

# Cherbourg

## Community Newsletter

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### Connecting Community, Culture & Tradition

Cherbourg artist Robert "Rocko" Langton has works on display all over the South Burnett ... but now one of his paintings has taken to the streets, literally.

Rocko's artwork, developed with assistance of a bunch of Cherbourg children, is now proudly wrapped around one of Cherbourg's police vehicles.

The brightly coloured van was unveiled in a special ceremony at Cherbourg State School in October.

Young artists who worked on the design were presented with matching shirts by the current officer-in-charge at Cherbourg Station, Acting Sergeant Rob Firman.

Inspector Chris Pemberton said the project aimed to break down the barriers that sometimes exist between children and the police.

And if the reaction at Cherbourg State School is any indication, the project is working. "The kids are really proud of what they have achieved and will get to see (their artwork) every day in the community," Inspector Pemberton said.



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"It's a great day when the police and local community get to celebrate a partnership with such a beautiful piece of artwork." Uncle Rocko told Cherbourg Radio the artwork included a carpet snake and an owl – the Wakka Wakka totem – and two Elders, a man and a woman.



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# Culture and Tradition



## Connecting Community, Culture & Tradition

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The schoolchildren added their handprints and did the dots, representing the people of Cherbourg. "They loved doing the artwork ... especially their handprints on the canvas," Uncle Rocko said.

He said the children had run around the vehicle when it pulled in, looking for their handprints.

There are also handprints from some of the local police and schoolteachers. Nanango-based JS Signs measured the vehicle and made up the stickers based on the original painting.

Cherbourg Mayor Elvie Sandow said the project had been a long time coming but she hoped it would build a relationship between the kids, the police and the Cherbourg community.

"With a bit of artwork on the truck, they might look after it and understand that it's here to keep our community safe," Mayor Sandow said.

Another program has also re-started recently in Cherbourg in a bid to build a relationship between local children and police. Police Rangers now meet at the school every Monday afternoon.



## Community Displays Pride in Culture

2021 has been another year for big changes in the way we do things here at council and part of focus is to promote not only unity our community but also our connections to culture.

A call was put out to local artists to submit designs that could be used for new council branding, uniforms, letter head and corporate imaging. We had many deadly submissions to the competition from local artists with works that celebrated and told our Barambah story. The winning submission chosen came from Maurice Mickelo. The piece (displayed here) is now celebrated and worn with pride by our Mayor, Councillors and Leadership team when out representing Cherbourg at local, state and national meetings and gatherings.

It has not stopped there, all across our community, we are seeing more and installations popping up as stake holders and service providers do their part, finding ways to get behind and support our local emerging and traditional who are telling stories, passing down knowledge inspiring and connecting future generations to their culture, history and birth right.



### Cherbourg Residents

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# Premier Visits Cherbourg

## Community Progress Impresses Premier

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk praised Cherbourg Council and the positivity she had seen in the community when she visited the town in November.

The Premier was accompanied by Education Minister Grace Grace on the visit, which included a briefing from Cherbourg councillors, a visit to Nurunderi TAFE College and Council's recycling facility.

The Premier and Education Minister later visited Murgon State High School to meet student leaders and inspect the school's new \$6.6 million auditorium.

Nurunderi TAFE hosted the Premier's morning live update to Queenslanders, the Premier, Minister Grace, Deputy Chief Health Officer Dr Lynne McKinlay and Cherbourg Mayor Elvie Sandow then fielded questions from reporters.

Premier Palaszczuk was quizzed on Cherbourg's vaccination numbers which appeared to be much better than the figures reported by the Federal Government.

At the time the Premier said the 72.7 per cent first dose and 55.3 per cent double dose figures related to the postcode 4605 and were based on data sent to Queensland Health.

But the Premier emphasised health workers had been going door-to-door in Cherbourg and people were getting vaccinated.

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## Working Hard for Our Community

Our Council's CEO is dedicated to community beyond the job description.

Chatur Zala moved to Australia from India in 2005 and has been working at Council for 11 years in various roles but more recently as the CEO.

Zala was awarded 'Manager of the Year' across all local governments at a Cairns conference in September, for his work within the Cherbourg community.

"I'm happy to be recognised but we have a long way to go," Zala said. "I want to dedicate the award to the Cherbourg community and the team for all the hard work they do." When asked what the highlights have been in his time as CEO he said it would have to be finally working toward getting clean drinking water for community.

"The water treatment plant upgrade has been great, we did it very quickly and have been able to provide clean drinking water," he said.

Zala's other achievements as CEO include upgrading the recycling plant, campaigning for improved roads and cemetery upgrades. He recognised despite Cherbourg being faced with ongoing sorry business, they still always put the community first.

"It's a tough time – I work for the people and the team puts in a lot of hard work," Zala said.



