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Council Dream Gets Stage 1 Funding

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Years of lobbying by Cherbourg councillors to visiting government officials has paid off, with \$248,929 funding approved to allow planning to start for a new Community Centre and Council Office complex.

Cherbourg's cramped Council building has been obvious when dignitaries – including Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk – visited the community in recent years.

Council hosted another official visit in July, this time by a delegation from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning. They brought Mayor Elvie Sandow the good news that Council's application for funding under the State Government's 2022-24 Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program had been approved.

The funding has been advanced for planning for the "Cherbourg Community Centre and Council Offices" project.

The proposal is to build a new complex in Barambah Avenue.

CEO Chatur Zala said this Stage 1 funding was for initial planning and costing of the new centre.

"This will take us six to nine months of drafting, planning and community

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consultations as to what the centre will look like, what the needs are for the community and the overall funding needed to get the project out of the ground," he said. He said councillors had made it "crystal clear" at their meeting that the multi-purpose centre would have to be able to meet all the community's needs for the next 30 to 50 years.



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



New Water Treatment Plant

Governor Opens our WTP

Cherbourg's days of water woes are finally over following the grand opening of two two-megalitre concrete reservoirs for its water treatment facility at a moving ceremony in June.

Council welcomed locals, neighbouring councils, and the Governor of Queensland to community during Reconciliation Week on Wednesday, 1 June, to officially declare the new reservoirs open. Mayor Elvie Sandow, said the fight to provide our town with clean, reliable drinking water had been underway for some time; following an appeal to Director-General for the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy Clare O'Connor, the State Government investigated further.

"We can't live without water," Ms Sandow said. "In the past, we've had issues with our water, but I can now say that we haven't got that problem anymore." Director-General Ms O'Connor agreed, saying that council's commitment to securing water for its community has been commendable. Access to clean, good-quality drinking water is a human right. In fact, it's prerequisite to every other human right," Ms O'Connor said. "The mayor and council have a very clear focus on the health and wellbeing of this community, and that focus has supported the community through Covid – one of the greatest tests a community can have – and they came through it brilliantly. "That unwavering focus on health and wellbeing is also evidenced by these new water tanks, the pipes and the treatment infrastructure that is being opened to you today," she added.



The guest of honour at the opening ceremony was Queensland Governor, Dr Jeannette Young, who travelled to the Burnett town to open her first-ever water treatment facility. "I'm in awe of what you've achieved, and that I get to come along and celebrate the end of it," Dr Young said to the assembled crowd of locals and dignitaries. "It's particularly special to me because safe drinking water has been one of the things that I've fought for during my time as Chief Health Officer. "To think, just a year ago Cherbourg and the South Burnett were fully drought-declared Shires, and although you're no longer officially in drought it is going to happen again. You know how precious water is – so now you're fine going forward. "This enhanced facility is of such vital importance to your growing Cherbourg community. These dual two-megalitre concrete reservoirs will now mean you've got reliable, clean, safe water well into the future – and that will continue to improve health outcomes for the people here," she added. Dr Young also commended Cherbourg for its resilience during recent crisis events, such as fires, floods, droughts and the Coronavirus pandemic.

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"[This facility is] another positive milestone in the history of your community," the State Governor said. "It's a community that clearly prides itself on its bonds to country and the wisdom of its ancient traditions. "I was pleased to meet with your mayor and councillors this morning and hear of what you are planning for the future. You have great plans. "You've seen incredible hardship and challenges over your history, but despite that it has been a community [where] people have come together and continue to come together (...) to build that true sense with your country," she concluded before unveiling a commemorative plaque on one of the reservoirs together with Cherbourg's mayor Elvie Sandow.

The ceremony also saw performances by Cherbourg's Wakka Wakka dancers, presentations of gifts to the visiting government representatives, and a Welcome to Country by Uncle Eric Law, who praised Council's initiative and support of the community. "It never ceases to amaze me how smart our old people were, because if you look at pictures and you read stories, you'll always find that our old people were close to water, and there's a simple reason for that," he recounted. "With water and fresh air, and living off the country, our mob were satisfied. So, it's a reflection of today that we're talking about water. "I want to congratulate our council. We just think council is there for roads, rates and rubbish – but this council does a little bit more," he added. "To finish this massive job under budget and on time, you all need to be congratulated."



Call Centre Opens

Cherbourgs Inovation brings Job Creation

Cherbourg's trailblazing new community call centre officially opened in May at a ceremony which attracted a mix of Council and State Government officials.

Mayor Elvie Sandow said the project was exciting. "It's the first call centre in an Indigenous community, and I'm very proud to say that," Mayor Sandow said. "Ten local people are employed. We can only build on this ... the sky is the limit!" Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport Deputy Director-General Lea Diffey said the opening of the call centre was a real achievement, which had taken a lot of hard work. "It's the Cherbourg community and Fujitsu that have made it happen and have been the ones who want to see this model expand into regional communities across Queensland," she said. "You're leading the way. It's a tremendous achievement for Cherbourg. "The contact centre will allow and help people to work on country ... it will provide local people with the digital experience and career opportunities that many others have. "And it's owned and operated by the community. The benefits stay right here."

The staff will gain on-the-job training as well as working towards obtaining Certificate III qualifications from TAFE. Nicole Forrester, from Fujitsu Oceania, and Cherbourg mayor Elvie Sandow, centre, cut the ribbon at Nurunderi TAFE, watched on by South Burnett mayor Brett Otto, and Local Government Association of Queensland president Mark Jamieson



Fujitsu is the call centre's foundation customer. "Without Fujitsu we wouldn't actually be standing here today," Ms Diffey said. "Fujitsu have provided not only the first job opportunities but have also provided all the equipment, the computers, headsets and phones to make this dream a reality." Nicole Forrester, from Fujitsu Oceania, said the success of this project would grow corporate Australia's interest in partnering with First Nations' communities. Ms Forrester said there had been one silver lining from the COVID pandemic. "The world has taught us with the right support, digital connectivity, equipment and training we can live work and earn from anywhere on this planet," she said. Ms Forrester said "talent" was no longer defined by geography, it was defined by aspiration for a different future. "The future is bright," she said.

