The Curry Arrival

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Dam Level

The 75mm of rain the region has recently received, while very welcome, has not been enough to the dam and replenish the river wells and bores. At present Chinaman Creek Dam is at about 22%. Unfortunately, the Shire will have to remain on Level 5 water restrictions for the foreseeable future.

Pipeline

See page 2 for further information.

Rail Wagons

To date the water delivered from the QR water wagons has totalled 1.8ML. The rail project ceases on 19 December. This project has been a success as the water has helped with rectifying the water problems within Cloncurry. Council appreciates the support of QR, ARG, Mount Isa City Council and Mount Isa Water.

Donations

Over the last couple of months the Council has put it's support behind some very worthy community organisations by donating funds to the following:-

- Mount Isa Community Helicopter $15,000
- School Chaplaincy $7,500
- Cloncurry Justice Association $22,000 for their night patrol service

St Andrews Partnership – Community Housing Officer

Council has employed a Community Housing Officer in partnership with St Andrews.
See page 5 for further information.

35 years of service – Peter Schneekloth

One of Council's longest serving employees, Peter Schneekloth, finished up his employment with Council on 5 December 2008. At the Council meeting on 9 December I presented Peter with a certificate of recognition of 35 years service and a gold watch.
See page 5 for further information.

Andrew Daniels
Mayor

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STOP PRESS—WATER NEWS

On December 8, 2009 the State Government announced that Cloncurrys' future water supply would be secured with the construction of a $42 million pipeline to be constructed from Lake Julius to Cloncurry.

Mayor Daniels wishes to thank the Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister for Natural Resources & Water, Minister for Main Roads and Local Government and our local member Betty Kiernan for their hard work on bringing the pipeline to fruition.

The Cloncurry community has put up with water restrictions for a long period of time and has worked hard with Council to reduce the consumption of water in the town, which recently has averaged just one megalitre per day. Without this outstanding effort the water supply in Cloncurry may have dried up.

A plentiful water supply will encourage more investment by many of the large mines that have been sweating on this decision, and will provide a huge boost for the cattle and other industries. Mike Westerman, General Manager of Ernest Henry Mine and his team should also be congratulated for their efforts.

It is envisaged that once the pipeline is installed and operational, this along with the Chinaman Creek Dam and proposed reinstatement of the weir on the Cloncurry River will see the long tolerated water restrictions a thing of the past.

Cloncurry Shire Council
PUBLIC NOTICE

CLONCURRY WATER RESTRICTIONS
LEVEL 5

Cloncurry Shire Council wishes to advise that the following water restrictions are in place:

Level Five (5) Water Restrictions 10%

- **Sprinklers & unattended hoses are not permitted at any time.**
- **Strictly no watering of lawn, grassed areas and gardens with hoses*. You may bucket water only*.**
- **Strictly no hosing of driveways or footpaths except for health and safety reasons.**

Washing cars, boats and other vehicles is not permitted.

Non-compliance with this notice will incur a $75.00 on the spot fine (infringement notice) which will be enforced by Authorised Council Officers. Any properties using bore water are to have signs stating so in clear view on the property frontage. Council Officers will be checking properties displaying bore water signs to ensure they are being used and not town water.

Bore Water Supply signs can now be purchased from the Shire Council Reception.

Please be waterwise and conserve water wherever possible.

CRAIG TURNOUR
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Betty Kiernan MP Member for Mount Isa

Working for the Outback

Christmas Message from your Local Member …

This has been a year of great challenges and as we all reflect on where the year has gone, let's give thanks for what we have.

As your State Member I was delighted to assist in securing the State Government's commitment for such diverse projects as the Water Pipeline, Solar Power Station, shade sails at the Cloncurry Pool and the Cloncurry Kindergarten teacher's accommodation. I feel sure that Cloncurry is going to have a very prosperous 2009.

May I take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work of the Cloncurry Shire Council Mayor Andrew Daniels, Councillors and Staff and thank them for the hard work and committed service which they provide on a daily basis for the community of Cloncurry throughout the year.

Christmas is a time of hope! My family and I extend our wishes of Peace and Happiness for the Festive Season and a Safe and Prosperous 2009.

