the nation and beyond.

Nevertheless, Cherbourg rose to the COVID challenges, which started with cooeprating with the need for a checkpoint and movement restrictions to and from our Cherbourg Community.

Tweve months on and we ask of our council, what has been achieved, what are we proud of and what is the vision for the future of our community?

Mayor, Elvie Sandow came to her role with a strong agenda driven by values and a conviction to "get employment back into our community

for our local people" Mayor Sandow says she has a vision based in education.

'My passion is early childhood education because you're laying the foundation for these children and you've got to understand children are our future, to make a difference in their lives, that's where you got to start,' she said.

'[Young people] need to understand education is important, getting out there doing traineeships. But its' getting out there and wanting to do it and having support from family as well.'

Twelve months on council conduct regular discussions, consultation with of our local schools, supporting and taking interest in our young ones, this year we again supplied tracksuits to keep our children warm during the winter months, Murgon High School started a Wakka Wakka Language program, we have kicked off the Indigenous Youth Connections to Culture program, a Youth Forum, together with many new initiatives from our schools designed to support and encourage students.

Our Deputy Mayor Tom Langton echoes the Mayors sentiments, "Getting through covid was an experience, with great leadership from Mayor Sandow, our C.E.O. and our council staff, a lot of programs were put on hold because of covid, but we kept our community safe".
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or drop into our Cherbourg Radio Station or Council Chambers



Council & Community

(from page 1.) Councillor Bronwyn Murray reflects on the efforts of council, support services and many volunteers who rallied during the most difficult times of COVID. After the check point went up people and charity services supported community with food parcels of meat, veggies, fruit, toiletries and other household item, Cherbourg Council also gave community a month's rent relief.

COVID changed alot of things, but in general life has settled into a "new normal" and council are back to tackling the challenges and goals of creating a better future for community.

A big achievement for council has been securing funds for a new water treatment plant, two big new tanks scheduled for completion by the end of 2021. (see story below)

Much time has been focused on background lobbying and planning, refining our vision and developing new policies and plans of action, -councillors have all expressed pride in having the opportunity from community to represent and advocate for Cherbourg, to lead the pursuit of funding for projects our community wants and needs, be it our cemeteries, footpaths, town clock and more....

Outcomes over the last twelve months have included a signed contract for six new homes to be built, a community health forum, new ceiling fans for local homes, ongoing community support and engagement by our councillors in Anti-Bullying, Domestic Violence, RUOK marches and messages.

Our councillors are proud of the planning and delivery for garages and garden shed to homes, more infrastructure for youth, working with our CEO on performance appraisals and reviews, policies and procedures, advocating the start of works on a pathway from Cherbourg to Murgon, reviewing and adding to our community corporate plan, looking into the Alcohol Management Plan (AMP), better recycling as well as looking into better marketing campaigns, continuous sewerage and waste reviews, planning, exploring better environmental treatments for our creeks, bush and other areas as well as the purchase of new assets and infrastructure, creating more job opportunities.

Meanwhile, councillor Bronwyn Murray is working with South Burnett Councillor Kathy Duff on the Reconciliation Action Plan along with the groups supporting suicide prevention as well as supporting our local IKC, schools and with regular updates on our Cherbourg radio.



Councillor Fred Cobbo-Deputy Mayor Tom Langton-Mayor Elvie Sandow
Councillors Bronwyn Douglas and Leighton Costello - CEO Chatur Zala with Cherbourg State School Leaders

Which brings us to Communication, we live in an age of information and misinformation, "fake news", social media has given everyone a voice, council have made moves to become more transparent and accountable, which is why we are now communicating utilising a number of resources at our disposal to inform community, our new website, social media channels, live streaming and via our local radio station.

As mentioned, we know education is key to a brighter future, council encourages the pursuit self improvement not only for our council staff, but also for councillors who are attending Local Government training and mentoring, along with attending annual LGAQ Indigenous councils' meetings and discussions designed to increase their knowledge and effectiveness in local government.

Our councillors have indicated goals of working together to make our community the best it can be, working for better housing, better health outcomes, law and order, finding ways to create job opportunities, succession planning, making our community a safe place to live in.

