

# Regional Roundup

Summer 2010



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## Special Consultation Sessions Planned

Council has planned a series of special consultation sessions to be held in the first week of February next year to discuss its rates, valuations and budgeting processes.

These meetings will be open to all ratepayers and residents.

The Mayor has advised senior managers and Councillors to plan to be on the road for a week and have some serious discussions about future community needs, to ensure that all residents and ratepayers are aware of what is happening in the current environment.

Council will have specialists in the areas of the land valuation process and local government to explain, from an independent perspective, how Council must operate under the Local Government Act 2009.

"It's clear that we need to communicate all of the factors that are relevant in budgeting, rating and levels of service

delivery," said the Mayor, Councillor Peter Maguire.

Speakers include legal specialist Tim Fynes Clinton, Pat Lyons and Alan Morton.

The meetings are proposed as follows:

- **Tues 1st Feb** Springsure Hall at 9am
- **Wed 2nd Feb** Bauhinia Downs Hall at 10am
- **Thurs 3rd Feb** Dingo Hall at 9am
- **Thurs 3rd Feb** Blackwater Civic Centre (main hall) 2pm
- **Fri 4th Feb** Capella Cultural Centre 9am
- **Fri 4th Feb** Emerald Town Hall (auditorium) 1pm

Further information will be placed on Council's website early in the New Year, and promoted through local news outlets.

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

From the desk of the Mayor,  
Councillor Peter Maguire



It has been another busy year that we are putting behind us, but there will be no resting in 2011, with a number of exciting projects being implemented, and ongoing challenges to face.

Our consultation process for our ten year community plan will begin in earnest, and residents across the entire region will have the opportunity to provide input into this important document. This will become one of Council's key strategic and planning documents. It will help to guide our financial and operational direction,

and I urge anyone with an interest in our communities to get involved.

We have received clear feedback that we need to communicate and consult better, and our Councillors and staff are committed to improving our community engagement processes and getting out to all parts of our great region.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas. I look forward to working in partnership with our communities in 2011 to keep the Central Highlands a wonderful place to live, work and invest.

## Catch Up with Your Councillors

Council schedules regular community consultation sessions throughout the year. The following dates have been set for 2011. Times and locations will be set closer to the dates, and advertised on Council's website and in local newspapers.

February 14	Gindie, Orion
March 14	Emerald
April 11	Duaringa, Blackwater
May 9	Tieri, Capella
June 13	Toprain, Rolleston
July 11	Springsure
August 8	Dingo, Gordon/ Karramarra/Kaiuroo North, Bluff, Comet
September 12	Arcadia Valley, Carnarvon Gorge
October 17	Bauhinia Downs, Coominglah
November 14	Bogantungan, Willows Gemfields, Sapphire/Rubyvale, Anakie
November 28	Buckland or Tresswell, Lochington

## Central Highlands Recycling Heroes!

Over 100 tonnes of recyclables were sent for processing in October 2010.

Join us in our challenge to double our recycling to 200 tonnes per month in 2011!!

Did you know... empty aerosol cans are recyclable!

Remove the plastic lid & place in recycle bin separately. There's no need to squash aluminium aerosol cans!

## E Newsletter is Here!

Council recently launched its first E newsletter. This monthly newsletter provides news and information about Council events, activities and issues.

If you would like to subscribe, visit our website and open the News tab, or email [enquiries@chrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@chrc.qld.gov.au) and place Subscribe to newsletter in the subject heading.

## Workshops - Inspiring Women March 8

Central Highlands residents have embraced the opportunity to recognise and celebrate the roles of the many inspiring and motivating women who live and work in our region.

More than twenty nominations were received from all sectors of the community, including women in business, from the land, community groups and volunteers. Their stories will be recorded in a book being produced with the assistance of the Regional Arts Development Fund.

The book is just one of many activities being planned by representatives from Council, CHDC, Westpac, Agforce, and the Working Women's Network to celebrate inspirational women in the Central Highlands.

The book will be launched on International Women's Day, March 8 2011.

A forum that will feature practical workshops for people in business will also be held on the day. Men are welcome to come along too! Celebrations will culminate in a black tie dinner where some of our local inspirational women and special high profile guests will share their stories.

Popular ABC Radio Capricornia presenter Jacquie Mackay will MC the dinner.

The Mayor will open the forum and attend the dinner, which is expected to sell out quickly.

To book your seat at the dinner or the workshop, contact the Central Highlands Development Corporation on 4982 4386.

