

Cherbourg

Community Newsletter

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We Honour our Loved Ones with Beauty

Standing at the entry to the Cherbourg Cemetery is an impressive new structure installed as a mark of the deep respect and love held for our departed loved ones, a promise to community delivered by our Mayor Elvie Sandow and her council. Mayor Sandow says she was asked by our CEO at the start of her term what were the important jobs she felt needed to be done, "We have to do work on the Cemetery" was her reply.

"We all got loved ones up here, a final resting place and we have to look after it" Response from the community to this latest upgrade has been very positive, overall improvements made to our Cherbourg Cemetery have so far included new bins, toilets, gardens and gazebos, but Mayor Sandow promises "We aren't finished yet, we get a lot visitors come here all year round for sorry business, so we have to look after the Cemetery where all our loved ones are

The overall improvements to the Cemetery have sparked a lot of interest "other councils want to come visit to get ideas" Mayor Sandow explained. CASC also has more than 200 new crosses for the cemetery made up that council are giving away, Community Services Manager Edwina Stewart said "If your loved ones graveside need a new(replacement) cross please contact the community services department to come pick one up or organise"

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Remember Mum with Flowers

Mum deserves extra attention on Mothers Day and this doesn't stop when she has gone. Uncle Eric Law handed out individual roses for those visiting our community cemetery, with help from Council CEO Zala and volunteers from the local AIM Church, 3 buckets of beautiful fresh roses went to those coming for quiet reflection. Uncle Eric said "In our culture, Mothers are the most important people" Not having mum with us for mother's day can bring heartache, but we were able to help a little, with flowers for family's to lay when coming to visit along with some morning tea.



This newsletter is for everyone, if you have events, news or notices for consideration in future editions, send an email to: media@cherbourg.qld.gov.au or drop into our Cherbourg Radio Station or Council Chambers



Cherbourg Health Council

Focus on Cultural Connection, Healthy Babies, Chronic and Mental Health

It has been a long journey from 2020 Community Health Forum held at the Cherbourg Sports Complex, but mayor Elvie Sandow said she along with the other members of the Cherbourg Health Council, were “looking forward to changes in our local health service delivery in our community” following the first official “Cherbourg Health Council Forum”.

Held in March at the Nurunderi Tafe here in Cherbourg, Mayor Sandow said “we need to build that partnership with @CRAICCHS, Community Health, and the (Cherbourg) Hospital”

Four key areas discussed in the forum included Culturally Appropriate Customer Service (as a 1st priority), Mayor Elvie said our mob “need to feel comfortable” when attending the local hospital and health service providers.

The second priority discussed was early childhood, care for our gun-dooos, Mayor Sandow said “we want a focus on healthy babies (the first 1000 days of a child’s life), as well as a focus on the mums”.

Another very big discussion was mental health, something the mayor said will be taken back to community to have “a big input, so we can work together to tackle our mental (health) issues in our community”.

The fourth topic of discussion at this forum was the amount of chronic illness and how lifestyle affects these outcomes.

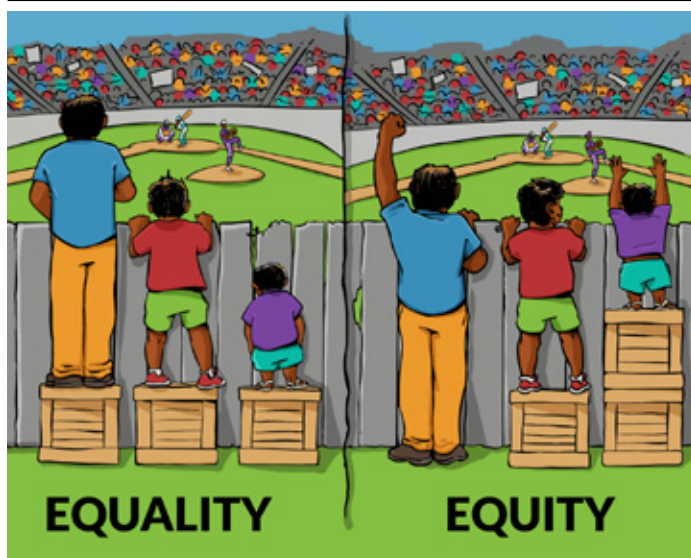
At the end of the forum Mayor Elvie was upbeat on the outcomes, “truths were told about health service delivery and how people were getting treated, we’re going to get answers and we’re going to work together to make this partnership work in our community”

Service providers participating in the discussion joined in making commitments to the Health Council and our mayor to expect seeing differences within the next six months, something Mayor Sandow said she is confident about and will make sure happens.

Moving forward there are now monthly Health Council Meetings.



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Health Equity – Addressing Institutional Racism

This reform seeks to improve Aboriginal peoples’ and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ health outcomes, experiences, and access to care across the health system.

In leading this reform we will ensure that health services:

- o Actively eliminates racial discrimination and institutional racism within health services
- o Increase access to healthcare services
- o Influence the social, cultural, and economic determinants of health
- o Deliver sustainable, culturally safe and responsive healthcare services
- o Work with our people, community, and organisations to design, deliver, monitor and review health services.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact our Health Equity Project Officers:

- o Bede Wilson ph. 0401 879 325 or email Bede.wilson@health.qld.gov.au
- o Natasha Hamilton ph. 0447 634 756 or email Natasha.hamilton@health.qld.gov.au

Listening to our Mob



Sit Talk and Yarn With Me (STaY)

The best suicide prevention starts before someone is even thinking of ending their life. But what can you do if you're worried about someone?