Mayor Sandow has declared "We want our community to be one of the best, to be safe, drug free – a safe place to live", but the Mayor points out "we need to work together, organisations have got to be made accountable, you get funded to do a job here in Cherbourg, do it... because we need to work together", Mayor Sandow encourages community and her council colleagues to keep "going forward and to keep building for the betterment of our people and our community"

Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council recently signed an official contract with Water Treatment & Filtration Solutions Pty Ltd, who have begun works on the much needed Construction of two Replacement reservoirs. This project will secure the storage of a significant water capacity in case of any emergency including disaster events, failure of pumps etc... Works are expected to be completed by December 2021. We have engaged Gripfast consulting as Project management for this very important project. New Funding of \$4.01 million was secured with WTF advising we can expect work to be completed by late 2021.

Works include:

1. Raw Water Inlet
2. New Rising Main
3. Repair/Upgrade of 2 Supernatant Ponds
4. Replace 2x Reservoir Tanks (2 x 2 Megalitre Concrete Tanks)

(Photo of new tank built at Bargara)



A Message from our CEO

Welcome to our latest Council Newsletter. We have completed our first 12 months with the current council elected in March 2020. 2020 has been a very interesting and challenging year due to situation created by COVID 19 and limited travel to Cherbourg community but we're proud to tell you that under leadership of Mayor Sandow, Council and Cherbourg LDMG, We have successfully kept virus out of our community. It is a privilege to lead the organisation and commit to developing council that's fair, open and transparent. We are very strong team here with council, which has delivered the excellent community projects for our community. Key highlights and proud achievements of last 12 months:

1. Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Reservoirs Project
2. All the community Marches including R U Ok March, Domestic Violence March
3. Council supporting with Tracksuits to all the Cherbourg kids attending school at Cherbourg and south Burnett area
4. Christmas Day event at Sports Complex
5. Chimney cleaning program 2021
6. Fan Upgrade Program 2021

Our Vision

- Provide a clean, safe & healthy community.
We will work to improve the health and wellbeing of our people
- consistently empower the community to become self-reliant & independent
- Empower & encourage youth to determine their future through self-respect, education, training, cultural and traditional values
- Providing a caring, respectful & safe environment for our elders

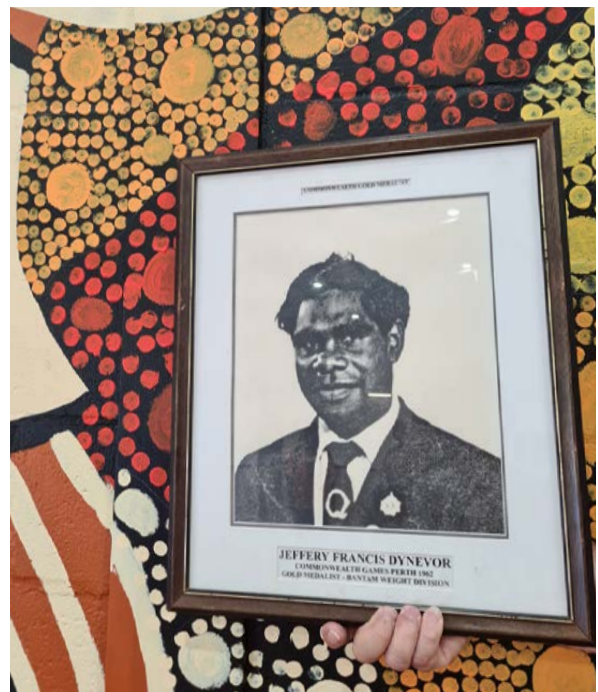
Warm Regards,
Chatur Zala
CEO Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council



"Mitta The Boxer" - A Lantern to Future Generations

A passion for community, celebration and connection to culture brought together by a collaboration of artists, what an amazing work of art installed at the Cherbourg Sport Complex over the Easter School Holiday break. The new mural design is thanks to Robert, Robin and Rocko Langton, Antwon Alberts supported by Artist and Designer Gert Geyer who donated her time and resources.

