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9. 1162127 * 03-06-06

The Returned & Services League Of Australia - Home Hill Sub Branch

Request for permission to restore war service personnel graves in the Home Hill Cemetery which will be part of a funding application.



Please forward or distribute this email to the Mayor, councillors and CEO of your council.

CARBON PRICE OBLIGATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT LANDFILL OPERATORS

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is working with the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency and Department of Regional Australian, Local Government, Arts and Sport on the best way to support council's understand and meet their obligations under the Australian Government's Carbon Price Mechanism (CPM).

The Clean Energy Bill (2012) which establishes a price on carbon and will commence 1 July 2012 with a fixed carbon price for 3 years. From 1 July 2015 a floating carbon price will apply. All landfills including council landfills with annual emissions greater than 25,000 tonnes per annum of CO₂-e will be liable and will need to factor in the CPM costs which will be added to the price of disposal from 1 July 2012. The purchase and disposal of permits, annual acquittals and the management of the carbon emissions over the decomposition life of new waste estimated to be around 30 to 40 years will require strong management and accounting systems as well as technical expertise.

This issue is not just a waste management issue. It will have far reaching implications throughout your council. If your council needs further information to understand the new system and your obligations under the CPM register your interest under 'Events' on the ALGA website: www.alga.asn.au


ALGA is currently working with the DCCEE and DRALGAS on the feasibility of a comprehensive National Forum on the issue. Given the CPM starts on 1 July 2012, ALGA is looking at conducting this National Forum on 23 – 24 April in Canberra. I appreciate that this is short notice for such a forum

but we are keen to make sure councils have as much time as possible to finalise arrangements for 2012 – 13. The National Forum would be designed for landfill technical manager/s, council finance managers, General Managers and /or an elected member. The Forum would be interactive, practical and aimed at the detailed implementation issues that must be addressed immediately by councils to meet relevant deadlines. It would also provide an important opportunity to learn from each other, network with other councils and key Departmental staff responsible for the management of the system.

ALGA will use above register to contact your council with the full details of the National Forum and how to register for a National Forum in the near future. If you are interested in attending such a National Forum register your interest by Tuesday 10 April at the ALGA website.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Beresford-Wyle
Chief Executive

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Dear Mr Holt

I am writing to update you on the progress of LGAQ's Local Government Image campaign and the national campaign in support of the expected referendum on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government.

The first stage of the image campaign, funded from a special \$500,000 levy on member councils, focused on the need to raise public awareness of the work of local councils and favourably position the sector in advance of the referendum. The second stage, funded from another \$500,000 special levy, will be rolled out following the 28 April local government elections.

It is fair to say that the campaign, which had as its centrepiece a professionally produced television ad featuring actual council staff broadcast across the state, has been a success. Market research by Newspoll, commissioned by the independent Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Local Government, demonstrated that the ongoing investment of member councils in the campaign has helped shift public opinion in favour of local councils in Queensland. The research showed that a majority of Queenslanders would likely support a referendum on recognising local government in the Australian Constitution. In other words, the campaign has succeeded in its goal of prepositioning the local government sector in readiness for the referendum.

The political and legal landscape affecting the proposed referendum has changed somewhat in recent months.

The High Court is due to decide on a challenge to the constitutional legality of the Australian Government's direct funding of the National School Chaplaincy Program (the so-called Williams case).

The judgment may have an impact on the Government's interpretation of the Pape decision in relation to its power to directly fund local government, the issue to be resolved at the referendum.

In the event the outcome of the Williams case aids the push for Constitutional Recognition of local government and the political climate ensures that the next election will be held on schedule in the second half of 2013, ALGA and the state associations are committed to running a national "Yes" campaign, at an estimated cost of \$10 million.

At its last meeting, the LGAQ Policy Executive resolved to raise \$2 million by way of special levies totalling \$1 million each in 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.

However, it also resolved that all attempts be made to seek funding assistance for the referendum campaign from the Federal Government and, if need be, from the private sector, to defray costs to member Councils.

The special levies would only be collected if the Williams decision supports the need for a referendum on Constitutional Recognition of local government and the next Federal election is held in the second half of 2013.



If the levy monies are collected and the referendum does not proceed for whatever reason, the monies will be returned immediately and directly to member councils.

The referendum will be an exciting opportunity to attain recognition of our sphere of government by the Australian Constitution. I will keep you informed on progress.

