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You can help "BIG JACK" by recycling the right way

If you hear the kids in the street shouting out "Here comes BIG JACK" that means its time for your bin to go bin out to the kerb. The new addition to our CASC fleet has been named after someone very special in community - see page 3 to read more. "BIG JACK" has another important though - every TUESDAY "BIG JACK" drives around the community in search of YELLOW LID BINS to empty...

That's Why It's Important To Put The Right Things In Your Yellow Lid Bin

We all have a role to play when it comes to protecting our environment and preserving our planet for future generations. Recycling is one of the most important ways we can do this. When we recycle items, they can be reused for another purpose instead of ending up in our local landfill. But it's important to make sure you put the right stuff in your yellow lid bin, so they can be properly recycled.

What Should Be Placed In Your Yellow Lid Bin?

Most households in Australia have two bins – one for general waste, and one for recyclable items. The recyclable items should be placed in the yellow lid bin. Items that can be recycled include paper, cardboard, hard plastics, glass, and metals.



Why Is It Important To Put Only The Right Items In Your Yellow Lid Bin?

It's important to only put the right items in your yellow lid bin, so they can be properly recycled. If you put the wrong items in the bin, they can contaminate the other items, which makes them impossible to recycle. (more on page 2)



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Please RECYCLE the right way

Help “Big Jack” - do the RIGHT THING!

(continued from page 1)This means they will end up in landfill, which does more damage to the environment. Even if the wrong items are placed in the yellow lid bin, they may still end up in landfill. So, it's important to only put the right items in your yellow lid bin.

What Should You Do With Items That Can't Be Placed In Your Yellow Lid Bin?

If you have items that can't be placed in your yellow lid bin, there are other ways to dispose of them. Cherbourg has regular sidewalk pick up days where you can leave out items like batteries, paint, and electronics. Alternatively, you can contact council to see what other options are available.

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RECYCLING



Pathways into Law

Creating Better Cultural Preparation for those Representing Mob

Linda Ryle is a Kamillaroi and Birri Gubba woman, a lawyer and a mediator, who also wears many other hats. Linda has been coming out to Cherbourg in her capacity as an academic for more than 10 years.

The hands-on development unit she runs is something Linda designed as a student of law, but now delivers the program with the Griffith Law School, it is called a **“Culturally Principled Practice Clinical Unit”** where law students are taught about the true history of Aboriginal people in this country, about difference, not deficit about sharing, not shaming. Linda says students have come from all sorts of disadvantaged backgrounds “I don’t have any one of them who is what you would call a privileged white student and they’ve shared their vulnerabilities with council and that has been reciprocated just beautifully, so together we’re working to make some real change happen.”

To be eligible for the “Culturally Principled Practice Clinical Unit,” students need to have already achieved 120 credit points in their university degree, this can happen with other types of training other than law, Linda explains “Mel, one of our students got her 120 points, but no in law, she is a first-year law student, however others are in their final year close to the end of their degrees, and one of one or two of them have now graduated.

Why it is important for students to come community, to observe and engage with mob

Ms. Ryle says the first thing as legal professionals, you have ethical responsibilities to act in. The best interest of your client if you have a First Nations client and you do not know anything or even a small amount of the cultural background, the ways of doing, being, interpreting, valuing the history of this country, the disadvantage, if you have no concept and no grasp of those sorts things how, in all honesty, can you properly represent First Nations people? It is that simple. It is about telling the truth, knowing the truth, and then working with the truth to get the fairest outcomes for everybody.



Linda tells us “When we first brought the students out to meet the (Cherbourg) councilors we had a conversation about what types of things (outcomes) the Council might like to see in community” it also considered some different things that were happening at the Commonwealth and state level in terms of funding available and the different policy focus of those different governments. Linda says her students took notice of what the Council said, and they said, “we want, these sorts of things (for community and our mob), so on their first visit the students presented some ideas about the work that they were going to undertake over the following three months to just check in to make sure the Council was happy with that.” The presentation given was the culmination of approximately 3 months’ worth of work, and the collateral, the products the students have been working on were presented to Council.

Career pathways, how important is it for mob to take steps towards a career in law, taking control of their outcomes and representing their community and people?

“I think we all know that we live in a society that has rules and restrictions that impact on everybody. But the difference between the impacts of the rules and the restrictions on First Nations people as opposed to anybody else, is we very rarely get a say in the development of those rules. We are not in Parliament in great numbers, (better now than previously), but still not adequate. We do not have enough judges on our benches in courts. We do not have enough First Nations lawyers, barristers, people in positions of power and decision-making roles, and unfortunately you need a piece of paper to be able to get you into those spots, so having a university like Griffith who has multiple entry points, great supports and an indigenous unit called the “Gumurrii Unit” and First Nations academics, Griffith Law School link, Griffith. University has the highest number of First Nations students enrolled across Queensland and possibly Australia.