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Three GREEN Lights for Cherbourg

It was a busy day, hosting a joint council meeting with the LGAQ President and Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson (accompanied by CEO Emma Thomas) the day included the official launch of the Fujitsu Call Centre at Nurunderi Tafe..... AND.....something to celebrate. We were advised Cherbourg Council has three Green Lights for financial management in a report from the Auditor General. On 11th May 2022, QAO report was presented to parliament on audit results of local governments that ranked all Councils in Queensland as either high, medium, or low risk. Cherbourg has been rated a low risk. That is a great result.



We wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our management and CASC team members, associates and stakeholders who have taken this journey with us, we couldn't have done it without you.



2022-23 CASC Budget

Community Driven Vision for Budget

Six new houses, major upgrades to other houses and building a footpath from Cherbourg to Murgon are some of the highlights of Cherbourg's 2022-23 Budget.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Chatur Zala said the Budget, formally adopted at the Cherbourg Council Chambers in mid-June, had been driven by the community and was firmly focussed on community needs.

The main focus of the \$21.9 million Budget is on infrastructure projects and finding ways to ensure Council's service levels are maintained into the future.

In the coming year, Council will spend \$3.5m on building six new houses, \$1.74m on major upgrades to existing houses and \$1.55m on routine housing maintenance.

It will also invest \$2.36m on a concrete footpath connecting Cherbourg to Murgon; slightly more than \$1m on the town's solid waste facility; and \$229,000 on the artificial intelligence technology project at the Materials Recovery Facility.

Community services such as Cherbourg Radio, the Indigenous Youth Culture Connection Program, the Community Support Grants Program and sporting and recreation programs will be funded from \$1.034m in grants from State and Federal governments.

Council will also spend \$1.63m on essential services such as water supply, sewerage and parks and gardens to ensure Cherbourg residents receive a service level equal to that of any other town in Queensland.

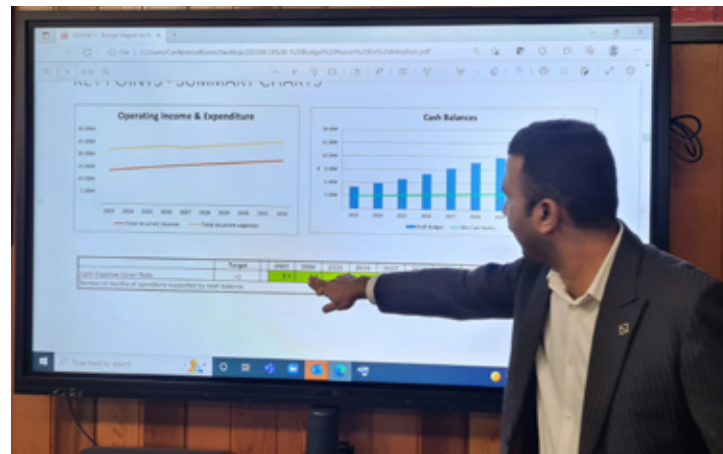
Councillors will receive a 2 per cent pay rise and Council staff 3 per cent. But in a measure designed to help meet rising cost-of-living pressures, rents have been frozen. Cherbourg residents will pay the same rent during the next 12 months as they did during the past year.

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Southern Mayor Alliance

Queensland Indigenous Mayors from Palm Island, Woorabinda, Cherbourg and Yarrabah have joined forces in a bid to match the voice of their counterparts on Cape York when it comes to funding, especially for housing. Mayor Elvie Sandow says the northern group of mayors – known as TCICA, or the Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance – wasn't catering for their needs and the cost of participating, with airfares, etc, was too high. "Overcrowding and homelessness," she said.

"A lot of our community people want to come back home now because the cost of living has gone up,". "Every day, my Council, my CEO will tell you, we get that pressure every day. "We can't even go to the supermarket, we're getting cornered by people, 'I want a house'." She said two of the four communities – her own and Yarrabah – were not classified as remote, adding to their difficulties. "We have got the same issues as the remote communities, and we do need more housing in our community". "I want to achieve, and I think the rest of the mayors would agree, is I think we need the same funding allocations right across the board to each and every community, to be fair."



CEO Zala admitted rents would inevitably rise in future but said Council would give residents at least six months advance notice to minimise any hardship this might cause. In 2022-23, Council expects to receive \$1.44m from its Materials Recycling Facility and Containers For Change, \$400,000 from the joinery, \$200,000 from its newly established call centre and \$50,000 from its cattle and produce farm.

These Council-owned enterprises are also generating more local jobs, with the Council's workforce expanding from 80 employees to 130 during the past year.

The Council will also receive \$1.18m from community housing rental income, and \$785,000 from service charges. The CEO said Council would continue to manage its operations within tight constraints but hailed the Budget as a "community-driven" victory.

"Thanks to Council's commitment to thorough financial planning, Cherbourg's community will see a range of improvements in the years to come," CEO Zala said



Cherbourg CEO Zala Chatur said the formation of the new southern alliance was an opportunity to be heard. "I think it works as a very good advocacy with four mayors, when you speak to prime minister and premiers,". The first face to face meeting is scheduled for the late August 2022 "I am very excited for our first Southern Alliance meeting" Mayor Elvie said "I think it's a long time coming and maybe we will start getting some more funding for housing,".

Story by Christine Howes, with thanks to Koori Mail

New Skate Park a Big Hit with Cherbourg Youth

Cherbourg's long awaited new skate park has finally opened, and the huge project on Fisher Street has our local Skate boarder and Scooter fans rolling up a storm.

With a lot of help for our SkillCentred works trainees who did a great job getting the ramps bolted into place and the park is ready to roll. SkillCentred does a great job to helping give "a leg up" to disadvantaged youth, long-term unemployed people and Indigenous communities across Queensland, the trainees learn the tools of the trades they are interested in, or how to get into hospitality, retail or business work through a variety of certificates, courses and workshops. We are proud of our local Skill Centred trainees and the steps each individual is taking to secure a better future for themselves and the community they live in. Situated on Cherbourg's Fisher Street, within walking distance to the Les Stewart Snr Sporting Complex. We have still got some finishing work to do, landscaping and artwork etc... but already the new skate park has seen a lot of families enjoying the space, workshops with Chiggy's Skateboarding as well as the regular CTC Youth "Hangs" every 2nd Thursday.



