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Cherbourg YAG doing a bloomin' Good Job

Cherbourg's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) had an exciting celebration this past Mother's Day, spreading joy and love throughout the community. The YAG members, driven by their passion and commitment, collaborated with local florist Felicity Aitken from Bloom Into You to create stunning flower arrangements for the special occasion. The YAG's journey began in 2021 when Cherbourg Council received funding to connect Cherbourg youth with Elders and culture.

Through youth forums, community surveys, and stakeholder interviews, the YAG was established, with the aim of promoting storytelling, well-being, and resilience within the community.

Comprising young individuals aged 12-25, the YAG have become an active force in volunteering projects. They have repaired vandalism, cleaned up the skate park, and lent their support at various events, including the Cherbourg Christmas Fair, Sports Complex Gala Day and more. The group has embraced arts, pottery, and music workshops, all while contributing to the tidiness of the football ground sheds and canteen.

Recently, the YAG organized another Youth Forum, this time taking charge of the event. They engaged with Elders, discussing community positives and negatives, generating ideas, and collecting suggestions for future projects.

One notable idea that emerged was to revive an old Cherbourg tradition of ballroom

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dancing by organizing a ball during NAIDOC Week. To prepare for this exciting event, up to 20 young people attended dancing practices twice a week, with the big night scheduled for July 5.

With the success of the YAG's projects, their positive impact continued to grow.

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Youth Advisory Group

Cherbourg YAG doing a bloomin' Good Job

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The members, alongside Cherbourg Council's Community Services department, worked tirelessly to support the community and nurture their own personal growth.

Two young men secured full-time employment with the Council, and others either returned to school or embarked on vocational training, all while gaining invaluable skills and experiences.

In the lead-up to Mother's Day, the YAG members collaborated with florist Felicity Aitken during a well-being workshop in Murgon.

Inspired by this experience, they dedicated themselves to taking flower orders for Mother's Day, spreading joy to mothers and caregivers throughout Cherbourg. The project was a remarkable achievement for the team, and Felicity Aitken praised their hard work and dedication.

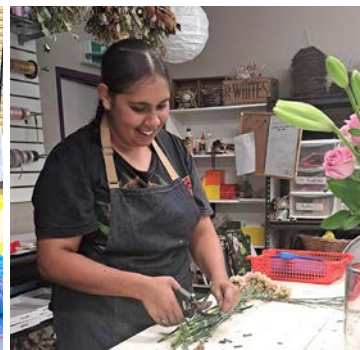


The YAG's incredible journey, filled with achievements and personal development, is a testament to the power of youth engagement.

Their unwavering commitment to the community and their willingness to make a positive difference continue to inspire those around them.

Cherbourg's Youth Advisory Group serves as a shining example of how youth can shape and uplift a community, fostering unity and resilience.

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Digital on Country

Cherbourg Call Centre Grow from Strength to Strength

In a special gathering held at the Cherbourg Nurunderi Tafe in March, Cherbourg commemorated a significant milestone—the first anniversary of the Cherbourg Digital Service Centre, better known as the Cherbourg Call Centre. The event welcomed esteemed guests, including representatives from Fujitsu Asia Pacific, the centre's first clients, and Leanne Enoch, the Minister for Communities and Housing, Digital Economy, and the Arts.

Mayor Elvie Sandow happily reflected on her prediction made 12 months prior that QBuild would become a client for the call centre. Her prediction had come to fruition, leading to the creation of 20 additional jobs alongside the existing 10 positions.

Mayor Sandow emphasized her commitment to local employment, stating, "I have a passion for employment for local people. The more employment for our local people, the more our families and our community are happy."

Minister Enoch commenced her speech with an acknowledgment in Jandai, the language of her Quandamooka people. She emphasized the importance of the one-year anniversary and lauded Cherbourg for its leadership role in Queensland, setting an inspiring example for others to follow. Minister Enoch stated, "You are the leading light now for many more who will see that this is possible ... you've done the work, you've made everybody very, very proud."



Graeme Beardsell, Chief Executive Officer of Fujitsu Asia Pacific, expressed his company's satisfaction in being a part of the successful partnership with Cherbourg. He highlighted Fujitsu's use of technology to foster inclusiveness and extended gratitude to the "first eight" employees of the call centre who have been providing services to Australia Post. Mr. Beardsell praised the team at Cherbourg, stating, "The best rating team across the Asia Pacific is this team at Cherbourg."



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Emma Turaganivalu, the call centre manager, expressed immense pride upon hearing Mr. Beardsell's words. She shared, "It makes us work a little harder and stand a little taller." The recognition received fueled the team's dedication and commitment to their work.

The Cherbourg Call Centre's first anniversary celebration was a testament to the successful collaboration between Cherbourg and Fujitsu Asia Pacific. The centre continues to make a significant impact in the region, providing employment opportunities and delivering exceptional services.