Community

Christmas Lights Competition Winners

- 1 - Alex Speedy & Shantelle Arnold
- 2 - Lewis & Talisha Hopkins
- 3 - Latisha Murray
- 4 - Shirley Conlon





Cherbourg Youth Advisory Group

Calling for Expressions of Interest from Male & Female Youth (12-25yrs) and Elders in Cherbourg

to be involved in Cherbourg's upcoming 2023 NAIDOC Ball

To register your interest, please see Neil Simpson, Yolande Gadd or Wawida Collins at Council's Community Services Office or call on Ph: 4168 1866



Partnerships Make Things Happen

SBRC Recycling Roads Lead to Cherbourg

Mayor Elvie Sandow and Mayor Brett Otto are in furious agreement ... the South Burnett Regional Council's new recycling program is benefiting both the Cherbourg community and the South Burnett region.

For Cherbourg, it means jobs. For the South Burnett, it means eliminating thousands of tonnes of waste each year from the region's rapidly filling landfills.

Opening new landfills that meet the State Government's statutory requirements is a very expensive process, and one the South Burnett Regional Council would like to delay for as long as possible. In January South Burnett councillors and council staff joined Cherbourg councillors and staff at the Cherbourg Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to inspect the recycling process.

They watched a JJ Richards truck bring in a load of recycling left in yellow bins in the Blackbutt area.

The truck deftly dumped the items in a pile inside the MRF facility. From there, the items made their way up conveyors to the sorting level where the Cherbourg employees were stationed, ready to start sifting through the material.

The only hiccup identified so far is some people putting their recyclables inside plastic bags or using wheelie bin liners.



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"That's been the main issue," Mayor Otto said.

"Please don't use plastic bags or bin liners. Just put the stuff in the wheelie bins loose."

Mayor Otto said the South Burnett would have found it very challenging to introduce recycling if Cherbourg Council had not been so advanced to take it on board.

"It has benefited the whole South Burnett."

Mayor Sandow said the MRF had proven that even a small community such as Cherbourg could play a major role regionally.

One truck a day is now delivering recyclables to Cherbourg, and Economic Development Manager Sean Nicholson said the plant was handling it very well.



Housing and Livability

Housing Action Plan for Cherbourg

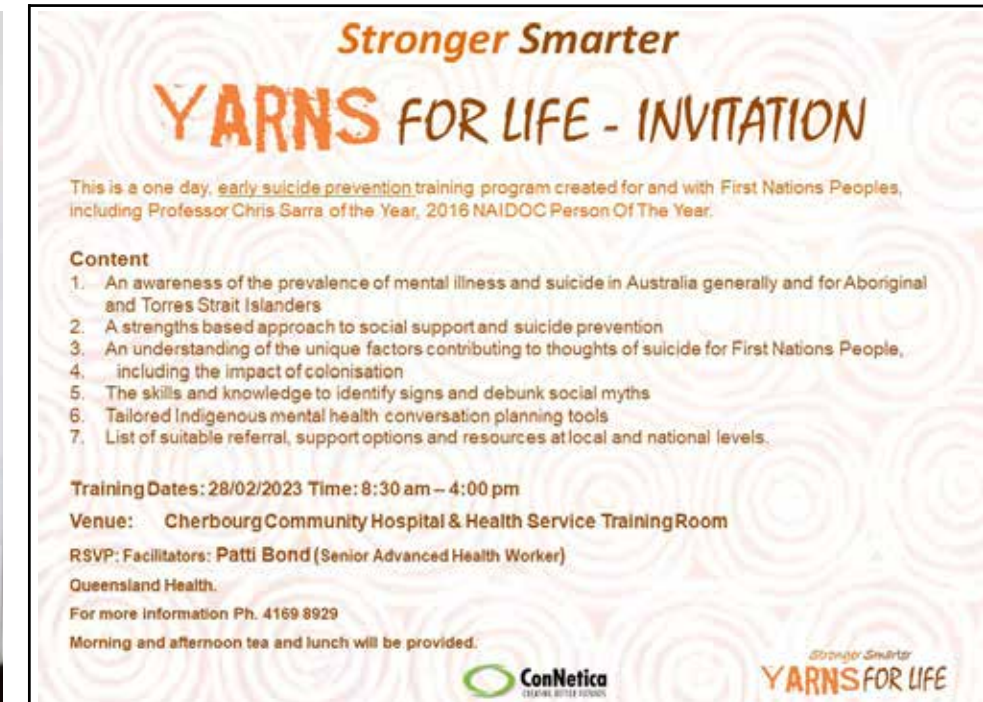
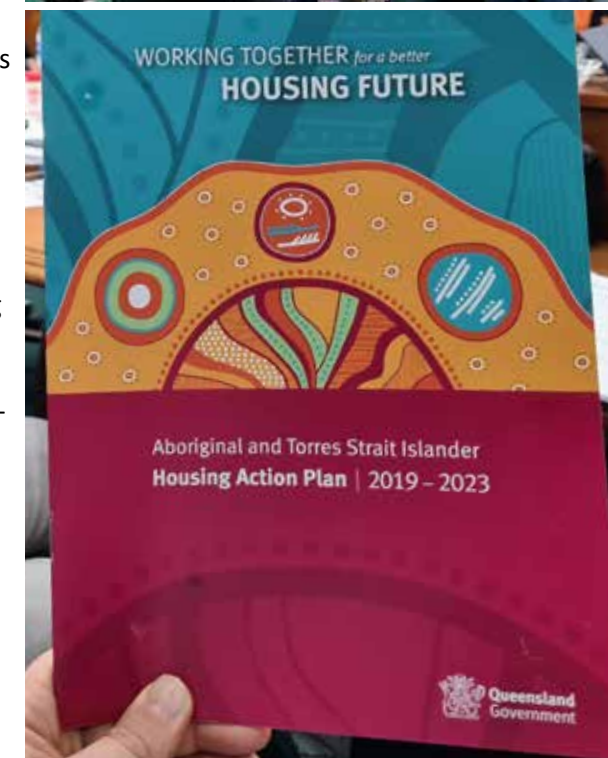
Council met with representatives of the Queensland Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy October, where we discussed the Cherbourg Housing Action Plan for the next five years which included our priorities for the future, land development and housing designs that will meet our community's needs (in line with our waiting list) as well as funding required.

