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Demonstrations were given by emergency services such as fire, ambulance, police and helivacs.

Everyone in the community was invited to come along - work through what they can do as a community and council to prepare and get ready for any future disasters.

Festivities commenced at around 1pm and finished with a concert from the local Cherbourg band (Muddy Flats) at around 7pm. **If you do a little, we all accomplish a lot.**

Photo: Get Ready Cherbourg Day: 5 year old Julia Bond, Peta Seckold, Pamela bone and Cherbourg's fire captain "Pickles" Brown had a great day. Captain Pickles was on the hunt for more volunteer firefighters to help him respond to the expected coming summer blazes.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?

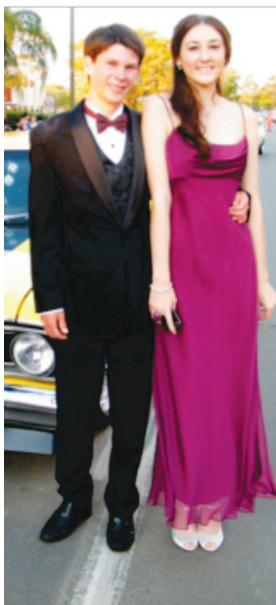
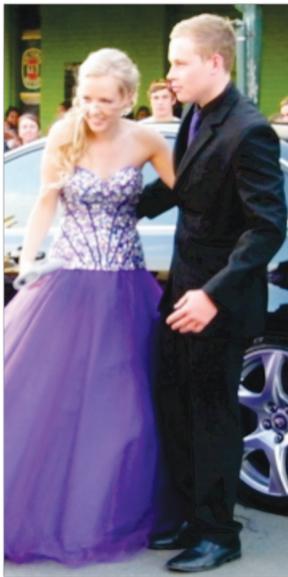
We would like a cure for Parkinsons - did you know that about 80,000 Australians have a diagnosis of Parkinsons and more than 30 people are diagnosed with Parkinsons every day. Parkinsons is a chronic progressive, complex, disabling neurological condition which currently has no known cure. If you would like to find out more about Parkinsons why don't you call Parkinson's Queensland Inc Free Call 1800 644 189 or phone 3209 1588 or e-mail pqi@parkinsons-qld.org.au or perhaps you may like to come along to the South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group which meets once a month at the Orana Lutheran Complex, Admin Centre at Kingaroy from 10am to 12 noon. This is a great group and you get to meet so many lovely people and hear their stories that it is good to know that you are not alone.

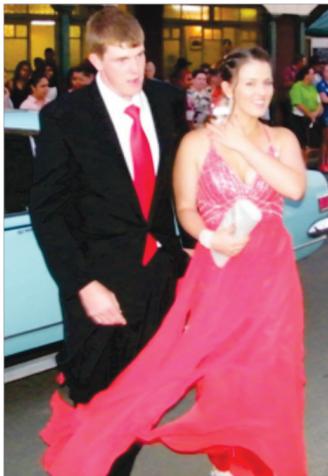
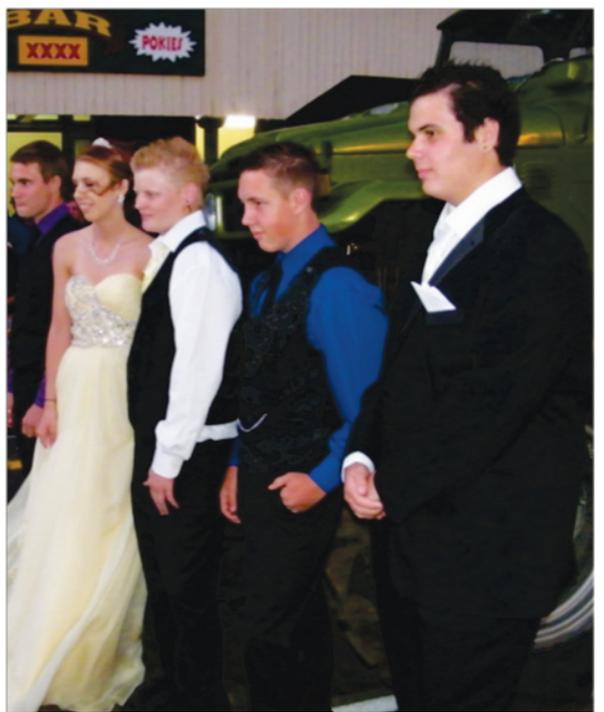
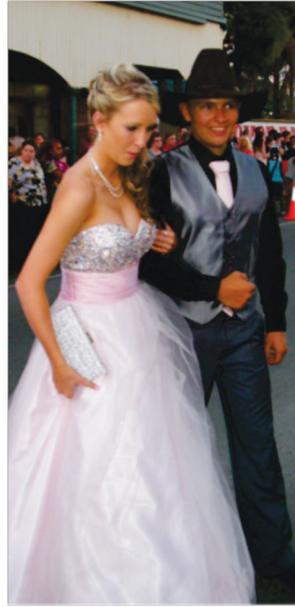
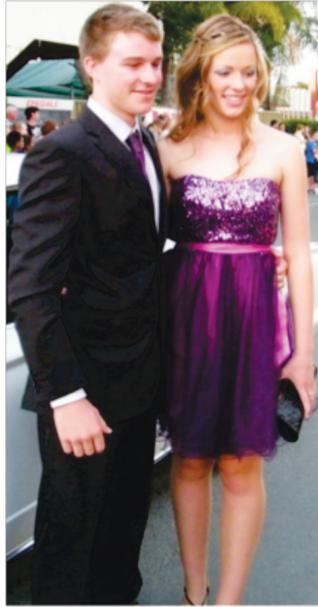
If you are interested in joining with us, please phone Maree on 41636010 for further information. Our first meeting for 2014 will be on Monday 10th February. We would love to meet you so please come along and join us. We have a lot of fun. Remember, each Parkinson's Support Group is as unique as its membership. The interests and capabilities of support group members vary greatly, and may change over time. It is not 'sameness' that counts, or meeting some standard. Rather, it is making the most of what each group has to offer to its members at any given time.

