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FROM THE MAYORS DESK

Shire Water

Council is awaiting further State Government guidance on the proposed water pipeline funding. We are presently working along side Government appointed representatives to collate and finalise all necessary reports that have been requested.
A strategy for the supply of water to the shire communities has been devised in the case of our supplies depletion.

Our weir has been approved and lead up work has commenced.

I am very proud of the community's water usage levels dropping and I realise the temperatures are on the way up; however please keep up the good work. Next year and forever more Cloncurry will hopefully never see level five water restrictions.

Skyairworld

Welcome to Skyairworld who are now servicing Cloncurry with direct flights between Cloncurry/Cairns, Cloncurry/Brisbane. They initially had teething problems as all new companies do, however they are up and flying and looking forward to delivering a quality service to the Cloncurry Shire community. I would love to see everybody support this, so that it becomes viable and affordable now and into the future.

The 39th Ernest Henry Memorial Arts Contest

Congratulations to the organising committee and the judges of the Ernest Henry Memorial Arts Contest held on the weekend of the 13th and 14th of September 2008. The art contest saw a variety of impressive art on display and overall was another successful event supported by the community and businesses working in partnership.

St Joseph's Opti-minds team makes the State final in Brisbane

Congratulation to the students from St Josephs in making the State final in the prestigious Opti-Minds competition. The St Joseph team is off to Brisbane on the 9 October to compete in the Sciences & Engineering" category at state level. We wish them well.

Andrew Daniels
Mayor

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COUNCIL NEWS- POSITIONS VACANT

CLONCURRY SHIRE COUNCIL
POSITIONS VACANT

COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICER

RANGER

Applications are invited from suitable qualified and experienced persons for each of the above full time positions.
Both positions are based in Cloncurry.

An information pack for each position, incorporating a position description and the selection criteria, may be obtained by contacting the Shire officer on telephone (07) 4742 4100 or email council@cloncurry.qld.gov.au

It is recommended that all applicants obtain the relevant information pack prior to submitting an application as it is essential that applicants address the relevant selection criteria.

Applications for each of the positions must be received by 4:00pm Friday 31 October 2008.
Craig Turnour
Chief Executive Officer
7 October 2008

COUNCIL NEWS

Cloncurry Shire Council is paying

$50:00

Bounties on Wild Dog Scalps

To Claim

The wild dog must be destroyed in the Cloncurry Shire
Bring the scalp/s to the Cloncurry Shire Council's Nuisance and Stock Route Inspector
The scalp must be from nose to the tip of the tail
Scalps must be dried, salted or frozen
Rotten scalps may be rejected.
Please call (07) 47424100 to make arrangements

Mosquitoes

Mosquito season is upon us. Here are some handy hints to prevent mosquitoes around the home.

Take personal precautions.
Fill pot plant sauces with sand.
Remove harbor (long grass).
Clean the dog's water dish every day.
Place gauze on rain water tank fill points and overflows.
Clean out gutters.
Check your screens

For further information please contact Cloncurry Shire Council on (07)47424100

COUNCIL NEWS

PUBLIC NOTICE
Cloncurry Water Supply Update

Cloncurry's water supply is low but we are maintaining supplies for residents, businesses and visitors to the town. Through steps that we have put in place, we are confident of maintaining the water supply throughout the duration of the current drought.

Council is appreciative that the majority of the users of the water are doing the right thing by restricting their use as necessary.

At the end of August 2008 the State Government engaged former Townville Council CEO and former Townsville-Thuringowa Water Authority boss Mr Brian Guthrie to work with the Council to complete and finalise required investigations. The State Government also tasked Sun Water to prepare a business case for the proposed pipeline from Ernest Henry Mine to Cloncurry.

Although publicly things may have been quiet, since their engagement Council has been working actively with Mr Guthrie, Sun Water and other Government Departments, in a coordinated approach to address the water shortages and also to ensure long term water security, something of which Cloncurry has not had for many years.

Security of the water supply is the first priority of my administration and I am committed to ensure that it happens.

Sun Water's report is due to be handed to the State Government by the end of October 2008 following which it will be considered by the Cabinet. We are confident that the decision to fund and build the pipeline will then be forthcoming.

In the meantime I want to appease any concerns that Cloncurry residents, businesses and visitors have in respect of the town running out of water. The bottom-line is that Council and the State Government will not let this happen.

