

North Queensland Sportstar Awards Success

A fantastic night was had by all at the Shire Hall on Saturday for the 2019 North Queensland Sportstar Awards.

Overall, 43 athletes and administrators were recognised for their achievement in a number of differing sporting disciplines throughout our North Queensland region with outstanding efforts, including Australian representation.

Congratulations to local Joe Pennisi who was announced runner up in the Service to North Queensland Sport category for services to Rugby League. Well done Joe.

Congratulations also to our other Hinchinbrook nominees –

Alana Romano:
Junior Sport

Michael Skipper:
Senior Sport

Luke Rosadi:
Athlete with a Disability

The competition this year was extremely tough but your achievements were outstanding nevertheless and you have done yourselves and our district proud.

Shop Locally

With Christmas not too far away, a friendly reminder for residents to consider shopping locally when looking for the traditional gifts for friends and family.

I would like to take the opportunity to urge support for the small businesses in our community by buying locally. Without small business, the number of jobs available decreases and sponsorship of sporting and other community associations diminishes to name just two consequences. Where would our junior sporting clubs be without the valuable assistance offered by our business community?

I often hear that buying locally is impractical due to the lack of choice available and the extra costs of items. Buying locally is not about limiting your choice, but simply offering our local businesses the opportunity to satisfy your needs. More often than not the product is locally available and you will hear that prices are competitive.

Because of other factors of concern to you, it may

not always be possible, but please afford the opportunity to the locals first. You may be surprised as to what is available and the competitiveness of our locals.

Book Presentation

On Wednesday 30 October 2019 Dr Betty Lee presented her book 'Right Man, Right Place, Worst Time' to the Hinchinbrook Shire Library.

This book is about an Ingham born Australian hero, Commander Eric Feldt who was the instigator and head of the Coastwatchers, a group of heroes during WW2.

Betty Lee is a retired medical practitioner living in Brisbane. Betty is a great niece of Commander Eric Feldt. Betty attended Somerville House and The Women's College in Brisbane and graduated from the University of Queensland.

Eric Feldt was born 3 January 1899 to parents Peter and Augusta Feldt at the family home, Norland, situated at Victoria Estate, Ingham.

In 1912, Eric, as a student at Brisbane Grammar School, secured a naval scholarship, the only scholarship for a Queenslander that year, and so began his naval career.

Right Man, Right Place, Worst Time can be found in the Local History Section at the Hinchinbrook Shire Library. Copies may also be purchased from www.bool-arongpress.com.au.

Bush Fire Awareness

The seasonal outlook by authorities predict above normal fire potential in Queensland this coming summer.

Landholders are responsible for undertaking relevant works on their property to mitigate and protect against bush fire. The 2018 Queensland Bushfire Review highlighted that legislation on what can and cannot be done in relation to preparation was not well understood by landholders.

To assist in that regard, landholders are informed that hazard reduction burns can be an effective way to prepare properties for bush fire.

If you are planning to light a fire for hazard reduction, it is important you talk to your local fire warden to get a permit that coordinates timing and risk. Local fire wardens are there to help.

Permits are free. You will find contact details for your local fire warden at www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/pages/fw_finder.aspx or otherwise, telephone Council for assistance.

As a landholder you can construct fire breaks on your property. Exemptions apply under the vegetation management legislation. No approval or notification is needed to clear necessary fire breaks or fire management lines.

Specifically, a landholder may clear to establish or maintain:

- A fire break to protect infrastructure (other than a fence, road or vehicular track) up to 1.5 times the height of the tallest adjacent vegetation or 20m (whichever is the wider);
- A fire management line of 10m width; and
- Clearing to establish or maintain a fence up to

10m wide – providing a fire management line on the boundary of all properties.

More information can be found at www.qld.gov.au/environment/land/management/vegetation, or call 135VEG (135834).

It is also important to have a bushfire survival plan. You will find all the information you need at www.rural-fire.qld.gov.au.

The message is to be ready this fire season.

State Emergency Service (SES) Training Exercise

The SES will be conducting training in flood boat operations, launching boats from Dungeness during the day and night this Saturday and Sunday. There will be a number of SES boats performing various scenarios.