LOOK OUT for our "Illegal Dumping" Hero

Cherbourg Council is pleased to announce we have been awarded a grant for a 12-month program to combat Illegal dumping in the community.

As part of this program, Council is conducting a major cleanup of the TIP facility.

We have also engaged Uncle Garthy as our "Litterbug Hunter" helping with the day-to-day management of the tip and inspecting the community for Illegal dumping.

Council appreciates the community's patience as we commence this new process.

The long-term GOAL for council is:

- NO illegal dumping in the community and
- A BETTER organized TIP with areas clearly set aside for specific waste types

So, help Uncle Garthy by always putting your rubbish in the bin and when using the TIP putting your rubbish in the right area





History in our Memories

Cherbourg Girls March into History

The young boys had cricket and football, but what about young girls? In the late 1950s and early 1960s, they were marching! The marching girl craze was big all-around Australia, but it was especially embraced at Cherbourg which was then still a tightly controlled Mission.

The girls, many of whom were living in the Girls Dormitory, jumped at the chance to enjoy a bit more freedom, competing in local competitions in Kingaroy, Murgon, Maryborough, and Dalby but also at championships in Brisbane, the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.

They took part in the South Queensland State Championships and then the National Championships in Brisbane in 1959 where Cherbourg teams finished in 2nd and 3rd place in different events in the Midget competition.



By 1959, there were four teams with new names: the Imparas, Dulkaras, Merindas and Magarras. The former marching girls have kept in touch and gathered together for several reunions a few years ago, where the idea for a book was hatched.

Aunty Lesley said there had originally been about 80 marching girls but sadly many had died over the years. Forty candles were lit at the book launch and a minute's silence held in memory of their former colleagues.

"But we know they are watching over us. They are here today in spirit," Aunty Lesley said.

The book was officially launched by Cherbourg "Champion", the Director-General of the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy Clare O'Connor.

Clare said readers would "laugh and cry" when they read the book. "It's a story of major achievement, a story of sisterhood," she said.

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They also had the opportunity to march at local shows and even visited Melbourne to march during the 1962 Moomba parade, where one of the young girls, Allyson Tears, celebrated her ninth birthday and even made the front page of the The Age newspaper!

A book detailing this almost forgotten part of Australian history was launched at The Ration Shed in Cherbourg on in late June this year.

"Marching With A Mission. Cherbourg's Marching Girls" was authored by former marching girl Aunty Lesley Williams, University of Queensland researchers Murray Phillips and Gary Osborne and members of The Ration Shed's Marching Girls Book Committee (Sandra Morgan, Jeanette Brown, Ada Simpson and the late Bevan Costello).

Former marching girls were interviewed, and their stories collected for the book, which has been published by The Ration Shed with support from the State Government.

There were originally two Cherbourg marching girls' teams in 1957, the Fusiliers (a senior team) and the Mariners (juniors).



Bertie Daylight, Jasper Gray and Morris McKenna at the 1956 Easter school camp at Nungahy Creek, Oakey, Aug 9 1956

Protecting our Culture and Stories

Update from Cherbourg Historical Precinct

After a long hard winter we're feeling the early breaths of spring and, looking forward, the new season offers exciting change and growth to the Cherbourg Historical Precinct, the Ration Shed Museum and the Hippy Early Years project. Some welcome funding sees us in a position to employ a General Manager with responsibility to take the Museum, Archives, Arts and Pottery, Many Threads projects to a new level. We will also be employing an Arts Manager with a specific focus on improving our output, increasing community involvement with the arts and getting our wonderful artwork out into the world. This will benefit from another innovative project: coming soon will be a digital online shop space to the artworks, crafts, videos and publications. The Many Threads project is powering ahead; look out for their fashion show soon.



Yidding Art Studio



Serina Tapau

Our HIPPY project also continues to grow and thrive. We have 35 families enrolled in the program and employ four tutors. Serina Tapau, one of our tutors, is training to become the HIPPY Coordinator in 2023. Serina is passionate about HIPPY and early years education. She has seen first-hand the difference it has made to her children's education and their love of learning. We're all so proud of Serina, a single mum of four children who has found the time to study for a Diploma of Education and train for the HIPPY role.



Pop Eric Law yarning to Cherbourg State School Students



Natasha and Mayleah with Lionel Fogarty



Christopher with his deadly HIPPY painting

In 2023 HIPPY Cherbourg will be rolling out Age 3 for families. We'll keep everyone posted about enrolment opportunities and are hoping more families will join Serina and enrol in our deadly HIPPY program.

As always the Ration Shed and its projects is open to all community members; we encourage you to get involved, follow your passion, make a contribution and build our beautiful community.



A Good Start at Gundoo

National Children’s Day in Cherbourg



Gundoo Early Childhood Learning Centre Director Jacqui Tapau believes early childhood is when education has to start, so she and her staff were delighted to host this year’s another successful National Children’s Day event. “We talk about education is important, early childhood education is where you got to start,” she said. “Because these kids, you know, we got all these social issues, and we talk about getting these kids and transition them into school. “This is where we got to start”. “At the moment we have about 40 children registered for long day care, and we’ve also now included the Early Years Place, which is an integrated service that targets young moms to engage in early childhood education. “That means that they don’t have to come into long day care, they can come and join in the playgroups, participate in some of the programs around positive parenting, autism and FASD. “We’re just looking at growing up strong kids. “That’s some of the things we offer here, not only our young moms, but our older moms as well, or grandparents who look after their grandchildren.”