Limit access to lethal stuff:

- Many suicide attempts take place during a short-term crisis, so think about a person's access to lethal means during these periods of increased risk.
- Access to lethal means is a risk factor for suicide.
- Reducing access to lethal means saves lives.

What can you do?

- Lock up anything that might be used in a suicide attempt: safely get rid of unused medicine and lock up what is still needed (you can ask someone to hold onto them), lock up weapons/ropes/electrical cords.
- Talk to the person you are worried about and get them involved in safety planning.

Remember, yarning about suicide does not make it more risky for anyone – it can help bring the risk down!



You can contact these people:

- Will Pitt – 0467 615 604
- Clowry Kennell – 0437 933 467
- Cherbourg Community Health – 4169 8900

If it is an emergency, always dial 000

If you just want to have a yarn and hear your options, you can always call:

- 13 YARN (dial 13 92 76)
(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support line)
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Suicide call back service 1300 659 467



Winter Flu season is here again, good time to go get your annual flu shots and COVID booster at the same time
Vaccinations are at Cherbourg Hospital every Tuesday and Thursday-9am until 4pm

Home visits are available on Tuesday mornings

Visits for elders, disabilities and other vulnerable individuals/families. Get in early to get a FREE "Tackle Flu" shirt with deadly design by Artist Kimberlee Wade, also there are limited supplies of FREE Bluetooth speakers and headphones available for mob getting Flu Shots.

Darling Downs Health
Indigenous Health

TACKLE FLU
BEFORE IT TACKLES YOU

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are more likely to get really crook from the flu which is why they should get their **FREE** flu shot.

Don't miss out on your FREE deadly shirt

If you're Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, 15 years and over, visit the "Tackle Flu" clinic when it is in your town to get your free flu shot and deadly shirt.

You can have your flu shot any time after your COVID shot.

Use the **#tackleflu** hashtag to tag your photos

The 2022 Tackle Flu shirt winning design by artist Kimberlee Wade

Unity in Community

Planting Healing Trees - RU OK?

In March Cherbourg had the first of two annual R U OK Days. Residents planted trees in Wakka Wakka park in commemoration of family friends and community members lost to suicide. Usually, R U OK Day is commemorated by a march through the town, but it was decided on this occasion a tree-planting ceremony followed by speeches of those left behind would be the focus of the day.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council chief executive Chatur Zala said council wanted residents of Cherbourg to know they had not forgotten the loss the community had felt by so many suicides in recent years.

"It's a part of our commitment as a council to the community," said Mr Zala.

"We work with a suicide prevention group called SPAN which is made up of all the elders.

"It's very important to have these kinds of days where all can get together, speak to each other and share their stories.

"The suicide rate is higher for the Indigenous community than the non-Indigenous community. I don't like to compare but that's the reality and that's why we have to do more."

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare reports that in 2020 the suicide rate for Indigenous Australians was more than twice that of non-Indigenous Australians.

The rate for non-Indigenous Australians was reportedly 11.8 persons died by suicide per 100,000 while for indigenous Australians was reportedly 27.9 persons died by suicide per 100,000.

Leighton Costello is one of the councillors for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire.

Cr Costello said that the day isn't just about commemorating the lives of those lost, but also about moving forward.

"It's about asking a family member a friend, if they're down or if they're not themselves just asking are you OK? And giving them the support, they need or refer them onto a service."

"Part of this day's mission is acknowledging that there's a problem here and today is about changing things."



Everyone that attended the R U OK Day felt the gravity of the grief felt by those left behind and the absolute importance of the commemorations. None more so than Aunty Caroline. She was one of those who spoke to the crowd on the death of her son.

"I lost my son to suicide two years ago," Aunty Caroline said. "He actually told me he was going to hang himself, he came to my workplace and told me 'I'm going to get a smoke and hang myself, mum'."

"Me and my two daughters went to look for him, couldn't find him. His cousins found him the next day; he was high up in the tree at his favourite fishing spot."

Aunty Caroline was one of too many who had lost a loved one to suicide.

She said that R U OK Day was an absolute necessity for the community. She also said that she would be returning to the park in memory of her son.

"The one I planted, it was a Burdekin plum tree. It's got my boy's photo on it."

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If this article has raised any issues for you, you can contact 13 YARN (13 92 76)

or one of the Sit Talk and Yarn With Me (STaY) support workers here in community

Will Pitt 0467 615 604 or Clowry Kennell 0437 9333 467 or Cherbourg Community Health on 4169 8900

Looking Forward Looking Back



This Photo taken over 40 years ago



Kindly supplied by Aunty Sandra Morgan

2022 Before



....and now



New Cemetery sign manufactured and installed by Remko Engineering.

Homes for Mob with Needs

Two new homes officially unveiled in Cherbourg in early March, were the last of a group of six promised by Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to help lower the long waiting list for housing. The latest buildings, located in Fisher Street, have been built to cater for disability living. Council had hoped to have all six homes built by the end of 2021 but COVID-19 introduced some minor delays. The other four homes, which are already housing families, are in Fisher, Barber and Carter streets.

CEO Chatur Zala said the latest two houses had been completed to "platinum" standard.

"There's a split-system (air-conditioning) in the living room and a split-system in the bedroom. The quality of the bathrooms and the bedrooms is absolutely top of the quality," he said.

"We have the lawn outside and properly fenced gates. We are very proud." Mayor Elvie Sandow said Council planned to build another six homes during the next 12 months.