The mural that celebrates the late Uncle Jeffrey "Mitta" Dynevor the boxer. The overall design included drawings and art from local children. Thanks also goes to to Aunty Lavina Davina who had the original vision of a mural to fill this space, that would inspire and motivate our future elders, plus a special mention to Kaysee Miller who helped with clean up at the end of the project. A wonderful effort from everyone involved.



Community Youth Forum

In April, as part of Indigenous Youth Connections to Culture we hosted a Community Youth Forum for our local young ones, elders, families, stakeholders, and service providers.

The forum was designed to open conversation with youth to discuss matters affect young people in our community.

The day featured guest speakers Leaders and Elders from community including our Mayor Elvie Sandow, CEO Chatur Zala, Corporate Services Manager Sam Murray, Community Services Manager Edwina Stewart along with respected elders Aunty Lillian Gray, Aunty Jacqui Tapua, Tyrone Murray and more.

The days program included a number of workshops designed to open discussions and explore the ideas, goals and needs of the young ones in attendance. This included discussions around what cultural activities or culturally lead projects could be initiated to promote and encourage reconnection with culture within the community and what culture means to the individual.

The workshops also opened discussion on how youth would ideally like see themselves represented, what barriers they might see to achieving the ideal community as well discussion around forming a Youth Council or Advisory Group and how that might be beneficial to young people in the community.

One of the highlights of the day was a motivational speech from former Cherbourg Boy Will Muckan who gave a riveting yarn about his journey into his career with Virgin Australia starting out as Cabin Crew to now running his own team as well as holding the position of Indigenous Recruitment Advisor for Virgin.

Cherbourg Radio were in attendance to record and broadcast parts of the day to community.



WALKABOUT BARBER: Brian's Close Shave Changes Lives

Ever thought about going walkabout with scissors, razors and a barber's chair? All packed into a special hairdressing salon on wheels? That's what Brian Dowd – the "Walkabout Barber" – does with his special "Cuts, Connection, Conversation" tours. Brian's bus rolled into Cherbourg late in February and was an instant hit with the kids and their parents who enjoyed getting some very funky haircuts alongside some very positive conversations. When a career as a professional rugby league player with the Newcastle Knights didn't work out for the Gomeri Kamilaroi man, Brian admits he started to spiral down ... into drugs, alcohol and a suicide attempt.

But at the age of 27, he realised something had to change. Nobody could "fix" him but himself.

"It took me three years to save my life. I went through drug and alcohol, mental health, anger management, loss and grief – whatever I could to try to get myself to stand on my own two feet," Brian told Cherbourg Radio. "By the age of 30 I realised, I just saved my life and I want to go out and save other people, and that's how it started." Brian went to uni, studied trauma recovery and began talking to people. It's not Brian's education that allows him to make connections, it's his life experience.



He wears the scars from his old life – "been there, done that" – with pride.

"It allows me to go out to communities and talk to people from a place that people have been at or are at," Brian said.

"It's about me not being better than anyone, me not being worse off than anyone, but me just being equal with everyone and saying, 'Hey, if I can do it, you can do it, too'."

In 2011, he won a Deadly for "Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment" for a program he started, "Black On Track".

But why is he now a barber?

Brian began cutting hair five years ago after his young son was diagnosed with autism.

"I remember taking him for his first haircut and he left crying and I left crying because the haircut was so traumatic (for him) – with noise, vibration and all his sensory issues going on," Brian said. "I didn't know what to do, so I bought a set of clippers." As he became better at clipping and snipping, Brian thought 'there's probably other children out there like my son', so he opened a barber's shop in Newcastle.

Now Brian combines his hairdressing with mental health first aid, and takes his barbershop on the road. The 57-seater bus has been completely stripped inside, with barber's chairs and a beauty salon. Brian calls it a "mobile healing space".

This is the first time his bus has come to Cherbourg but over the past two years it has visited more than 80 other Indigenous communities.

Brian said he wanted people to leave his barber's chairs feeling good "on the outside" because of their appearance, but also feeling good about themselves because they've had "a deadly conversation, a good yarn".

"Let's face it. Sometimes it's easier to talk to a stranger than to your own mob," Brian said. He was aiming to do more than 60 haircuts during his Cherbourg visit, helped along by Murgon barber Tyrone Murray.