On behalf of the South Burnett Parkinsons Support Group, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

LYN KOY

MURGON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2013







PACE MATTERS

PACE is the acronym for Parents and Community Engagement and its presence is educational enhancement for Cherbourg. In the October 2013 edition "PACE Matters" carries the headline "Joy of Bank Tellers' Job makes people happy."

The story highlights the presence of Takani Warner and Gloria Lacey at the Commonwealth Bank Murgon with their enthusiasm and joy for their jobs.

Nurunderi TAFE campus at Cherbourg is the only TAFE on indigenous land and had 225 students for the year. Takani Warner won the National Trainee of the Month Award in September.

The Barambah Parental and Community Engagement Project targets children's future by making every day count and stressing "There's always time to read a book."

8TH AND 9TH FEBRUARY 2014 BOONDOOMA DAM FISHING COMPETITION



Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition spokesman Terry Allwood says that the sponsors of the heaviest Australian Bass and Yellowbelly in the adult section of the competition will be Wondai Accounting and Tax Services for the heaviest Australian Bass and Lake Boondooma Kiosk the heaviest Yellowbelly. Wondai Hardware and Trade Centre have also sponsored a trophy for the heaviest adult section Jew.

The 2014 event will also include a catch and release category targeting Australian Bass that will be open to all anglers. This category has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of Bass to Barra Outdoors of Dalby and Greg Mitchell Plumbing. Entry costs for the February event will be \$20 for adults and \$5 for juniors aged 16 years and under. The ongoing support of our many generous sponsors will ensure that a wide range of prizes and lucky draws are available for all competitors.

Food and drinks stalls will be provided by local community groups over the weekend and the great camping facilities provided by the South Burnett Regional Council will be available for campers staying at the lake.

The cost of camping fees and details of accommodation options at the lake can be found at website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au or by ringing the Lake Boondooma Kiosk on (07) 4168 9694.

Additional information on the local area and past fishing competitions can be found on the Proston Online website, www.prostononline.info

Please join us at Lake Boondooma for a family weekend of fishing and camping. For additional information please contact Terry Allwood on mobile 0400 860122.

WHEATLANDS STATE SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY (100 YEARS) 16/11/2013



A large gathering of former School pupils and friends revisited their former Wheatlands State School. One of the more common names of early settlers were the Bond, Rosneblatt and Ramke families and it was fitting that 98 year old (oldest surviving student) Mrs Alice Wessling nee Rosneblatt helped one of the younger pupils Luke Greer cut the anniversary cake. Cecily Anderson the current Director of Coaching for Darling Downs South West Region congratulated current principal Daniel Bishop on his fine effort in running the school and in helping present some of the memorabilia on display. Currently 92 pupils attend Wheatlands school and since its opening 100 years ago 1082 students have walked through the gates.