Qld Regional Community Forums

We Have a Part to Play in Truth Telling

The Cherbourg community recently welcomed Queensland Government MPs and appointed community delegates as part of a Regional Community Forum. This significant event was part of a comprehensive series of forums organized by the State Government to facilitate discussions on growth and other important matters in regional Queensland towns.

During their visit, the delegation, which included MPs from Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, and Barron River, explored various sites in Cherbourg. They had the opportunity to visit Moffatdale's Dusty Hill Winery, where they learned about the region's viticulture, and the Cherbourg Historical Precinct, which provided insights into the cultural and historical significance of the community. Barron River MP and Queensland Government Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Craig Crawford, highlighted the forum's focus on attracting and retaining a stable workforce in the region, as well as other factors related to economic development. The discussions also touched on the region's First Nations population, with a commitment to exploring initiatives and opportunities to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Minister Crawford also shared plans for an upcoming "Truth Telling enquiry," led by his department, to delve into Queensland's history. This initiative aligns with recent historic legislation introduced into Parliament, which aims to promote truth-telling, reconciliation, and potential future treaties between First Nations peoples and the Palaszczuk Government.

The visit of Queensland Government MPs and community delegates to Cherbourg for the Regional Community Forum demonstrates a commitment to understanding and addressing the needs of the community. Through open dialogue and engagement, the government seeks to drive positive changes and contribute to the growth and development of Cherbourg and the wider region.



Cherbourg Call Centre Recognised in Premiers Excellence Awards

Our Cherbourg Digital Service Centre received prestigious recognition at the Queensland Premiers 2022 Awards for Excellence. The centre was honored in the "Digital Transformation" category, applauding their exceptional efforts in embracing digital technologies to enhance services and drive positive change for the community. This recognition reflects their commitment to innovation and advancing digital capabilities in Cherbourg. Emma-Jade Turganivalu, the Manager of the Cherbourg Call Centre, accepted the award on behalf of the team and their partners. This achievement showcases the collaborative spirit and dedication of all involved, as they work tirelessly to provide cutting-edge services and support to the community. The recognition highlights the significant impact they have made in driving digital transformation and supporting the growth and development of Cherbourg. Congratulations to the Cherbourg Digital Service Centre and its dedicated team for this well-deserved recognition.



'Container' for Change

Yarraman Expansion & Change Maker Recognition

Cherbourg Council's award-winning Containers For Change depot in Kingaroy has introduced a new initiative to serve the residents of Yarraman. The Kingaroy crew has been operating a pop-up recycling depot at the Yarraman Hotel-Motel, but now, the community has access to a full-size shipping container conveniently located at the same site. This development aims to provide greater accessibility to the Containers For Change program and ensure that residents can still receive their 10-cent refund per eligible item.

Containers For Change Kingaroy Manager Christine Beresford explained that residents should place their recyclable items in a plastic bag clearly marked with their registered name, Containers For Change ID membership number, and telephone number. The Kingaroy crew will collect these bags from the shipping container, transport them back to the depot for processing, and credit the refund to the registered bank accounts.



This container refund point in Yarraman not only makes recycling easier for residents living further away from the Kingaroy and Cherbourg depots but also reduces transport costs for the Kingaroy depot. Cherbourg Council plans to explore the possibility of placing more shipping containers at additional sites throughout the South Burnett region in the future.

In other news, the South Burnett region has achieved three finalist nominations in the 2023 Change Maker Awards associated with the Containers For Change scheme. The awards received over 700 entries and have now selected 36 finalists across eight categories.

Among the finalists are Tanduringie State School P&C in the Charity/Community Group of the Year category, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (Kingaroy) in the Medium Operator of the Year category, and Rhys Cobbo from Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (Kingaroy) in the Refund Point Employee of the Year category. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony to be held on July 6 at the Brisbane Conference and Exhibition Centre.

Cherbourg Council has a proud history with Containers For Change, having won two Change Maker awards in 2020. The Council was honored with the Sustainability Award in the Small to Medium Business category, and Christine Beresford, the Manager of the Kingaroy depot, was presented with the prestigious Change Maker Of The Year award.



These updates showcase our Council's commitment to environmental sustainability and our dedication in providing accessible recycling services to the community. Congratulations to all the finalists, and best wishes for the upcoming Change Maker Awards ceremony.

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Risk Management & Accountability

Safeguarding and Building a Promising Future

In February, the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council (CASC) conducted a significant meeting known as the “Audit and Risk Committee” meeting. This committee comprises individuals responsible for verifying the accuracy and dependability of our financial reports. They also ensure that our internal controls and risk management procedures are functioning effectively. Additionally, they oversee external auditors and ensure compliance with legal and governance regulations.

During the meeting, attended by Mayor Elvie Sandow, Deputy Tom Langton, council staff, and other participants, auditors from organizations such as KPMG, Queensland Audit Office, and Sunshine Coast Regional Council were present.

The primary objective of this meeting was to ensure that all processes are executed correctly and to identify and resolve any potential issues promptly. This proactive approach serves to protect our community’s interests and contribute to its ongoing progress.