Kind regards,
Betty Kiernan MP

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Cloncurry Kindergarten Receives a House

On 15 December, 2008 a presentation took place in Steele Street with Queensland Rail donating a house to the Cloncurry kindergarten, for use as the teachers residence.

Through the hard work of the kindergarten committee, local member Betty Kiernan and the generosity of Queensland Rail the kindergarten can now address a long term solution in offering assistance with accommodation to attract and retain staff.

L to R (Joe Bakhash, Betty Kiernan MP, Christine Ballard-Vice President, Zack Ballard-child, Imogen Back-child, Connor Brodie-child, Jenny Topp-President, Penny Back-Treasurer, Back-child, Stephen Cantwell-QR's Executive Group General Manager Freight & Rex Penrose-QR Driver in Charge of Cloncurry.

COUNCIL NEWS

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLONCURRY SHIRE COUNCIL WILL BE CLOSED FROM 5.00PM FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER AND RE-OPENING AT 8.30AM ON MONDAY 5 OF JANUARY 2009.

ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR, COUNCILORS AND STAFF WE WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

COUNCIL NEWS

SWIMMING POOL HOURS

The Cloncurry swimming pool trading hours over the school holidays are:

Monday - Friday

6.00am-8.00am
1.00pm-7.00pm

Weekends
10.00am-6.00pm

The pool will be closed between 23 December 2008-3 January 2009 (inclusive) for much needed maintenance.

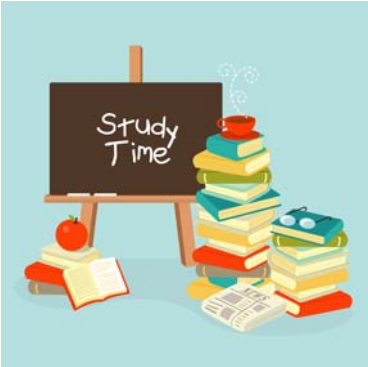
LIBRARY
CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 17 December 2009
Wednesday 21 January 2009

Activities include painting, play doh and craft.

All activities commence at 10am.
Telephone :47421588

The library will be closed from 19 December until 5 January 2009.



COUNCIL NEWS

Cloncurry Shire Council and St Andrews partnering in housing

Cloncurry Shire Council together with St Andrews Garden Settlement has entered a partnership which will see both organisations better managing Community Housing in Cloncurry.

The partnership has seen the employment of a part time housing officer to manage the administration of Council's and St Andrews Community Housing properties.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mayor Andrew Daniels and Father Ernie Lemmon from St Andrews Garden Settlement and sealed a working commitment to the Cloncurry community to deliver services and ensure the long term sustainability of this service.

Cloncurry Shire Council and St Andrews Garden Settlement collectively own and operate over 40 Community Housing properties in the community; with this demand on administration the partnership opened a door to the volunteer St Andrews committee to ensure their tenants and the organisation are assisted in the best possible way.

The Community Housing Officer has been working hard to ensure that all premises are abiding with the Residential Tenancies Authority's rules and regulations and looks forward to working with both organisations.

For further information please contact: Robyn Smith on 47424100

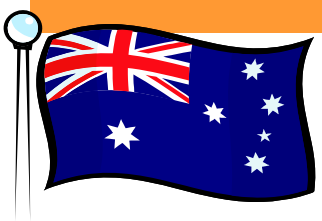
Retirement of Peter Schneekloth

On Tuesday 9th December a special ceremony was held at the Council Chambers recognising the loyal service of Peter Schneekloth.

After 35.5 years of service, and with almost his entire sick leave in tact, Peter was presented with a watch and certificate of appreciation.
We wish Peter and his wife Jan all the best in the future.

Mayor Daniels with Peter and Jan Schneekloth

WHAT'S ON IN THE CURRY



Australia Day 2009

Join the festivities at the Cloncurry recreation grounds on Monday the 26th January 2009.

Cloncurry has been awarded the privilege of having an Australia Day ambassador. Come down and meet Mr. Bill Bristow—founder of the angel flight Australia charity.