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## Wakka Wakka Yarning Circle

# Art is in our Hearts

The new Yarning circle in Wakka Wakka Park commissioned in later 2020 and completed in 2021 had its grand opening in June.

The works for the Wakka Wakka Yarning Circle were carried out by Eureka Landscapes Pty Ltd, coordinated and managed by the QUT Faculty of Health & Faculty of Engineering in cooperation with CRAICCHS who administered funding from DDWPHN (Darling Downs West Moreton Primary Health Network).

The Yarning Circle is a Community project for Cherbourg approved by our Councillors at a meeting of Council December 2020.

Our Council gardens crew will be taking care of the ongoing maintenance. The yarning circle came about from discussions between Darling Downs and West Moreton PHN and CRAICCHS in Cherbourg about ways to improve support, education and cultural safety and understanding in the community.

As a result, a the Wakka Wakka Yarning Circle was established to offer a safe space for community members to talk about what they are seeing in the area and to discuss their concerns. The Yarning Circle will also bring the community together to participate in activities, the first objective of the Yarning Circle however will be to focus on healing and to commemorate the lives lost in the area to suicide.

"We are a small community so the Yarning Circle will provide a safe space for all of us to come together to share our stories, experience and feelings as one community," CRAICCHS Acting CEO Katherine Simpson said.

"We will be able to make more connections within our community especially with our elders who can pass on their knowledge to younger members of the mob."



## Ergon Supports Tranfomation by Local Artists in Cherbourg





## Dedication, Education and Strong Leadership

Mayor Elvie Sandow made history in 2020 becoming the first woman voted to the top job in Cherbourg.

Elvie's achievements show that commitment, and dedication are what's needed, that meaningful results take time, patience and persistence.

Elvie Sandow started work as payroll officer for Council back in 1993 before being first elected to council in the year 2000, however due to legislation she couldn't do both jobs so she resigned as payroll officer. She took up a position in the Gundoo Early Childhood Centre where she ended up as Chief Executive Officer. 16 years after being elected to council, Elvie became Deputy Mayor and 4 years later community voted her in as Mayor.



Aunty Elvie has spent all her life here in Cherbourg, was raised by her two Grandmothers, has 8 brothers (Elvie is the eldest and only girl) in her family of 8.

Our mayor is a strong advocate for 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,' As a student Elvie attended Cherbourg State School (years 1-7) and Murgon State High School (years 8-12)

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



MURGON Amateur Basketball Association senior women's premiers, Stingers (l-r): Jackie Broderick, Kathy Killer, Stephanie Button. Front: Debbie Renouf, Elvie Sandow, Madeline Hegarty.

## COVID - Flooding and Food

2022 had not even started, but COVID and flash flooding were how we greeted at the start of the year. The first case of COVID appeared around Christmas eve before Cherbourg was declared as being impacted by Queensland Health, as cases started to grow before new years eve what followed was a rapid response from our local health and support workers, the Cherbourg Local Disaster Management Group, Council, emergency workers and volunteers. But....if that was not enough, ex-cyclone Seth was slowly making its way toward the coast bringing with it flooding rains that then impacted our region on Friday 7th of January, by Saturday flood waters were up and Cherbourg was cut off. Fortunately, the waters fell almost as quickly as they rose and by late Sunday roads were beginning to open again.

Meanwhile COVID Omicron variant was still spreading quickly through our community presenting a challenge to get as many people tested and isolating as quickly as possible, case numbers peaked over the 200 mark by around the 20th of January. As a community we handled it well with most people doing the right thing, isolating, not moving about, social distancing, mask wearing and sanitising proper ways. A big thank you to EVERYONE who played their part keeping mob safe.

Our partnerships with social support and volunteer organisations also helped to ease some of the strain as well with food trucked in from Foodbank and donations from FareShare Brisbane which were then distributed into the community by local SES volunteers and council workers.







# Working for Community

## CASC HR News

Congratulations to all the Cherbourg Council Staff on another challenging and rewarding year of service to the community. We have seen a number of Staff successfully complete training courses from Forklift Tickets to Truck Licenses to Traineeships to a Certificate IV in Bookkeeping. As well as mandatory training in Fire and First Aid. A special mention to the Water Operations team who have worked very hard to improve the quality of the Town's water and have also now commenced on obtaining their formal qualifications.

In Feb 2021, Council conducted its inaugural staff awards ceremony – we are going to do it again in 2022 however due to covid it has been delayed and we are moving the venue to the sports complex. More information will be coming through shortly. In relation to COVID please ensure you keep up to date with the latest information from Council and Qld Health. I would like to thank all our Casual employees, especially those who helped out at Christmas time making Cherbourg look great for the festive season.

A shout out to our elected Councillors for the gift cards which were greatly appreciated. And to all who assisted with the Council and community Christmas party – a great time was had by all.