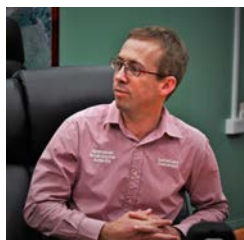
Through rigorous financial oversight, robust risk management practices, and adherence to responsible governance, we can maintain the proper allocation of resources, mitigate potential risks, and ensure ethical decision-making. This dedication is pivotal in building a brighter and more prosperous future for Cherbourg and its residents.



Flood Resilience in Focus with QRA Visit

In February, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Jimmy Scott, along with his team, visited Cherbourg to assess the community’s needs in the aftermath of recent floods and to discuss potential assistance from the QRA.

Mr. Scott met with Cherbourg’s Mayor Elvie Sandow and Deputy Tom Langton to observe the flood damage first-hand and to gain a deeper understanding of the community’s experiences. The QRA has been working with Cherbourg since 2011, providing funding to help build stronger, flood-resilient infrastructure.



“Cherbourg has been a key partner of the QRA for over a decade. However, there is still more work to be done,” said Mr. Scott. One of the key areas of interest during his visit was the erosion damage suffered by Cherbourg’s



sewage ponds due to the floods. According to the Acting CEO for QRA, “This project could be a potential candidate for additional funding that would not only help repair the damage but also fortify the ponds against future floods.” Mr. Scott commended the leadership of the Cherbourg community and the Council staff for their continuous interaction with the QRA.

He expressed his appreciation for their diligent efforts in identifying and securing funding opportunities that would contribute to making the community more resilient to future floods.

The visit is part of an ongoing collaboration between the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and the QRA aimed at enhancing flood resilience in the community. They are exploring future projects and funding options that would not just repair the flood damage but also improve the infrastructure to mitigate the impact of potential future floods.

Training Gains for our 'Go-Getters'

Cherbourg Achievers Shine in Training Awards

Three Cherbourg community members have nominations in for awards with the Queensland Training Awards for Darling Downs South West Region. Back in 2019, Phyllicia Landers took out the VET Equity student of the year for the region and went through to the Qld State Finals. Sabastian Fisher completed a Skilling Queenslanders for Work funded Traineeship with SkillCentred with a placement at Gundoo Early Years Place. Celeste has completed a Certificate III Business in a traineeship with Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council working on reception and being a young mum.



Charmaine has completed her Certificate II qualification while employed at Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council. Charmaine started on reception and has moved over to the housing department.

All three have completed their training with SkillCentred. Skill Centred is a not for profit registered training organisation.

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training fund the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiatives.

Charmaine completed a Skilling Queenslanders program with SkillCentred in 2019 and so did Celeste.



Collaborative Workshop Promotes Safe Water Practices for Community

In February, the Cherbourg Council, along with Queensland Water Supply and Regulation and the Darling Downs Public Health Unit, joined for a water treatment workshop right here in our community. The main objective of this workshop was to ensure that we have the highest quality of drinking water in Cherbourg.

During the workshop, attendees had the opportunity to learn about the regulators' inspection of our new water plant. They also gained insights into the council's drinking water quality management plan, which plays a vital role in maintaining the cleanliness and safety of our water supply. Additionally, there were discussions highlighting the significance of reporting any incidences or incidents related to our water system, and attendees received training on incident reporting. The workshop provided our community water treatment workers with a better understanding of the regulations and processes required to ensure clean and safe drinking water for all residents. Equipped with this knowledge, participants also learned how to effectively report any issues or incidents they may come across in our water supply. Well done to our dedicated team members who attended this workshop for your commitment to maintaining the quality of our drinking water. Together, we are taking important steps to ensure the well-being and health of our community. Your active participation is truly appreciated.



Zala and Koa - a Birthday Double Celebration

In March we celebrated special milestone birthdays of our CEO Zala and little Koa Costello. Can you believe Zala turned 40! while Koa celebrated her very first birthday as the daughter of Councillor Leighton and his partner Kaysee. In a heartfelt gesture, Mayor Elvie Sandow took the initiative to bake cakes in the early hours of the morning to commemorate these joyous occasions.

It is a testament to the appreciation we have for Zala's unwavering passion and dedication in building a brighter future for little Koa and all our Cherbourg Gundooos. We would like to extend our warmest appreciation and best wishes to CEO Chatur Zala and Koa Costello on behalf of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council. May your days be filled with boundless joy, infectious laughter, and an abundance of occasions to enjoy delicious birthday cake for many years to come.





Hear The Voice of our Elders

Cherbourg, Canada, Cultural Connection: Building Bridges with Indigenous Leaders

Submission by Eric Law

In 1962, a group of American and Canadian Indian Chiefs visited our community of Cherbourg. I am sure older members of our community will remember this particular time.

(In February) my wife Shirley and I had the honour and pleasure to meet the grandson of one of Chiefs mentioned above. This First Nations man's name is Chief Lee Crowchild. He is grandson oh Chief David Crowchild.

