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REGIONAL COUNCIL

THE GOLD EDITION

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE
Cr Frank Beveridge

It is approximately one year since Council was voted in at the last Local Government Elections. What a big 12 months it has been for all of us.

There have been a lot of positive things happening for our Region including the formation of the Charters Towers Youth Council; pushing the federal and state governments to commit to Big Rocks Weir; declaring the Region open for investment with the release of the Industrial Land Prospectus; finalising the Towers Hill Lighting Project; and providing grants to local sporting and community groups.

All this has occurred despite the deadly new virus that swept across the globe in 2020 and has shaped much of how we live, interact and connect with one another.

Late last year and early this year we also experienced severe weather events that washed out a lot of our road network and reminded us what it means to live in North Queensland during the wet season.

We have more planned during the next 12 months where we will continue to advocate and push for more positive outcomes for the Charters Towers Region.

Our commitment to engage with our community is still as strong as ever and we will continue to use things like The Gold Edition; our social media pages and websites; and our regular stall at the Centenary Park Charity Markets to stay connected. There is also a piece on how you can contact Council later in this newsletter.

Have a Safe and Happy Easter.

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QUEENSLAND GLOBE

Queensland Globe is a free online mapping tool developed by the Queensland Government.

It provides details about boundary lines, heavy vehicle transport routes, land valuations, stock route information and more.

Deputy Mayor Sonia Bennetto, whose portfolio includes Town Planning, said the maps are a valuable tool for residents wanting to know more about their land.

“It can help to take away some of the hassles for locals.

“The community can just go online to find what they’re looking for in an instant, without having to pay any fees,” Cr Bennetto said.

To view the map go to qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au

MEET US AT THE MARKETS

Councillors will be attending the Centenary Park Charity Markets again this year.

Come along and meet your Councillors, have a chat, and find out the latest Council news and information.

It’s a great way to stay connected with what is happening.

The Centenary Park Charity Markets are held on the fourth Sunday of the month, 7.30am - 11.30am on the corner of Hacket Terrace and Gregory Highway.

Note, the markets are not held in August or December.

PLUS FREE EASTER ACTIVITIES
Sunday 28 March Markets
Easter Raffle | Colouring-In Competition | Create an Easter Basket

The recently released *Industrial Land Prospectus* is another example of Council making sure investors know the Charters Towers Region is open for business. There’s a lot of optimism about the future of the Charters Towers economy. We’ve seen the expansion of mining activity, a renewed push to attract more visitors here, and commitments from both state and federal governments to fund the region-changing Big Rocks Weir project. The future is bright for the Charters Towers Region.

Cr Sonia Bennetto | Deputy Mayor
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NEW RAMP TO ROTARY LOOKOUT

A new disability access ramp has improved access to Buckland's Hill and the Rotary Lookout.

Local contractor Cantle Building Pty Ltd won the tender to carry out the work to build the new ramp.

A full-length ramp replaces the steps and steep embankment to make access easier for people who have difficulty walking or are in a wheelchair to use the lookout.

The improvements also lower the risk for Council's Infrastructure Services team when maintaining the site.

Money for the project has come from the state government's Works for Queensland (W4Q) program which supports regional councils to undertake minor infrastructure projects.

PARVOVIRUS OUTBREAK

Council is continuing to urge dog owners to continue to exercise caution amidst a Parvovirus outbreak in the region.

Also known as Parvo, it is a highly infectious virus that attacks the gastrointestinal tract and cardiovascular systems of dogs.

The main source of the virus is the faeces of infected dogs so is easily transmitted.

To help limit the spread, owners are encouraged to have their dogs vaccinated using one of our local veterinary clinics; ensure their dogs are not wandering outside their yards; avoid taking dogs to public spaces such as dog parks, or socialising their dogs with other dogs unless they are vaccinated.

If your dog begins to show symptoms such as bloody diarrhoea; a strong faeces odour; clear foamy yellow bile vomit; unwillingness to eat, and weight loss; and dehydration leading to increased water intake, lethargy and weakness, contact your vet.

Council's Water and Wastewater team continue to work through several projects, as outlined in the 2020/21 Operational Plan, to improve water security and help attract more development potential to the Charters Towers Region. These projects are about making sure our water network is fit for purpose now and into the future. Thanks to our Water and Wastewater team for working hard to keep water flowing through our Region.