Many different stalls covered the grounds and a monster raffle created great excitement. Music was provided for those wishing to stay after dark. Special thanks must go to the volunteers and staff for helping organizing the day.

Photo L-R: Cutting the Centenary cake, Principal Daniel Bishop, Student Luke Greer, Councillor Kathy Duff, Oldest Surviving Student Mrs Alice Wessling, Mayor Wayne Kratzmann and Alice's daughter Mrs Pam Dowdle.



Photos courtesy James Barclay



LIFE IS GREAT AT MOTHER KATE'S

Congratulations go to Mother Kate's Child Care Centre at Wondai for winning the 'Best Overall Queensland Child Care Week Program' recently. Over the week the "lucky 'children who go along to Mother Kate's had a lot of very enjoyable and interesting fun activities to participate in, such as icing and decorating cupcakes, visiting the library after first doing a tour of the main street at Wondai, as well as a number of other programs which all the children enjoyed. The children also enjoyed a dance performed by the Cherbourg Wakka Wakka dancers. The majority of the children had an input into the activities which they enjoyed throughout the week, especially the children of the Fish Room. Well done to everyone at Mother Kate's for a well deserved award.

ABORIGINAL ART

Aboriginal Art is synonymous with Australia in overseas markets. It is an art unique in its portrayal and appreciation. Cultured awareness is a stepping-stone to artistic advancement and in a sequence of grass roots to success; Aboriginal Art is currently 50 percent of Australia's painting exports.

Aboriginal Art is on Murgon's doorstep and the inclusion of an Art Gallery within the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum confines is an appropriate decision.

Cultural Awareness is escalating and the Murgon Museum is a place of variety and visitations are increasing. Art is the festive component of culture and a showpiece of success. Promotion is its demonstration.

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MURGON STATE SCHOOL CAMPUS

We held another successful Awards morning at the Murgon Town Hall. The awards showcased our students' achievements in the areas of academic, sport and music success. Once again we were also entertained by the choir who sang our new school song "Keep on at Murgon State School". The search for a song to represent our school ethos has not been a simple task, so we extend our thanks to Mr Reynolds for his help in making this come about.

Speakers on the morning included Councillor Kathy Duff and past student Mr Shanen Lane. We sincerely thank these people for their interest in our school and their words of wisdom for the students.

We congratulate our Year 7 Duxes : Alexander Newton and Teagan Hall and all our Year 7 students well as they head off to high school next year.

This year's Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 29th November. Feedback from parents and staff was positive. Children were well behaved and got into the spirit of the Carnival with numerous war cries and lots of cheering throughout the day. Eighteen records were broken on the day, some of which were long standing.



Age Champions were as follows:-

Bailee Hall	9 Girls	Kangaroo
Glen Fisher	10 Boys	Possum
Taylah Stanley	10 Girls	Koala
Darcy Steinhardt	11 Boys	Possum
Jessamy Zerner	11 Girls	Koala
Kyle Lindenberg	12 Boys	Koala
Teagan Hall	12 Girls (Tie)	Kangaroo
Naomi Sippel	12 Girls (Tie)	Kangaroo
Orlyn Fisher	13 Boys	Koala

Koala house (312 points) was announced as the winner at the end of the day. Other house scores were:- Possum (155), Kangaroo (162) and Platypus (212).

RECORD GRADUATION MARKS FUTURE SUCCESS



A graduation celebration denoted the moment when more than 30 Indigenous school leavers left their childhood ways behind them to make their mark on the world.

Not all could make it because they had already begun work or gone to play with the Canterbury Bulldogs rugby league team but it was a moment many will look back on.

They expressed their goals and dreams to be a paramedic, model, air steward, business owner, electrician...

Proud mayor thankful for fast changes occurring

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's mayor Ken Bone stood bursting with pride before the Indigenous Year-12 Graduation Celebration at Murgon Town Hall on November 28th.

Two of his granddaughters had graduated and he had a nephew about to start at university.

But what truly grabbed mayor Bone was the amount of Indigenous people now being employed within Murgon and other South Burnett towns. "They're in the corporate sector, the banks, the fruit shop, IGA...", he said. "When I was young it was pretty hard to get those sorts of positions around here.

"A lot of our people tonight received certificates, and that's good, and I say 'if there are people in the corporate sector here tonight, please employ more of these people'. "It's deadly to see what's happening around here."

Mayor Bone said "When I was young we had to go looking for work and we still have to do that after tonight. "We want to see our young people move on because their future starts tonight.

"Things are changing for the positive and changing fast.