It would like to build a minimum of six houses every year, however a new sub-division would also be required as Council was running out of blocks.

Zala said there had always been a long waiting list for houses in Cherbourg. Demand was strong as families expanded.

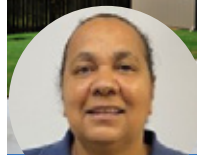
He said Cherbourg Council was also moving to address maintenance issues. Council also recently appointed new housing inspection officer Joanne Simpson to conduct regular inspections.

"We want to lower the maintenance bill so we can use that money to build new houses," Zala said.

Cherbourg Council's works program has been kept busy lately. Mayor Sandow said the finishing touches were being done to the town's water treatment plant, and more work would be going ahead at the cemetery.

But the next big project Cherbourg Council would be tackling was the dump.

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Joanne Simpson
CASC Housing Officer



CASC Encourage Connection to Country

Council Community Services area have tents available for community families to borrow to go camping.

Aunty Edwina says "Council are encouraging our families to get back into getting out on country", go camping, fishing, exploring and practicing cultural ways with gundoods.

If you would like to borrow a tent, drop in and see Aunty Edwina or Wawida at our community services area (next to Lenas Shop) to fill out paperwork





Working for Community

Laptops for Learners

A big thank you to Queensland Investment Corporation for their generous gift of refurbished laptops delivered into the community where they are needed.

In February Cherbourg Radio helped Troy, Andrew and Jacob from QIC to get laptops to our Gundoo Early Learning Centre for their new Community Hub and drop in centre, also laptops went to Councilor Fred Cobbo at Murgon State High School to assist Indigenous year 12 students, Pastor Max will also get a lappy to go with recording and podcasting equipment donated by an anonymous benefactor for future projects on our National Sunday Gospel show... plus the On-Air team at the UsMob radio received laptops to help with their training, development and everyday tasks on the job serving the Cherbourg community.

Station Coordinator Michael Monk, has been working with QIC to bring more devices and opportunities to support community in the future. Michael said the soon to be announced "Laptops for Learners" program will help support and reward students and learners from Cherbourg determined to succeed in the educational pursuits.



POSITION VACANT: CASC Youth Worker

Closes Friday 20 May 2022

Full Time - Fixed Term Contract till October 2024

Salary to be discussed at interview

Reports to: Community Services Officer

Description: The purpose of the position is to ensure the voices of the Cherbourg Community's Young people are heard, represented values and respected. That these voices can nurture progressive thinking and leadership developments promoting positive change within the community. That it may foster relationships between all community generations.

The Council Department of Community services aims to achieve the following:

- Connect Community young people with culturally centered activities and projects
- To provide Council and other key stakeholders with direct and well-informed information on matters relating to young people in the community
- To ensure decisions made reflect the interests of young people in the community
- Lead youth initiatives and projects addressing the needs of young people in the community either alone or in partnership with other services and organisations
- Facilitate the Cherbourg Youth Advisory meetings
- Implement project outlined in the IYCC Plan Qualifications
- Tertiary Qualifications would be highly regarded
- Very good computer skills – Microsoft office, word, excel, publisher
- Working with Children Blue Card
- Qld Drivers Licence
- Experience in youth work preferable
- Experience or willingness to work with Indigenous Community

How to apply

Please forward cover letter and resume to
Hr@cherbourg.qld.gov.au

Got Your Bunya Nuts Here



Bunya Season this year saw community elders treated to a feed of fresh Bunya Nuts, Aunty Sandra Morgan and Uncle Frank Malone put the call out to get these out over a weekend with our elder's 1st priority....and it was our Council works team happy to oblige dropping off Bunyas around Cherbourg.



Funding to Support a Youth Voice to Community

In April the Federal Government announced an investment of \$400,000 in Cherbourg in a bid to help young people improve their mental health and reduce the risk of self-harm. The new grant will support the development of a Youth Advisory Group to administer a range of programs. These include youth leadership workshops, an Annual Cherbourg Youth Festival, an online art store, the Cherbourg NAIDOC Ball, cultural exchanges, and a twice-annual Youth Forum. Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said "The Youth Advisory Group will influence priority projects providing young people with a platform to advocate their concerns and ensuring that they are represented, valued and respected," Mr O'Brien said. "This will be done through a range of activities and by creating networks and partnerships in the community, giving youth a voice and inclusion on community decisions, as well as mentorship." He said the Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture program



FLASHBACK: 2021 Youth Forum
Indigenous Youth Connections to Culture

had been co-designed with the Cherbourg community to improve mental health by reconnecting youth with their traditional culture.

Cherbourg Council CEO Chatur Zala said the \$400,000 funding would allow three years of programs for youth, including mentorship and sporting events.

"These activities are designed to improve the wellbeing of young Indigenous people in Cherbourg, which will build resilience and reduce anti-social behaviour," he said.

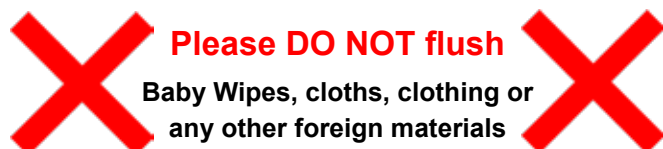
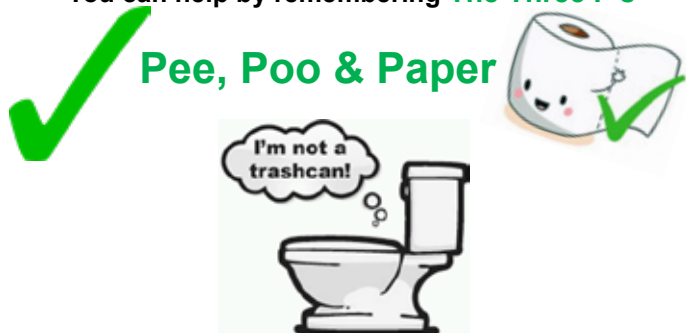
"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Llew for his support to our community to get this very important funding."