## Cattle Sales Move to Thursdays in 2011

The Emerald Livestock Selling Association will move their Fat sale days at the Council operated Emerald Saleyards from alternate Tuesdays to a single combined sale every Thursday.

This change will become effective from the first sale in the new year, Thursday January 13.

Saleyards staff have begun construction works to split all the three panel pens. This will create 24 extra pens which will be required for the anticipated larger numbers due to the combined sales.

Council and other key stakeholders are working on a masterplan to ensure a positive future for the Saleyards.

Also starting next year, all cattle will have their NLIS tags pre scanned prior to sale. Council is exploring scanning options with soft ware providers.

The Council provides market reports on its website.



## News From The Libraries

### New Audiobook Download Service Available

Members of the Central Highlands Regional Council library service now have free access to an extensive range of audiobooks.

The world's first and only digital library solution is now accessible to library members from Council's website.

It features audiobooks that can be downloaded direct from the Central Highlands Library Service website.

"The service is already getting interest from the community, probably because it is proving Bolinda's claim that it is simple and easy to use," said Council's Regional Librarian, Michelle Stroud.

"We can now able to offer an extensive range of audiobooks, with scope to keep adding to the online library every quarter. The beauty of this service is the

fact it is device neutral and fully compatible with all MP3 players."

"The introduction of this free service is yet another great reason to visit or join your local library," said the Mayor.



## Book Sale On Now!!

As part of our library integration, we've come across a mountain of double (in some cases quadruple!) copies and outdated items that needed to be weeded to make way for new stock on the shelves. Soooo...here's your chance to get your hands on good quality books at bargain basement prices!! For just \$2 per item, you could be the proud owner of as many Fiction and Non-Fiction items you can carry out of the library! All books, cassette tapes, videos and DVD's are on shelves and tables in the back workroom of the Emerald Library so don't miss out! **ONLY WHILE STOCKS LAST!!**

## Library Blog

The library blog is the one to read for all the latest news on what is happening at your local library. There are book reviews, links to the catalogue, and Bolinda's e audio books.

Comment on a review, or add your thoughts on the latest musings of our blogger!

<http://chlibraryservice.blogspot.com/>

# Capella Community Information Day

Staff from Council's Community Development team partnered with CTM Links to coordinate and host an Information Day in Capella recently.

The purpose of the day was to bring information about community services and resources that were available to residents, in a relaxed informal setting.

Organisations such as Blue Care, Lifeline, the SES and CQ Home Secure Home Assist set up in the Lions Park for the morning.

Despite the rain, there were plenty of locals enticed by the smell of the sausage sizzle.

Community Development Manager Janice Moriarty said it was a very successful morning.

"Sometimes people may not be aware of what is available to them, especially in smaller



**The Mayor, Cr Peter Maguire and Cr David Brimblecombe joined residents and service providers in Capella.**

communities, so we thought it was important to bring the services out into the open."

## An Important Notice About Your Water Charges

Keep monitoring your water use as you are now charged on the amount of water you use.

You may notice some differences in charges in relation to water on this quarterly rates notice. This is because Council, has made some changes to the way in which is water is charged.

A two part tariff system has been introduced, where residents will pay the following:

1. An access charge, for the costs of providing the infrastructure and water service, and
2. A water usage charge, which is based on the actual amount of water used.

This means that ratepayers who are water conservative and water wise will be rewarded for their efforts by paying less.

A full explanation of the new charges and tips on how to use less water is included with your rates notice.

# Disaster Planning - Be Prepared

All communities are prone to disasters, both natural events such as flooding or fires and others, such as chemical hazards. Every household can take some simple practical steps to be prepared to respond to a disaster.

All predictions indicate that we may have a wet summer ahead, so now is the time to think, prepare and act so you are not caught unawares.

- Check that you have appropriate insurance
- Ask friends and family living in higher, less flood prone areas if you can stay with them should the need arise for evacuation.
- Have an emergency kit on hand.
- Know which local radio stations will carry warnings and information.

## Tips that will assist emergency services in locating you:

If you live in a rural area and there is a chance your property could become isolated, paint your name, or the name of the property, on the roof. It is also a good idea to have your GPS location written clearly and located near your phone.