Denise Proud (née Chambers), a Cherbourg woman was also at this gathering. We are always saying this world of ours is getting smaller! It was mind blowing the connection of Cherbourg to both of these groups.

Sometimes, we think we are the only ones fighting for equality and justice. Yet sharing this time with Chief Lee reminded me that there are First Nations people



Shirley and Eric Law



Chief Walking Buffalo (fourth from left) with Maori Elder and Decorated Men from Cherbourg

This gathering was only organised because the group had to wait a couple of hours for a connecting flight to New Zealand.

The final thing Chief Lee said to us was that we should have more connections between Cherbourg and Canada!

So, I came up with this 4C idea - it stands for Cherbourg, Canada, Cultural, Connection! I hope this can happen and we can all learn and share amongst others!

First Nations Canadian Team Seek to Open Dialogue with First Nations Australians



In February of this year Initiatives of Change Australia hosted a visit from two Indigenous leaders from Canada, Lewis Cardinal and Chief Lee Crowchild, who sought to engage in dialogue with First Nations Australians.

Cardinal believed that the world needed the wisdom of Indigenous peoples more than ever to learn how to live differently in harmony with all that is.

Their program in Australia was organized by Initiatives of Change Australia, which was committed to building trust across the world's divides through truth-telling and deep listening.

Cardinal and Crowchild addressed "First Nations Wisdom for Regenerative Futures" at the National Sustainable Living Festival in Melbourne and met with Wiradjuri elders in rural NSW before visiting East Arnhemland to gain insight into traditional communities and proponents of Indigenous languages and self-determination.

all over the world who are fighting the very same battle. Sharing a feed and talk with Chief Lee reminded us that our mutual culture is such a powerful weapon in our battle. When Chief Lee travels and is at home, he doesn't say he's Canadian, he says he is Tsuut'ina man.

He also reminded us all that our First Nations culture will always be about our Land, our waters and the Sun! Chief Lee shared with us that they have the same issues as violence, alcohol, drugs and suicides. In fact, he shared with us that suicides in his area is almost uncontrollable! I made a small presentation to Chief Lee, it a book about Cherbourg which had a photo of his Grandparents in it! We also gave him a small painted bowl, from the Ration Shed.



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RATION SHED MUSEUM

Refurbishments, Pottery Exhibits, and Community Workshops

In the heart of Cherbourg, the Ration Shed Museum has been buzzing with activity through April and May, welcoming a multitude of visitors from across Queensland. The museum's dedicated team of tour guides, including May Bemrose, Eric Law, Jeanette Brown, and Natasha Duncan, have been working tirelessly to accommodate an influx of government groups, families, and individual visitors. Visitors are advised to call ahead to book their tour to avoid disappointment.



The Yidding Artist Studio at the museum is another site of creative exchange, though school workshops have had a slow start this year. However, optimism runs high for increased engagement in the coming months. Crawford State School students were seen enjoying an art workshop at the Yidding Artist Studio during their recent visit.

In terms of community involvement, the museum has been connecting with local groups for interactive workshops. The Youth Advocacy Group (YAG) has started incorporating activities at both the Barambah Pottery and Yidding Artist Studios into their programs for young clients. Over the Easter break, the Cherbourg Sports Complex also got involved in the art studio activities. Earlier this year, the museum had the pleasure of hosting the local CTC group for one of its first art workshops.

These initiatives underline the Ration Shed Museum's commitment to community engagement, skill development, and the preservation of local heritage and artistry. It is indeed a vibrant hub of culture and community interaction in Cherbourg.



A major refurbishment has breathed new life into the Gallery shop. Expertly undertaken by the Cherbourg Council Joinery and Painters, the renovation saw the installation of new shelving and an aesthetic refresh, setting the stage for the next shipment of Barambah Pottery pieces.

Speaking of Barambah Pottery, the pottery corner remains a key attraction at the museum. Current potters and decorators at the studio are fostering a love for the craft among the community's younger and older members alike. Some of the striking pieces, now ready for the final glazing, are the work of renowned local artist Maurice Mickelo. The pottery studio also serves as a training ground for local youth to learn the craft and decorate pottery on the wheel.





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ENROLLING TO VOTE

In Australia, you must enrol and vote if you're an Australian citizen aged 18 or over. If you are not enrolled, you cannot have your say on who represents you about issues that are important to you and your community.

The electoral roll

When you enrol to vote, your name and address are added to the electoral roll. The electoral roll is a list of people who are eligible to vote in the election. You need to be enrolled before you can vote.

How to enrol

You can use a computer or a smart phone to enrol to vote or update your address online at www.aec.gov.au/Indigenous

You can also pick up an enrolment form at any Australian Electoral Commission office.

You'll need proof of ID – a driver's licence, passport or someone who is already on the electoral roll who can confirm who you are.

The electoral roll closes shortly after the election is announced so it's important to keep your enrolment details up-to-date.

Why do I have to enrol to vote?