CEO Chatur Zala says "everything can happen through partnerships, working together for a better result"

These partnerships and meetings are vital in keeping clear lines of communication with the Qld Government, working together we identify what funding needs are to be secured now as we continue developing strategies for managing growth and livability for our community into the future, this includes planning support for new housing and potential sub-divisions. At the time of this meeting, we had tenders out for 6 new houses to built by June of 2023, we also signaled and agreed building plans into 2024 as well as preparation into 2025.

Cherbourg is one of three first nations communities in the state managing their own housing, and now working more closely with the Dept of Housing in a partnership to address how better to structure and manage the delivery of our Cherbourg Council housing department, to upskill staff, improve systems and procedures, repairs, rents, and tenancy management.

The upgraded "Housing Plan" (including discussion of future home ownership opportunities) for the Cherbourg Community – you can read more about the Queensland housing strategy at www.chde.qld.gov.au/about/strategy/housing or scanning the QR code.





Learning and Growing

Spotlight on CASC Training and Development

Charmaine Georgetown is one of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's trainees. She is studying a Certificate 2 in business through the Skill Centre, which she started early 2022.

"I want to know more about the company, if I learn more from getting things under my belt [I gain] experience [and] knowledge," Charmaine said. Previously she had worked in hospitality before taking on a reception job at council. She then decided she wanted to upskill and took on the traineeship. "I was in reception when I first began and I wanted to get more knowledge of business, just to help out my community," Charmaine said. "Gaining knowledge... that's the highlight for me, I want to know more so I can do more, be more for my community."

Charmaine encourages others in her community to consider a traineeship or apprenticeship. *"It's a good idea, we should want to learn, especially to help out our people we live here there is jobs we can take, if we learn more we can get those jobs if we wanted," she said. "This is our community, we should work for our people, I think that would be best for Cherbourg if we get our people out there, we need to start doing."*



Craig Renouf is training to be a light vehicle mechanic. He started his training with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council about three years ago. Craig has ambitions to become a fully qualified mechanic one day. *"So I can fix my own car when it breaks down and help out other people too," he said.*

He is already able to help out his friends and family with some of their car troubles and as he learns more he can help more people. *"[A highlight of the job is] having a go at driving all of the different machinery, all of the trucks," Craig said. "[My favourite is] the excavator."* Craig encourages others to consider a traineeship or apprenticeship. *"It'd be good to get knowledge."*



Miranda Blackman has dreams of a career in finance or law. She has started her journey with a traineeship with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council which she started on 1 August 2022. Miranda is working on a Certificate 3 in business, with a focus on finance. *"I need the certificate to help my dad's business and the bookwork," she said. he does the bookwork for her dad's business which does fencing and mustering contracts as well as rodeos. Miranda's highlight of the traineeship is seeing all the community members and chatting to them from her spot at the reception desk. Her focus is finance, with ambitions to one day do a diploma in finance or law. "I enjoy the numbers, it keeps my brain working," Miranda said.*