She said she was excited about Children’s Day, which for them was a very cultural day. “Today is Children’s Day and it is exciting, because we want our children to grow up to be strong little Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and proud of who they are, and their identity,” she said. “Due to COVID, we put it off for a few years, but this year we thought, no, let’s go ahead and have it. “We got a lot of young staff members here, so I’ve handed the reins over to them to organise. “They’ve been good, they’re our future, our upcoming leaders in this community, so I wanted to give them that responsibility to organise this and engage with our families.”

Story by Christine Howes, with thanks to Koori Mail



Carmelia Cobbo - Cherbourg Proud & Strong

Say hello to Carmelia “Mello” Cobbo, a proud Wakka Wakka and Kabi Kabi woman from Cherbourg. She is the second oldest of 11 children to Cassius Cobbo and Joanne George. Mello started her educational journey at Cherbourg State School as a very quiet and shy kindergarten student and went all the way through to year seven.

Mello later attended Murgon State High School, but due to personal struggles she was unable to complete year 12. Years later, Mello approached Aunty Jacqui at our Gundoo Early Childhood Learning Centre looking for relief work.

Mello now has a casual position and is enrolled in a Cert III in Children Services Child Care. She aspires to pursue her Diploma in Early Childhood Education and is committed to her educational goals. Mello has set a long-range goal to be a lead educator at Gundoo Early Childhood Learning Centre, exploring innovative and creative ways to embed foundational education within our young people. Mello is a valued member of the Gundoo family, who contributes to the targeted outcomes of our Centre, playing a big part of the culture we aim to establish in our community. We are proud to celebrate Carmelia and acknowledge her achievements. Her journey is important to the Centre and her continued individual growth and progress are steps towards a sustainable community. Camelia is be a shining star, a great example, we look froward to celebrating all her future success and achievement

Gundoo Early Learning Centre



Monday & Thursday

10am to 12pm

Babies to Five (5) Years

Everyone Welcome

Toys - Play Dough

Books - Bikes

Learning Thru Play

Bus Pick Up Available – 0498 050 683



In late May Gundoo Early Years Learning Centre Hosted - The D.V. Awareness Pampering Day, community came along for a morning full of self-care and pampering. Special Mention: Aunty Hazel Kelly, Jacqui Tapau and the workers at Gundoo, Service Providers: Alicia Pigeon Hair Salon - Candence did beautiful work with the ladies facials & waxing, TAFE Qld Hairdressing Students haircuts, and straightening, CTC gave relaxing massages, Sgt Allison from QPS Cherbourg and to the Community members who came along for a good morning of stories, smiles and catching up



Grief Healing Yarn Circle

Wednesday 10am onwards

Come Sit, Yarn and Heal whilst doing a craft project.

Share your love and your pain with others to help you heal



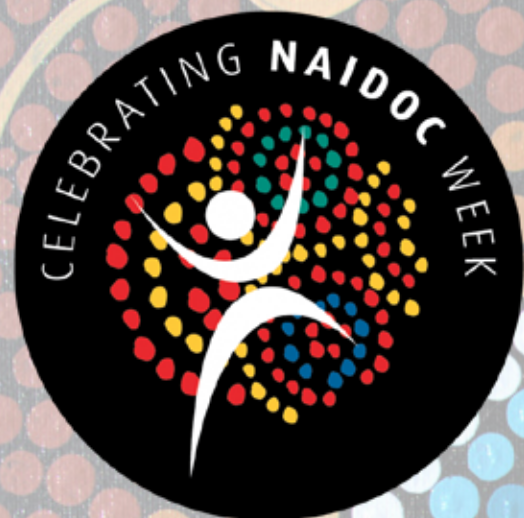
“I want to thank you and the ladies for being there for me. I found our gatherings have helped me a lot through my grief.”

Cherbourg Ladies Get Pampered





Lifetime Community Services Award
Bevan Costello Snr



GET UP! STAND UP! SHOW UP!

NAIDOC 2022

Artist In The Community
Natasha Duncan accepted the Artist In The Community award on behalf of Peter Carlo Snr



Organisation Serving The Community
Crows Barber Shop



Elders In The Community
Uncle Eric Law
Aunty Patti Bond and Uncle Michael Bond

Rain may have stopped NAIDOC Day being held in Cherbourg's Anzac Memorial Park, but it didn't stop people from heading up to the Sports Complex for a big day of celebrations. The theme for this year's NAIDOC is "Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up", and show up the community did, to witness the announcement of Cherbourg Council's annual NAIDOC awards, enjoy hot food and coffee, browse stalls and watch the Wakka Wakka Dancers in action. There was even a jumping castle for the children, squeezed in under cover. Deputy Mayor Tom Langton shared the NAIDOC message for 2022: "We have a proud history of getting up, standing up, and showing up. "From the frontier wars and our earliest resistance fighters to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities fighting for change today, we continue to show up. "Now is our time. We cannot afford to lose momentum for change. "We all must continue to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! for systemic change and keep rallying around our mob, our Elders, our communities. "Whether it's seeking proper environmental, cultural and heritage protections, Constitutional change, a comprehensive process of truth-telling, working towards treaties, or calling out racism, we must do it together.

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"It must be a genuine commitment by all of us to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! and support and secure institutional, structural, collaborative, and co-operative reforms. "It's also time to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations—they have been the heroes and champions of change, of equal rights and even basic human rights. "Getting Up, Standing Up, and Showing Up can take many forms. "We need to move beyond just acknowledgement, good intentions, empty words and promises, and hollow commitments. Enough is enough. "The relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non Indigenous Australians needs to be based on justice, equity, and the proper recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' rights. "Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! with us to amplify our voices and narrow the gap between aspiration and reality, good intent and outcome.



Acknowledgement Awards:
Cherbourg Radio Station
Gary Simpson Snr
Elizabeth O'Chin



Elders In The Community
Uncle Frank Malone

Special Achievement Awards
Jamie-Lee Wiley
and
Bobbie Sandow



Youth In The Community:
Award accepted by Christine
Stewart on Behalf of
Vincent Law Jnr



Community Services Award
Jeffrey and Lavina
Dynevor

**Sportswoman
in The Community:**
Christine Watson



Sportsman in The Community:
Selwyn Cobbo

Every Day Counts

Clontarf Boys Academy Term 3

Term 3 started off with a bang for the Clontarf Academy as we were lucky enough to Get tickets to the 3rd Origin at Sun-corp through Coates Hire.