Enrolment and voting is compulsory for all Australian citizens aged 18 or over. More importantly, it is your chance to have a say in your future and in the future of your community.

Will I be fined if I haven't enrolled in the past?

No. Even if you have not enrolled before, you can do so now and you will not be fined. However, you may be fined if you don't vote at election time. The AEC encourages all eligible Australians to enrol to vote and keep their details up-to-date on the electoral roll.

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“Ask your friends
and family if they are
**enrolled
to vote**”

VOTING

Why voting is important

Your vote is your voice on the laws and decisions that affect you and your community.

By voting in elections, you have the opportunity to choose the person who you think will best represent your views in the Parliament. Voting is also important to many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because Indigenous Australians did not achieve equal voting rights for federal elections until 1962.

When and where do I vote?

Federal election day is always on a Saturday. Voting takes place between 8am and 6pm at polling places around the country. Mobile polling teams also visit many remote areas in Australia in the weeks before election day.

If you can't make it to a polling place on election day, you may be entitled to vote early either in person or by post. Details about how to vote early will be available from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) closer to election day.

What happens if I don't vote?

Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years or older. If you do not vote and don't have a valid and sufficient reason, you may be fined. The AEC will write to you at the address listed on the electoral roll and ask you to provide a reason why you did not vote.

Who am I voting for?

At election time, you will vote for a person to represent your area (known as an electorate) in the House of Representatives. There are 151 members in the House of Representatives. You can find out which electorate you live in on the AEC's website.

You will also vote for senators who will represent your state or territory in the Senate. There are 12 senators for each state, and two senators for each territory.

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or visit [aec.gov.au/enrol](https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol)**



Every Day Counts

Clontarf Boys Academy Update



Term 1 started with the year 12's going to the gold coast to get together as a collective and plan their last year to succeed and meet their own outcomes and goals. Special Guest Joel Thompson spoke to the boys about grasping every opportunity with both hands and encouraging you friends and family to do their best.



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Week 5 it was the year 8 + 9 boys for their leadership camp to the Sunshine Coast. The boys all Worked well as a group through different leadership games. It Poured down with rain one night but it didn't dampen the boys spirit for the next day.

Week 6 was the Year 7 induction camp. The boys who came from all different primary schools got together as the Barambah Magpies and went to Noosa for leadership games and bonding activities. The boys gelled really well as a group and narrowly missed out on being the top team by the end of the camp.



Week 8 was for Year 10 + 11 boys in Toowoomba to play a round robin tournament against the other Clontarf's. All the boys played well and won most of their games.



Term 2 will have camps for all boys again with the Year 7 + 8's just returning for Goondiwindi where they won 4 out of 5 games with Jedidiah Ninness getting MVP and Jamarl Bird-Gadd getting Clontarf spirit award

The Clontarf Footy show is still in full swing so make sure you listen out for the boys and their tips.



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Budburra Preps are now reading Bear and Chook, and using alphabet sounds to write the title, character names and to describe what happens in the story. The children are presenting their work, aiming to speak loud and proud, make eye contact and use expression to share their ideas.



In Maths, the little legends are making patterns and sorting objects by size, colour or shape, and are even doing these things in their free play! We have been making maps in HaSS and windchimes in Science, the children including many different materials on their chimes. Soon we will hang the windchimes up outside, and, like little scientists, we are very excited to see what happens

Culture & Language Centre



This term in the Culture and Language Centre, students have been focusing on our unit 'Family and Relationships' – in particular the Stolen Generation and the impacts and consequences of past government policies and laws have had on First Nations people.



Our Language Matters – Students will continue to learn new words and short sentences, focusing on the spoken structure of the Wakka Wakka Language. Students will begin to cross-examine texts and start to begin to translate simple stories from Standard Australian English to Wakka Wakka Language.

Also in this term, we will be observing National Sorry Day on the 26th of May.

Later on in the term, our Year5/6 students will be going on a boys and girls Culture Camp - date and time TBA.



Which Way – Our Way Cherbourg State School Way radio program.

Tune each week every Wednesday afternoon to listen to our students who talk about what they have been learning,





UPDATE FROM THE BARAMBAH YOUTH SERVICES HUB

The Barambah Youth Services Hub 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 team (Gaye O'Sullivan and Matthew Malone) can assist you with navigating access to a confidential appointment with a service. Did you know that the Youth Hub has a range of wellbeing services available (psychologists, counsellors and social workers), that can help if something is worrying you?

Recent Events

10 March 2023 – Services Expo

Fifteen services/stall holders attended the annual Youth Hub Services Expo and provided a range of activities to engage young people throughout the day. Students from Murgon and Goomeri had a fantastic day, exploring the variety of services that are available at the Youth Hub.



Services Expo

21 April 2023 – Art Competition

A record number of entries were received from across the South Burnett, with a large display of talent exhibited by young people. Judges from the Ration Shed and Wondai Art Gallery were amazed by the diversity and quality of the entries.