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AROUND THE RIDGES

HOMESTEAD

TENDER - PSA014/21
Provision of Cleaning and Maintenance Services
Homestead Public Amenities

Charters Towers Regional Council invites responses from interested businesses for the cleaning and maintenance of the Homestead public amenities facility.

Tender Documents may be obtained by downloading them from Council's website: **www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/tenders-and-procurement**

Enquiries regarding the Tender documents may be directed to Paul Weston on (07) 4761 5416 or email **tenders@charterstowers.qld.gov.au**

Regulation 228 (8) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, relating to changes to tenders may be applied.

Tenders must be lodged via VendorPanel by 5.00pm on **Tuesday, 13 April 2021.**

GREENVALE

A new radar planned for Greenvale will help deliver more timely and accurate weather information to the Bureau of Meteorology.

The radar is one of four that the federal government will install in Queensland to fill significant coverage gaps.

Once installed, it will provide improved rainfall rate measurement for use in flood warning operations; more accurate information of accumulated rainfall and stored soil moisture; better short-term forecasting of rainfall and severe weather; and better tracking of location and strength of wind change.

The new radar is scheduled to be installed later this year.

NEED SOMETHING FROM COUNCIL?

Got a pothole that needs fixing? Want to enquire about dog registration? Need to update your contact details?

There are several ways to lodge a Customer Request:

1. SNAP SEND SOLVE
Download Snap Send Solve from your app shop and follow the prompts.

2. WEBSITE
www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/customer-requests

3. PHONE
Call Council on 07 4761 5300.

4. IN PERSON
Visit the Administration Centre 12 Mosman Street, Charters Towers.

Opening Hours:
8.30am - 4.00pm
Monday - Friday

PARADISE STREET / RACECOURSE ROAD UPDATE

The bulk of the major construction work at the Racecourse Road and Paradise Street intersection is now complete. These works will improve safety for pedestrians and motorists while increasing parking spaces for nearby businesses.

Works have begun to install a roundabout at the corner of Racecourse Road and Peek Street - both high vehicle traffic urban roads - to increase safety by reducing accidents. Pedestrian access will also be improved with pedestrian refuges located in the central traffic islands.

Things have kicked off from where they finished last year for the Dalrymple Saleyards. It's been a big start to 2021 for the facility and it's on track to record its highest number of sales during a financial year.
Over the next few months Council will be making some exciting announcements based on the facility. Watch this space.

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TOURISM BRAND 'UNEARTHED'

More than 100 people attended the launch of the new Charters Towers Destination Tourism Brand at The World Theatre on Thursday 25 February 2021.

The new branding features a hurricane lamp, textured font and an inviting 'unearth our secrets' tagline.

Deputy Mayor Sonia Bennetto said the feedback from the launch event was very encouraging.

"From the outset we wanted to create something that visually set the Charters Towers Region apart from other destinations," she said.

"We worked closely with tourism experts and the community to create a design and tagline that represents our Region and would appeal to visitors.

"We had members of the community, business leaders, and tourism operators at the launch and they were all excited to see how the new brand will benefit the local tourism industry," Cr Bennetto said.

Councillor Julie Mathews, whose portfolio includes Tourism Economic Development, said the new branding captures the core identity of the Region.

"Charters Towers is a blend of the old and the new," she said.

"This branding reflects that and celebrates our heritage-rich community while encouraging visitors to seek out their own story.

"We are excited to see the brand become more and more visible as it gets rolled out on websites, signage, promotional material, and more," Cr Mathews said.

A style guide for the new branding is available now on the Charters Towers Regional Council website.

Businesses in the Charters Towers Region can apply to use the branding as part of their own promotion.

To find out more go to www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/destination-tourism-brand

I would like to thank the members of the community who attended the workshops and provided input into the look and feel of the new Charters Towers Destination Tourism Brand. I would also like to thank everyone at Council who worked tirelessly to take the brand from concept to reality. All your hard work has well and truly paid off. I look forward to seeing it roll out across promotional material throughout the year and beyond.

Cr Julie Mathews Tourism Economic Development | Visitor Information Centre | Tourist Attractions
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THE HURRICANE LAMP

At the centre piece of the brand is the hurricane lamp that the viewer can interpret in three ways:

- as a beacon signalling visitors to come and seek out their own story and connection;
- as a symbol of all the experiences the outback has to offer; to go camping with your family, to float downstream in a river, to be surrounded in our picturesque landscapes and soak in the rays of our sunsets; and
- as an ode to the pioneers who built this region as part of our rich 19th Century history.