The boys who regularly do the Clontarf footy show were chosen to have first crack at the tickets and were excited to see Clontarf Alumni and Cherbourg Boy Selwyn Cobbo play.

Week 2 seen the seniors travel to Toowoomba for the annual Clontarf Employment Forum where partners and business team up to show the boys what is available to them after school and what pathways they need to take to get there

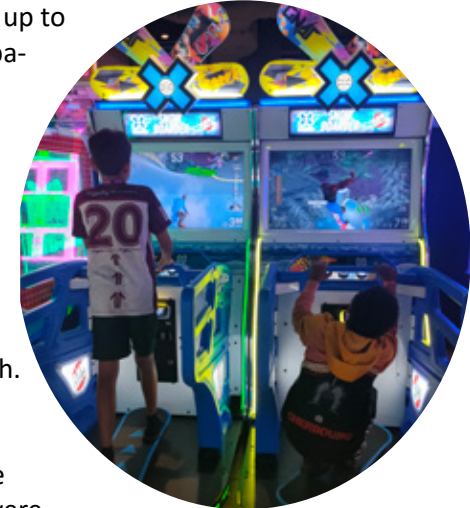
Week 4 Clontarf Staff from around the country held their annual staff PD to discuss and brainstorm as well as workshop and attend seminars.

Week 5 it was the Year 7 and 9's turn for their Wellbeing camp held on the Sunshine Coast. The day started with Lunch and Basketball at Perigian Beach then onto set up camp at Diddillibah. Once Tents and Swags were set up the boys had access to the awesome slides, Jumping pillow and Mini Golf which Joey Smith came away with the win. After Supper we had a yarn around the campfire about gratitude and what future pathways. The boys were tucked out and all asleep by 9pm. As a reward for good behaviour and participation in the camp the boys went and had a blast at Timezone before we loaded up the bus and headed home.

Week 7 the 9 and 10 cohort are off to Brisbane to do a Partner Visit with Rio Tinto before going to watch Selwyn play the Eels. On the Friday they will head to the Gold Coast and Compete against the other Clontarf Academies in Beach Rugby's

Week 8 the Year 12's are headed on their Snr Trip for which they have earned from all the years they have been and engaged in Clontarf. In Year 11 the boys are asked and then help plan where they want to go in year 12. The boys chose skiing, so we are off of Perisher and Canberra for week of rewards and partner visits, employment talk and Australian War Memorial.

Week 9 is the Basketball carnival in Toowoomba where Clontarf Murgon will send 2x Jnr teams and 1 x Snr team to compete against the rest of the Darling Downs Academies. 2 of the boys will also have the opportunity to go to the Western Cape Shield in Weipa where they will play footy with a darling downs side being sent up but also explore the beautiful country up the top of Australia.



Cherbourg State School

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WE ARE SAFE

NGARINGA YA-OR NGAN'YA



PBL Rewards Day - Gold Level trip to Barambah Enviromental Education Centre



Yeat 5 and 6 having a blast at STEM Gala Day Visit to Murgon State High School



Cherbourg and Murgon State School Year 5 boys Clontarf Bunya Mountains Trip and Camp





UPDATE FROM THE BARAMBAH YOUTH SERVICES HUB

Available services have continued to expand at the Barambah Youth Services Hub (previously the Murgon Cherbourg Youth Hub)! The Barambah Youth Services Hub is located on Gore Street, Murgon (up from the Murgon State High School administration building), with services available **to all youth (aged 10 to and including 24)** across the South Burnett.

A wide range of services are available at the Youth Hub to meet the health, wellbeing, and social needs of young people. The current service schedule is detailed below.

A variety of workshops, to provide skills and training to young people have been delivered from the Youth Hub during 2022. These have included the

Rural Health Skills Expo (Southern Queensland Rural Health) and a Mental Health Workshop (facilitated by Mindskills North).

The first Youth Hub Services Expo was held in May 2022. This fantastic event was attended by twelve service providers, with all students at Murgon State High School having the opportunity to engage in activities and explore the services available at the Youth Hub. Plans are underway for this to become an annual event. Special thanks to all the services that participated and supported the day, including those that provided food (CTC and CRAICCHS) and Cherbourg Radio (for their live broadcast).

The winners of the Youth Hub art competition were also announced at the Services Expo. Thank you to Wondai Art Gallery and the Ration Shed Museum Artists for their assistance with judging, and to South Burnett Regional Council for supporting prizes. Outstanding talent was evidenced across the categories, with the art work currently decorating the Youth Hub.

Congratulations to the art competition award recipients:

- Category 10-14 years: First Prize – Alkyra Murray, High Commended – Antonia Weazel.
- Category 15-18 years: First Prize – Kyle Petty, Highly Commended – Marindi O'Chin.

On 12 August 2022, the first Careers Expo was held at the Barambah Youth Services Hub. Over 20 organisations and business participated in this event. Students from Murgon, Cherbourg, Proston and Goomeri engaged in activities and presentations, and were motivated to consider their future career options. Thank you to all the services and organisations that supported this event, including those that provided food; Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, South Burnett CTC, Swickers, and Alliance for Wellbeing. Students were also able to experience media and digital careers, through the Cherbourg Radio live broadcast of the event, and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council digital industries.

Upcoming Programs and Events:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid training for community services and organisations – **19 October 2022 and 26 October 2022**. The Youth Hub is currently accepting registrations for this course, with a maximum of 20 participants in the program.
- CTC will commence delivery of the **"Ready for Work"** program from the Youth Hub in October 2022! Referral and program details will be provided in the coming months.

Please contact the Youth Services Hub if you have any questions or require support accessing a service:

Telephone: 41 729 728
Email: BarambahYouthServicesHub@qed.qld.gov.au
Opening Hours: 8:30am - 5.00pm, Monday – Friday (inclusive of school holiday periods).



New Community Health Council Making Progress

Our new Cherbourg Health Council met again with representatives from Darling Downs Health in early August.