Upcoming Programs/trainings

- Prep L Registration and Support, 3pm-5pm Thursdays (weekly). South Burnett CTC are offering Prep L support, to assist young people with gaining the knowledge to obtain their learners licence. This includes the registration fee for the Prep L program.
- 2-3 August 2023: Youth Mental Health First Aid Program.
- 7 September 2023: Queensland Rural Health Skills Expo.
- 8 September 2023: Annual Youth Hub Careers Expo.

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).



Young Artist Wows Judges

The judges of the Barambah Youth Services Hub's second annual art competition had a tough job picking the winners after a record number of entries were submitted. The competition featured two categories: Ages 10-14 and 15-18.

Prize vouchers, donated by the South Burnett Regional Council, were awarded to the winner (\$100) and highly commended (\$50) in each category.

Hub manager Gaye O'Sullivan said the competition was open to young artists from across the South Burnett.

She said entries had come in from Kingaroy, Murgon and Cherbourg.

The independent judges were Elaine Madill, from Wondai Regional Art Gallery; and Carl Simpson, from The Ration Shed.

The winners were presented with certificates and vouchers by SBRC community development co-ordinator Margie Hams in a small ceremony on Friday morning at the Hub.

Age 10-14:

- Winner – Elvie Saltner; Year 6, Cherbourg SS
- Highly commended – Logan Robinson; Year 10, Murgon SHS

Age 15-18:

- Winner – Natalie Booth; Year 12, Murgon SHS
- Highly commended – Amika-May Collard; Year 10, Murgon SHS

Barambah Youth Services Hub (Gukoore Kun'du) is located next door to Murgon State High School.

Gaye said there were now more than 16 support services which could be accessed via the Hub, which is open to young people aged 10-24. These included the GP In School (Dr Emma Leu-Marshall), vocational support training, drug and alcohol counselling, and psychological services.

"And if people can't make it to Murgon, we can also offer a telehealth option as well for some services," Gaye said.

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A Healthy Cherbourg



Healthy Skin, Healthy Heart Program returning to Cherbourg

The Healthy Skin, Healthy Heart program will be returning to Cherbourg from Tuesday 13-Wednesday 14 June 2023. Healthcare providers from Darling Downs Health will be offering free skin checks and heart scans to prevent skin infections, which can lead to rheumatic heart disease (RHD).

The Healthy Skin, Healthy Heart mob will be checking for scabies or other skin conditions. Medication—in the form of pills—will be given to the whole community to combat the spread of scabies. In addition, the Healthy Skin, Healthy Heart team will be offering heart scans. Rheumatic heart disease poses a threat to the health of Cherbourg and early detection of this condition is crucial. RHD can be present without any symptoms, so we encourage anyone aged 5-20 years old to have their heart screened.

The Healthy Skin, Healthy Heart mob will provide heart scans in a culturally safe and supportive environment. Everyone will be provided with a gown to protect modesty and an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health worker chaperone will be present. The scans will take five minutes, and results will be provided to you within seven days.

Bring your whole family down to join us at the Healthy Skin, Healthy Heart clinic at Cherbourg Community Hall between 13-14 June from 9am-5pm.

For more information please contact the Darling Downs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health team on 07 4699 8032.



Photo Gallery - Meetings, Clinics & Catch-ups



Mayor Elvie Sandow was an ENT patient of Dr Chris Perry back in the 1980s when she had to travel to and stay in Brisbane to get treatment... in February of 2023 she gives thanks as Cherbourg Mayor for all the hard work and great outcomes he and his team achieved performing surgeries right here in our community



Mayor Sandow leading the way, encouraging our mob and community to "Tackle Flu" by getting your annual Flu Shots at clinics in Cherbourg and surrounds



Cherbourg Connected....



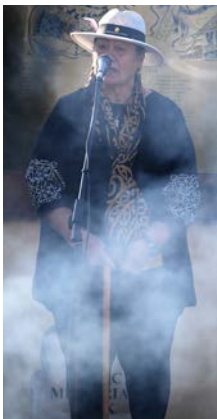
A big day/night for our under 8's Hornets - running out and playing on the field at the Rabbitoh - Dolphins Game in April but the big highlight was getting to see Latrell Mitchell - so happy that he came over for a selfie and to shake hands



Mayor Sandow welcomed Kowanyama CEO Kevin Bell and team to Gundoo Early Learning Community Centre, yarning about cultural protocols, services and collaborations, improving partnerships & outcomes for young people to close the gap for mob.



In April Mayor Elvie visited Doomadgee, in the heart of rodeo country, to exchange ideas with early learning service providers, meet the CEO, and visit local sites. She also caught up with old friends before watching a Broncos game in Brisbane.



This Years ANZAC Day service was again well recieved and supported by community and visitors who honoured our fallen brothers and sisters - a big thank you to all the workers, service providers and volunteers and to Elgin Leedie for all your work and dedication organising and as MC on the day.