Yours sincerely



Greg Hallam PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Home Hill Cricket Association
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02/04/2012

Glen Stockdale
Burdekin Shire Council
Ayr

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Dear Glen

Home Hill Cricket – Access Road Refurbishment

Please forward our thanks to all involved in the refurbishment of the access road into our clubhouse from First Street in time for our annual "Canefield Ashes" Carnival. It was a great sight to see our potholed track in turned into a "Super Highway" in time for the event.

Our new access road brought many compliments throughout the weekend and was an easing comfort to the organising committee to have the road re – constructed and finalised before the event.

Once again, to the Council Crew involved, your efforts and support was greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely (on behalf of the Canefield Ashes Committee and HHCA)

Jeff Dann
HHCA President

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From: Daniel Mulcahy [dan.mulcahy@burdekin.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2012 3:45 PM
To: Email Registration
Subject: Reply from Digital Switchover Taskforce - reception difficulties

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DEPARTMENT OF BROADBAND, COMMUNICATIONS AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY
Digital Switchover Taskforce

Agenda **CI4**
 24 April 2012

From: Digital TV Councils [mailto:DigitalTV_Councils@dbcde.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2012 3:20 PM
To: Daniel Mulcahy
Subject: Burdekin Shire Council [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Dear Mr Mulcahy

Thank you for email of 19 March 2012 concerning the Council's discussion at its meeting of 13 March 2012 about reception of digital television services in the Burdekin Shire.

You requested information on the number of complaints that the Taskforce had received from viewers in the Burdekin Shire since the switchover to digital-only television in December 2012.

Between 6 December 2011 and 18 March 2012 there have been over 22,880 calls to the Digital Ready Information Line. Of the 22,880 calls received, 46 were from postcodes 4806, 4807, 4808 and 4809 (Burdekin Shire Council area). The majority of calls related to the Household Assistance Scheme.

Of the total calls received from viewers in the Burdekin Shire Council area:

- 6 calls were classified as other general enquiries;
- 9 calls were enquiries about reception difficulties;
- 20 calls were enquiries about the Household Assistance Scheme;
- 10 calls were enquiries about VAST, the new satellite television service; and
- 1 call was unrelated to Digital Switchover.

In addition, prior to switchover the Taskforce received a petition from a local MP on behalf of approximately 80 viewers in relation to television reception issues.

Our experience of switchover has shown that viewers may also need to consider the condition of their antenna and cabling. A poorly maintained or old antenna system may be damaged or corroded leading to the poor reception of services.

Viewers experiencing poor reception may wish to consider engaging an Australian Government Endorsed Antenna Installer to measure the strength and quality of the digital television signal at their home, and advise on whether it will be possible to modify or upgrade their reception equipment so as to receive reliable digital services from the local transmitters serving the area. The installer should be able to offer advice about antenna selection, positioning, orientation, choice of correct cables, connectors and distribution equipment, and whether a masthead amplifier should be installed to improve reception.

The most up-to-date information about digital television services, including the expected coverage of transmitters serving local areas, the location of each transmitter providing coverage, the frequencies services are transmitted on, is available from mySwitch on the Digital Ready website at **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.>**.

A key objective for the Government in the switchover to digital-only television is to ensure all Australians can access the full suite of digital television services regardless of where they live. Viewers in remote Australia, or viewers who live in regional/metropolitan areas who are unable to receive adequate terrestrial television reception from the transmitters that serve the area in which they live, are able to receive digital television services through the new government-funded Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service.

Attached to this email is a copy our factsheet about the VAST service.

I trust this information will be of assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact the information line on 1800 20 10 13 for assistance.


Yours sincerely,

Digital Switchover Taskforce

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Sent: Monday, 19 March 2012 5:37 PM
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Cc: Switchover Callcentre
Subject: Burdekin Shire Council - Dan Mulcahy
Importance: High

From: Daniel Mulcahy [mailto:dan.mulcahy@burdekin.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, 19 March 2012 3:49 PM
To: switchover@dbcde.gov.au
Cc: Email Registration
Subject: Digital TV Complaints - Burdekin Shire

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Digital Switchover Taskforce,
Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Attention:
Nerida O'Loughlin,
Executive Director

Dear Nerida,

Following the digital switchover in this region on 6 December 2011, Council has been made aware of many complaints in relation to the quality of the digital signal. This matter was briefly discussed at the Council's meeting held on 13 March 2012.