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Cherbourg Council was happy to help out hard working community service providers

TAFE Queensland, putting up your new sign for Nurunderi on Collins rd. One of councils deadly casuals Hughie Carlo stands proudly with the before and after shots of the sign. We are fortunate to have Nurunderi Campus here offering our community the opportunity to go have a yarn, get good advice and assistance about pathways to your career goals.

Clontarf Boys Kicking Goals in 2021

Term 1 has seen the academy almost back to normal and with influx of new Yr 7 students it has given a new buzz to the Clontarf Room. The Boys have all started off awesome and have been loving the different types of camp on offer. The training attendance has been strong and the afternoon activities are a good mix of life skills health sessions and sport.

The Clontarf Footy Show is back and has been a real hit with the boys and also community. Djuran Murray Smith was the tipping winner last year so watch out for his tips and he has good form.

Term 2 has us all over the place with Camps in Sunshine Coast to Gold Coast and Even in Mackay



Term 2 Camp Dates

Year 11 and 12 Wellbeing camp Sunshine Coast 19 - 21 May 2021

Year 9 + 10 QLD Cup Rugby League Carival Mackay 30 May - 1st June 2021

All Year Levels Top Trainers Camp Gold Coast 22 - 25 June 2021

Cleaning up community

After a Meeting with council and Elders we had some Ideas on how else Clontarf and help the community, it was a joint idea for the boys to help clean up rubbish through the streets and some identified locations throughout Cherbourg.

We had our seniors take the lead and roll their sleeves up for a good cause

The Locations targeted were the Complex and surrounds and also near the Ny-Ku Byun and Hospital. The boys put on Safety equipment and picked up a total of 5 big garbage bags full of rubbish. When asked how the boys felt the reply from all of them was "It felt good to help clean the community? It's our land we have to look after it and we are the future so we have to lead by example.



Cherbourg Remembers The Boys From Barambah

Cherbourg's annual Anzac march and commemoration ceremony attracted a crowd to the town's war memorial at 8:00am on Sunday. Guest speaker was Joe Flick, from Dubbo, who spoke about the Indigenous servicemen who served on the bloody battlefields of France and Belgium during World War I.

Cr Kathy Duff and Wide Bay and Burnett RSL District president Trevor Williamson OAM presented a Quilt Of Valour to Wakka Wakka Elder and Vietnam veteran Eric Law (presented to service members and veterans of the ADF in recognition of their sacrifice for Australia whilst deployed on combat operations) Community members and visitors laid wreaths at the foot of the Memorial wall.

Children from Murgon State High School, St Joseph's Murgon and Cherbourg State School also took part in the ceremony.



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Young Leader with a Fighting Future

Pharrell Chapman has kept his eye on the prize, a burning ambition to reach the top of his game as a world class boxer, and he is well on his way after being selected in the in the 2020 Boxing Australia Future Development squad.

A program that gets boxers podium ready for the Youth World Titles. Pharrell told the Courier Mail last year he has a goal to become an Olympian.

"There have been a lot of good boxers out of Cherbourg over the years and I am hoping to follow the footsteps of Jeffrey Dynevor who won Gold in the 1962 Commonwealth Games," He said. "Hard work can take you anywhere so I will continue to work hard and take it step by step."

Covid may have slowed down the pace over the last twelve months, but Pharrell was glad to get into the ring in Bundaberg recently and "blow out a few cobwebs".

Pharrell has not stood by in the downtime, his dedication and determination also recognised at Murgon State High School where he recently became only the second ever Indigenous School Captain. Cherbourg is proud of you son, we are all behind you and we know you will do your very best.

Chimney Cleaning Program 2021



Every house in Cherbourg is getting their chimney and fire box cleaned in time for the winter chill.

Works started in early April and will be completed by the end of May 2021.

With such a large amount of chimneys to be cleaned ,council have enlisted multiple contractors

CASC are especially pleased to see three (3) Cherbourg residents have gained casual employment with the contractors to ensure works are completed on time. (this includes, Elwyn Fewquandie, Justine Purcell and Maurie Fisher *who is doing an apprenticeship)

The Tenancy department have sent out letters to let residents know what date a contractor and local worker will be coming to your home.