Congratulations to the April Winners of Bin Day Bingo

A fun way to encourage mob to get involved in recycling, Cherbourg Council and UsMob Cherbourg Radio are promoting 'Bin Day Bingo'. The eco-friendly game rewards residents with a chance to win a \$150 shopping voucher for correctly sorting and placing their yellow-lid recycle bin out for collection every Tuesday. Winners of Bin Day Bingo are announced on the first Wednesday of each month, adding a touch of anticipation to the regular recycling routine. In April Sophia Dynevor at 47 Barber Street was the proud recipients of the April award, adding a delightful twist to her day as Sophia, one of the was in town playing Bingo when her prize was dropped off (luckily her partner was home to receive the voucher). The monthly draw is broadcast live on Cherbourg Radio, adding to the community spirit of the event.



Operations Manager Matt Bock and Environmental Officer Lizzie O'Chin conduct the draws, joined by special guests, in April it was Selma Kum Sing and Clayton Abreu from the Department of Environment and Science. Kum Sing and Abreu work with The Environmental Services Support Program for the Queensland Government, assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait councils in optimizing their solid waste and wastewater infrastructure and operations. Their involvement underscores the seriousness of waste management and recycling, even amidst the fun of Bin Day Bingo.

Bin Day Bingo is a clever example of how communities can encourage environmentally conscious behaviour in an engaging and rewarding way. Cherbourg residents are urged to keep participating every Tuesday - every week you put your yellow-lid bin out for collection, your address and name will be entered into the monthly draw for a chance to win every week you participate. It's a win-win situation – a cleaner planet and the chance to pocket a shopping voucher!

WHAT BIN - WHAT DAY?						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
X			X		X	X

Yellow Lid Bins goes out TUESDAY - Green Lid Bins goes out Monday and Thursday & Bulk Rubbish picked up AFTER Midday on Monday and Thursday

Excerpts from submitted Newsletter by Jeanette Brown

True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.

Martin Luther King Jr.

Man On A Mission



Muran Djan Men's Group's new employee is welcomed by the Barambah Local Justice Group. Pastor Max Conlon, a respected local church leader, was pleased to join the group.

He has a strong commitment to serving his community and is working to create new positive programs for those who are having a hard time navigating life and the justice system. The Muran Djan Men's group's objectives are Pastor Max's primary focus.

Ochre Ribbon Week was community driven and held for the first time in Cherbourg on Thursday 16th February 2023 at the Muran Djan Men's Centre. Originally initiated in WA in 2015, it is about ending family violence in Aboriginal communities.



The key message was "Don't Silence the Violence...NOT NOW NOT EVER!" Acknowledgement and welcome to country was done by Wakka Wakka descendant Eric Law (AM) and opening prayer and blessing by local respected

Elder Ada Simpson. The first time event was organised by the BLJG together with the Muran Djan Centre, and was attended by 27 people.

A minute silence for past tragic violence was also held in memory of loved ones lost. Event organiser Jeanette Brown on behalf of the Barambah Local Justice Group would like to see this event be held annually. This event to be community driven on a rotational basis by different groups within the community each year.

Hughies' Story

Community resident Hughie Carlo with his son Hughie Jnr., and client of Muran Djan shared his story at the Launch. Hughie admitted he was involved in family violence, and spent time in and out of institutions and prison.

Hughie has since turned his life around

and now enjoys living and caring for his children, and keeping them safe and happy. He is a client of Muran Djan Men's Group and is grateful for their support programs and look forward to their Yarning Circles in 2023.

Not proud of his past actions, Hughie was also brave enough to share more of his story on Us Mob radio.

Expressions of Interest

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A JP
PLEASE CALL DOWN TO THE
BARAMBAH LOCAL JUSTICE GROUP OFFICE
COURT HOUSE BUILDING TO REGISTER**



The Barambah Local Justice Group has welcomed another new staff member, Sammy Jo Barrett. Sammy is employed as Administration Assistant.

She will provide admin support to the Muran Djan Centre and to the new Coordinator once that person is appointed.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our previous Coordinator, Neredith Watson. Sammy Jo will also assist with the Murri Court procedures. We would like to welcome and encourage more people to join as members. Membership is free, just call down to the office to see Sammy Jo.



Building Resilience

Boosting Parenting Skills with Cultural Sensitivity in Cherbourg



Cherbourg Parent Kalchiri Jacobs, was recently interviewed for a national newspaper where she spoke about her challenging experiences when her son was starting school. He had been dealing with respiratory issues that resulted in high levels of anxiety and disruptive behaviour.

This situation forced Kalchiri to quit her job and face an extended wait to see a paediatrician for help. However, she discovered the Triple P - Positive Parenting Program, a three-day face-to-face course that turned her family's life around.

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, offered in a partnership with Cherbourg Health Service in collaboration with the University of Queensland Triple P and CRAICCHS, aims to provide positive support for parents and families. It focuses on building resilience and equipping parents with strategies to navigate new challenges their children face, such as vaping, bullying, and self-esteem issues. With a lack of access to psychologists and paediatricians, the Triple P program has become a valuable resource for parents seeking guidance in community.