It is purely a training exercise and residents have no need to be concerned by the activity.


Mayor

THINK BUSINESS

HINCHINBROOK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Story Telling Through Short Videos

Presented by Phil Warring, Philip Vids

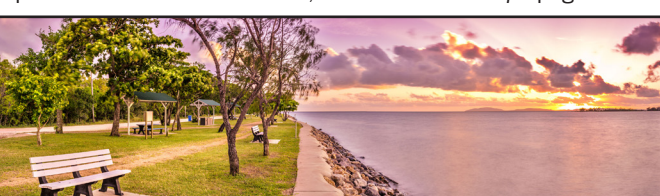
Gain an understanding on how to engage, educate and inspire your customers, staff and clients through fun and informative short videos.

Date: Tuesday, 19 November 2019

Time: 5.30pm to 8.00pm

Cost: \$25.00 including light supper

For more information on the Think Business Series, or to book please visit Council's website, *Business Workshops* page.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION - ROUND TWO

INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES ENHANCEMENT

Community group stakeholders and the general public are encouraged to attend the second round of public consultation for an assessment of *Infrastructure and Facilities Enhancement* across the Shire in association with the *Works for Queensland* program.

Workshop One

5.30pm, Wednesday 13 November 2019

TYTO Conference and Event Centre

Workshop Two

5.30pm, Thursday 14 November 2019

Halifax Community Hall

For more information, visit Council's website, *Public Consultation* page.

For enquiries, contact the Office of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer on 4776 4602.



Wild Dog Baiting Program

Notice is hereby given that Hinchinbrook Shire Council is conducting a shire wide Wild Dog Baiting Program utilising 1080 poison commencing **Monday 11 November 2019**, weather permitting. This wild dog management is required due to high populations in certain areas that are impacting on livestock production.

This Notice is to advise that the program is taking place and landholders participating in the campaign must comply with set procedures for baiting. This includes notification to all adjoining landholders at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the baiting.

For further information please contact Council's Environmental Services Department on 4776 4607.



2019 Rural Cleanup Program

Commencing Friday 1 November 2019, Council is offering the *Rural Cleanup Program* to assist residents in preparing for the upcoming disaster season.

Waste collection skips for general waste items and scrap metal will be placed at the below locations throughout the Shire on the indicated dates.

Long Pocket (Abergowrie Road, near Ashton Hotel):

1 to 8 November

Crystal Creek (East end Crystal Creek Road): 8 to 15 November

Contact: Don Murray 4770 8133 or Cathy Blanco 0448 742 019

Mount Fox Camping Ground (opposite the school):

15 to 22 November

Stone River (Stone River Road, near Wilmar Farm):

22 to 29 November

Abergowrie (Corner of Abergowrie and Venables Road):

29 November to 6 December

Bambaroo (Beside Rural Fire Service Shed):

6 to 13 December

Hawkins Creek (Old bulk bin site on Hawkins Creek Road):

13 to 20 December

Accepted waste is domestic, non-hazardous waste only.

To arrange prompt servicing, please contact MAMS 4776 5055. Please do not place items on the ground or overfill the skip bins.



Mayor's Christmas Appeal 2019

Dig deep and donate to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal to help those in our community who are less fortunate and ensure that their Christmas is one that is filled with joy and not despair.

Donations in the form of monetary gifts, generic gifts or food items can be dropped into the Council Foyer/Office or the Hinchinbrook Shire Library until **5.00pm Wednesday 11 December 2019**.

Please note monetary gifts can only be accepted at the Hinchinbrook Shire Council Main Office, Lannercost Street.



TIMELESS

QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
LIVE BROADCAST

SAT 16 NOV 7.30PM

JL KELLY THEATRE

76 Townsville Road, Ingham

CONDUCTOR ALONDRA DE LA PARRA

PIANO PAUL LEWIS 2019 ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

GRIEG Piano Concerto in A minor

TCHAIKOVSKY Symphony No.5 in E minor

RAVEL Rapsodie espagnol

BOOK NOW

Hinchinbrook Way website: bit.ly/HSCTimeless

JL Kelly Theatre: 4776 3434

Cost: \$5.00 per person including refreshments



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