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You can help by remembering **The Three P's**



Safety in Style

Our CASC works crew are styling up in flash new custom designed hi-vis work shirts - the made for purpose gear feature badges and logos created with input from team that identify their department, keep an eye out for our "Men at Work"



Law and Order in Focus

Mayor Calls for a Level Playing Field Tackling Crime

Cherbourg councillors were assured by senior police in March of this year that youth offending in the community had actually halved over the past few years. Police Commissioner Katarina Carroll, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Partnerships Director-General Clare O'Connor and senior police met with councillors at the Cherbourg Council Chambers.

Mayor Elvie Sandow said the meeting had been called to discuss law and order in the community, saying "the guys in blue have to start doing their job".

However, Commissioner Carroll said that over the past three or four years, offending in the 10-14 and 15-19 age groups in Cherbourg had dropped dramatically "by 50 per cent". **"The figures are just extraordinary. I get that there's more to be done but please don't be tough on yourselves or the partner agencies that we work with because what has been achieved is actually quite extraordinary," she said.** "We need to be really, really proud of that. We also know that we're not just dealing with just an overnight issue. There's a lot of intense work that needs to be done over an extended period of time."

But Commissioner Carroll's optimistic tone was countered by the councillors.

Mayor Sandow shared her experience of calling police one night when she heard a woman screaming. "Her partner was actually bashing her. I timed for the police to respond and it took 40 minutes," the Mayor said.

"I wasn't going to walk up the road because I was at home by myself. I wasn't going to put myself in danger." The officers present said the reason for the delay in Murgon police responding to this incident would be looked into.

Cr Bronwyn Murray said there was another occasion when police were called five times to an incident in Broadway Street last year but had not attended; she alleged they later arrested someone they had seen on CCTV enter the house who was not involved in the actual situation.

Mayor Sandow emphasised that Cherbourg just wanted to be treated like every other town.

Cr Leighton Costello echoed the complaint, saying police ignored children riding unlicensed motorbikes around Cherbourg without helmets, whereas in Murgon they would be stopped immediately by police.

"They know in the community that they can get away with things; that's why they keep doing it," he said.

"They know that they're going to get a slap on the wrist. That's why they do it."

Cr Fred Cobbo said people were getting sick about what was happening and warned they may start taking the law into their own hands. The Commissioner said police were only one part of the puzzle but she understood more work needed to be done. **She said the QPS would look at staffing issues, but staff were required everywhere, not just in Cherbourg.**

Answering a suggestion that the Cherbourg Police Station be manned 24/7, the Commissioner said that would require another 15 more police officers.



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Other topics covered included:

- The need for more community-based Police Liaison Officers, but the QPS was struggling to find people willing to take on the roles
- Police were frustrated they were called to domestic violence incidents but complaints weren't made that they could act upon. "We need the community to come forward and make complaints so we can do our jobs."
- Improving the relationship between the community and police; there was a perception Cherbourg was treated differently, but Cherbourg police actually liked working in the community
- Expanding more Murgon PCYC programs into the Cherbourg Sports Complex; Cherbourg Council now has been given PCYC funding. Council was planning to hold more programs to keep the children occupied, including weekly movie nights
- Reluctance of some older men, who could be role models, to get Blue Cards because of irrelevant convictions 50 years

ago, or just the long application process. "People self-select out or don't want to expose their histories". However, the Blue Card Unit does visit Cherbourg.

- A new program has been implemented at Palm Island which has replaced private security guards with sworn-in Protective Service Officers – part of the QPS – recruited from the local community. "Crime has dropped dramatically".
- The possibility of getting Cherbourg and Murgon youth involved in a military cadet program
- "Case managing" the small number of repeat youth offenders had proven successful elsewhere

The Commissioner was accompanied on her visit to Cherbourg by Assistant Commissioner Mike Condon, Acting Inspector Don Baillie, Acting Inspector Scott Stahlhut and Acting Superintendent Danny Shaw.

Defence Force Offers Pathways to a Career

Cherbourg Council hosted visitors from the Australian Army in mid-April to discuss possible career pathways into the Australian Defence Force for local young people.

The visit was a follow-up to a meeting between Council and Police Commissioner Katarina Carroll a couple of weeks earlier.

During that meeting the possibility of getting Cherbourg and Murgon youth involved in a military cadet program was discussed.

Cherbourg's proud history of Australian military service, dating back to World War I, was also mentioned.

Colonel Arran Hassell, Regional Indigenous Liaison Officer Warrant Officer Class One Geoff Frew and Major Doc Newman explained the various pathways into the Australian Defence Force.

These included Cadet Units, Reserves and full-time enlistment (for over 18s).

Colonel Hassell said his delegation was on a fact-finding mission to learn how these pathways could be better delivered in the region.

This could include a new Cadet depot or reinvigorating the Cadet Unit at Wondai where youth aged 12-18 could do activities outside of school time.

After the meeting, the trio visited the Ration Shed Museum to meet with young people and Vietnam veteran Uncle Eric Law.