Kalchiri found the Triple P program to be eye-opening, providing her with new strategies and support. As a result, her son returned to regular school hours, and Kalchiri was able to return to full-time work. Inspired by her experience, she is now training to become a Triple P counsellor herself with CRAICCHS, determined to help other parents in similar situations. Psychotherapist Julie Sweet who was also featured in the national news item, has observed a significant increase in parents seeking help, particularly with teens struggling with issues like vaping, access to explicit content, and sharing intimate photos. She views this increased help-seeking as a positive sign of parents actively addressing these challenges.

Triple P's range of online programs, like the face to face one offered in Cherbourg, have proven to be critical, especially with lengthy waiting lists for face-to-face care.

The program's evidence-based approach and free online accessibility make it a sensible choice to provide parents and children with the support they need.

Cherbourg parents and caregivers have also been invited to participate in the Indigenous Positive Parenting Program, known as "D'arin Djanum," meaning "strong together" in Wakka Wakka. This program aims to build on the strengths and resilience of the community by offering positive support to parents and families. Led by local practitioners who understand the Cherbourg community, the program will provide valuable resources and strategies over three days.

Triple P programs have gained recognition for their effectiveness, with strong evidence supporting their positive impact on families. The University of Queensland's Parenting and Family Support Centre (PFSC) has collaborated with various communities, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, to adapt the program and resources to their specific needs.

Over the past 2 years a number of Triple P groups have been run, averaging one per school term in Cherbourg.

Group implementation only affected by sorry business and COVID lockdowns. The groups have seen a range of caregivers attended these groups, including dads, facilitated in accessible community locations such as Ration Shed, Gundoo Daycare, Cherbourg School and IKC.

Preliminary Cherbourg data suggest promising outcomes, such as reduction in parent's stress levels, improvement in parenting and parent-child relationships

Cherbourg Community Health and CRAICCHS are facilitating the Indigenous group Triple P program, which is free for Cherbourg parents, grandparents, and caregivers of children aged two to twelve.

COVID-safe measures are in place, including catering for participants. This initiative is part of a larger plan by Darling Downs Health to offer more parenting groups and seminars throughout the year, aligning with school terms.

By providing accessible, easy-to-use, and practical parenting supports like Triple P, the community aims to foster strong foundations for children, support their growth and development, and instil positive cultural values. With the challenges faced by children today, it is crucial to equip parents with the necessary skills and resources to navigate these issues and promote healthy development.

Parents and caregivers in Cherbourg are encouraged to reach out to Cherbourg Community Health and CRAICCHS to register for the Indigenous Triple P group program. This initiative underscores the commitment to support families and create a positive future for the community.

"Can't Catch Cobbo"

A Beacon of Pride for Cherbourg in Broncos Indigenous Jersey



Cherbourg Boy and Superstar Bronco Selwyn Cobbo visited home in May, his incredible journey helping inspire the new Broncos 2023 Indigenous Jersey. Our emerging local leader has a strong connection to his home town, born and raised on Wakka Wakka country, where his parents were also both born. His growth as a leader, connection to community and his elevation to a position of inspiration to our young ones here in Cherbourg is strongly represented in the Indigenous artwork he helped launch, designed by Quandamooka and Nunukul artist Casey Coolwell-Fisher. "It's pretty special you know, being able to wear this jersey and be a young leader," Cobbo said.

"I had leader moments growing up as well back in my community, I was the first aboriginal school captain at my school in almost 90 years. "Being able to bring that down to Brisbane and try and be a leader for the club and many other communities is really important." Cobbo was welcomed home with open arms, where he made a surprise visit to watch his local footy team Cherbourg Hornets play. "I was born and raised up in Cherbourg on Wakka Wakka land, I was there till I was 16," Cobbo said. "My mum and dad raised me, they were also born in Cherbourg as well. Today without them I'm not sure where I would be now. "It's a proud moment for me. From where I come from as well, they're big footy fans up here, they love there footy. It's pretty special for me and the communities as well, being able to put on the Indigenous jersey and being able to represent who I am and where I come from."



Selwyn worked with Broncos Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teammates with artist Casey Coolwell-Fisher on the design of the jersey.

It's a project he's incredibly proud to see come to life. "It was my first time [working] with Casey, she showed us all the designs she had created," he said. "All the boys talked about the jerseys, and I think this one stood out the most out of all of them. She's done a good job; I really love her design and I can't wait to work with her throughout the year"

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Selwyn made the journey home ahead of Indigenous Round, and his importance to the community is undeniable.

"It puts a smile on my face every time I come up here and see the little kids," he said. "I guess I'm their hero. Seeing the kids driving around, they were all happy and it put a smile to my face.

"It's pretty special, it always puts a smile on my face seeing kids come up to me, saying 'You're my hero' that makes me proud.

"Growing up I idolised Greg Inglis. The way he played on the field and also how he carried himself off the field, he's done a lot for his mob and that's something I want to do when I grow up."