Strengthening our Future Generations



Education is so important to building a brighter future for our community, something that our Mayor, Elvie Sandow is very passionate.

Recently we invited newly appointed Cherbourg State School Captains and Vice Captains to a council meeting.

It was a great opportunity to discuss the role of council with our young leaders and of course, the importance of their education. We have also had an very constructive meeting with Community Education representatives, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Department of Education and principals of three local schools (Cherbourg and Murgon) to discuss an action plan to improve education for our children. Great initiatives by all groups to make education priorities for kids in Cherbourg community. Our council endorses and supports the importance of good mental health and looking out for each other, our first RUOK Gathering of 2021 took place in March when we met with students from Cherbourg State School and Murgon High along with family and community at The Sports Complex (a great alternative in wet weather) – this and the our strong stance on No Bullying (at any age) were messages endorsed and strengthened with the support of our community elders and families - Lets keep the message alive - It ain't weak to speak!



Young ones learning healthy relationships at Colour Fun Run

By Amy Buckingham 20/04/2021

A fun day for community children involved more than just light-hearted amusement as police taught children the importance of healthy relationships. On Wednesday, 14 April, school-aged children danced to radio, rode a mechanical bull and threw water bombs at Cherbourg Sports Complex. After the fun, Cherbourg Police domestic violence coordinator sergeant Allyson Sanewski taught children about healthy relationships. Sgt Sanewski said communication, respect, boundaries, trust and support were essential while interacting with others.

"Unrealistic expectations and poor communications can destroy relationships," she said. "Another thing to keep in mind is if you see disrespect, speak out because it should never be tolerated.

"Without trust you can't have a happy and strong relationship". "Anyone who truly wants to be in your life will respect your boundaries, so 'no' is a complete sentence." Teaming up with Cherbourg Police, CTC South Burnett youth worker Clinton Missi said he was eager to help on the day as it was youth week. "We loved joining different activities to celebrate youth progress," he said. "The most important thing we wanted to get across was the importance of going to school and getting an education." Also involved in organising the day, Cherbourg Sports Complex coordinator Lavina Dynevor said it was important for children to build relationships with police officers and firefighters. "We want to break down barriers between these emergency service people and our kids," she said. Aside from these serious conversations, 7-year-old Cherbourg boy David Landers said he enjoyed the water activities.

"I liked running up and diving on the slip n' slide," he said. "I ate too much cake the night before which made it a little hard though."

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New Footpaths around Community

We have been fortunate to source funding to repair old footpaths as well as laying new footpaths around community. The team from BHS Constructions completed works along Barambah Ave, Fisher St along Cherbourg State School from the front gate to Beattie St. Well done team! Works all completed before the start of Term 2.



Healing Gospel Lifts Community

Cherbourg's Sports Complex attracted a large crowd for a Sunday afternoon of Live Gospel music.

The free concert originally to be held in Barambah Avenue, moved to the complex due to a wet weather prediction.

The line-up on the day included Roger Knox, who has been headlining country music concerts for years, also on the bill a local favourite Dennis "Mop" Conlon, best known for his work with the late Angus Rabbitt in Mop And The Dropouts recording a string of iconic Indigenous hits in the 1980s, also in good voice were Rocko Langton and Bevan Costello of the local Muddy Flats band along with other artists including a Cherbourg women's Gospel Choir and a number of surprise acts including Harry Whaleboat and Eddie Conlon to name a few.

Pastor Max Conlon hosted the event as part of a live simulcast on Cherbourg Radio also streamed across the internet, listeners were reported to have tuned in for as far away as Western Australia, the Northern Territory and beyond. With so much positive feedback, organisers are looking forward to another concert in the not to distant future.



URGENT NOTICE FOR CHERBOURG RESIDENTS



Due to an increasing number of stray dogs on community, there is greater risk to the safety of our elders and young children. We also have contractors and visitors in community regularly who are helping us make our community the best it can be.