Here's to 2022 no matter what challenges we face – I am confident that together we can continue to do great things for Council and the Community

*Mark Celledoni*

HR Advisor



## Make Way for More NEW Houses

In a first for CASC we recently demolished three old houses that were in bad condition (\*however we have previously demolished vandalised houses beyond economical repair) waiting for new houses to be built in 2022.

Community can look forward to seeing new homes going up at numbers 13 and 3 Bulgi as well as 19 Bell Street. It is the 1st time we have demolished old houses in poor repair to upgrade the standard of Cherbourg housing, the changes have been a 3 year process to get to this stage, but we are sure you will agree it has been worthwhile when we can raise the quality of housing for our Cherbourg residents.





## A.I. Opens Doors Industry Growth & Jobs

The future of recycling is set to expand into areas beyond human capacity – and Cherbourg Material Recovery Facility is leading the way. The facility held a special launch event to celebrate the development of an artificially intelligent system to help more effectively sort recycled goods in October. Economic & Community Development Manager for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Sean Nicholson, explained to the guests how the innovative project works. “The big trucks come through with the yellow-top bins, they drop them on the floor and cameras watch the rubbish and those containers are able to be recognised and counted,” Mr Nicholson said. The employees work with artificial intelligence (AI) technology to label the waste, sort through it, and add them to the fast-growing and valuable database. “With this technology and cameras we will change the way rubbish is processed in the world,” Mr Nicholson said.

The technological push to expand the capabilities of Cherbourg’s local recycling plant also endeavours to create employment pathways for youth in the area. The new project aims not only to better manage waste, with plans of conducting traineeships to inspire the next generation of science and technology careers also in the works.

Chris Bowden from the Noosa Shire Council said he became involved after being inspired by the work Cherbourg was doing in the recycling world. “The word at the centre of the project is collaboration,” he said. “I’ve seen it in this project in a real way that is exciting. “We had to ask how can we make employ-

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ment opportunities for people in this area, and how can we do that in a way that uses technology not to replace jobs but indeed to create meaningful high-value jobs,” Mr Bowden said.

Since 2016, the project has created more than 25 jobs for the Cherbourg community with room to grow. Duncan Kerslake from Deadly Innovation spoke about the importance of fostering careers on Country. “Our young people can live on Country and feel whole while working,” he said. “Through digital connectivity you can do anything,” Mr Kerslake added.

The project’s manager, Andrew Beckett, thanked everyone involved in getting the project off the ground. “The Cherbourg Council have supported this project from day one, 16 years ago,” he said. “They believed in it and allowed me the grace and the space to move forward in a positive way through hard times, not knowing if we’d get funding.” Funding for the project was sourced from the Queensland Government and the Indigenous Land and Sea Council.

## Help us to keep your Plumbing system clean!

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**any other foreign materials**



## Raising More Glasses to More Growth

Ho Ho Ho! Can you dig it? Santa has delivered!

This new loader arrived at our Material Recycling Facility in December, it will bring great efficiency and save on hire costs, the Large bucket will hold over 400kg of cardboard in one scoop and approx. 4 ton of glass.

Tyres are puncture proof for going into glass...

So YES we are pleased at even more growth to our CASC business ventures



# Murgon-Cherbourg Youth Hub



## The Department of Education is excited to introduce the Murgon-Cherbourg Youth Hub.

The Murgon-Cherbourg Youth Hub commenced services in late 2021 and has reopened for 2022. Located on Gore Street, Murgon (up from the Murgon State High School administration building), the Youth Hub services are available to all youth (aged 10 to and including 24).

The Youth Hub is open between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday, inclusive of school holiday periods. The purpose built facility has individual consulting rooms, a medical room and a workshop area.

The Youth Hub initiative has come about through community identification of the need for a coordinated and collaborative response to improve general and mental health outcomes for youth. The Youth Hub provides a coordinated service approach for young people across Cherbourg, Murgon, and South Burnett communities to enhance mental health and wellbeing, and provide opportunities for improved school success and post-school outcomes.

A range of services are available at the Youth Hub to meet the health and social needs of young people. Services will incorporate those which support mental health, as well as those which deliver training for youth, in both individual and group settings. The current service schedule is detailed below. The GP in Schools Program is new in 2022, and provides free access to a GP for secondary school students (please contact the Youth Hub for GP appointments).



Due to the current COVID-19 situation, services are currently offering remote/telehealth appointments. If a young person requires assistance with accessing a service or a referral, please contact Gaye O'Sullivan or Matthew Malone by phone at (07) 4172 9728

Email: [MurgonCherbourgYouthHub@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:MurgonCherbourgYouthHub@qed.qld.gov.au)

*Further information will be shared regarding programs and service updates during 2022. Keep a look out for information on group programs during 2022, such as programs for parents of teenagers.*



## HIPPY is Back for 2022

HIPPY Cherbourg is back at work and preparing for a wonderful HIPPY year. COVID won't bring us down. We have started enrolling families for 2022. COVID-safe deliveries will be in place, and we will soon be providing families with some fabulous books and resources for teaching children.