This iconic symbol has also been chosen to reflect the research undertaken that indicates there are two prominent types of visitors that are drawn to our region:

- people seeking an outback adventure - camping, fishing and exploring; and
- people wanting to discover and connect with the past; learn more about the days of "Gold Fever;" admire the grand architectural feats that line the streets; relive the bygone era of the WWII war effort; or seek out their ancestry.

On closer inspection of the words you can see a rough, almost dirt like texture designed to evoke connotations of the hard work and true grit of our primary producers and our strong connection to the beef and cattle industry.

This also complements the Region's rich mining industry.

UNEARTH OUR SECRETS

This tagline encapsulates a sense of mystery to the traveller and visitor attempting to seek out their own story.

The Charters Towers Region has played many significant and important roles throughout Australian history from the pioneer mining days of the Gold Rush to the Allied Forces war effort, relics of yesteryear fill our communities and exude mysteries of times past beckoning travelers to explore and uncover the secrets within.

The subliminal messaging "Unearth Our Secrets" is also one of self-discovery and adventure.

Council is continuing its proactive approach to natural disaster management. New flood warning infrastructure across 16 strategic locations in the Charters Towers Region will be installed before 30 June 2022. We've also applied to use grant money to build a new fit-for-purpose Local Disaster Coordination Centre in Charters Towers to assist the community during a disaster.

Cr Graham Lohmann
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CALLING ALL LOCALS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FOR A NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

CALLING ALL LOCALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY THROUGH VOLUNTEERING!

Volunteers are a vital part of the Charters Towers Region and their contribution to our commnity cannot be understated.

Council engages volunteers at the Visitor Information Centre, World Theatre (Friends of the Theatre) and the Pound.

Our State Emergency Services (SES) also relies on volunteers.

Volunteering is all about making a difference in your community and offers many personal benefits.

These include a chance to:

- explore a passion
- make new friendships and professional networks;
- challenge yourself;
- and of course have fun!

HOW DO I APPLY?

Simply contact our friendly Customer Service staff on 4761 5300 and tell them you are interested in volunteering.

VOLUNTEERS IN FOCUS: VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Help us to inspire visitors to explore our Region!

As a Visitor Information Centre Volunteer, or Tourism Ambassador, you will give an authentic Charters Towers experience to any visitors traveling to and within the Region.

This can be as simple as having a friendly conversation with people, giving out brochures and explaining the different tourism experiences available locally.

You may prefer to assist in our Gift Shop, where your previous retail experience will be HIGHLY desirable!

Volunteers help visitors to 'Unearth our Secrets,' a one-of-a-kind place where people from all over the world love to come and explore the rich heritage of the district in their own time.

We are calling for all active members of the community to apply today and become a Tourism Ambassador to show the world true Charters Towers hospitality.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

It was another successful term for the Charters Towers Move It Programme. Term 1's after-school activities focused on swimming, fitness, and basketball. It was great to see so many kids involved and I encourage them to continue to stay active. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the programme and enabled these activities to happen, particularly our partner the Northern Queensland Public Health Network.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - CALL 4761 5580 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

EASTER MONDAY	TUESDAY 6 April 10:30am	WEDNESDAY 7 April 10:30am	THURSDAY 8 April 10:30am	FRIDAY 9 April 10:30am
CLOSED	GOMA Kids on Tour	OSMO Game Centre	Build Wooden Model Aeroplane	Turtle Weaving

MONDAY 12 April 10:30am	TUESDAY 13 April 10:30am	WEDNESDAY 14 April 10:30am	THURSDAY 15 April 10:30am	FRIDAY 16 April 10:30am
GOMA Kids on Tour	Make your own Alien	Dinosaur Eyes	OSMO Game Centre	Star Making

NEED HELP USING YOUR LAPTOP, TABLET OR SMART-PHONE?

- TECH TIME -

Mon | Wed | Fri
2pm - 3pm
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BOOK A ONE-ON-ONE SESSION NOW:
4761 5580

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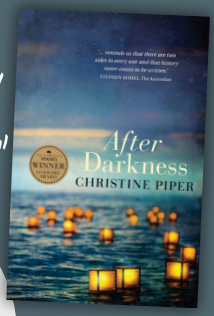
Book Club

- APRIL PICK -
After Darkness by Christine Piper; an award winning Australian historical fiction novel.