"We're grateful for what's happening in the South Burnett with employers giving our kids a chance.

"Our kids now need to embrace and run with that. They need to appreciate what's being done for them and go ahead to have great jobs and a great life. "Our children are our future leaders."

About 200 people attended the Murgon Town Hall event on November 28 and principals congratulated the parents, carers and elders on their efforts to ensure their children graduated.

TIME FOR A SMILE

Christmas is a joyous day for children. For parents peace on earth comes several days later when all the batteries wear out!

MURGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

At its Annual General Meeting on 14 November 2013, the Murgon Business Development Association assessed that the Murgon Music Muster was a boost to Murgon business. Leo Geraghty of Clifton Motors was re-elected as President for 2013-2014.

In his annual report, Leo paid tribute to Blazeaid, who spent 1506 fencing repair days following the January flooding. The local community provided 2,400 meals.

Leo also paid a tribute to the South Burnett PCYC 'which has been a great success story', the new Castra and extensions to the local Tannery.

The Murgon Business and Development Association has worked closely with the South Burnett Regional Council and claims the best Christmas Fair in South East Queensland.

Margaret Long of Murgon Real Estate has again been a conscientious creative Secretary of the Murgon Business and Development Association.

MURGON HAS A LOT TO OFFER

The 2013 Murgon Music Muster was a Merry Murgon Moment in the 110 year existence of the South Burnett Community. Did the visitors in the 158 caravans encamped at the showgrounds for the Murgon Music Muster have a good look at Murgon? They certainly appreciated the hospitality at the venue.

The Rotarians appreciated their presence and information would have been readily available. Muster mentor Buddy Thomson of Boondooma was confirming in his assessment of the 2013 Murgon Music Muster in the Caravan Cavalcade. Rotary Club President, Glenn Kapernick was significantly sincere in his praise of club members.

Murgon now has a place of recognition on the Music Muster trail and with that recognition security of continuity. It is also confirmation of Rotary reality.

The foothills of Boat Mountain are a treasure trove of archaeological archives, but not readily viewable. Claimed to be the assemblage of Australia's oldest known marsupials and twice as old as any marsupials previously known from Australia.

The Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum is a popular venue and Cherbourg has plenty to offer. The vineyards are currently vigorous and green leafed and Bjelke-Petersen Dam is enticing and fish flourished.

For the locals rain would be sheer delight!

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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

A magician worked on a cruise ship.

The audience was different each week so the magician did the same tricks over and over again.

There was only one problem:

The captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the Magician did every trick. Once he understood, he started shouting in the middle of the show, "Look, It's not the same hat!" or,

"Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!" Or "Hey, why are all the cards the ace of spades?"

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything. It was, after all, the Captain's' parrot.

Then one stormy night on the Pacific, the ship unfortunately sank, drowning almost all who were on board.

The magician luckily found himself on a piece of wood floating in the middle of the sea, as fate would have it ... With the parrot.

They stared at each other with hatred, but did not utter a word.

This went on for a day... And then 2 days. And then 3 days. Finally on the 4th day, the parrot could not hold back any longer and said....

"OK, I give up. Where's the big ship?"

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FIVE REASONS TO VISIT

Recently my sister asked me to name 5 things that would be of interest to her if she went to the Dairy and Heritage Museum for a visit. I thought that was very easy to answer and proceeded to tell her of the many and varied items that are displayed at the Museum and how we had a lot of items that have been given since she had last been for a visit. I felt very confident that she would find a lot more than 5 things that would be of interest to her.

I immediately thought of the old Bank of New South Wales building that had been set up in the Museum grounds when the Bank had built a new building in town. It was in this building that my sister commenced her first job in 1957 and it was where she met her future husband, a fellow bank employee. I knew that it would bring back lots of memories for her once she saw it again.

While she was reminiscing about the past 'bank' days, she could check out the brass helmets that are on display inside the 'old' bank building – these were worn by the members of the Murgon Fire Brigade when it first commenced in 1942, of which our father was a foundation member of the Brigade.

I could then take her over and show her Trinity Homestead. On the verandah, she can see the tin trunks that belonged to our grandparents, and read the 'love story' relating to the trunks in the book displayed there – being a 'romantic' at heart, this would be of great interest to her.

While she is visiting Trinity, she could check out the rooms and see just how families lived in the early days – quite a big difference from today's modern times.