Mayor Elvie Sandow took a moment to firstly acknowledge the tireless work and commitment in supporting our community by the teams led by Darling Downs Health Director Indigenous Health Rica Lacey and Public Health Physician Dr Katie Panaretto.

When the meeting got under way, we then heard a progress update and actions on consultation and direction from the health council based on feedback from community, who are calling for dramatic improvements along with culturally appropriate and equitable local health services for mob. It is acknowledged there is a lot of work to be done, but we feel we are being

heard, hopeful progress for positive change will be made on deadlines and commitments to a roll out of strategies.

As always there was much passionate discussion and calls for action on concerns, sensitive issues, and frustrations that were heard and noted.

Progress reports tabled included proposals and commitment for developing alternative complaints processes meeting the needs of community and a promise to action any complaints within five days. Discussion also ran to recommendations on how to improve the waiting areas, customer service and facilities at our Cherbourg Hospital.



- **Better Coordination of care between services**
- **Indigenous Liaison Officer/s as first contact and on call at hospitals**
- **Improved Perinatal Support**
- **Supported career pathways for mob interested in getting into health care**
- **Interagency case conferencing of complex chronic disease patients**
- **Improved early Child Health care support at our local schools**

There is still a lot of work to be done along this long road that we must travel, but we will continue to put one foot in front of the other so that we can lay the foundations to a brighter and healthy tomorrow for future generations and elders to come.

Keep your community SAFE

Use a needle container

Used needles are dangerous.

When not thrown away properly, they can cut and infect others. Always put your used needles in a needle disposal container, close the lid and place in a wheelie bin or the big yellow sharps bin at the front of the hospital.



REMEMBER



If you want more information or any help with your substance use, call AODS – 4169 8929



Not Now, Not Ever

There's Always Someone You Can Talk to

There were bagpipes, children, dogs and laughter, but this years DV march through the streets of Cherbourg had a very serious message: domestic and family violence, not now, not ever! QPS Pipes and Drums band members travelled up from Brisbane to lead the annual march, followed by Cherbourg residents and schoolchildren. The march began at Cherbourg State School after short talks to the students by Cr Leighton Costello and Cr Bronwyn Murray. Cr Murray, who is involved with the Uniting Care Safe House in Cherbourg, had an important message for the youngsters: "There's always someone you can talk to!"

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It could be an aunt or uncle, another family member, a teacher, police, staff at the hospital ... But she also had an important message for the adults present: "Please be open to these children!" Listen to them, don't shut them down if they come to talk to you ... The marchers headed down Fisher Street, up Marshall Street and down Broadway Street before turning into Barambah Avenue and heading back towards the school. The annual event aims to raise awareness in the community, and there's not doubt that this one did! As they marched, many local residents watched on from their verandahs and porches, drawn to the sight by the sound of the bagpipes.

\$13k for Cherbourg Mens Shed

Cherbourg Men's Shed received a \$13,000 grant from the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program.

In early May, Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien visited the men's shed to announce the funding, which will enable the group to buy a mobile timber saw mill. The bandsaw mill will allow community members to collect timber from the local area and building sites that would otherwise go to waste and turn it into creative products ranging from chopping boards to picnic tables.

"The Cherbourg Men's Shed plays a valuable role in the local community, providing a social outlet for men to get together and have a yarn, and find support while also picking up new hobbies or skills," Mr O'Brien said. "This grant for a mobile mill will enable them to source their own timber rather than purchasing it, which reduces waste and will also reduce the costs of this volunteer-run organisation." Cherbourg Men's Shed director Wayne Farrell thanked Mr O'Brien for the assistance.

"This will make a big difference to the Shed because we'll be able to get timber like iron-bark more easily for projects like making picnic benches for community areas, and it gives our younger members a way to get involved,"



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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



Cherbourg Recycling Business on the Grow

A big hello from the team at our Kingaroy Containers for Change CRP (Container Refund Point)

Our growth in the wider community outside of Cherbourg, has been amazing with customers coming from as far as Gayndah, Cooyar, Inverlaw, NSW, Miles to just name a few. Depot Manager

Christine Beresford said "We are a Cherbourg Council run Business situated outside of Cherbourg with passionate, dedicated, honest staff providing this service in the big space of recycling" Having the CRP helps get money back into the community and helps fund all different charity groups, sporting clubs and individuals like Help Hudson Hear and the Ronald McDonald House, Ration Shed.

We still have the **Pop Ups in Nanango, Blackbutt and Yarraman** which operate Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am to 1pm at Nanango, Tues 9am to 11am at Blackbutt and Wed 10am to 12pm at Yarraman.

Increased demand has seen us go from having three counting tables in our Kingaroy shed, now up to five.

If you would like to catch up or follow our continued growth, find us on Facebook, like or follow the Kingaroy and Cherbourg CRP's. See you soon!

Help Hudson Hear
28 Jul

A big shout out to the team at Kingaroy containers for change depot which is run by the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council. Hudson got to meet the team while he was on Holidays In Kingaroy. A massive thank you to Tom and Ev Magee (Hudson's Grandparents) for organising the collection and drop off.

Containers for Change-Kingaroy/Cherbourg CRP



**Thursday
15th
September
2022
3pm**

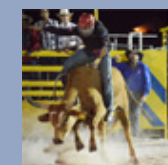
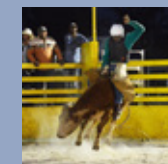
Jack O'Chin Oval
Vincent Law Way,
Cherbourg

Nomination Categories & Fees

7-12yrs Mini Bull Ride	7-12 yrs	\$5.00
Under 15 Mini Bull Ride	12-15 yrs	\$10.00
Under 18 Bull Ride	16-18 yrs	\$10.00
Open Bull	16 yrs+	\$20.00
Poly Buckjump	16 yrs +	\$20.00

Nominations close at 5pm on the 14th September 2022
Nomination Forms available at Council office
Payments to be made at Council office

****Riders over the age of 40 must have a medical clearance from the doctor ****



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For more information contact
Edwina Stewart
Ph: 4168 1866

Rodeo Time Bringin'out the Cherbourg Cowboys



Cherbourg Cowboys and Cowgirls are getting ready to saddle up for this years Memorial Rodeo named in honour of the late great Bevan Costello Snr. Damien Bond took a team of riders up to the Mt Isa Rodeo where local Bowman Button took out 2nd place in the Bare-back ride with 63 points. Nominations for this years Cherbourg Rodeo are available now form the Cherbourg Council Office



Bow Button Jnr at Mt Isa Rodeo 2022 Picture Credit - Stephen Mowbray





A Brighter Future Starts with the First Step

Another Qld Great from Cherbourg

A Community Elder born and raised in Cherbourg has joined the ranks of “Queensland Greats”, people or institutions honoured on Queensland Day for their social, scientific, health, environmental or cultural contributions to the State.