.....for a Brighter Future

Used Laptops Open Up Pathways

A big THANK YOU again goes out to QIC (Qld Investments Corporation) for donations of refurbished laptops delivered to mob in our community studying hard for certificates and qualifications (along with education, training and community service providers supporting learning)

Andrew Niven (Indigenous Partnership Manager at QIC) and **Troy Tucker** (Technical Support Manager at QIC) made their second visit to Cherbourg back in September, taken on a whistle stop tour of community and surrounds dropping devices off at Murgon High School, Clontarf Boys Academy, Ficks Cross School, Gundoo, The Cherbourg Call Centre, Community Health, CRAICCHS, Cherbourg HIPPY and Skill Centred, plus individual learners.

The **"Laptops for Learners"** program is an initiative of Cherbourg Radio Station Coordinator, Michael Monk who approached QIC after hearing about support QIC have previously given to the Brisbane Murri School & AAA Radio amplifying education pathways for mob.

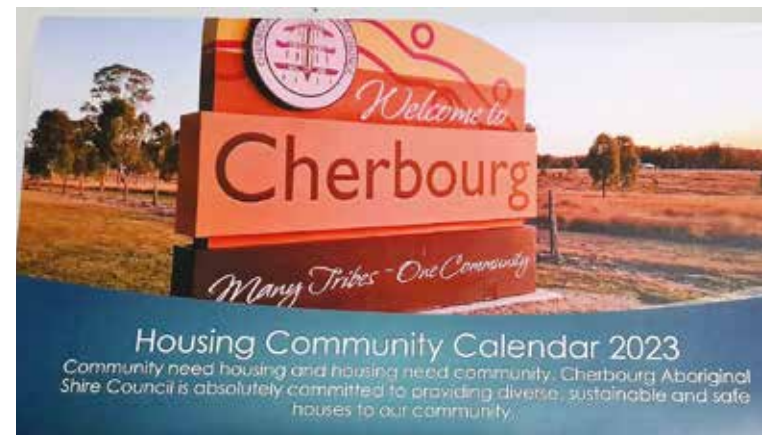


This was their 2nd visit in for 2022, Andrew Niven says "We always love visiting community (Cherbourg)." making a commitment (on behalf of QIC) to continue supporting "Laptops for Learners" in Cherbourg in 2023, and yes, QIC delivered once again. In January more devices were put into the hands of year 11 and 12 students to assist with their final years of study.

Councillor Fred Cobbo joined Michael Monk and Arlene Langton for a trip down to QIC head office in Brisbane in preparation for the 2023 School year. Laptop recipients Jennakye Simpson were delighted Darius gave a "Big thanks to Uncle Fred, Cherbourg Council & QIC for this laptop... It has helped me with my schoolwork load". Evander Mickelo says "Thanks for the laptop support for year 12. I can now get my assignment done from home". Other recipients were Kayla Bligh and Sam Cobbo, Sam (2023 School Captain) says "Thanks to Cherbourg Council, QIC and my Uncle Fred. Being given this laptop has taken the weight off my shoulders. It gives me the opportunity to complete my work at home." School Captain 2023 **For more information on the program, supporting and rewarding learners with laptops - contact Michael Monk at Cherbourg Radio UsMob.**



Come get YOUR free Calendar



Live in Cherbourg??

Be sure to collect your

Housing Community Calendar 2023

next time you drop in the council offices in Barambah Ave. Lots of useful and helpful information on every page.





Ride em' Cherbourg Cowboy

2022 Bevan Costello Snr Memorial Rodeo

This Story by Jessica McGrath is reprinted here thanks to Burnett Today

Young and old sat on the edge of their seats watching the action in the ring of the Cherbourg rodeo.

Dotted throughout the audience were special cowboy hats with a yellow ribbon around them marked for the occasion -the 2022 Bevan Costello Snr Memorial Rodeo

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council put on the event on Thursday, 15 September, opened with a prayer for the safety of the riders and cattle before the official Welcome to Country and a moment's silence in recognition of those lost in the community.

Mayor Elvie Sandow hoped the rodeo would be 'something good' for her community.

"There's been a lot of sorry business at the moment, and I think having this rodeo... will bring us together and bring a bit of happiness to the community," she said.

The rodeo was dedicated to Cherbourg icon Uncle Bevan Costello Snr, who had passed away on 15 September 2021.

"This rodeo is in the memory of Bevan Costello, I can't believe it's been 12 months already," Mayor Sandow said.

"We as council want to dedicate this to him."