For my 4th 'thing' of interest I decided to show her Castra – this old building has a lot of history attached to it, and all the rooms (kitchen, bedrooms, bathroom, lounge and dining room) are set up to show visitors just what

it would have looked like all those years ago. I can then introduce her to Little Darryl who lives at Castra and waits patiently every day ready to welcome the visitors to Castra.

For my 5th 'thing' of interest, we could visit the Museum Chapel. Apart from the stunning glass mural which is well worth a look, the Chapel would remind my sister of her wedding day when she married in a church very similar to the Museum Chapel. Did you know that the Museum Chapel is available for marriages and other life celebrations? Ring the Museum on 41 695001 to obtain further information regarding this.



Eventually my sister will be visiting the Museum once again. I felt she soon realized after I presented my list of 5 'things' that she was sorry she had left it so long between visits, especially when I told her about how displays are changing all the time

Perhaps you too are wondering if a visit to the Museum would be of interest to you – why not get your own list of 5 'things' like I did for my sister, and perhaps you could bring your own family along for a visit. and they too will be impressed by what they will find – there is something to interest all ages. The Museum is found on Gayndah road – just look for our herd of colourful cows that are near the fence, waiting to welcome you.

The Museum will be closed between Christmas and New Year, and on behalf of all the Museum volunteers, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas, followed by a happy and healthy new year. Any Museum enquiries, please phone the Museum on

41 695001 and if out of hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

LYN KOY

GOOMERI STATE SCHOOL P-10 AWARDS NIGHT 2013



Congratulations must go to the students who gave reports at the annual awards night recently, it's not easy to stand in front of a crowd of people and present a report and secondly I would also like to congratulate the school on the standard of dress and pride shown in your school. Peta Barkle and Isaac Falkenhagen commenced the night with the students report and Principal Mr Leon Doorackers in presenting his report highlighted the destruction to the school and grounds by the floods earlier in the year and then the storm recently which broke windows and uplifted trees. On a more positive note he congratulated the students and the school on achieving the fantastic high results obtained and measured across all schools in Queensland. On the sporting stage the students had no pool to train in because of flood damage but they still brought home trophies from the Kingaroy comp which showed the resilience of the students. Mr Doorackers congratulated all teachers and volunteers and wished the students leaving all the best and looked forward to seeing them in their chosen fields of employment. Ashley Chandler and Karla Smith were presented as Captains of the school for 2014. Bailey Wardell and Stephen Mc Ewan then presented a very complete valedictory speech. Laura Hafey and Thomas Stead moved the vote of thanks.

Some of the major Award winners were : Mitch Wilson, Dylan Wilson- sportsperson of the year and Dale Graham Award, Kimberley Ah-Quee- Richard Lord Memorial Award, Peta Barkle- Caltex Best All Rounder Award, Karla Smith –Rotary clubs of Gympie & Gympie- Cooloola Best All Rounder Award, Meagan Clark- Senior Citizenship Award, Margaret Angel congratulated all winners and students who haven't won an award but did their best.

Photos above: 2013 Graduation class, Bailey Wardell- Student of the Year and Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award, Daniel Lawson-Dux Award and The Great Horse Ride Bursary with Leon Doorackers, Hannah Brebner- Junior Citizenship Award.

Wondai Regional Art Gallery, December 2013 / January 2014 Exhibition

'Nature in the Raw'



The whole gallery will be filled with pieces exhibited by the artist group 'Nature in the Raw'. This artistic group has been exhibiting around Queensland since February 2000 and is co-ordinated by Toowoomba artist Sandra Sengstock-Miller. The aim of the artists is to bring forth to the public our beautiful Australian flora and fauna. The artists work in all forms of medium.

Artists from this group were amongst those chosen to send their Australian flora and fauna to be exhibited at the Fable Castell Castle in Germany in 2000. Again in 2004 artists from 'Nature in the Raw' were amongst those exhibiting their beautiful Australian flora and fauna art pieces in a joint exhibition in Bristol, England.

The 'Nature in the Raw' artist group includes many national and international award winning artists, commissions which have gone all over the world and work that has appeared in national and international magazines.

Kidz Corner: Murgon State School

BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Members of our club met at the home of Angela Palmer on Friday November 8th. This month's guest speaker's subject was fungi. Interestingly enough this subject fitted in beautifully with last month's speakers talk about soil and soil microbes including micro fungi. This time we had a PowerPoint presentation including photos of a cross section of micro fungi on a plant root. The slide show included both edible and poisonous fungi. The colours of these fascinating fungi are unbelievable including those that glow in the dark.

Although the talk went for an hour we could have spent twice that time and still have been fascinated by the photos and the explanation about each photo.