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ANZAC Day 2022 - We Will Remember Them

Cherbourg marked Anzac Day 2022 with a rally and service at the Boys from Barambah Memorial Park.

Uncle Eric Law, who compered the morning, spoke about the community's proud record of service in the Defence Force and how the Aboriginal men who went abroad in World War I returned home to another war, the fight to be treated equally to their white friends.

Deputy Mayor Tom Langton recited the Resolution, the "Boys From Barambah" WWI roll call was read by Aunty Aileen Bell Hegarty, and captains from Murgon State High School read out the names of community members who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and other conflicts. A number of wreaths were laid by students from Cherbourg and Murgon schools and community members.

Cr Kathy Duff laid a wreath on behalf of the South Burnett Regional Council.

After the Last Post and Rouse were played, Rocko Langton's song, "Boys From Barambah", was broadcast to the crowd.



Wakka Wakka

Always Was, Always Will Be

It has been a more than two decades-long struggle for recognition but on Tuesday the 12th of April 2022 Federal Court of Australia recognised the Wakka Wakka People as Native Title Holders over approximately 1178 sq km of land and waters within their traditional country.

The Federal Court convened in a crowded marquee on Jack O'Chin Oval in Cherbourg.

Wakka Wakka people from across Queensland gathered to hear Justice Darryl Rangiah hand down judgments recognising the Wakka Wakka People as Native Title Holders over parcels of land spanning from the north-eastern half of the Bunya Mountains National Park to near Paradise Dam.

The Court heard that Wakka Wakka People had maintained an unwavering connection to country and culture despite a traumatic history.

The history of European incursions into Wakka Wakka country from 1843 onwards were detailed to the Court by Queensland solicitor Craig Reiach, for Queensland South Native Title Services, representing the applicants.

Mr Reiach spoke of the bloody frontier conflict, murder, dispersal of Aboriginal people and the fringe camps established at Eidsvold, Taabinga, Ide-raway and Ban Ban.

Hundreds of Aboriginal people from all over Queensland were forcibly removed from their traditional country and interned at Barambah Mission, later renamed Cherbourg.

Mr Reiach spoke of the "institutional cruelty" fostered by the State and the effects on Wakka Wakka People of 180 years of dispossession of their lands.



IN AN EMERGENCY



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Determination

Handing down his decisions, Justice Rangiah said the court was not “giving” anything to Wakka Wakka People.

“The court is simply recognising what the Wakka Wakka People have always known that this has always been Wakka Wakka land,” the judge said. Justice Rangiah said it was a great pity so many people who had lived through the dark days at Cherbourg were not around to see the judgment. “It is a day to remember your ancestors and the old people who did not live to see this day,” he said.

The judge, who toured The Ration Shed ahead of the sittings, said the history documented in the museum had reminded him of the apartheid regime in South Africa.

“It is a tribute to the culture, to the strength and vitality of the Wakka Wakka people that you continue the same traditions on the same land as those of your ancestors from 50,000 or 60,000 years ago,” he said. Original applicants to the Native Title claims, who had not lived long enough to see the outcome, were recalled with sadness by many of the speakers after the Court closed.

Wakka Wakka Traditional Owner Auntie Patti Bond said it had been a long journey for recognition, through times that had been hard and harsh.

However, Wakka Wakka families had enjoyed each other’s company and continued to go fishing and hunting and learning traditional ways, despite being forbidden to speak their language.

PBC director Auntie Yuna Chapman, from Eidsvold, said the judgment had come about through Wakka Wakka people “staying the course and telling the truth” “However there was still more to be done.

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Teach - Learn Grow

Working Hard for Education

The school-children of Cherbourg are in great hands with our RATEP super-stars. RATEP increases the skills of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers and workers in Queensland schools. The program works by allowing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to study while remaining in their own communities.



RATEP offers Year 11 and 12 and mature-aged students a variety of options towards a qualification to work in a primary school setting. The courses we offer are:

- Certificate III in Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- Diploma of Education (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary) pathways.

This year we have three students enrolled in the Certificate III in Education course, all working to improve their skills in the classroom. Seven students are enrolled in the Diploma of Education course, just one step away from becoming teachers.

Some of our students include:

Uncle Kenny Day has been a Teacher Assistant at Cherbourg SS for 16 years. Uncle Kenny completed a Cert III through RATEP in 2021 and was wondering about retirement, when he decided to enrol in a Diploma. "I first started study to show the younger generation in Cherbourg what they can do. The part of study I have enjoyed the most has been travelling to Cairns for residentials and sharing my cultural knowledge with people from all over Queensland."

Uncle Malachi Wallace has been a Teacher Assistant at school for 8 years and has been encouraged by classroom teachers to start a Diploma. Uncle Malachi says he has wanted to work with children since high school. "The community has seen me grow up here and finish school and now I want to work at the school so I can give something back to the Cherbourg

Aunty Jamie-Lee Wiley is in her second year of a Bachelor of Education and has been learning about teaching Science in the classroom. Last term Aunty Jamie-Lee and the Year 3/4 class learned how to mix chemical ingredients to make slime.



Our RATEP site is open every day at Cherbourg State School, and we are now taking enrolments for the next round of Diploma of Education students. Anyone who enjoys working with children should consider studying with us.

Murgon State School Honors Uncle Pickle

In March, our Cherbourg Radio team were invited to attend a very moving occasion at Murgon State School, the dedication of a "Flame Tree" planted in honour of Uncle Cecil "Pickle" Brown and his legacy to our community. The special event was attended by family and former work colleagues.