## Flooding

The Central Highlands is subject to occasional extreme rainfall between November and March. If flooding is predicted

- Listen to your radio
- Take all warnings and advice seriously
- Remove as many household items as possible to as high a point as possible, including cardboard boxes and newspaper items.
- Pile furniture on beds and personal items on the furniture and remove all drawers from built ins.
- Tie down loose items in your yard to prevent them from floating away.
- Ensure all chemicals that may react with water are within a waterproof container and are moved to a higher level.
- Gas cylinders and bottles should be disconnected and tied down or removed above flood height.
- Close the mains water valve.
- Make sure your car is fully fuelled.
- If driving be sure of the depth of water before driving through it.



# Emergency Kit Checklist

- Torch (spare batteries)
- Battery operated radio (spare batteries)
- Candles, lighter and waterproof matches
- First Aid Kit
- Combination pocket knife
- Portable stove with fuel
- Cooking utensils
- Water in sturdy sealed containers (10 litres per person)
- Medications
- Toiletry and sanitary supplies
- Change of clothes and strong shoes
- Tinned food - enough for 3 - 4 days
- Can opener
- Special needs for infants, older people and people with disabilities
- Pet food, water and other animal needs
- Tent or tarpaulin and blankets
- Money
- Strong plastic bags
- Personal documents - insurance, certificates, photos, identification (drivers licence, medicare card etc)
- Board games, cards, etc
- Emergency contact list and mobile phone chargers
- Insect repellent and sunscreen

## Useful Website Addresses

### Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)

[www.bom.gov.au](http://www.bom.gov.au)

### Emergency Management Queensland

[www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq](http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/emq)

### Road Conditions

[www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au)

## SES phone 132 500

Council supports a number of SES groups across the region. In all instances, requests for assistance from the SES should be through their general phone number, 132 500.





**Council offices will be closed from 5.00 pm Friday  
December 24 2010, and reopen on Tuesday, January 4 2011.**

**For any urgent matters that arise during this time, please  
call 1300 242 686.**

***The Mayor, Councillors and staff of the Central  
Highlands Regional Council would like to wish all  
residents and visitors a very safe,  
happy and enjoyable festive season!***



## Nominate Your Local Australia Day Hero Now!

With Christmas and end of year festivities soon upon us, now might be the time to start thinking about nominating an outstanding Aussie member of your local community for an Australia Day award. Australia Day awards will be given in a number of categories in each of the four previous local government communities (Emerald, Peak Downs, Bauhinia and Duarina).

The successful candidates will be presented with their awards at Australia Day celebrations on January 26, 2011.

These will be held in Emerald, Blackwater, Springsure and Tieri.

For more information about the Australia Day awards, phone 1300 242 686, or visit our website.



## Road Closures Information

From time to time, Council roads will need to be closed at very short notice. This may happen because of water over the road, dangerous driving conditions or for other reasons.

When this occurs, we will endeavour to provide timely and accurate information about the

closures on our website, under Roadworks and Road Closures. There is a link on our home page at [www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au](http://www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au)

Further information can be sourced from local police stations and [www.131940.qld.gov.au](http://www.131940.qld.gov.au)



# Our region continues to welcome many new residents, including people from overseas who now call Australia, and the Central Highlands, home.



## Partnering Forum A Success

Over a hundred and fifty delegates converged in Emerald on Wednesday 29 September to attend the Partnering Now For The Future Forum. The forum was hosted by Banana Shire Council, Central Highlands Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council to partner in addressing the social, economic and environmental impacts for resource communities. The forum brought together government (Local, State & Federal), industry sectors and community representatives to present information, discuss key issues and develop solutions for the future.

The Forum was opened by the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP. Speakers included the Regional Executive Director for the Department of Communities, Michael Shearer, who discussed the social side of resource growth, Michael Roche from the Queensland Resources Council, and Jon Womersely, Department of Environment and Resource Management. Their presentations and other information is available for download from Council's website.



The Mayors from Isaac, Central Highlands and Banana Councils were all smiles at the Partnering Now for the Future Forum.

## Council Receives Award for Commitment to Women

Central Highlands Regional Council was just the second local government in Queensland to receive a bronze certification in the 50:50 Vision - Councils for Gender Equity Program. This important program is the first national accreditation and awards program to encourage councils across Australia to address gender equity issues within the organisation and among their elected representatives.

The program was launched by Minister Tanya Plibersek and Parliamentary Secretary Maxine McKew at the Australian Council of Local Governments Dinner at Parliament House held in June this year.

The program has been designed to be accessed by all councils, regardless of their size, location and progress on gender equity. Councils can apply for accreditation at three levels - starting with Bronze and working up to the prestigious, peer reviewed Gold Award.