"He was a very active member of our community and I just want to send my condolences out to all the family."

The well-respected elder had served two terms as a local government councillor for Cherbourg, was a founding member of the Ration Shed Museum, represented Queensland in Rugby League and was a strong supporter of the Cherbourg Hornets, commenting the 2021 Grand Final match.

Bevan was a qualified secondary teacher and Principal at the Silver Lining School at Ficks Crossing. He was also the Chair of the Barambah Justice Group in Cherbourg, sat on the local Murri Court, was one of 12 independent members of the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council and served as the chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel.



The Costello family gave a message to the Cherbourg community before the rodeo began, thanking the council and community for honouring their loved one.

"Bevan was an inspiration for generations of Cherbourg children and families, he'd often make people laugh and would often provide advice," the Costello family said.

"He led from the front and always from behind."

"Bevan was known for his devotion and dedication to the community and was an inspiration to all that he met."

"May his legacy continue to inspire the community."

There were five categories for the rodeo, with some events named after other significant community members including Frank Boney and Stan Mickelo. The other categories were 7-12s mini bull ride, under-15s mini bull ride, under-18s bull ride, open bull ride and the poly buckjump.

Leighton Costello, Cherbourg councillor and son of Bevan, shared how much it meant to have the community's support a year on from his dad's passing.

"This is a good initiative for the community and now it's named after him every year so it's just going to get bigger and better," he said.

"Dad loved his rodeos and he was a cowboy and he loved his blue pony horse -this is a good initiative for the community and hopefully everyone enjoys themselves."

2022 WINNERS

U12

- 1 - John Carlo
- 2 - William Murray
- 3 - Darnell Waterton
- 4 - Clinton Speedy Jnr

U15

- 1 - Mervyn Arnold
- 2 - Morris Bond
- 3 - Bailey Marshall

JUNIOR BULL

- 1 - Lloyd Langton
- 2 - John Gyemore
- 3 - Kurt Georgetown

BUCKJUMP

- 1 - Bowman Davidson
- 2 - Jarrabah Davidson
- 3 - Trevor Davidson
- 4 - Charlie Bond

OPEN BULL

- 1 - Charlie Bond
- 2 - Thomas Cowburn
- 3 - Farren Davidson
- 4 - Bowman Button Jnr



Every Day Counts

Clontarf Boys Academy Term 1 - 2023

2023 has started off with a bang with record numbers of boys signing up for the program. Year 6 transitions from schools across Murgon, Cherbourg and beyond have been successful and it's awesome seeing their smiling faces and energy in the Clontarf Room every morning.

For camp this term we have the Year 12 Leadership first up at the Gold Coast where they will meet up with the other Clontarf year 12's from Goondiwindi to Tweed heads. They will go through leadership games, work site visits and a Version of the "Amazing Race" where they have to solve problems to move onto the next part of the race.

Year 8 + 9 is being held at Hervey Bay and will also be a Leadership themed camp. We will go through what leadership is and what it looks like in school and out of it. There will be beach footy and yarns about Mental Health and Gratitude around camp fires or dinner.

Year 7 induction this year is being held in Noosa. The boys will be joined by over 150 other Clontarf year 7 lads from Goondiwindi to the Gold Coast.

We will go through what a Clontarf Student looks like and revisit how Year 7 has been so far. There will also be leadership games, Touch Footy and plenty of fun and sports.

Year 10 + 11 will have their camp in Toowoomba as they take on other Clontarf Academies in the region. There will be worksite visits and local employers to have yarn to the boys about what they can offer boys after school as a career.



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School is Back for 2023 - Well done to our Term 1 Week 1 recipients



Congratulations to our school leaders for 2023

- School Captains: Austin and Elvie • Vice-School Captains: Jo-Kayla and Jeffrey
- House Captains: Patty (Blair), Khaliah (Freeman) and Xzante (Gilbert)



Junior Police rangers program with our young girls-Aunty Missy, Miss Angie and Linda Garrett doing a wonderful job with them



Ration Shed

Steaming Ahead in 2023

The new Manager, **Nicola Tizzard** and **Carl Simpson**, the recently appointed, Arts Project Officer started work at the Ration Shed on the 9th of January 2023. Both, hit the ground running. Exciting changes and times lie for artists, with a big focus on promoting the Arts.



It has been a busy handover period, as **Robyn Hofmeyr** leaves to visit her family in South Africa. Robyn has been working at the Ration Shed since 2010 in various capacities. **Mary Meadows and Peter Trail** are also ending their time at the Ration Shed.



Serina Tapau, stepped into her role as the HIPPY Cherbourg Coordinator and starting organising the rollout of the new Age 3 HIPPY program. To date HIPPY Cherbourg has 26 enrolments and a vibrant, motivated team that includes HIPPY tutor; Rasheeda Cobbo, Miranda Fisher, Mariah Saltner and Sarah Hebbell-Clarke.