The UsMob team then caught up with Aunty Vera and Miss Cassie to have a yarn live to air about the Cultural Learning and Wakka Wakka Language being taught at the school.

Cherbourg State School

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Pop Frank Teaching Culture and Tradition



Pop Frank taught the Year 4 students how to find and use ochre and bush tucker from the land. He also spoke to them about nature and how to identify different rocks. They used the rocks that they found to make ochre powder for their Science Unit.

Celebrating our Mums at Work

"Teamwork makes the Dreamwork"

We celebrated our lovely ladies who are mothers, our administration team and Guidance Officer.

Thank-you ladies for all that you do for your families, our students, staff and community





High School Happenings



ANZAC Day

It was wonderful to see two former Murgon State High School students at the Murgon ANZAC Service this year. Jonte Speedy, currently enlisted in the Army is a 2019 Murgon State High School and Clontarf Graduate. Mark O'Halloran attended Murgon State High School as a student throughout 1991-1994. Mark's current position is Program Integration Manager – Project Currawong for Boeing Defence Australia Ltd.



Jonte and Mark both marched alongside our Clontarf students who attended the service. Both are pictured with Clontarf Academy Director, Ryan Brown. It was wonderful to see 2015 graduate Lance Corporal Samuel Kemp home in Murgon to commemorate ANZAC Day on Monday. Samuel spent time speaking with students and community members about his journey so far. Lance Corporal Kemp joined the 1st Military Police Battalion's Delta Company at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane in July 2019. #mshsproud



MSHS Clontarf Academy Update

Term 1 started off quick with the Clontarf year 12 Leadership camp. The boys eligible for the camp went to Brisbane toured ACU and went to watch the broncos play and climbed the Story Bridge.

The camp was about the boys getting their heads around what's needed this year for them to get where they want to go in the future.

Week 7 seen us take 16 Boys down to Warwick for the year 9 and 10 Clontarf Football Carnival. The boys played well and showed great sportsmanship and beat Palm Beach Currumbin academy in the final by 4 tries. Everyone played well and Jordan Saltner Received the Clontarf Spirit award for the way he showed Leadership on and off the field. He was well supported by Christian Simpson and Tarrell Leedie and Blake Dynevor.

Week 9 was the year 7's to go on their first Clontarf Camp in high school. the boys learnt about teamwork and communi-

cation skills that can help them back in school and in community. Points were given for being on time and winning challenges and I'm proud to say we came away with the win

In Week 10 The Clontarf Foundation were invited to Parliament House to celebrate the success of the program over a number of years in Qld. Clontarf academies from across the state, from Weipa to Goondiwindi were represented on the night. Girra and Shamus had the honour of performing the acknowledgment of country to open the night. Both students represented, their families, their school and their community very well.

Term Two sees the boys going from Goondiwindi to the Gold Coast for a boarder challenge carnival where the boys will play other academies from NSW and Employment work site visits to expand the boys' horizons on where they can strive for after year 12. '

Make sure you keep tuned to the Radio to hear the boys giving you there tip on the NRL and on the Clontarf Footy Show



New Business, Staff & Training



Business Brings Skills, Training and Growth

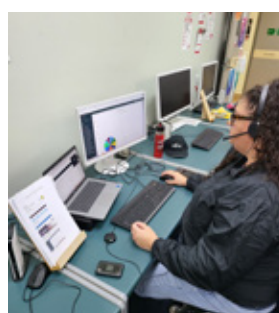
Cherbourg Council Business and Enterprise continues to grow and prosper in our community, which in turn is slowly but surely creating more job vacancies being filled by our local mob. A big welcome to all the new crew and recent starters at our Containers for Change program, Materials Recovery Facility and at our most recent development the new Fujitsu Australia First Nations Service Centre project that quietly kicked off at the local Narunderi TAFE earlier this year. The project, which aims to support the digital transformation of the Cherbourg community, has the backing of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, the Department of Innovation, Tourism and Sport, and TAFE Queensland. The Service Centre is part of a three-year pilot program. The public-private partnership will see the Service Centre staff gain on-the-job training and work towards obtaining Certificate III qualifications from TAFE.

In addition to supplying the equipment for the facility, Fujitsu will also offer its customers the opportunity to contribute by opting to have their support calls attended by staff from the Cherbourg Service Centre.



Fujitsu and Cherbourg Council hopes to grow and increase awareness of the value that First Nations communities have in the talent market.

As the foundation customer, Fujitsu encourages other corporates who are looking to create meaningful social impact and drive digital inclusion to consider the Cherbourg Centre.



**Graham House
Community
Centre**



Cherbourg Office

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 4pm (Closed from 12pm - 1pm)

Centrelink Rural Agent
Assisting Community with Centrelink Self
Service Business



www.grahamhouse.org.au

Skill Centered in Cherbourg

Congratulations to Shanyce on successfully completing your part time traineeship in a Certificate II Business with SkillCentred. After also completing a Certificate I Hospitality in a Skilling Queenslanders for Work program funded by the Department of Employment, Small Business and Training with SkillCentred at the Cherbourg Community Café & Training Centre, Shanyce went on to a business traineeship at Cherbourg Radio before transferring to Gundoo Early Learning Centre, your smile says it all really, wishing you all the best for the future. Special shout out also to the SkillCentered works trainees doing such great work around community, a special thank you for the on-going beautification and improvements at our Wakka Wakka Park