We also have several events planned for later this year including a trip to the zoo, a pool party, and much more!

Come and be part of the HIPPY Cherbourg/Murgon family.

If you have a child, grandchild, or someone you are caring for that turns four before the 30th of June this year—join us!

It doesn't take much to be a part of HIPPY. Tutors from the community will come to your house once a week, or you can meet them at our office for your delivery.

The HIPPY program gives you and your child the best start for their educational journey, and it is completely free!

Serina Tapau is being trained this year to become the new HIPPY Cherbourg/Murgon Coordinator.

Call Serina on 41683990 or 0456442309 to find out more.

Follow HIPPY Cherbourg on Facebook





# Teamwork Makes the Dream Work



## Responsibility Creates Capability

Craig Renouf and Lowana Leedie, 1st year workers, were recognised for going above & beyond in their daily duties in late October. Matt Bock told us the pair “did alot of work that was not expected of them” whilst he took on higher duties. Matt was joined by Lindsay Bligh and CASC CEO Zala



## Everyone Plays a Part in Success

A big thank you to our deadly works department crew so much pride in your work and your community. During the Summer months grass on our main roads and within community all cut and kept tidy by proud council workers. Keeping community clean is important function of local government.



## Gundoo COVID Ready for 2022

We are looking forward to welcoming back families for 2022, community should know that during the peak of COVID we will do things a little differently to ensure our learning environment is safe and healthy for our little Gundoo's

**1.TWO Staff members** will meet parents out the front of the Centre, parents are to sign their child in/out of Gundoo each day. This limits traffic within the Centre keeping it covid safe.

**2.IF YOUR CHILD displays** any symptoms like fever, runny nose, headaches, sore throat. Please keep them home and take them to hospital to get tested. You may also be asked to take your child home if they display any of these symptoms while at Gundoo.

**3.Gundoo will pick-up and drop off children in Murgon ONLY.**

No drop off for Cherbourg families (as the bus requires cleaning after each pick up/drop off).

**4.Gundoo will be open and receiving children** of parents who work from 24th January, and then 31st of January for the rest of the children.

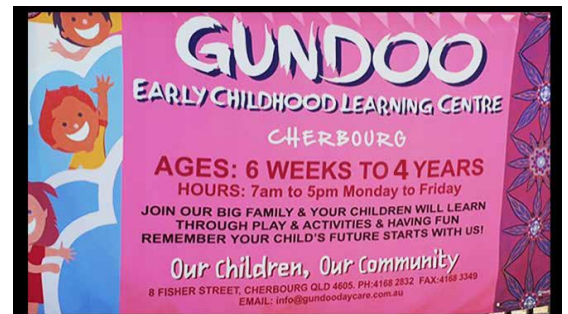
**5.If you would like to meet with your child's educators,** please call Gundoo to arrange a time.

**6.Hand washing and cleaning** will be consistent across the Centre & throughout the day.

*Gundoo management thank our families & Community for your support especially during these difficult times of Covid.*

Stay Safe and Healthy and most importantly look after each other.

Kind regards,  
Jacqui Tapau & Staff.





# Unity in Community

## NAIDOC brings Connection to Culture

Cherbourg's NAIDOC celebrations couldn't be dampened by rainfall as the community gathered at the Sports Complex to celebrate Country on Thursday, 25 November.

Organised by the Barambah Local Justice Group in conjunction with Gundoo Day Care Centre's Welcome Baby to Country ceremony, the day was an effort to boost morale within the community.

Gundoo's Welcome Baby to Country ceremony was a first for the Indigenous community.

"We are welcoming the babies to the earth, the sea, and the tribe," Hazel Kelly from Gundoo Day Care said.

"It's a celebration of new life, it shows the children to be proud to be Indigenous and proud to be from Cherbourg," Hazel said.

Wakka Wakka man, Tyrone Murray, enjoyed the NAIDOC celebrations.

"It's great to see lots of people turn out today in the rain," Tyrone said.

"It's important for the younger generation to learn about their culture."

After a year of sorry business and community mourning, the NAIDOC celebrations were able to provide a positive event for Cherbourg to look forward to.

Speaking on the tough year, Elder Aunty Lillian Gray, said the festivities were an opportunity to come together.

"Sorry business affects everyone in the community especially when there is a suicide – our families are all linked," she said.

Cherbourg's NAIDOC celebrations were also a tribute to recently passed and beloved Elder, Uncle Bevan Costello.

With so much of his time dedicated to improving the mental health of Cherbourg youth, community leaders are working hard to continue his legacy.

"Everyone felt it [Uncle Bevan's passing], he was like my little brother," Aunty Lillian said.

"He'd be happy and proud to see everyone here today, this is what it's all about, bringing the community together."