Uncle Albert Holt’s honour was announced during the 22nd Queensland Greats Awards at Brisbane City Hall on Monday, June 6.

Uncle Albert, a Bidjara man, was born in 1936. He was the first Senior Indigenous Queensland Police Liaison Officer, joining the force in 1995.

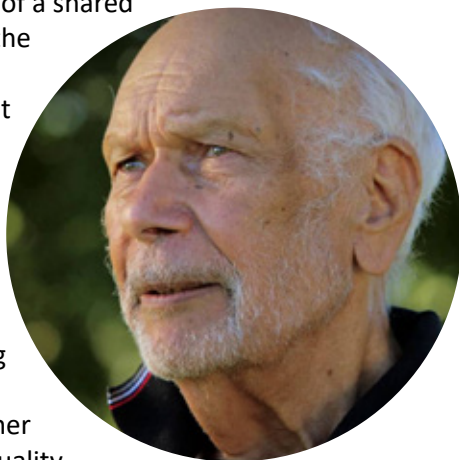
He helped establish the Queensland Murri courts in 2006, advising magistrates on cultural issues, assisting defendants to understand the court processes and accessing Elders to support and rehabilitate Indigenous offenders. His contribution to education has also been significant, having founded Hymba

Yumba Independent School, an institution deeply committed to the traditions of Indigenous culture, spirituality and identity. For two decades, Uncle Albert lobbied for Queensland schools to be more inclusive and transparent of a shared and unafraid Aboriginal history in the curriculum.

He was pivotal in the establishment of the Inala Indigenous Health Service which works towards closing the health and wellbeing gap in one of Australia’s highest populated First Nations metropolitan communities.

His citation praises him for “blazing a formidable trail advocating for community justice, health and higher education of race, gender, class equality, enriching lives for all Queenslanders”.

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Caitlin’s Making Change Come True

“Be Brave, Make Change” may be the theme for this year’s National Reconciliation Week but the words also resonate deeply with Wakka Wakka woman Caitlin Robinson-Cleary.

Caitlin, 22, is studying a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Southern Queensland.

She grew up in Cherbourg under the care of her grandparents. While other children were busy playing with dolls, Caitlin was helping raise her seven siblings. “My grandparents are rock stars,” Caitlin said.

“Not only did they care for their own children and grandchildren, but

they had foster kids, too. “I was always helping them out wherever I could and learning from their example.” From applying Band-Aids to removing splinters, Caitlin’s desire to care for others eventually morphed into dreams of working as a nurse.



This is now becoming a reality at university. “It was the bravest thing I have ever done,” Caitlin said.

“No one in my family has ever taken these steps before. I’m the first one to go to university so I had no one to look up to for guidance.” Caitlin left high school without the necessary entry requirements to study nursing. Undeterred, she completed an Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program before enrolling in the Bachelor degree. “My advice is just to go for it,” Caitlin said. “Everything may look scary and intimidating, but you’ll never know what you’re capable of if you don’t go for it. “Believe in yourself and who you are – take that step towards your dreams and goals.” **Professor Tony Dreise, who heads First Nations Education and Research at the University of Southern Queensland, said bravery and change were at the heart of this year’s National Reconciliation Week.** “If you want to help change the world, it starts with changing yourself,” Prof Dreise said. “Ask yourself, ‘What makes me curious?’” “Whether it’s nursing or aviation or education, we need more First Nations people at our universities because getting a higher education is a sure way of bringing about positive change.”

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We are pleased to announce Deputy Mayor Tom Langton has stepped up as a new local Cherbourg PLO (Police Liaison Officer) Working along side Senior PLO Roneece Cupitt.

Good to have you aboard, we look forward to your work helping make Cherbourg a safer, vibrant place for all.

Congrats to T2S graduates Fredrick, Braythan, Jarrell and everyone involved. CASC attended the ceremony in August, a good outcome, we hope a brighter future for all involved - well done boys.



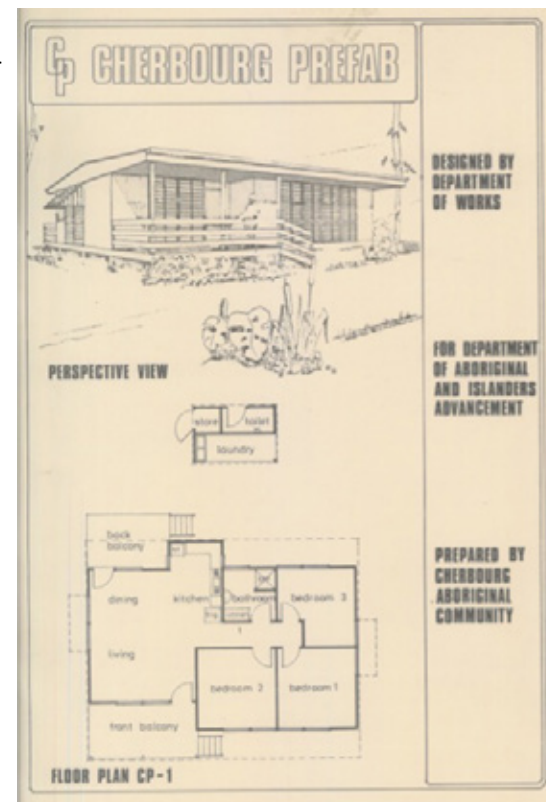
Built in Cherbourg for Queenlanders

Our Preb-Fab Stories are Being Told

Did you know that from the 1950s on Cherbourg ran a thriving building enterprise employing many Cherbourg residents. Elders who were involved in building prefabricated houses, which were shipped all over the State, are having their stories told in an exhibition held at University of Queensland Anthropology Museum (opened on Saturday 20th August).