We wish all these fellow workers well for the future and have great gratitude for their input. A strong, dynamic Management Committee was recently elected with Aunty Sandra as the Chair, Eric Law as Deputy, Steve Bemrose as Treasurer and Luella Watson, Mayleah Bemrose and Sally Lawrence as committee members.

The Ration Shed team mourn the loss of two key team members who passed recently – Lillian Gray and Rocko Langton. Their spirits live on, in the artwork and digital material housed here.

The 2023 Ration Shed Museum is in good hands and aims to continue building its organisational growth and sustainability and grow its community involvement - continuing to provide opportunities for those involved in arts and crafts. Anyone with any interest in engaging with pottery or the arts, please get in touch with Carl Simpson at the Ration Shed – 41695753.

A Healthy Cherbourg



Keeping Skin Healthy

There has recently been increased cases of scabies in the community. Scabies is an itchy skin rash caused by a tiny bug. It is contagious and spreads quickly.

If you have an itchy skin or a rash that won't go away please visit the Hospital or CRAICCHS. They will look at your skin and if you have scabies they will give you a cream to treat it.

Everyone in the house will need to be treated with the cream. You will also need to wash sheets, clothes and towels and hang washing in the sun for 8 hours. You can kill the bug by putting your mattresses in the sun and flipping them over after a few hours.

The healthy skin mob will be visiting in the coming weeks. For more information about when you can come and have a yarn with us and get your skin sores treated, listen to UsMob radio or follow Darling Downs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health on Facebook.

Come along to see the healthy skin mob and keep Cherbourg and Murgon free from scabies and skin sores.



Cherbourg Health Council Meeting

Cherbourg Health Council met recently, spending three days discussing the health issues that are important to Cherbourg community. Topics discussed included needle disposal in the community, Rheumatic Heart Disease prevention and care, the Hospital refurbishment and much more. Thanks to Health Council for being available and generous with their time.

The Cherbourg Health Council was formed in early 2022 and is a dynamic leadership group that is focused on community wellbeing and improving the health of the Cherbourg people.



Seeking feedback on Cherbourg Health Services

We are seeking YOUR feedback on Darling Downs Health to help improve our services and increase cultural safety for mob.

The Darling Downs Health Equity Strategy (2022-2025) paves the way towards a future where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have long and healthy lives. A future where healthcare is accessible, affordable, unprejudiced, preventative, and timely.

Between now and 2025, Darling Downs Health is focusing on eliminating racial discrimination and institutional racism, increasing access to healthcare services, and delivering culturally safe healthcare services.

To do this we need your help. Please provide us with feedback on our services and where you think we could improve by filling out a short survey. Simply scan the QR code and enter your answers.

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes.

Please submit your feedback before COB Friday 24 February.





NAIDOC 2023 - For Our Elders

Celebrating Nan Eva - 100 Years

In December, we raised a glass in celebration for Nan Eva Collins and her 100th birthday!
Nan Eva Collins is an inspirational 1st Nations Elder with a legacy that lives in the hearts of many.
We take this opportunity to recognize her many contributions to Cherbourg and mob, our community will always marvel at the amazing stories about her journey through a remarkable life.

Nan Eva Collins, who was brought to Cherbourg when she was just nine years old without her mother's consent, has now celebrated her 100th Birthday (24th of December).
After leaving school, Nan Eva worked at Cherbourg Hospital for many years and was then appointed in charge of the Girls Dormitory. She was also a foundation member of the Cherbourg Community Council and served as a JP.



For residents of our community between 1904 and 2004, Cherbourg was known as 'the camp'.

Nan Eva was awarded an Imperial Service Medal in 1979 for her work for 'Queensland Aboriginal Affairs - Dormitory Supervisor' at Cherbourg Aboriginal Mission.
Now residing at the Ny-ku Byan Village, Nan Eva is a much loved and widely respected elder in our community.
Tune into Cherbourg Radio Us Mob on-air or online to hear Nan Eva talking about her story in an upcoming edition of "Elders Yarns"
A fascinating story of respect and admiration.



Supporting Pink - More Important than you Think

Why Is Pink Ribbon Day Significant?

Pink Ribbon Day is an annual event that raises awareness of breast cancer. This event has become increasingly popular in recent years, and it has a special significance to mob.
The color pink is often associated with breast cancer, and wearing a pink ribbon on Pink Ribbon Day is a way to show solidarity with those affected by the disease. The day is also a reminder for mob to look after their health and to be aware of the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.
Sadly breast cancer rates among Indigenous Australians are higher than the general population so it is important you look after your health and stay informed about the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.