Sports Complex Update

Jam Packed Easter Activities

Easter school holidays program was jam packed with activities for the children at the sports complex, Murgon PCYC and other locations off community. Children got creative with connect to culture with aboriginal art and making mobiles from natural resources while camping at Yallakool at BP Dam. Children also painted library/beach bags for our trip to the Sunny Coast, a highlight of the holidays for both children and adults. Complex staff took about 12 adults and 48 children on our connect to country trip to Gubbi Gubbi Country on the Sunshine Coast. We had morning tea at Muller Park with Sister Lorraine Duncan doing welcome to Country. Children played on swings, and strolled around the park reading plaques marking significant places and people from the area. Following morning tea, we travelled on to Little Rocky Creek to look at some old grinding grooves made many years ago for ancestors sharpening stone axes or grinding ochre for special ceremonies, then moved onto the Glasshouse Mountain Lookout where we learned more about the dreamtime story of Tibrogargan and his family. Final stop was the beach for a swim in the nice cool calm water while the adults cooked BBQ lunch for everyone. After kicking the footy and playing on the swings we headed back home to Cherbourg.



Bullying is Not OK

We held our annual event raising awareness and working to stamp bullying in our community in March. CASC Staff including CEO Zala and Aunty Edwina, Ben from Queensland Ambulance Service and James from Queensland Police Service talked about what the day was about, what bullying may look, feel, and sound like and how children and parents can help, stop bullying in the complex, at school and in the community, attendees were also encouraged to share what they heard about No Bullying at home with their families.

We had lots of fun playing anti bullying games and checking both the ambulance and police vehicles out. No bullying shirts was given as we talked about the council motto "Bullying Is Not Okay at Any Age".



MEMSO =

Men Encouraging Men Speak Out

The MEMSO group is run by the Jeffrey Dynevor and community men, for the purpose of supporting and encouraging men to talk and listen and being there for each other. Meeting every Tuesday at the sports complex with lunch provided.

We yarn and plan weekend day trips away like horse riding at Kilkivan, golf day with sons in Murgon, as well as getting into the community men shed facility to make things for community parks, being part of community events, helping elders and other men/boys in our community.



Connecting in our Community



Gundoo Early Years Place has programs running for everyone on Community. We also have donations of goods for parents/children and offer our services to help anyone if we can't help we will find out who can.

Play Group - Mondays and Thursdays 10am with Painting, Play Dough, Toys, Bikes, Sandpit, Morning Tea, Bus Pick-up Available

Grief Healing Yarn Circle - Wednesdays 10am with Craft Activity each week, Sit, yarn and just "be"

Family Support Services

Donations of Clothing, Baby Goods and Book, Referrals to Health, Hearing, Mental Health

HIPPY Cherbourg - May Update

This year, HIPPY Cherbourg has enrolled 17 families in our Age 4 program. If you would like to be a part, there is no room for a few more families to join!

The cut-off for enrolment is the 31st of May, so please contact us soon if you would like your child to be a part. Your child must be four years old or turning four this year. HIPPY is 100% free with lots of fun activities to do.

There are lots of events and activities planned for our HIPPY families. A Mother's Day event on the 11th of May will have a morning tea and some creative craft-making activities at Gundoo. We're also planning an outing to Australia Zoo in June.

HIPPY Cherbourg/Murgon is also looking to train and employ two more HIPPY tutors this year. You need to have a child enrolled in HIPPY to be a tutor.

This year, Robyn (our coordinator) and our two tutors Serina and Rasheeda travelled to Cairns to attend the Cairns Early Years conference, where we met up with other HIPPY tutors from Cooktown and Inala. We listened to some inspiring talks and stories met many interesting people.

If you interested in joining us, either to enrol your child or to become a tutor our contact Serina or Robyn on : 41683990 or 0456442309 or follow us on Facebook at HIPPY Cherbourg



COULD YOU BE AN 'ON-CALL' FIREFIGHTER?

Are you driven to lend a hand in times of need? Get paid to make a difference – become an Auxiliary Firefighter

ABOUT THE ROLE

WHAT ARE AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTERS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Auxiliary firefighters are casual on-call firefighters who respond to emergency situations when needed. They are members of local communities, everyday people who balance their work, study and family commitments with the 'on-call' role of an auxiliary firefighter.

Our auxiliary firefighters respond to a wide variety of emergency incidents including structural and environmental fires, road accident rescue, swift water rescue, technical rescue and community education, just to name a few.

Our auxiliary firefighters give a commitment to responding to at least 50% of the emergency incidents they are called to attend.

You will be provided with first class training and learn a wide range of skills including firefighting, safe use of specialist and rescue equipment, heavy vehicle operations, various types of rescue, workplace health and safety and much, much more.

In order to make sure our auxiliary firefighters have the required level of training to safely and effectively perform their duties, they are required to attend a minimum of 75% of the planned training.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

The role is both physically and mentally challenging. You'll need to be able to respond when required and be up for dealing with intense and sometimes confronting situations.

There will be periods of intense physical activity; you may need to wear breathing apparatus and protective clothing; you will be working in hot and humid environments and sometimes in confined spaces; you will be met with challenging situations, including dealing with casualties.

HOW TO APPLY?

Anyone who is currently an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident; who has held a manual C class driver licence for at least a year OR holds a manual medium rigid driver licence; is at least 18 years of age can be an auxiliary firefighter.

You also need to have or be eligible for a BlueCard and live or work within a reasonable distance to an Auxiliary Fire Station so as you can quickly respond when required.

ARE YOU ALL IN?

Looking to give back to the community?

Wanting to give meaning and purpose to your skills?