Leighton Costello, Uncle Bevan's son, and Cherbourg councillor, is also committed to 'filling the boots' of his father who cared deeply for his family and community.

"He was a positive man and the voice of our community, he always had the megaphone and led the way," Leighton said.

If this story has raised any issues for you or someone you love please contact our Cherbourg STaY team on 0436 378 946, Lifeline Australia on 13 11 14 or Beyond Blue on 1300 22 4636.

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## Rodeo Comes with a Call for Support

Our famous Cherbourg cowboys took to the rodeo ring in October honouring elder Uncle Bevan Costello, who had recently passed away.

The community rodeo, named in his honour was held on Cherbourg Day hosted by Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to bring the community together for a day of fun amid tough times. Mayor Elvie Sandow said the event was designed to lift the community's spirit and take their minds off the difficulties of the past months, even just for a day.

The event will from here out be a memorial to Uncle Bevan Costello, who CASC community services manager Auntie Edwina Stewart said was "always the first to put his hand up at community events" and the voice of the rodeo.

"From now on this is going to be a memorial to him," Auntie Edwina said.

"We've been through some really bad times this year and Bevan always made things fun and happy. "I'd like to encourage the community to come along and help us when we have events - we need you, we can't do it without you." *Editorial contributed by Holly Cormack*

# Cherbourg Rodeo







# clontarf GRADUATIONS 2021

## Cherbourg got lots of Deadly Blokes

The Clontarf graduating class at Cherbourg State School were awarded for their deadly leadership at a ceremony that recognised every Indigenous boy for their achievements. Program coordinator, Ryan Brown, said the nationwide program is designed to provide mentorship that allows young Indigenous men to reach their full potential.

“We take them out to camps where they can learn life skills and relationship building – out of the school building is where the magic happens. “Getting kids out on Country to understand their background and culture is massively important,” Mr Brown said. The Cherbourg State School Clontarf staff agreed that the programs have the power to create good behaviour patterns. This year the mentors decided to award all 31 Cherbourg Clontarf graduates with a Deadly Bloke Award. The most prestigious award is Magpie of the Year, for 2021 it was presented to Antwone Davidson-Albert for his inspiring commitment to the program.

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## MSHS Clontarf Graduates finish on a High





## Cherbourg State School

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### Delayed start to school

Ngara parents and caregivers

As announced by the Premier on Sunday 9 January, the start of the 2022 school year in Queensland will move from 24 January to 7 February to avoid opening schools during the predicted peak of the Omicron wave and allow more time for children to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

Our school will remain open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children during this period. Essential workers are only those who absolutely must continue to attend their workplace during this time. The Department of Education has asked all parents to consider the Chief Health Officer's advice and stay home with your children if you can.

If you need to send your child to school you must ensure your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness. School staff will supervise any students who attend school. We will not be providing teaching activities during this time, nor are you expected to supervise remote learning for students who remain at home.

However, if you would like to support your child's learning during this time you can access the Department of Education's [learning@home](https://learningathome.qld.edu.au) website. This site contains a range of student learning material and links to other high-quality education websites.

I realise these latest developments may create challenges for families; please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

The Department of Education will continue to keep all principals up-to-date with any further changes to schooling over the coming weeks and I will continue to provide parents with this information as it becomes available. Further information for parents has been developed including frequently asked questions.

I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the Queensland Government website.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely  
Greg Tucker  
Principal



Come and see our lovely office staff to purchase your Cherbourg State School Uniform shirts. Reminder that you must wear a mask when entering the School grounds. Please ring before attending the school and book in a time to ensure that staff are available.  
Price: \$38/shirt



Cherbourg State School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wakka Wakka people, of the country on which the school is located and pays respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



# Make Great Happen

## Nurunderi Graduates 2021

The auditorium at TAFE Queensland's Nurunderi campus in Cherbourg was filled with proud students, their friends and family members on Wednesday for the college's annual graduation ceremony.

Certificates were presented to Certificate I, II, III and IV students across a range of subjects, including Community Services, Construction Industry and Rural Support Training.

A special guest was Jenni Butler, the Executive Director Studies for the South West region of TAFE Queensland, who invited individual students into the auditorium to receive their certificates. Campus Co-ordinator Sharon Sippel congratulated the students on their achievements.

"At TAFE, we celebrate successes every day," Sharon said.

"We have celebrated the units of completion, we have celebrated their work placements, the jobs that they have achieved ... we have celebrated engagements and babies; but most of all we celebrate the students and their qualifications that they have worked so hard for throughout the year.

"I am always astounded by their dedication and commitment to further learning."

One of the many highlights of the year was the joint project to construct Cherbourg's new Yarning Circle in Wakka Wakka Park. Construction students joined with Cherbourg Council, CRAICCHS and the Cherbourg community to make the project a reality. Murgon State High School principal Simon Cotton presented certificates to VETiS (Vocational Education and Training in Schools) students from his school.