In 2010, the first year of the awards, Councils could only apply for the bronze award.

"In meeting this standard, Central Highlands has provided a commitment to address gender equality issues, conducted

a self assessment of staff/elected representative gender ratios, and has appointed Employee Services Manager Jenny Nuss as its 50:50 Vision champion to have carriage of the program within the organisation," said the Mayor.

"The Inspiring Women in the Bowen Basin Project is also a key project that Council is involved with that demonstrates our commitment to promoting the achievements of women both in the organisation, and our community."

Council Chief Executive Officer Bryan Ottone said that Council would be continuing its commitment beyond the Year of Women in Local Government by working towards achieving the Silver award.



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# Council Managers Visiting Roster

Council is committed to improving its communication with residents and staff right across the region. Council managers are now rostered to work from our regional offices on a regular basis. This is aimed to make our managers more accessible for our rural residents and ratepayers.

This timetable will be added to as the year progresses, and updated through local newsletters and Council's Regional Round Up.

Day	Date	Blackwater	Area Office Capella	Springsure
<b>January</b>				
Monday	10/01/2011			
Tuesday	11/01/2011		Manager Communications Monica Sidhu	
Wednesday	12/01/2011			GM Corporate Services Andrew Brown
Monday	17/01/2011			
Tuesday	18/01/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		Manager Communications Monica Sidhu
Wednesday	19/01/2011	GM Corporate Services Andrew Brown	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos	GM Environment and Planning Peter Day
Thursday	20/01/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Friday	21/01/2011			Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos
Monday	24/01/2011	Mgr Employee Services Jenny Nuss	Manager Communications Monica Sidhu	
Tuesday	25/01/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos	GM Environment and Planning Peter Day	
Wednesday	26/01/2011	Public Holiday		
Thursday	27/01/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Friday	28/01/2011			Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos
<b>February</b>				
Monday	31/01/2011	GM Environment and Planning Peter Day		
Tuesday	1/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		Manager Communications Monica Sidhu
Wednesday	2/02/2011		GM Corporate Services Andrew Brown	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos
Thursday	3/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Friday	4/02/2011		Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos	
Monday	7/02/2011			
Tuesday	8/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Wednesday	9/02/2011	Manager Communications Monica Sidhu	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos	GM Corporate Services Andrew Brown
Thursday	10/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Friday	11/02/2011			Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos
Monday	14/02/2011		Mgr Employee Services Jenny Nuss	
Tuesday	15/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Wednesday	16/02/2011	GM Corporate Services Andrew Brown	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos	
Thursday	17/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos	Manager Communications Monica Sidhu	
Friday	18/02/2011			Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos
Monday	21/02/2011			
Tuesday	22/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Wednesday	23/02/2011	GM Corporate Services Andrew Brown	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos	Manager Communications Monica Sidhu
Thursday	24/02/2011	Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos		
Friday	25/02/2011			Executive Manager Area Services George Frangos

## December 2010

3	St Joseph's Christmas Fair	Capella	Eileen Borg 4984 9304
4	Gemfields 50/50 Dance	Sapphire Community Hall	Terry McGuinness 4982 5423
4	Races	Pioneer Park Emerald	Emerald Jockey Club
4	Christmas Ball	Rolleston Hall	
4	Capella Carols by Candlelight	Capella Cultural Centre	
5	Emerald Rotary Christmas Carols	Emerald Showgrounds	
11	Springsure Lions Ham Wheel	Windmill Park Springsure	
24	Springsure Mardi Gras and Markets	Eclipse St Springsure	Sue Harrod 4984 1740
17	Emerald Light up Your Town winners	Forecourt, Council Building	Fran Rofe 1300 242 686
19	Rolleston Christmas Carols	All Saints Anglican Church Rolleston	

## January 2011

26	Springsure	Town Hall from 8.30 am	1300 242 686
26	Emerald	Botanic Gardens from 7.00 am	1300 242 686
26	Tieri	8.00am - Venue to be advised.	1300 242 686
26	Blackwater	PCYC Grounds, 8.00am (to be confirmed).	1300 242 686

### 2011 Dates

#### Public school holidays:

Sat 16 April to Tues 26 April  
 Sat 25 June to Sun 10 July  
 Sat 17 September to Sun 2 October  
 Sat 11 December to Sun 22 January 2012

#### Public Holidays:

Australia Day Wed 26 January  
 Good Friday 22 April  
 Easter Monday 25 April  
 Anzac Day Mon 25 April  
 Easter Holiday Tues 26 April  
 May Day (Labour Day) Mon 2 May  
 Show Day Springsure Fri 27 May  
 Show Day Emerald Wed 1 June  
 Queen's Birthday Mon 13 June



**Did you know that you can now add your community event onto Council's events calendar on our website?**

This free service is easy to use, and can increase publicity without damaging your budget. Simply log onto our website, and under the Events heading, click on Add an Event. It's an easy, step by step process that doesn't take long to complete. The details, once verified by Council, will be up on our Events calendar within three working days.