Cloncurry/Mary Kathleen Park/Museum & Information Centre
McIlwraith Street
Open Mon to Friday 8am – 4.30pm
Closed weekends until next Tourist Season

Ph/Fax 4742 1361

Come along for a historical view to Cloncurry's interesting past and present through our great museum of treasures, from Burke & Wills history, Indigenous artifacts, letters from Ernest Henry plus photos and much more from a by-gone era. Stroll around the outdoor Museum or take a short walk to our lookout for a central view of the town and surrounding area.

Looking for a gift? With Christmas just around the corner, then why not visit the Information Centre & shop for the wide range of souvenir & gifts from tea towels, placemats, postcards, magnets, new range of Cloncurry T-Shirts, stubby coolers, Vanessa Jewellery and much more.

Agent for the sale of Fossickers Licences, receive sound local knowledge of the area and fossicking sites.

Adults: $7.60 ~ Pensioners $5.50 ~ Children (school age) $3.40 ~ Family Pass $23.10
Combined passes are available for Mary Kathleen Park & John Flynn Place
Groups welcome

Sunday Afternoon Market November 23rd this will have a Christmas theme, with all the goodies for the festive season
Anyone wishes to hold a stall please phone the above number. All welcomed.

Coming events for 2009 at MK Park:-

Curry Day 15th March 2009. 3pm – 7pm Mary Kathleen Park. Theme is green.

GRANT & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund
Closing date: Friday 31 October 2008
Funding: various
Purpose: to fund projects providing facilities or services which will be of obvious community benefit.
Funding objectives:

- To achieve participation by organisations which have a benefical influence on the community
- To achieve a measure of community acceptance and/or involvement in approved projects
- To approve general or specific capital expenditure projects which have an obvious community benefit

More information: Breakwater Island Casino Community Benefit Fund Trust
Website, www.biccbf.com.au or Phone 07 4742 1453

Eat Well Be Active Community Partnerships Program
Closing Date: Thursday 30 October 2008
Funding:Up to $50,000 (matching funding required)
To be eligible for the program applicants are required to form partnerships. Eligible applicants include local governments, schools and not-for-profit organisations (including sport and recreation organisations).
Objectives:

- Development and delivery of healthy lifestyle programs at a local level.
- Increasing participation in physical activity
- Improving healthy eating habit in QLD

More information: 1300 663 647

WHAT'S ON IN THE CURRY

Claim the Date for your 2009 event!

Have you claimed the date for your 2009 event? There is lots happening with QLD celebrating it's 150 birthday so claim the date today so not to miss out!
Call Gail Wipaki today to get your event on the 2009 calendar, PH 4742 1361

Disco - 31 October 2008

PCYC is having a Halloween disco
Held at the youth centre, King Street
Cost: $2
Under 11 5pm-7pm
12y-17y 7.30pm-9pm
Ph: 4742 1523
Come dressed as your favourite Halloween character with prizes for best dressed.
*PCYC café will be operating on the night!

Dates for the Calendar

October
31st Cloncurry PCYC Disco, Youth Centre King Street
Ph: 4742 1523

November
1st Cloncurry Rotary Markets, held at Florence Clarke Park
Ph: Narelle, 4742 2847

22nd Quamby Cup Race Day, Cloncurry Racecourse
Ph: Brenda 0417 601 691

23rd Christmas Market, Mary Kathleen Park
Ph 4742 1361

28th Cloncurry Hospital Fete, Cloncurry Recreation Grounds
Ph:

December
6th Cloncurry Rotary Markets, Florence Clarke Park
Ph: Narelle, 4742 2847

2009 Airshow, calling for interested parties!'
An air show is planned to be held in Cloncurry in conjunction with the Q150 celebrations and the 55th Merry Muster Rodeo in 2009.
If you are interested in this event the Merry Muster Rodeo is forming a sub committee to plan and implement the air show.
We are calling for all interested parties to sit on the sub committee and assist with this new event in 2009.
Please email or call Kirstin Westerman for further details and meeting times.
mikewesterman@bigpond.com or Mobile: 0412390572

CURRY HAPPENINGS!

Senior Citizens morning tea

Be a part of the community!

Why not be part of an event committee

Australia Day 2009
Date of event: Monday 26 January 2009
If you are interested in helping out and being involved please come along to a meeting to organise Australia Day 2009!
Date:
Time: 5.30pm
Place: Council Chambers

NEWS FROM THE HOSPITAL

The hospital needs YOU!

If you think that we could sell it we want it so please take all donations to the Hospital to help us raise 3million dollars. Cloncurry, We can do it!
The Hospital Auxiliary are hosting a fete and they want you to come along and enjoy and help us by donating goods!