He said the Nurunderi campus was really important and provided a pathway for many of his students.

There were now 33 students from his school enrolled in VETiS courses, and this would get even better.

Mr Cotton said he had discussed with TAFE introducing a course around the arts.

"Arts is such a strong element of this community and a very good living can be made in the arts, as well," he said.



"I really want to progress that."

A highlight of the graduation ceremony was the Student Address by Certificate III in Individual Support recipient Garth Simpson Jr.

Garth spoke about growing up in Cherbourg, the challenges he faced in getting an education and the fact he "did not give up" on himself.

"Education is so important in life," he said.

Garth stressed that Cherbourg had been built on three key words: respect, sacrifice and resilience (his full speech is below).

After a huge round of applause, Garth was presented with the inaugural Nurunderi Student Of The Year Award.

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## Tyrone Makes his Dream Come True

For self-taught Cherbourg barber, Tyrone Murray, the opportunity to share his skills with young men in the community continues to inspire him through his career and study. Tyrone graduated from TAFE Queensland in December with a Certificate III in Barbering and now runs his own business (Crow's Barber Shop recently opened in Murgon). "I started cutting hair as a young fella – Elders pushed me to go and do it," he said. "I enjoyed cutting hair and wanted to start up my own shop." With qualifications under his belt, Tyrone is already looking to the future where he hopes to secure another Cert and maybe one day become a teacher. "Hopefully one day I can become a teacher at TAFE and encourage young people to get involved, tell them about my journey and how I got to where I am today," he said. Nurunderi campus coordinator, Sharon Sippel, said seeing the hairdressing and barbering students grow in confidence is always a highlight. "Students have had exposure to a wide variety of hair types and styles giving them a strong foundation for entry into the industry," Ms Sippel said. With practical skills developed and confidence boosted, the graduating Nurunderi salon students are ready for the workplace. "I'm so proud I've come this far and got my certificate," Tyrone said. "It makes me feel really good, it makes me want to cry [from happiness]."

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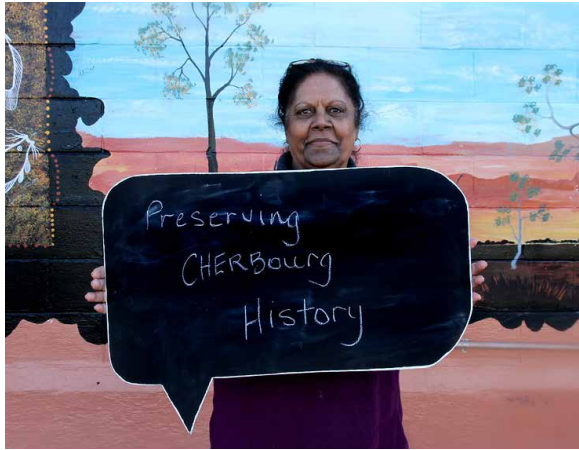


# Preserving our HISTORY



## A Message from Aunty Sandra

Happy New Year to all our friends and loved ones in Cherbourg.



I am happy to advise that the Ration Shed Museum is open to the public in 2022 with some conditions in place to keep our team and community safe during the increased cases COVID19 within Cherbourg and the South Burnett region. Please see our requirements to accept visitors below;

- The Cherbourg Local Disaster Management group requires all residents and visitors to Cherbourg to wear a face mask - both indoors and in outdoor areas. This applies throughout our Precinct. We have face masks available for you to use.
- Visits are by appointment only. Please call 41695753 to arrange an appointment. This is to ensure our team can sanitise between visitors.
- A maximum of 10 people will be able to engage in a guided tour until further notice
- A maximum of 3 people are able to browse the gift shop until further notice
- Visitors will be met at the entrance to our Precinct and welcomed into the museum. A member of our team will register visitors through the "Check in Qld" app on arrival.

We look forward to another positive year, and are proud to have the opportunity to showcase our amazing community. If you are interested in volunteering or joining in with one of our projects, please give the Ration Shed a call. We are always looking for new people to come and be part of the team

Best Wishes  
Aunty Sandra Morgan  
Chairperson



## CRAICCHS Youth Hub Update

Our first week opening The Youth Hub was a success! High numbers of Young People self-referred to the hub and engaged with activities. We had a feed for the Young People every afternoon, along with some team building games and sport. The Young People got used to the hub and began conversations about The Hub Principals.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid outbreak we had to temporarily close the Youth Hub until further notice. During this time, Youth Hub Staff worked hard on developing programs, conducting outreach and organising admin for the return of The Young People. The Youth Hub team also put together hygiene and activity packs for the households effected by Covid. We will be seeing Young People in the coming weeks with reduced numbers and Covid Safety Plans. The team are excited to start running programs with the Young People again.