As pet owner's; it is your RESPONSIBILITY to care for and ensure that dogs are healthy and kept secure within your residence.

"A dog is an animal, and dogs need food, water, space, and shelter. The dog is a living thing"

Dogs should not be sitting outside the front gate of their owner's home or roaming up and down the streets scavenging and chasing cars and / or people.

We would like to work together with community in caring for your pets and minimising the number of dogs roaming our streets, in saying that; we advise community to:

- Have ONLY 2 Dogs per Household
- Register your pet/s with Council
- Keep your dog fed
- Keep your dog secure, in your yard with gates closed
- Use a leash if you are taking your dog for a walk
- Teach your dog good habits and skills
- If your dog is sick, seek advice
- If you do not want puppies, please have your dogs desexed

Contacts / Resources:

Daniel 'Rexy' Weazel –Animal Management Worker 0436 684 694
CASC Main Office (07) 4168 1866 – CASC Depot (07) 4168 1503

LOCAL VETS

Murgon Veterinary Services (07) 4168 1277
SBVets Wondai (07) 4168 5733

Community Events Calender

MAY 2021

18th May	Under 8's Day
26th May	National Sorry Day Public Holiday
27th May	Services Expo

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 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

TRAINING PARTNERSHIPS BRING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Water officer Jackson MacGregor-Cobbo recently attended group training with the crew from Bundaberg Regional Council.

Our Operations Manager, Darren Lonergan tells us CASC hosted the trainer and trainees for Cert. II in Water and sewerage Operations course over three days this week. Roughly half of the time was academic and theory while the rest of the time was spent in the field getting hands on. Units of the course are:

- Prepare and restore worksite
- Maintain and repair network assets for drinking water
- Install, maintain and repair hydrants

One trainer and four trainees attended the 3rd block of the course here at the CASC depot training room, while field works included an audit of sluice valves and hydrants in our town water reticulation network.

Yellow coloured pavement paint is used to mark the road and kerb where there is a hydrant. White coloured pavement paint is used to mark the road and kerb where there are sluice valves. Notes are recorded of the works done and any issues reported to CASC. This work ensures the valves and hydrants can be quickly identified especially hydrants by firefighters attending to a fire at night.



Looking 2 the Future



Expression of Interest

As the program quickly progresses with planned upgrades to the MRF starting roll out, Mr Nicholson says he is interested in meeting with people who have confidence working on Ipads and laptops and interested in learning about:

- **Quality assurance - Collaboration & Effective Teamwork**
 - **Data entry - Using Chromebook pc - Browser-based workflows**
- CASC will be working with Noosa Councils Perigian Digital Hub and Advance Queensland and Indigenous Land and Sea Company for an 18 month to 2-year project.

Participants will be engaged on the Skilling Queenslanders for Work (SQW) program.

As there will be a lot of screen time and sitting involved, participants would be working a couple of hours a day in shifts and then go about other duties.



Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council is preparing to spearhead an Australian first in Artificial Intelligence (AI) integrated technologies at its Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Cherbourg. Sean Nicholson is the Economic & Community Development Manager at Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (CASC) and he says he is "excited about this one, some great working partners and sponsors" coming on board to develop a new "Cherbourg Data Hub" kitted out with the latest computers and technology. The emerging technology is the first of its kind in Australia and represents unique, ground floor opportunities for our community. The projects' goal is to develop artificial intelligence for the waste industry, computer knowledge and brainpower to identify and sort waste visually and to count items for the purpose of auditing.

Home fire safety

Home Heating Safety

Factsheet

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Safety tips for heating your home

Home heating is a major cause of house fires in the winter months. Every year accidental house fires cause extensive property loss and damage.

Most home fires are accidental and preventable - you can take action to minimise your risk. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) educates people about how to prevent home fires, and individuals have a responsibility to reduce the risk of fires in their own homes.

Appliances

- ☐ Fixed heating systems should only be installed by a qualified person
- ☐ Heaters should be checked once a year to make sure they are in working order, worn out electrical cords and plugs should be replaced immediately
- ☐ All flammable material should be at least one metre away from heaters and open fires
- ☐ Electric blankets need to be used correctly so they do not become a fire hazard - Always use and maintain electric blankets in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- ☐ Use only heating appliances that meet approved Australian standards

Flue Fires

Ash and soot can build up on the inside of the flue, which must be removed regularly as it can ignite causing a chimney or flue fire. In most cases, flames can be seen shooting out of the top of the chimney.