Sports Complex Fun



Can You Help Support our Youth? Volunteer Some Time Today

Cherbourg Sports Complex Crew are always on the go with lots of activities, sport, culture and engagement taking place or being planned - and we appreciate all the support we get from here at home.... and from outside community.
Partnerships support boxing, basketball, cricket and more. They are playing a big part in the growth and wellbeing of our young ones.

Volunteers to help run programs and supervise are always needed (welcome) and we are very grateful to community members (especially elders) who give their time and show an interest in guiding our young ones.
Over the school holidays we did a few day trip adventures including, going to the cricket, visiting Tribal Link in Mapleton, we also took some children and parents to Hervey Bay for the day!

We swam at the beach, played some footy and indigenous traditional games with crew from Galangoor Duwalami Health Service who also put BBQ on for us, gave shirts, footballs, hats and frisbees.

Thank you Brother Graham Douglas, his boys and health service crew after that we went to the Waterpark. Our Cherbourg youth are full of energy, we are full of pride for these ones having fun and doing their very best in their pursuits. A big thank you to everyone that help us make it all happen.



FairPlay

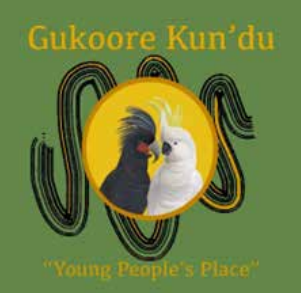
Providing vouchers so Queensland kids can get active

- Do you have a child aged 5 to 17 years?
- Would you like your child to be more active?
- Are you a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card holder?

You may be eligible for up to \$150 for your child's sport or active recreation fees.

Visit qld.gov.au/fairplayvouchers or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) to find out more.

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UPDATE FROM THE BARAMBAH YOUTH SERVICES HUB

The Barambah Youth Services provides a range of services to meet the health, wellbeing and social needs of young people across the South Burnett and Cherbourg communities. Located on Gore Street, Murgon (up from the Murgon State High School administration building), services are available to all youth (aged 10 to and including 24). The Youth Hub completed the first full year of service delivery in 2022 and is excited to be expanding the range of services and programs in 2023.

Did you know that the Youth Hub team (Gaye O'Sullivan and Matthew Malone) can assist you with navigating access to a confidential appointment with a service? The Youth Hub's very own GP (Dr Emma Leu-Marshall), through the GP in Schools program, is available for appointments every Monday during the school term (or Tuesday if Monday is a public holiday).

Upcoming 2023 Events

10 March 2023 – Services Expo

Last year, this wonderful event was attended by twelve service providers, with all students at Murgon State High School engaging in activities and exploring the services available at the Youth Hub. Cherbourg Radio conducted a live broadcast on the day, providing an opportunity for community to hear directly from Youth Hub service providers.

6 April 2023 – Art Competition

The Youth Hub Art Competition is now open! Great prizes are available, with entries due to the Youth Hub by 6 April 2023. Thank you to the generous sponsors; South Burnett Regional Council, Wondai Art Gallery and the Ration Shed Museum Artists. Youth from across Cherbourg and the South Burnett are eligible to enter.



Gaye O'Sullivan, Dr Emma Leu-Marshall
Matthew Malone

Programs/trainings commencing soon:

- Ready for Work (facilitated by South Burnett CTC). A weekly, eight-week program for youth aged 15+, to support transition into the workplace (commencing 7 February 2023).
- 20 February 2023: Employment and Pathways Supports Information Session delivered by APM, to enhance understanding of employment support options, including NDIS supports, for young people with disabilities.
- 1 March 2023, 5.30pm to 7.00pm: Cyber Safety Information Session for parents and teens (14+), dinner provided (facilitated by South Burnett CTC and PCYC).
- 26 April 2023 and 3 May 2023 (3pm-5pm): Prep L support provided by South Burnett CTC.
- Commencing 4 May 2023 (and running over four weeks); Youth Mental Health First Aid program for parents and carers.
- 10 May 2023: Braking the Cycle vehicle related information (e.g. changing a tyre and road safety), facilitated by South Burnett PCYC.

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

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

Cherbourg Fellas Get Pampered

Following the success of their Womens pamper day earlier in the year, Gundoo Early Learning & Community Centre held their first "Mens Yarn & Connect" morning at the Ration Shed in recognition of all Dads, Pops, Uncle, Brothers. Great turn out and good atmosphere with Crows Barber Shop on hand giving haircuts - looking good, feeling great. Strong Men for our community.



Hey Cherbourg - Youfor2032?