Join the Book Club 10.30am on Monday, April 12

2021 ANZAC DAY commemorations

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

Homestead
Friday, 23 April: 9am
Commemorative Ceremony
Homestead State School

Charters Towers
5:50am Dawn Service
Charters Towers Cemetery
9am Commemorative March & Service
Mosman Street to Gill Street & Cenotaph

Greenvale
10:00am Commemorative March & Service
Greenvale State School

Hervey Range
9am Commemorative Service
Hervey Range Community Hall

Pentland
5:45am Dawn Service
Soldiers' Memorial Hall
9:30am Commemorative March
Soldiers' Memorial Hall

Ravenswood
5:45am Dawn Service
Ravenswood Courthouse Museum

Sellheim
7am Commemorative Service
Memorial (Burdekin Duck Roadhouse)

ROAD CLOSURE IN PLACE.
PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.

LEST WE FORGET

YOUTH
COUNCIL
FIRST MEETING FOR 2021

On what is a momentous occasion for the community, the Charters Towers Youth Council came together for the first meeting of 2021.

The Youth Council, comprising of two Grade 11 students from each of Charters Towers' high schools met on Friday, 19 March 2021 at the Charters Towers Regional Council Administration Centre.

As part of an induction, the students were provided with an overview of local government by Deputy Mayor, Cr Sonia Bennetto and Council's Chief Executive Officer, Aaron Johansson, before visiting the Charters Towers Water Treatment Plant.

Cr Sonia Bennetto said this site visit will help the Youth Council members form a good picture of what local government is all about and link the service with the infrastructure.

At the Water Treatment Plant the students were shown how water quality is monitored, visited the lab where water quality testing is undertaken and led through the treatment modules where raw water is processed before it is supplied to the community of Charters Towers.

Feedback from the Youth Council revealed an appreciation of the work the Water Treatment Plant operators do to ensure the community receives quality water supply.

Mayor Frank Beveridge, who is also Chair of the Youth Council, said the main aim of the first meeting was to provide students with an introduction on how Council services the community.

"During their first meeting, the Youth Council were taken through the most recent General Meeting of Council as well as given an overview of how a Council meeting is run," he said.

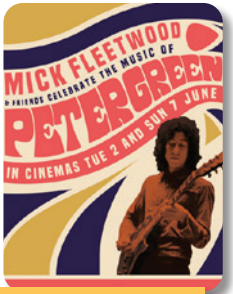
"With a couple of major community projects coming up over the next 12 months, Deputy Mayor Sonia Bennetto and I both agree the community will benefit from the perspective of the Youth Council, as this is a niche view that is under-represented in the community."

Cr Sonia Bennetto encouraged students to seek input from beyond their school groups and seek the view of their social groups.

The Youth Council will meet throughout 2021 and will be introduced to more Council services over the months ahead.

THE WORLD THEATRE

Live Shows



10 & 11 APR

MICK FLEETWOOD & FRIENDS

[ON SCREEN CONCERT]

Celebrating the music of Peter Green & Fleetwood Mac. Featuring artists like Neil Finn, Noel Gallagher, David Gilmour, Steven Tyler and many more.

16 APR

GENE & JUDY TAP DANCING EXTRAVAGANZA

Step back in time as you are taken on a musical journey through the life, music and dance of Gene Kelly and Judy Garland

21 APR

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

With an all killer, no filler line-up of Australian stars and talented newcomers, buckle in for a night of stand-up, sketch, satire, silliness and song!

25 MAY

TASTE OF IRELAND: THE IRISH MUSIC & DANCE SENSATION

The show's live, energetic blend of well-known tunes, jaw-dropping acapella tap battles, world-class dancing, melodic folk music mash-ups and craic galore transports you through Ireland's tumultuous history.

12 JUN

ROUGE: CIRCUS FOR ADULTS

A decadent blend of sensational acrobatics, operatic cabaret and tongue in cheek burlesque 18+

20 JUNE

MARGARET FULTON: THE MUSICAL

A musical biography of a true Aussie legend - based on her best selling autobiography

Leigh Shoenheimer: Construction #13

Gallery

26 MAR - 9 MAY

ITERATE | ELABORATE

Schoenheimer's whimsical use of found objects and pieces of brightly coloured timber toys spark familiarity and joy.

THE WORLD THEATRE Gift Card

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