- ☐ Check the wood heater, fireplace brickwork, chimney and flue before lighting the first fire of the year to make sure it is clean
- ☐ Check the surrounding fireplace brickwork for cracks which will allow a fire to creep through
- ☐ Flues passing through the ceiling and roof space should have double or triple skins to stop radiant heat igniting roof timbers or insulation
- ☐ All wood heaters should be installed and maintained by an experienced business or tradesperson.

It is important for you and your family to develop a Home Fire Escape Plan and practise it regularly

Open Fires

- ☐ Open fires should be guarded by a fine mesh screen to prevent sparks and logs rolling out
- ☐ Extinguish all flames and embers completely before going to bed or leaving the house
- ☐ Never use combustible liquids to light open fires or combustion stoves, use firelighters instead
- ☐ Ensure ash is completely cool and no embers remain before disposal.

In the event of a fire

- ☐ Crawl low under smoke
- ☐ Assist or alert any people in danger, but only if it is safe to do so
- ☐ Go to your safe meeting place, such as your letter box
- ☐ Call **000** (triple zero)
- ☐ Wait for firefighters to arrive
- ☐ Do not re-enter a burning house under any circumstances

Never leave children or animals unsupervised near heaters or open fires



For more information visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au or contact **DFES Community Engagement 9395 9816**

Mr Nicholson says getting these sorts of projects off the ground are a challenge in the early stages due too little to no funding for wages, but well worthwhile in the long run as the outcomes are achieved and funding and revenue opportunities start to open up, not to mention the skills, qualifications that participants can earn and doors that can be opened for themselves by being in on the ground floor.

Growing the Next Generation of Data Analysts

The Cherbourg AI project will aim to build a team of talented computer-savvy young people who have an interest in STEM and are looking to get involved in the technology industry. The project will work to develop an artificial intelligence system for automatically identifying and counting containers that flow through our Cherbourg MRF. "We have exciting openings on the team for data analysts whose job it will be to label and process the imagery that teaches the AI to see" Mr Nicholson said.

These roles offer potential team members a unique opportunity to work at the cutting edge of the technology industry. Data analysts will have the chance to learn all about artificial intelligence and how computer vision can be used to solve important problems in the world. Analysts will learn valuable skills that are in high-demand areas like data processing, image labelling and software testing. Analysts will be based at the new Cherbourg Data Hub facility which has been kitted out with the latest computers and technology. The project, a partnership between the Cherbourg Council and the Peregrine Digital Hub in Noosa, is funded under the Qld State Government's Advance Queensland program and has support from some of the world's leading technology brands.

If you are interested in finding out more about this exciting opportunity, Council is keen to meet with you and others involved in this project to answer your questions.

Get in touch with us at Cherbourg Council on 07 4168 1866 or email reception@cherbourg.qld.gov.au

Cherbourg

Celebrating Elders Diamond Day



A love of family and a commitment to community are strong values that set the example for our younger generation, Elders Jack and Ada Simpson have been beacons for community that have remained strong. Loved and respected by many Cherbourg Elders Jack and Ada Simpson were treated to a special day by family members to mark 60 years of marriage in March.

The couple were joined at their home in Cherbourg by four generations of descendants. The pair first met in Cherbourg and were married in the local AIM Church on March 20, 1961. Aunty Ada, 78, and Uncle Jack, 79, both served on the local Council but also found time along the way to raise 11 children.

Their family now also consists of 24 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren (with two on the way)!

Aunty Ada (nee Saunders) said the celebration had been "a glorious day" with family members travelling from all over Queensland.

"All the children organised it," she said.

A highlight was the cutting of a special three-tier wedding cake, made by granddaughter Cassandra White from Gladstone.

"We didn't have a wedding cake in 1961; we couldn't afford it," Aunty Ada said.

"So Cassandra made us this cake."



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