



The Mayor's Message

BY MAYOR BRETT OTTO

A new Era of Prosperity: The people of the South Burnett region have long been recognised for their resilience.

Our pioneers carved out our communities through a tradition of steely resolve. From the timber cutters of Blackbutt in the South to the cattle graziers in the North, our regions development has a remarkable history. In more recent times, the manner in which our people have responded to the COVID-19 crisis on the back of the ongoing drought is a reflection of this tradition of resilience and mate ship.

These hard times have been accompanied by many highlights and in recent weeks the development of our communities has received a much needed boost with the announcement of a series of significant funding programs for our region, including;

- \$1.64 million from the Australian Government under the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCIP);
- \$4.5 million from the Australian Government under the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF);
- \$3.3 million from the Queensland Government under the 2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland (W4Q) program;
- \$1.6 million from the Australian Government under the Roads to Recovery (R2R) Program.

This funding will now facilitate the development of key community programs

and infrastructure across our region over the next one to two years.

One of the strengths of our region is the diversity that we see across our different communities. This funding will be used to further develop the diverse offerings of our townships and rural villages, thereby enabling each and every community to continue to play an important role in our region's growth and prosperity.

It is my view that the South Burnett is about to enter a new era of prosperity, particularly as industries identify the commercial opportunities our region offers when compared to the high cost of business in the larger centres.

In addition, I can sense a renewed period of 'tree change' coming our way post COVID as people are enticed out of the ever-increasing congestion of city and coastal life into the more relaxed and tranquil surroundings that our wonderfully rich landscape offers. When coupled with the warmth and openness of our people it makes the South Burnett an attractive place to live. Let's all share in the pride that we have in our region's history and build on that remarkable resilience and ambition to work together in what promises to be a bright future for our wonderful region.

Mayor Brett Otto

HAVE A CHAT WITH THE MAYOR

Do you have an issue or concern, or would you like an update on Council happenings? Mayor Brett Otto is out and about during the months of June and July.

The Mayor will be available to have a chat on the following days:

- **Monday 22 June 2020** - 7am - 1pm
Muffin Break - Kingaroy Shoppingworld
- **Monday 29 June 2020** - 7am - 1pm
Nanango Country Bakehouse & Cafe
- **Monday 6 July 2020** - 7am - 1pm
Bunya Nut Cafe - Blackbutt
- **Monday 13 July 2020** - 7am - 1pm
Maidenwell Trading Post
- **Monday 20 July 2020** - 7am - 1pm
Kumbia Service Station / Cafe

Residents are reminded that they can also report any issues or concerns with Council via the following methods:

- Phone: 1300 789 279 or 4189 9100
- Mail: PO Box 336 Kingaroy Qld 4610
- Email: info@southburnett.qld.gov.au
- Website: www.southburnett.qld.gov.au 'Contact Council'
- Snap, Send, Solve: Simply download the Snap, Send, Solve App and submit a request. For further information visit <https://www.snapsendsolve.com/>

'Have a chat with the Mayor' is subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

COUNCIL TO CLOSE PUBLIC AMENITIES AFTER HOURS TO REDUCE VANDALISM

In an attempt to reduce vandalism and subsequent maintenance and cleaning costs, Council will commence closing various public amenities in the Kingaroy and Murgon areas after hours.

Council has commenced closing the following facilities between the hours of 8pm and 6am daily:

- QEII Park - Lamb Street, Murgon
- Glendon Street, Kingaroy
- O'Neill Square - Corner of Haly and King Street, Kingaroy

All other public amenities in the Kingaroy and Murgon areas will remain open. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE LYONS PARK BLACKBUTT

Residents are advised that Lyons Park, located in Hart Street, Blackbutt is currently closed to the public for the rehabilitation of an illegal dumping site. The park is expected to re-open to the public from Saturday, 27 June 2020.

Council thanks you for your understanding and patience during this time.

For further information contact Council's Parks and Gardens team on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Expression of Interest - Tourist Park Managers

Council currently has the opportunity for a Park Manager / Relief Manager at our beautiful Tourist Parks Lake Boondooma Caravan & Recreation Park and Yallakool Caravan & Recreation Park at Bjelke-Petersen Dam.



The successful Managers will preferably have experience in the caravan/holiday park industry and be ready to take responsibility for the smooth functioning of the parks. We are seeking Management teams with a positive outlook, enthusiasm, who possess great customer service and management skills and are willing to work collectively as a team to promote our parks.

- (1) Park Manager (Boondooma Caravan & Recreation Park) - **(Twenty-one (21) Days On/Seven Days (7) Days Off)**
- (1) Park Manager (Yallakool Caravan & Recreation Park) - **(Twenty-one (21) Days On/Seven Days (7) Days Off)**
- (1) Relief Manager (Boondooma Caravan & Recreation Park/Yallakool Caravan & Recreation Park) - **(Ten (10) Days On/Four Days (4) Days Off)**

The successful candidates must hold a current police check, first aid certificate, driver's licence, blue card, white card and Food Safety Supervisor qualifications or to be able to acquire prior to the arranged start date. Successful Park Managers will be required to live in the onsite house, provided as part of the contract, and be able to commence immediately.

Information about these positions and how to apply is available on Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au 'Latest News' or can be obtained by contacting Council's Senior Recreation and Services Officer on 4189 9100 or emailing info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Applications close 12 Noon, Friday 3 July 2020.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING 2020/21 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the South Burnett Regional Council for consideration of the 2020/21 Budget and associated documents will be held on Wednesday 15 July 2020 in the Warren Truss Chamber, Glendon Street Kingaroy commencing at 9am.

Due to the current COVID-19 health directives, entry restrictions will apply however, Council will live stream video and audio of the meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next General Meeting of Council will be held on:

Wednesday 17 June 2020

Warren Truss Chamber
Glendon Street Kingaroy
Commencing at 9am

Due to the current COVID-19 health directives, entry restrictions will apply however, Council will live stream video and audio of the meeting.

TENDERS / EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) OPPORTUNITIES

All current tenders are advertised on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/about-council/tenders-supply>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Council has the following positions available:

- **Principal Engineer (Design) OR Coordinator Design** - based in Nanango
- **Principal Project Manager** - based in Nanango

Applications close 4pm Friday 19 June 2020

- **Plant Operator (Slasher)** - based in Wondai

Applications close 4pm Friday 3 July 2020

For more information visit Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/about-council/work-for-council/jobs-careers>.

TREE LOPPING COMMENCES IN KINGAROY CBD

Council has commenced its tree trimming schedule for 2020.

Residents are advised that trimming of trees will be progressed in the vicinity of Haly, Alford, Markwell, Glendon and Kingaroy Streets, Kingaroy from now for approximately two weeks, weather permitting.

Works are scheduled to progress between the hours of 6:30am and 9:00am each day to provide the least impact on CBD businesses.

Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and thanks you for your patience whilst works are in progress.

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