Taliqua Calls in at Cherbourg

The Queensland Academy of Sport is looking for talented young sportspeople to be part of the Youfor2032 Talent Identification Program in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics. Its Youfor2032 program provides support to young athletes so they can make the very best out of their natural sporting gifts. Selection means you will receive dedicated development, training, and expert coaching programs in their chosen sport.



The Youfor2032 program visited Cherbourg in September.

Taliqua Clancy, the South Burnett's Olympic Beach Volleyball silver medallist and twice Commonwealth Games silver medallist was on hand with a team of trainers and sporting professional to inform and inspire youngsters attending the session.

This Youfor2032 program is strictly for young sports people born between 2000 and 2010 (ie 13 to 23 years old in 2023), and the para-sports program will accept those born between 1993 and 2010 (i.e. 13 to 30 years old in 2023).

Registration information and further details can be found on the Youfor2032 website

Keep your Cherbourg 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



DO NOT leave needles in abandoned houses for kids to find



KEEP OUT of reach of children



DO NOT throw loose needles in the bin



DO NOT put needles in the recycling



DO NOT flush needles down the toilet

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

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Darling Downs Health (DDH) is upgrading the Outpatients, ED and pharmacy waiting areas at Cherbourg Hospital.

Our aim is to make the waiting areas more comfortable and welcoming.

We want to feature YOUR artwork in these refurbished spaces.

For more information or to get involved, please send your details to Project Officer Lee Jenson via Lee.Jenson@health.qld.gov.au or 0448 996 296.



Darling Downs Health
Indigenous Health





Ayana Launches Her Own Business

A Wakka Wakka teen who has designed indigenous jerseys for the Queensland Reds is taking her career to the next level with the launch of her business.

Ayana Murray, 19, is launching her business with the support of the state government's Youth Employment Program.

The former Murgon State High student has won multiple awards including the 2019 Queensland Reds indigenous Jersey competition and second place in 2021's Bendigo Bank Open Junior Art Exhibition 2D Art 16-18 years old.

Miss Murray said she was grateful for the program because it allowed her to pursue a career in the arts.

"I always had a passion for art from a young age and dreamt of establishing my own art business one day," she said.

"(The program) assisted me in applying for an ABN, provided advice about web design, sales, marketing, insurance, and financial support, making my start-up journey so much easier."

Miss Murray said once live her website will serve as an online shop front for her artwork.

She hopes to expand into adding her artwork to clothing and homewares.

Miss Murray, who works at South Burnett CTC, is also in the process of designing new uniforms for the not-for-profit organisation.

She is also working with the South Burnett CTC to have her artwork

featured on flyers and community engagement pieces for the upcoming Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

The Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership's Youth Employment Program focuses on supporting young people seeking work or further educational opportunities.

The YEP program, run by the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnership focuses on supporting young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples seeking work or further educational opportunities.

They offer support through networking opportunities and provide guide through pre-employment requirements including resume, application and interview preparation and post-placement support.

Story by Nicole Strathdee



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EDUCATION: Barambah Cluster Professional Development

On Thursday 19th January, Murgon State High School hosted the Barambah Cluster schools for our annual 'Many Schools Come Together' professional development. Staff from Murgon State High School, Cherbourg State School, Murgon State School, Goomeri State School, Proston State School, Wheatlands State School, Windera State School, Cloyna State School, Moffatdale State School and some members of Regional Office underwent cultural training and a visit from Boori Monty Pryor who presented work from his book 'Story Doctors' released in 2021. Story Doctor's is an empowering story for all Australians, acknowledging our history, embracing inclusivity, and celebrating the healing powers of nature and culture.

Boori Monty Pryor is a multi-award-winning children's author, didgeridoo player, storyteller, dancer, filmmaker and renowned public speaker. Boori was the Children's Laureate of Australia, sharing this title with Alison Lester in 2012 and 2013. In 2017 the short film Brown Paper Bag (starring Boori and inspired by his work) won the St Kilda Film Festival Best Achievement in Indigenous Film Making award. In 2018 Princess Pictures and Youthworx Productions released an ABC series called Wrong Kind of Black based on his extraordinary life.

A segment titled Yumbin Healing, Trauma Informed Practice was presented and led by locals Matthew Malone, Jamie-Lee Wiley, Neil Stanley, Farron



Crawford, Fred Cobbo, Robert Langton and from the Department of Education, Acting Principal Project Officer (Engagement Team) – First Nations Strategy and Partnerships, Juliet Ah Kuoi. Local elders Eric Law, Frank Malone, Patti Bond, Matthew Malone and Fred Cobbo provided a session in the afternoon regarding our local context. This professional development is always a wonderful opportunity for our Barambah Cluster Schools to come together.

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