# Kicking Back havin' FUN



## Summer in the Sun at The Sports Complex

Our 2021 vacation program started off with a bang. With used bikes being donated by local and wider community, and broken bikes at home being fixed by staff and family members at the Cherbourg Sports Complex. The children were so happy and excited to have a bike they could wait to ride it. Along with community police and community members we later talked to the children about road rules and safety when riding their bikes.



In partnership with CTC took 45 children on a day trip to Kingaroy's bike and skate followed by a swim at the pool. The project/program taught the children to work together, share, be safe and show respect their own and other people's property.



Also, before COVID-19 hit our community for a few weeks, we worked in partnership with Queensland Police, Channel 7 and Woolworths for our community children to learn and develop their cricket skills as well as learning new techniques. Their fun activities taught children to listen and follow directions, eat healthy and show good sportsmanship individually and as a team.





## Boxing Taking off in Cherbourg

Cherbourg's Boxing Group is growing and the Cherbourg Sporting Complex has been so busy lately – that our young boxers needed a new shed to house their training.

"Although we had approval and money to pay for the shed, we needed someone to build it," Cherbourg Sports Complex co-ordinator Lavina Dynevor said.

"We are very thankful to Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council for pushing for the new boxing shed to be up, and now we just have to furnish it with boxing gym equipment run it."

Boxing historian Bob Webster, who was part of the push to get the late Jeffrey "Mitta" Dynevor inducted into the Queensland Boxing Hall Of Fame, heard the young boxers' pleas for help calling on his extensive boxing connections to organise for some gear to be sent.

"Thankfully, he helped us with his connections from Madison Sport, in conjunction with the Fortitude Boxing Club of Bowen Hills, and Gym Gear Australia, in conjunction with Force Martial



Arts of Oxenford," Lavina said.

"They kindly donated two boxing bags each and some other gym equipment that was much-needed for the Cherbourg Boxing Group.

"Cherbourg Sports Complex would like to say a very appreciative big thank you to all."

The Cherbourg Boxing Group received 2 x 3ft heavy bags, 2 x 4ft heavy bags and 2 x 4.6ft very heavy bags for the boxers to use in training.

"I feel quite honoured that I was the first one that Lavina turned to for help, because I know so many contacts in the boxing network," Bob said.

"The brotherhood of boxers kicked in!"

Bob said he hoped a "sister relationship" could be built between the Cherbourg Boxing Group and the Fortitude Boxing Club which could include clinics in Brisbane and mentorship.

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Along with sporting activities staff had arts and craft activities going for the children. One activity they were very involved in was the painting of boomerangs and animal cut outs. Which children made shadow boxes and mobiles for their family members.





# Basketball-Netball

## Patty Mills Inspiring our Basketballers

Our Cherbourg Basketball program started in 2021, driven by the support and determination of a small band of volunteers, it attracted the attention of 1st Nations Basketballer Patty Mills and his family “Team Mills Foundation – Indigenous Basketball Australia” who support under privileged families, culture, diversity working to enact change in the environment (since 2020)

Our Cherbourg players have been competing in the local regional competition with some great results which attracted a great amount of early interest, potential support and partnerships.

After hearing about some of the bigger issues our community faces with mental health and young lives being lost to suicide, Benny Hills (Pattys dad) said he was keen to bring IBA team to our community with the intention of supporting our emerging basketballers with coaching clinics and opening supportive pathways.

2021 has seen great results for our players bringing with it positive outcomes as well as encouraging feedback from parents, teachers, and the kids themselves.

We have a long way to go to build the infrastructure and resources to secure a future of our basketball vision, but things are looking good, we look forward to more growth and more sporting legends to add to our Cherbourg sporting history.



## Netball Grows Good for Cherbourg Players

Cherbourg Sports Complex staff have been busy this year encouraging our little ones with team sports, while basketball has taken off in the last year, netball has also been growing in popularity. Aunty Bena Dynevor along with parents and volunteers, was able to take a busload of our enthusiastic youngsters to couple pf carnivals held in Kingaroy, Aunty told South Burnett.com.au the players usually played a mini-competition among themselves at the complex, they enjoyed the opportunity to test their skills against other players.

Lavinia said the “Kookaburras” would like to thank Cherbourg Council and Netball Queensland for their support for the players.

Players travelled from Bundaberg, Chinchilla, Dalby, Gympie and Cherbourg to compete in games for Under 8s through to Under 14s.

At a carnival held in September the our teams had the opportunity (Under 14s, Under 12s, Under 10s and Under 8s) – to show off their new uniforms, sponsored by Cherbourg Council.



# CBG Boys got to BOUNCE



## Snipers to Swift for the Competition

A taste of grand final victory has coach Katina Leedie hoping the passion for basketball will grow in Cherbourg. "I'm really proud, in the beginning, some couldn't even dribble-it's really exciting to see how they've accelerated over the past seven months," she said.