Council believes that the community is aware of the steps to follow and equipment required to receive a quality digital signal. However, it would appear that even with up to date equipment, a quality digital signal is not guaranteed.

It would be appreciated if you could advise if the Department or Taskforce has any data on the number of complaints in the Burdekin region.

In addition, any comments from the Taskforce in relation to this matter would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Mulcahy

Director of Corporate & Community Services

Burdekin Shire Council

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4th April, 2012

Mr Tony Vaccaro
Burdekin Shire Council
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Dear Tony,

Our Parish has just celebrated its Centenary - one hundred years of love, commitment and service. Over those 100 years, many people, have contributed so much to making our parish what it is today. The Burdekin Shire Council has helped us tremendously in our preparation leading up to the celebration itself and also during the week of celebrations.

On behalf of the Centenary Committee I take this opportunity to thank you for your co-operation and generosity at all times but especially for loaning us display screens so our memorabilia could be proudly displayed for all to see.

God has been good to us and may he always gift us with people and organizations who give generously for his honour and glory. Be assured of our prayers for the coming Shire elections.

Yours sincerely,

Father Thomas
Parish Priest

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From: Community Projects Queensland [admin@cpqld.com] [admin@cpqld.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 April 2012 11:28 AM
To: Community Projects Queensland
Subject: Community Gardens

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Hi

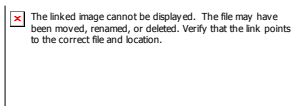
We are currently developing a federation proposal of "Community Gardens" across the State and I am seeking information on the Councils position on Community Gardens being established in the region.

The proposal for the Queensland Government to consider, is to enable neighbourhoods and communities to foster sustainable living practices, through a network of Community Gardens that will build a sense of civic pride and improve the nutrition of residents – in line with the Queensland Government's environmental and health visions.

We would be delighted to work with Council and the local community to initiate a Community Garden and I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
David

David Curtin
Project Coordinator



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Circular

Council Wheelie Bin Sticker Developed by Neighbourhood Watch Queensland

For Information/Action

Circular: 2012-069

Release Date: Friday, 13 April 2012

Authorised by: Greg Hallam PSM Executive Director

Developed by Queensland Police and Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ), this initiative also promotes the key partnerships that exist between local government and NHWQ.

A Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ) wheelie bin sticker has been developed as part of an initiative between Queensland Police and NHWQ.

This initiative promotes NHWQ as a key crime prevention program and also the key partnerships that exist between local government and NHWQ.

Councils are not required to do anything about these stickers, but Queensland Police are suggesting that local neighbourhood watch groups contact their local council and seek permission to place the stickers on wheelie bins. NHWQ groups are also being encouraged to consult locally with local government representatives to promote the sticker.

This circular is simply to advise councils that they may receive requests to allow the placement of NHWQ stickers on council wheelie bins.

NOTE: There will be 3 types of stickers that will shortly be available to order on the [NHWQ website](#).

For further information contact 1300 542 700.



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17th April 2012.

Mayor & Councillors,

The home Hill RSL is soon to release
a book entitled "Home Hill Remembers".

The content is to include photos (where available) & a brief of the service
record of approximately 180 persons all of whom either enlisted from Home
Hill or settled here after the war & who served during the Boer War &
World War1.

Maps of the Western Front & Gallipoli & colour photographs of all the Medal
entitlements including the Soldiers' Penny (Death plaque) is also included.
Criteria for these accompanies the photos.

There are Military Crosses, Distinguished Conduct Medals, Military Medals,
Meritorious Service Medals & Mentioned in Despatches all represented.

The opportunity is offered to Council to contribute to the production of the
book by way of a financial commitment which will be appreciated in the
acknowledgments.

Thank You.

Allan Petersen

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17th April 2012.

Mayor & Councillors,

You may not be aware that there are a number of graves in the Home Hill Cemetery that are of War Service Personnel. Many of these do not have any marking to denote that the persons buried there are War Service & in most cases there is nothing at all.

There is Commonwealth Grant monies available from the Australian Defence Forces through the Department of Veteran Affairs for grave site restoration. This enables these sites to be marked as War Graves & bestows the honour, that is deserved, to the persons buried there.

I have been advised by Council staff to seek permission to be able to have this done in the Home Hill Cemetery.

If there are no objections to this I will proceed with following up on grants & what has to be arranged for the upgrade.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully
Allan Petersen

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