# Our Customer Service Centres

Ph: 1300 242 686 Fax: 1300 242 687

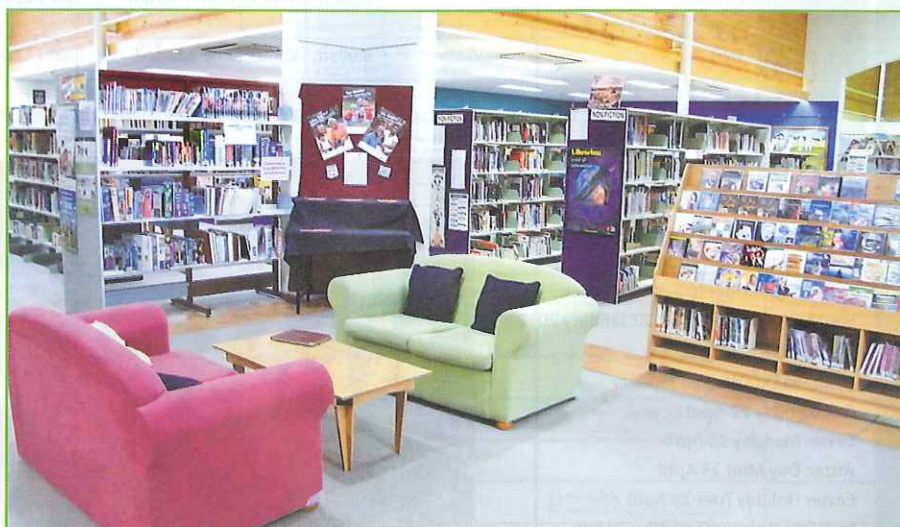
Email: [enquiries@chrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@chrc.qld.gov.au)

Town	Address	Hours of Opening
Blackwater	10 Mackenzie St	8.30 am-5.00pm
Capella	4 Conran St	8.30 am-5.00 pm
Duaringa	12 William St	8.30 am-5.00pm
Emerald	65 Egerton St	8.30 am-5.00 pm
Rolleston	17 Warrijo St	9.00 am-5.00 pm
Springsure	29 Eclipse St	8.30 am-5.00 pm
Tieri	Grasstree St	9am to 12pm Mon - Thurs Friday 9am to 12pm and 12-30pm to 4pm

All correspondence to PO Box 21 Emerald QLD 4720



## Our Libraries



Town	Location	Phone:	Duaringa	Elizabeth St	4925 6412
Bauhinia	Bauhinia Hall	4982 3311	Emerald	44 Borilla St	4982 3311
Blackwater	Wey St Community Centre	4982 5737	Rolleston	Planet St	4984 3199
Bluff	Church St	4982 9196	Gemfields	7 Burrige Rd, Rubyvale	4981 0299
Capella	Peak Downs St	4984 9650	Springsure	Eclipse St	4984 1265
Dingo	Normanby St	4935 9237	Tieri	Grasstree St	4984 8270

For opening hours, please phone your local library.

# Council Meeting Dates

Council meetings are generally held on the first and third Monday of each month. The meetings commence at 9.00 am and are held in the Council Chambers at the Emerald Office, 65 Egerton St.

All meetings are open to the public.

December 2010	-	Monday 13th	
<b>2011 dates.</b>			
January 2011	-	Monday 17th	
February	-	Monday 7th	- Monday 21st
March	-	Monday 7th	- Monday 21st
April	-	Monday 4th	- Monday 18th
May	-	Tuesday 3rd	- Monday 16th
June	-	Monday 6th	- Monday 20th
July	-	Monday 4th	- Monday 18th
August	-	Monday 1st	- Monday 15th
September	-	Monday 5th	- Monday 19th
October	-	Monday 10th	- Monday 24th
November	-	Monday 7th	- Monday 21st
December	-	Monday 12th	



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Date: 25/05/11 JM

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