There will be fun for the whole family with novelty events planned for both adults and children.
For the kids there will be an egg and spoon race, three legged race, sack race and the always hilarious greasy pig.
Adults will have their fun with the traditional throwing events including, thong throwing, horseshoe throwing, and broom throwing, whilst those who aren't into throwing events will have the orange passing and hammer the nail contest.

Join in the tug-a-war

Come and support the winners of the Australia day awards.

Gates open at 4.30pm with events commencing at 5.00pm. Entry is by gold coin donation with all funds raised being donated to the Cloncurry Hospital aged care annex.

This is an alcohol free, family event.
Nominations for all awards have been extended until 5 January 2009.
Nominate someone NOW !!!!

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

The Rotary Club of Cloncurry is holding an Amateur Photography Competition Open to all Residents. Young and Old.
Competition closes 23.02.09.

Competition rules and entry form can be picked up from TAFE Campus, Bob Hardy Esdale Sinclair & Assoc Ramsay Street, or telephone:
Bob Hardy 04 0124 3797, Lynne Vernon 04 0926 4420 or Narelle Marsh 042933 6518.

This is a free competition and winners will be published in the 2009-2010 Rotary Club Calendar. Photograph must have been taken in last 12 months.

Dates for the Calendar

December

16th Ernest Henry Mine community information evening
Cloncurry Shire Hall 5.30pm-7.00pm

January 2009

26th Australia Day, Cloncurry Recreation Ground
4.30pm till late
Ph: Ian Smith 4742 1000

March

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

15th Curry Day, Mary Kathleen Park 3pm-7pm
Ph: Gail 4742 1361

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

NEWS FROM PCYC

CLONCURRY PCYC
Summer Holiday Program
December 8th – January 23rd

Have you been wondering what you can do with your primary school aged child these school holidays? Well the PCYC has your answer! We have put together an exciting HOLIDAY PROGRAM for your child to participate in!

Each day is packed full of fun activities, such as Christmas craft, treasure hunts, movies, painting, craft, sports, outdoor/indoor games, acrobatics, story telling, acting, dress ups, cooking, picnics, face pain and SO MUCH MORE!

BOOKINGS:	Can be made at the PCYC Youth Centre RIGHT NOW!
OFFICE HOURS:	10am till 5.00pm Monday - Friday
HOW TO ENROLL:	Simply fill out our Holiday Program Enrolment Form available at the Youth Centre and make sure you are a PCYC member!
SESSION TIMES:	9.00am to 2.00pm - Mon to Fri
AGE:	Prep to Grade 7
COST:	$16.50 per child/per day

ALL PARTICIPATING CHILDREN MUST BE MEMBERS OF THE PCYC

WHAT'S ON IN THE CURRY

Looking for more information
about Ernest Henry Mining?

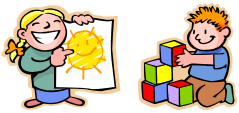
Then please come along to our
Community Information Evening
DATE: **Tuesday 16 December**
VENUE: **Cloncurry Shire Hall**
TIME: **5.30pm to 7.00pm**

Updates will be provided by;
Steve De Kruijff- Chief Operating Officer Xstrata Copper North Queensland
Mike Westerman – General Manager Ernest Henry Mining
Myles Johnston – General Manager Strategic Planning Xstrata Copper

A question and answer session will follow the presentation
Light refreshments will be available

Everyone is Welcome

CURRY KIDS CHILDCARE NEWS



Curry Kids Childcare Centre has vacancy for 2009.
Babies Room 0-15months
Toddlers Room 15months – 2 years
Tweenies Room 2 years – 3 years
Preschool Room 3 years – 5 years
For more Information please contact Amanda on
4742 1728 or visit the centre at 80 Steele Street Cloncurry.
Curry Kids will be closed from 18 December and reopening on the 5 January 2009.