Researcher Dr Timothy O’Rourke and Museum Curator Mandanar Mapar visited community in June gathering stories and memories from community to add to this very interesting history, Dr Tim says they hope to gather more information and stories about the prefab and joinery workshops, carpentry gangs and from Cherbourg residents who lived in these houses.

If you have any stories you would like to share, please contact our Cherbourg Radio station or you can email Mandana via email to: m.mapar@uq.edu.au



Shown here are some of the pictures Dr Tim and Manapar have shared with our elders, we hope they bring some good memories for you.

Dr Tim shared some notes about the Cherbourg prefab housing part of an exhibition.

- Prefabricated houses are made in a factory or workshop and transported to site where the house is assembled. A common form of prefabrication is a kit-of-parts, which is easy to transport and reduces the amount of building at the site.
- From the 1950s, Cherbourg had a productive sawmill, joinery workshop and carpentry gangs who made buildings in the settlement.
- The joinery made windows, doors, cabinets and furniture for the homes.
- Administered by the Department of Aboriginal and Island Affairs, the program to prefabricate houses for Cherbourg, and towns and communities across Queensland operated between 1967 and the early 1980s.

- The Cherbourg prefabricated houses were made from a system of wall panels that were shipped to a town and assembled on site.
- The Cherbourg sawmill supplied timber for framing and to the joinery workshop where the prefab panels were made.

- The timber prefab houses were built in Cherbourg and in Murgon.

- Cherbourg prefab houses were shipped to Darnley (Erub) Island in the Torres Strait and to Lockhart River and Hopevale on Cape York Peninsula.

- Cherbourg prefab houses were also built in Mt Isa, Gladstone, Bluff, Dingo, Eidsvold and Bribie Island.

For the exhibition, Dr Tims said they would like to know more about the Cherbourg workers in the sawmill and joinery, and carpenters who worked on the prefab houses and hear from families who might have lived in one of the houses in Cherbourg or Murgon.

Christine is Chasing her Dreams

Cherbourg teen, Christine Watson, is chasing her dream of an Australian Football League Women's career through the Lions Academy thanks to the Goldman Lazarus Family Academy Scholarship. The scholarship ensures Christine receives football boots, runners, a GPS watch and a gym membership as well as accommodation and travel expenses for this season.



The scholarship was developed by the Goldman Lazarus family in honour of Leon Goldman who was a long-time Fitzroy supporter.

Mr Goldman escaped from Eastern Europe at the end of World War 1 and came to Australia as a refugee.

He encountered kindness and support from his local community and his daughter and son-in-law Terri and Jono Lazarus created the scholarship to provide the same leg up to young athletes who show great community spirit and leadership.

"People gave Leon a helping hand to get where he got to in life and that is something we want to do for others," Jono Lazarus said. "We wanted to set up a scholarship for those that can't get to the academy for finan-

cial reasons. "In his name we would take away that barrier." Mr Lazarus met Christine when she made a recent trip with the Under-18s side to Melbourne and was immediately convinced they had chosen a worthy recipient.

"The scholarship is for someone who is community minded, someone who shows leadership and wants to give back, and it is also for someone who is showing potential on the field," he said. "We got to meet Christine and she is exactly what we were looking for." Christine was nominated for the scholarship by Jana Anderson from AFL Darling Downs.

She described the 17-year-old as an outstanding young leader who was a terrific mentor to younger students through her school, the Concordia Lutheran College's Peer Support Program. Our Cherbourg girl has excelled at school where she is both sports and boarding house captain for 2022.

Christine has won citizenship awards in 2020, 2021 and in 2022 Cherbourg NAIDOC Sportswoman In The Community, where she demonstrates great pride in her Indigenous heritage. Christine has a promising career ahead of her, in her first year of senior womens AFL was named AFLQ Darling Downs Rookie of the Year, also picked in the Brisbane Lions Academy and the Under 18s AFLW team. Cherbourg is so very proud of you Christine.

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Selwyn Setting a Good Example

He may be playing in the 'big leagues' now – but Selwyn Cobbo is still a Cherbourg boy through and through. Whether it be celebrating with family and friends in Cherbourg Hornets jerseys after his Origin debut, or telling students at his former school all about what it takes to follow one's dreams, our local footy sensation has Cherbourg in his heart.

To young Hornets players, Selwyn is an inspiration; when asked about his Origin success during Wondai's Mini Mods footy carnival on 16 July, responses were unanimously positive. "He's a very good player," Cherbourg under-10s player Keiden said. Keiden and teammate Jarbs, who happens to be one of Selwyn's cousins, watched the Origin series this year to cheer on our Selwyn, the two praising his kicking and running abilities as well as his skills in setting up tries. Zach and Zizi, two other players for Cherbourg's under-10s, agreed. "I really like his intercepts," Zach said. "Also, his stepping and how he sets up tries are really good," Zizi added.

Selwyn Cobbo is very aware he is a role model for many, especially our youth. "I guess I'm a good role model to them -they look up to me and I've got to show what a good role model would do because I know people are looking at me now," he said.

Just after final Origin match, Cobbo visited Cherbourg State School for a deadly surprise visit. Cherbourg students got to match their speed against Cobbo's in a running race and chat to the Origin star.

Cobbo used the opportunity to inspire the students to work hard and stay in school.



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Flash Safety Shirts for CRP Crew

The team at our Cherbourg Container Recycling Point are styling up now with these flash new, hi-vis shirt that feature badges and logos created with input from the team. The design celebrates our goals for a more sustainable future.

"Reduce, Recycle, Reuse"

Well done team, keep up the great work, oh and tuck in your shirts!!