Interested in helping people learn about fire safety?

Want to make a difference everyday?



All applications need to be made online at qfes.qld.gov.au/employment

We recommend you visit your local station if you are interested in applying, they can tell you when they are recruiting.

Your local station

Cherbourg

Contact: Matt Phillips
Acting Area Commander

M 0419 982 112

Email: Matthew.Phillips@qfes.qld.gov.au

EVERY ROLE COUNTS

Auxiliary 'on-call' Firefighter

**ALL IN.
ALL FRONTS.**



International Womens Day



Celebrating our Stong Cherborg Women

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“Strong women” of Cherbourg celebrated International Women’s Day with gusto in late March, with fun, fashion and a fancy lunch in The Ration Shed precinct.

Purple and green are the colours adopted by IWD but date back to the suffragette struggles in England early last century.

They represent strong women, something which Cherbourg has in abundance – a fact pointed out by Council CEO Chatur Zala at the start of proceedings.

The day was organised by Many Threads, a group of women who meet regularly at The Ration Shed to do sewing, craft and support each other. The members proudly displayed their latest creations in a colourful fashion parade in the morning. Guests then adjourned to the meeting room in the old Boys’ Dormitory to enjoy lunch and celebrate the strength of women.

Special messages of support came from former Cherbourg residents who couldn’t make the big day but have gone on to be high achievers in their own fields, including Dr Jackie Huggins AM and award-winning authors Lesley and Tammy Williams. “Break The Bias” was the official theme of this year’s IWD, but the message at Cherbourg was all about being positive and celebrating success.



Keeping up with Recycling Demand = Growth and More Jobs



Containers for Change-Kingaroy /Cherbourg CRP

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Hello to the hard working team at our Kingaroy Containers for Change, we are so proud of your continued expansion and increasing capacity to service the growing demand for recycling in the South Burnett Region and beyond.

Manager Chrissy Beresford tells us they recently had to purchase a bigger trailer to transport containers collected back to the Kingaroy depot due to an increase in the amount customers are recycling (Nanango, Blackbutt, Yarraman). Drop bottom bins for glass have also been purchased to make way for growth at the Kingaroy depot where in the next month or so the team will change the shed around fully and go from having three sorting tables to five, Chrissy has given a shout out to the team at Star Tyrepower Kingaroy, thanks for the job you guys did putting the awning on our ute, a great asset for our Pop Up collection points.

Have you connected with our Containers for Change FB page yet? Head on over, LIKE and Follow to get the latest updates on where and when the Pop-Up Collection Points are coming to a town near you.



Cherbourg Residents

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

Hornets making History



Trailblazers - History makers - Trendsetters

Lynette Brown, Kimberly Barrett and Luella Blair are breaking new ground in their hometown of Cherbourg, as the trio become the first ever all-female committee for rugby league club, the Cherbourg Hornets. Headed by Brown as the chair, the women know they are walking into a “man’s game”, with rugby league the pride and joy of the Cherbourg community, particularly for men. But they also know barriers are there to broken and this history is theirs for the taking. Brown and Barrett were on the committee in 2021 - as secretary and treasurer respectively - with Errol Simpson as president. He had taken over from Uncle Warren Collins, who had held the role for 40 years. But after one season at the helm,

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Simpson had to step down. He saw the potential in Brown and handed over the reins. His reasoning for choosing her was simple.

“He said women just get [it] done,” Brown said, an important message this International Women’s Day where the theme is “gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow”. “He wanted me to have a go. I felt like he trusted me. “I was a little bit worried at first because football’s always been a man’s thing and in our indigenous community it’s about the men mostly. “I thought about how the boys would sort of react to it but so far they have been pretty cool about it. “I feel privileged to be the first female president of the club.”



There are 6 teams playing the 2022 South Burnett Rugby League Competition, Under 6’s, 8’s 10’s 12’s 14’s and Seniors Registrations are still open through playrugbyleague.com.au, if you need support to register call Lynette on 0487755039

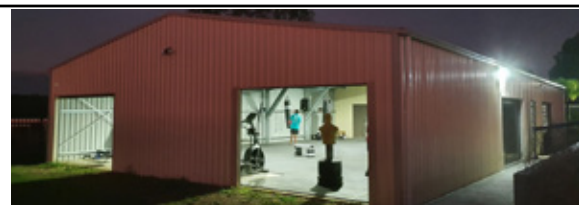


New Boxing Shed makes an Impact

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Cherbourg’s new boxing shed is set to inspire a new generation of boxers while teaching life lessons. A project years in the making and months in construction, Cherbourg finally established a new boxing shed this year. Under the Works for Queensland program, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council were allocated \$150,000 for the boxing shed’s completion. Jim Hawkins is the boxing coach for Cherbourg’s boxing club. Mr Hawkins said the boxing shed was about giving the kids of Cherbourg “... some hope and purpose.” “I’m only here for three days a week but the fact that I’m here for those three days every week is a constant for the kids and [for] some of the kids that’s all they need, something that’s stable in their life,” he said.

Mr Hawkins said the benefits boxing has on the



lives of participants of the sport can be seen in other areas of their lives.

“It makes a big difference in the kid’s schooling as well like most of the kids that come to training are doing well in their schooling,” Mr Hawkins said. “They do the best they can at school and they’re getting consistent good grades... and attendance because it teaches them, life is a constant. You’ve got to go to work one day, and then you’re going to go to work every day... you’ve got to get through that and then you’ve got the weekend to play... those sort of life lessons is something I try and instil in the kids as well.”