HOSPITAL INFORMATION

CLONCURRY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

NEW YEARS EVE DISCO

PROCEEDS TO THE CLONCURRY HOSPITAL AGED CARE ANNEX

THEME: FUN TIE NIGHT
$10 AT THE DOOR
POST OFFICE HOTEL
CLONCURRY
$10 BBQ DINNER 7pm – 10pm
Prizes for Best Tie, Best Dancers
Also Lucky Spot and Door Prizes, Ham Wheel

HEALTH INFORMATION

Health News

North & West Queensland Primary Health Care
Cloncurry Itinerary
January/February 2009

January	
7 & 21	Child Health Immunisation
February	
2 - 4	Psychologist Dementia Advisor
3 & 4	Cultural Liaison Officer Physiotherapist
12	Speech Pathologist Podiatrist
12 & 13	Occupational Therapist Dietitian
18 & 19	Psychologist

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

Please call above numbers to confirm and make bookings
On behalf of the Community Health team have a safe, happy and healthy 2009.

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 Ryane 4749 4615

ROTARY/LIONS CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

THIS YEAR OUR HAMPERS WILL BE DELIVERED ON THE MORNING OF SATURDAY DECEMBER 20TH

ANY PERSON OR COUPLE OVER 65 AND NOT WORKING WHO IS UNSURE IF THEY ARE ON OUR LIST, ARE GOING AWAY OR WISH TO HAVE THEIR HAMPER DELIVERED TO THE BLUECARE FUNCTION CONTACT EITHER MICHELLE MITCHELL ON 47421495, BLUECARE OR NOEL STURGEON SELLING HIS RAFFLES

NO HAMPERS WILL BE LEFT ON DOOR STEPS
IF YOUR NOT HOME & DON'T TELL US YOU MAY MISS OUT

SANTA COMES CHRISTMAS MORNING!

BE ON THE LOOK OUT EVERYONE WHEN SANTA DOES HIS SECOND TRIP OF THE DAY DELIVERING ICEBLOCKS TO ALL THE KIDS ON CHRISTMAS MORNING AROUND 8.00AM WITH THE HELP OF ROTARY, AND CLONCURRY POLICE FIRE AND AMBULANCE

LISTEN OUT FOR THE SIRENS AND HORNS

Q150 NEWS

CLONCURRY HAS 2 NOMINATIONS IN 150 MUST DO THINGS IN QUEENSLAND

John Flynn Place and the Stockmans Challenge have both been nominated in the 150 must do things in Queensland. This is a great honour for all concerned, but it is important that we tell all of Queensland what we think of these great experiences. The more votes that our nominees receive, the higher up the list of must-dos. Wouldn't it be great to see us within the top 10.

To vote for OUR events go to: www.150mustdos.com.au
By voting you also go into the draw to win a Subaru Forester.

ROTARY MERRY MUSTER AWARDED FUNDS FOR CLONCURRY AIR SHOW

The Rotary / Merry Muster have been awarded a Q150 grant to conduct an air show on Saturday 1 August 2009. Local MP Betty Kiernan attended the launch of the air show on 15 December after the Premier announced the funding on 10 December 2008.

Anyone who is interested in assisting can contact Ian Smith on 4742 4100 or ians@cloncurry.qld.gov.au

BUSINESS NEWS

Ideas2Market: Taking an innovative idea to market

Since 2005, Ideas2Market has assisted more than 1,000 entrepreneurs to take their ideas to market. An initiative of the Queensland Government's Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry, the Ideas2Market small business program is delivered by the Australian Institute for Commercialisation (AIC) to provide innovators and small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs) with information and skills to improve their competitive advantage.

This one-day workshop is a comprehensive introduction to starting a business and taking an idea to market. It is designed for those who would like to start a business, novice inventors, or those with early-stage business ideas.

Topics include, but are not limited to: determining feasibility, business planning, intellectual property such as registering trademarks, market research and entry strategies for start-ups, accessing funding, government grants and commercialisation pathways.

When: Tuesday, 17 February, 2009
Time: 8:30am for 9:00am start – concludes by 5:00pm.
Where: All Seasons Verona, Cnr Rodeo Drive and Camooweal Street, Mount Isa
Cost: $110 per person
Don't miss this great opportunity!
To register or find out more go to www.ausicom.com, call the Education & Events Coordinator on 07 3853 5292 or email ideas2market@ausicom.com