



Kowanyama News

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Welcome!

Council is looking forward to keeping our community and stakeholders informed about progress on key projects, social programs, and community goals through this newsletter. In it we aim to share updates, celebrate achievements, and stay connected with those we serve.

Since coming into Council, we've been actively advocating for our community and are proud to share some great outcomes, as highlighted by our CEO Kevin Bell in his report.

To support ongoing community safety, Council has engaged a consultant to lead the consultation process needed to update our Community Safety Plan and guide any future changes to the Alcohol Management Plan.

Your input is vital—this is your opportunity to have a say in shaping a safer, more inclusive future.

We're excited for a big year ahead, full of meaningful programs and infrastructure projects focused on building a united, vibrant community that welcomes and supports all our residents.



TOP: Mayor Territa Dick in Cherbourg.

Pic by Michael Monk, with thanks to Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

BELOW: Our Councillors and CEO in Cherbourg.

Queensland's Indigenous leaders met in Cherbourg and Mooloolaba at the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ's) Indigenous Leaders' Forum (ILF) in late April.

The day in Cherbourg opened with a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country, followed by dancers and a tour of the town, including Cherbourg's famous historical precinct, The Ration Shed, and their hugely successful Cherbourg Materials Recovery Facility (MeRF).

Mayor Territa said both were a highlight for her.

"I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, their CEO, and the Wakka Wakka people for having us here on their country," she told local radio station US-Mob.

"We've learnt a lot, and we've got a lot from this community to take back to ours.

"Together, we make a difference."

Mayor Territa Dick

Deputy Mayor Teddy Bernard's speech to the two-day Carbon Industry Forum at Lennox Head provided important input to conversations that took place amongst the more than 330 delegates who attended organisers, the Carbon Market Institute (CMI), say.

Opportunities, benefits and frustrations with carbon farming were on the forum's agenda.

Cr Bernard called for early engagement with Traditional Owners so projects were co-developed and provided clear mutual benefits.

CMI said Cr Bernard's address would help to inform CMI's policy, advocacy and program work, and that farmers had also backed working on solutions in partnership.



It's been a very busy start to the year for the team with the ongoing challenges presented by the long-wet season, CEO Kevin Bell writes ...

We are gearing up for our largest capital works program ever, which will present some amazing opportunities for the community.

We are nearing completion of the subdivision project and through strong advocacy from our Mayor and Councillor's have got the funds in to begin construction of new social houses.

The council has secured some essential funding to undertake major taxiway repairs to the airport and to reseal the runway.

Additionally, we have just secured funds to increase our town's water storage and to



Advocacy at the highest levels: Mayors and councillors from across Queensland met with State Government Ministers at the Community Cabinet held in Cairns.

upgrade our water treatment plant, which is critical to the community moving forward.

Lastly our tenders have just closed for this year's roads program both sealed and unsealed packages.

The council is committed to ensuring our road network is up to standard and is committed to undertaking the work required to bring the network up to speed

including the addition of new street signs and speed bumps being strategically placed around the community to enhance community safety.

There is plenty going on around the community now so please make sure you follow our social media page or visit the website to stay up to date with our planned events via our events calendar.



Training in effective workplace communication was delivered by the Australian Institute of Managers to all our KASC staff, who got plenty of great takeaways from their two-day professional development course. With certificates-in-hand are Shirley Yam, Chenoa Gilbert, Pansy Daniel, Shiquea Creek and Keyonia Sinnamon with CEO Kevin Bell (right).



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