

Around our region...



MEETINGS

Please join us for Council Meetings and stay to chat to Councillors afterwards. If you would like to discuss any issues in more detail, please make an appointment - phone Wendy in the Executive Office on 1300 883 699 by the Friday before the meeting.

Ordinary Meeting

Bundaberg Administration Centre - Tuesday 20 July 10.00am

Planning Committee

Bundaberg Administration Centre - Thursday 8 July 9.00am

Bundaberg Administration Centre - Thursday 22 July 9.00am

LIVE THE RHYTHM!

Join in the fun of the Childers Festival of Cultures Community Street Party - Saturday 24 July Festival Day - Sunday 25 July - 8.30am to 3.30pm Enjoy over 450 food, wine & craft stalls with entertainment from around the world For more details phone 4130 4699 or check the website: childersfestival.com.au

WORK AROUND THE REGION THIS MONTH

- Gin Gin streetscape concrete footpath and kerbing;
- Bitumen seal widening projects on Bucca and Coonarr Roads;
- Floodway reconstruction on Birthamba Road, Bucca;
- Road and car park construction works at Bundaberg Regional Airport;
- Back Windermere Road sealing project from Innes Park Road;
- Reconstruction and drainage work in Hume Street, Buxton;
- Stormwater drainage in Bingera Street, Bundaberg West and culverts in Avondale
- Pavement rehabilitation projects funded from Disaster Relief Arrangements will commence.

FREE SENIORS FORUM

Thursday 15 July - Bundaberg Civic Centre The Seniors Network is hosting a Free Seniors and Carers Health Forum - "Don't Wait Until It's Too Late" on Thursday 15 July, 9.45 for 10am start in the Supper Room at Bundaberg Civic Centre. Guest Speakers will speak on "Influenza and Dengue Fever", "Keeping Your Brain Healthy", the "Heart Start Program", "Medicines and You - Generics Explained" and "It's Okay to Let Go". Light Lunch will be provided. Enquiries and RSVPs to Bundaberg Regional Council Community Development Unit, School of Arts Building, Bundaberg, email comdev@bundaberg.qld.gov.au or phone 41304150.

TOP FOOTBALL ACTION IN BUNDABERG

Top players from China, Japan and the Solomon Islands will be playing our top football teams in a new competition from 6th to 9th August at Marten's Oval. "Our Youth Our Future - playing in Friendship and Competition" will bring together teams from Bundaberg's Sister Cities - Settsu and Nanning - as well as 2 teams from the Solomon Islands - to play around 8 local teams. It will be an excellent showcase of local and international talent.

BARGARA BASIN SHELTER COMPETED

Have you seen the refurbished Bargara Basin Shelter Shed yet? It has great new facilities, but still incorporates the old charm that has made it an icon for residents and tourists.

AIRPORT UPGRADE PAYING OFF

Passenger numbers at Bundaberg Regional Airport are on the rise since the recent upgrade. Passenger numbers have surpassed 10,000 per month in both April and May, the first time this has occurred since November 2007. April saw an increase of 7% on last year's figures; while May saw an increase of 18.2% compared to last year's passenger numbers.

Council continues to work proactively with airlines to attract additional services to the region. The airline industry continues to undergo many changes, however Bundaberg is at the forefront of planning discussions. New services will not only generate increased passenger numbers, but will also have a major impact on the region's economic environment.

2 MORE MONTHS BEFORE DOG REGISTRATIONS DUE

Residents in the Bundaberg region will have 2 more months before their dogs have to be re-registered for the coming financial year. Normally, dog registrations are due 1 July each year. Council has approved that the registration year will now be 1 September to 31 August, instead of the financial year. This means that 2009/2010 Tags will remain valid until 31 August 2010.

ART ON SHOW

See the latest exhibitions until 11 July at Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery, Cnr Barolin and Quay Streets, Bundaberg.

Gallery One - Namatijira to Now, A Queensland Art Gallery travelling exhibition This Queensland Art Gallery travelling exhibition will highlight work by Indigenous Australian artists from the Hermannsburg School and will include watercolours (from the original and subsequent generations), ceramics and acrylic paintings on canvas.