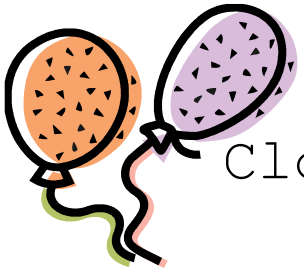
Quilters get quilting, sewers get sowing, stitches get stitching and scrapbookers we need you!!
All of your fantastic creations are needed to help raise money to build the aged care annex on the hospital grounds.

We need plants, planters, pots, gardening equipment, outdoor settings (get your friends/workplace together and buy one to donate) all to help keep our elderly residents here in their twilight years.

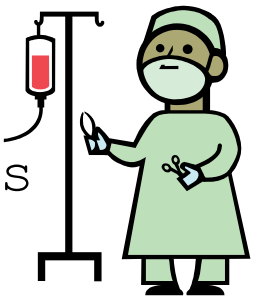
Do you collect bottles? Have a stash of ribbons? Wondered what you could do with all of those useful odds and ends? Donate them to become bottle fillers for the fete! We need lots of bottles and bottles fillers for our bottle stall so get looking and take them to the hospital!

Are you a cook? Cook up a storm for our cake stall.
Just write the ingredients on the packaging and pop your creations down to the hospital on the day of the fete.

Now you have assisted by donating goods, don't forget to come along



Hospital Fete
Friday 28 November 2008
Cloncurry Recreation Grounds
5.30pm onwards



Jumping Castles—Fairy Floss—Cake stalls
The lolly man—Little toot rides
Things that flash and glow in the dark!—Helium balloons
Inaugural Bed Pan Cup!—Face painting—Fishing games
BBQ (so mum doesn't have to cook dinner)
Ham wheels—Lucky dips—Taekwon-Do and Judo Demonstrations
Basketball hoop competition—Rock Pop performance
Auction—Sno Cones

Lots of goodies to make sure Santa and his reindeer can find his way to your home on Christmas Day & much more!

See you at the fete!
More info: 4742 4500

MAIN ROADS INFORMATION

What's happening on the roads in Cloncurry region?

Road Project Update

Flinders Highway

Work is continuing on the progressive upgrade of the Flinders Highway between Cloncurry and east of Torrens Creek.

Construction commenced mid May on an $8.8m project to reconstruct and widen a 12km section of the highway, 25km east of Hughenden in the Jardine Valley area.

This project will widen the existing narrow section of highway to 8.5m with 9m sealed floodways and is currently on track for completion in December 2008.

Construction also commenced in May this year on a project to widen a 9km section of the highway, 20kms west of Julia Creek. Sealing work will take place in late September with the overall project due to be complete early October, three months ahead of schedule.

Burke Developmental Road (Cloncurry to Normanton)

The Burke Developmental Road between Cloncurry and Normanton is being progressively upgraded and widened.
With the Burke Developmental Road widened south of the Burke and Wills Junction, the focus is now on eliminating narrow sections north of the Burke and Wills Junction.
Work commenced in September 2008 on a project to widen a 6km section 260km north of Cloncurry at Donors Hill. The project will widen the existing road to 8m and is scheduled for completion late 2008, weather permitting.

Information supplied by Main Roads

HEALTH INFORMATION

Health News

North & West Queensland Primary Health Care
Cloncurry Itinerary
November—December 2008

More Information:
Flinders Health Clinic: 4742 233
Cloncurry Community Health: 4742 1102

October	
29 & 30	Occupational therapist
	Psychologist
November	
3	Podiatrist
12 & 13	Dementia Advisor
	Speech Pathologist
	Cultural Liaison Officer
27	Psychologist
December	
1	Podiatrist
3 & 4	Dietitian
	Speech Pathologist
10 & 11	Psychologist
	Occupational therapist
	Cultural Liaison Officer

Please call above numbers to confirm and make bookings

Info from the Community Health team!

It is a topic we don't often talk about but do you have bladder or bowel problems?
You not alone, 1 in 10 people of all ages have problems with their bladder or bowel.
Talk with a Doctor, Nurse, Community Health Worker or Freecall 1800 33 00 66

How can you fix it?
Do:
*Drink plenty of water each day
*eat plenty of fish, fresh fruit and vegetables
*exercise
*visit your health clinic or doctor, talk abut it!
Don't
*drink lots of cola, tea, coffee or booze
*get constipated
*get overweight
* forget to exercise
* forget to get help
For more information contact the local community health office: 4742 1102 (Mon-Fri) or
NWQPHC Continence Advisor:
Eleanor Rvane 4749 4615