On Tuesday, 30 November Under-15s Cherbourg Snipers snatched a 38-23 victory over Kingaroy Basketball Association's One Shot during the grand finals. Two days later the club's Under-12s team gained a comfortable victory leading with 25 points to the KBA's Hillsborough Farms Thunder's 4. This was the Cherbourg Snipers' first basketball season, with many of the players never having a shot at the game before. Leedie said they focussed on fundamental skills at the beginning of the season such as dribbling and shooting. She was surprised by the sport's popularity despite competing with the rugby league season in a community very passionate about footy. "Despite football going on, it's really good to see how the boys are committed to basketball and developing a love and passion for it," she said. She had no expectations coming into the first season but is keen to see the future of basketball in Cherbourg. "In Cherbourg there is so much untapped talent and no doubt we can put another side on [next year]," Leedie said.

In the 2021 season the Cherbourg Snipers had a full Under-12s and Under-15s team in the competition. There were not enough players for a full team in the Under-18s division, so the Kingaroy Basketball Association split the players across the teams to play alongside the other South Burnett players. Cherbourg Snipers has received huge support and sponsorship from the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire



Council to enable the new club to start up. Volunteers, who are mostly council staff, travel in with the players every week -once every Tuesday with the older players and once every Thursday with the younger players. Leedie explained that the service providers had gone above and beyond to ensure the children get to experience basketball including transporting them to Kingaroy and back, traveling with them, feeding them and providing uniforms each week. "We're hoping to engage with more families to support the kids next year," she said.

The Cherbourg Basketball club were appreciative of the way the Kingaroy Basketball Association had embraced and included their players. The Cherbourg Snipers coordinator said the teams can only grow from this point onwards. "I'm excited to see what happens in the next 12 months, if they've already come this far," Leedie said. "They'll come back to defend their title for sure."

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## League Legend Lends a Hand

A ripper result for Cherbourg's basketball season was made even better when legendary Australian basketballer, Brian Kerle, came to town to inspire young athletes. Cherbourg basketball coach, Katina Leedie, said Kerle's visit helped to create valuable partnerships. "Kerle's visit was about him providing guidance to the young people to fulfill basketball as a pathway, it was to help establish their confidence and achieve goals," Leedie said. The Australian basketballer's impressive legacy spans over decades, since retiring from the game he has dedicated much of his time to mentoring aspiring athletes. "He's so genuine and passionate - he's genuinely there for the people. "The networks he can provide are invaluable to the success of the program," Leedie said.

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# Hornets 2021 Premiers



A rugby league Grand Final clash between Cherbourg and Murgon was always going to ensure a big crowd – and excited fans – at Cherbourg's Jack O'Chin Oval ... and the encounter lived up to expectations!

A big crowd packed into the main grandstand and around the fences to watch the Hornets and Mustangs go head-to-head in the A Grade, as well as the Mustangs take on Kingaroy in Under 14s (see below). There was little love shown on the paddock by traditional rivals Murgon and Cherbourg in the keenly contested A Grade Grand Final with plenty of tough tackling, and several players were binned for 10-minute stints. At full-time, Cherbourg was ahead 40-24 but the final score line didn't reflect the closeness of the game, particularly during the first half. Tyreese Gyemore opened the Hornets' account a minute after kick-off to put Cherbourg in the lead.

Minutes later Paddy Alberts looked to have crossed for another Cherbourg try, but play was called back and a Hornets player was sent to the sin-bin. Murgon took full advantage, scoring two tries – by Arthur Saltner and Maurice Fisher – while the Cherbourg player was off. With 28 minutes to go in the half, Murgon was ahead 12-6 and continued to press their advantage. Cherbourg then looked to have crossed again, only to be called back for a forward pass. But two minutes later, frustrated Cherbourg fans erupted as Thomas Simpson barged over the line and Alex Speedy's conversion evened the scores at 12-all.

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Cherbourg scored twice more – and Murgon once – before half-time. At the break, Cherbourg led 24-16 but the Mustangs were still well in the game.

They tried to strike back after the restart, but their initial push to the Hornets' line was centimetres short. The battle continued for almost 15 minutes before Charlie Bond broke the tension, plucking an across-field kick out the air and scoring in the corner for Cherbourg. Four minutes later, Fred Bell notched up his second try for Cherbourg, which Bernard Hopkins converted.

The scoreline was starting to blow out: 34-16. Murgon scored twice more before full-time but it wasn't enough to cut down the Hornets' lead. The Mustangs kept on attacking until the end, but the scoreline read 40-24 when full-time sounded. Cherbourg tries were scored by Fred Bell (2), Tyreese Gyemore, Thomas Simpson, Errol Simpson, Charlie Bond and Keith Gadd. Goals were kicked by Alex Speedy (3) and Bernard Hopkins (3). For Murgon, tries were scored by Maurice Fisher (2), Arthur Saltner, Jameel Sullivan and Shane Borninkhof. Daron Saltner-Bligh kicked two goals.