Gallery Two - Clay Café by potters from the Bundaberg Region

The Vault - Drop by Carly Kotynski

COUNCIL WORKS ON BUDGET

The formulation of the Budget for the 2010/11 Financial Year is nearing completion and it is anticipated the Budget will be adopted in mid-July.

Council remains focused on the reduction of the operational deficit that has resulted from the amalgamation process and the ongoing difficult financial environment that is currently being experienced across all levels of government.

Council will continue to implement a range of financial strategies to achieve our key goal of long term financial sustainability.

In the year ahead Council will continue to deliver a broad range of services to the community and also provide for the maintenance and upgrade of infrastructure to support the above average population growth across our rapidly developing region.

SENIORS ONLINE

The Childers Neighbourhood Centre, Gin Gin Neighbourhood Centre and Gracie Dixon Respite Centre in Bundaberg now have Seniors Broadband Kiosks, with computers set up with broadband for anyone over the age of 50 to access FREE of charge. It's all part of the NEC broadband for Seniors Project, providing senior Australians with free access to computers, the internet and individual workshop training through the establishment of internet kiosks in the local community. Senior citizens will be able to learn new skills, stay in contact with family and friends and meet new people by accessing these kiosks. Tutors and quality tutorials are available. We are also seeking Volunteer tutors to help those new to computers and the internet. If you're interested in learning new skills, just need a refresher or would like to help others improve their computer skills contact Council on 1300 883 699 or call in to one of the listed Centres.

GIN GIN STREETScape UPDATE

Construction work is progressing along the Southbound footpath of Mulgrave Street with kerb and channelling along with concrete footpaths being installed. The first of the coloured concrete has been poured with landscaping to be installed soon. The community landscape focus group recently completed its series of workshops to create a detailed landscape design for the centre median. Landscape plans will be available for public viewing at the Gin Gin Service Centre in the coming months.

WHAT'S ON IN JULY



- Sat 3rd**..... Cent Sale - Western Suburbs Leagues Club
- Sat 3rd**..... Wide Bay / Burnett NAIDOC Ball 2010
- Sun 4th**..... Sponge Art - Holiday Workshops
- 4th - 8th**..... Festival of Football
- Thurs 8th**..... Movie Fundraiser - Sex and the City 2
- Sun 11th**..... Feltmaking / Nuno Scarf Workshop
- Sun 11th**..... Bundaberg Little Athletics Centre & Thabeban Athletics Club - NAIDOC Come & Try Day
- Thurs 15th**..... Seniors & Carers Forum - "Don't wait until it's too Late"
- Fri 16th**..... Across the Waves Netball Trivia Night
- 17th - 18th**..... Cure 4 Cancer Car Show 2010
- Sat 17th**..... Burnett Celebration of Cultures
- Wed 21st**..... How to Raise your Children's Self Esteem Workshop
- Fri 23rd**..... 2010 Bundaberg Careers EXPO
- 24th - 26th**..... Bundaberg Toyota Mens Classic Pairs
- 24th - 25th**..... Burn up the Burnett Ski Race
- 24th - 25th**..... Bundaberg Netball Association Feeling Good Country Carnival
- 24th - 25th**..... Figurative Sculpture
- Sat 24th**..... Mulgrave Masonic Lodge Celebration
- 24th - 25th**..... Childers Festival of Cultures
- 30th - 31st**..... 12th Biennial Quilt Exhibition 2010
- 30th**..... Woodgate Art Exhibition & Free Outdoor Jazz Concert

For more details contact Council's Call Centre or check check the website.

Mayor's MESSAGE

It was with great sadness but with a sense of hope that we ended the month of June with the 10 year anniversary of the devastating fire at the Childers Palace Hotel which has so deeply affected our community and changed forever the lives of those involved.

The memorial service seemed to bring a sense of peace and closure and, on behalf of our community I would like to again thank all those in the Isis community who rallied together a decade ago to provide comfort and support to the victims and their families. I know that many enduring friendships have resulted. It is another example of how our community can work together to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

This month, the Isis community will again work together, but this time in a celebration of our diversity as a region, with the Childers Festival of Cultures. I invite everyone from right across our great Bundaberg Regional Council area to support the Isis community and visit Childers on the 24th-25th July to celebrate this wonderful Festival. With another lively program, the Childers Festival of Cultures will have something for everyone and we look forward to a joyous and happy weekend.

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