We have a full schedule for talks for next year. If you would like to know more please phone 41686238 Until next time Happy Gardening



A LITTLE THREE YEAR OLD BOY IS SITTING ON THE TOILET.

His mother thinks he has been in there too long, so she goes in to see what's up.

The little boy is sitting on the toilet reading a book but about every 10 seconds or so he puts the book down, grips onto the toilet seat with his left hand and hits himself on top of the head with his right hand.

His mother says: Billy, are you all right? You've been in there for a while.

Billy replies I'm fine Mummy I just haven't done it yet.

Billy's mother says ok you can stay there for a few more minutes but Billy why are you hitting yourself on the head?

Billy replies Mum it works on the tomato sauce bottle!

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Murgon State School Campus, YEAR 5 CAMP 2013, F RESHWATER CAMP GROUNDS

On Wednesday 4th September, 21 excited students got off the bus at the Bymein Picnic area, excitedly waiting to start their trek to camp. We were only there a few minutes when the resident scrub turkey pecked Ivia-May. The drop toilets were a new experience for most, especially Ella and Madi who were too scared to use them! We easily walked the 1.6 km to Lake Poona where we admired the pretty scenery.



Onward and upward through the rain forest where we saw tree snakes, a carpet snake and Koby! After lunch on the track, we unfortunately took a wrong turn and trudged 10 more km in the sand than we were meant to. Mrs Quinn and Kutcha thought that they would never make it to camp but what else could they do but continue on in pain! Meanwhile, Mr Smith was beside himself waiting for us at camp. He knew that we should be there about 3:00pm but when there was still no sign of us he started walking the tracks. At one stage, he tried to alert the police but the phones weren't working. Finally at 5:45pm he and Mrs Smith could hear each other on the walkie talkies. We were nearly at camp by this stage. Our torches were very handy by then. Eventually Mr and Mrs Smith found each other much to everyone's relief. Thankfully Mrs Rewald had tea ready for us. After tea we set up our tents in the dark, had our showers and a good night's sleep.

The beach was beautiful at 6:10am the next day but the early morning risers just missed the sunrise by ten minutes. Where was Mrs Quinn? (Still asleep?) Walking along the beach to Double Island Point lighthouse was amazing. We saw lots of jelly fish washed up on the sand. Some people were on the rocks at the bottom of the lighthouse when a large wave hit the rocks. Krystal, Lateesha, Ivia-May, Darcy, Glen and Taylah were stranded on a large rock by the waves. When driving the troupie along the beach Mr Smith was spotted doing a "fish tail" – luckily no-one was in the vehicle with him!

The walk up the steep hill to the lighthouse provided us with many beautiful views and more sore muscles. Ant, the lighthouse volunteer told us about the history of the lighthouse. A large pod of dolphins was spotted swimming in the water below the lighthouse. Down the other side to Paradise Beach, where it was girls to the right and boys to the left. Lunch was good and so was the swim in the calm water. Little did we know about the sand hill that was between us and the troupies! Lateesha showed us all up and ran up the sand hill. The drive along the beach was a welcome change to walking.

Freshwater's Got Talent was a humorous end to the night. Mitchell and Kristian's impression of Bad Boys kept us in stitches while Heath's dramatic red light story scared the heebie- jeebies out of us.

Friday morning came too soon. It was pack up time. All of us except Mr Smith and Darcy wanted to stay an extra day. However Hungry Jacks was a good lunch stop and a mouth-watering treat before arriving back at "Murgon State School is a great school and it's deadly cool."

BRONCOS COLOURING IN COMPETITION

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There are 4 different pictures to colour in. These are available at the school office.

Competition Closes Thursday 13 March 2014 - Winner Drawn Friday 14 March 2014

Plenty of reasons why "It's deadly cool to go to School".

Story and Photo: courteous Murgon State School Campus Newsletter.

NATURAL ALTERNATIVE NOW AVAILABLE TO SOUTH BURNETT WOMEN

by Dee the Naturopath

Weight gain, PMS, fertility issues, fatigue, insomnia, hot flushes, night sweats, mood swings and depression.

These are just a few of the conditions the average woman experiences over the course of her life. For some, the symptoms they experience are nothing more than a mild irritation while for others they can cause great distress and significantly impact quality of life.

Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) has been prescribed since the 1960s to treat symptoms.

However in recent years reports of side effects, in some cases many times more severe than the symptoms these drugs aim to treat, have led many women to abandon synthetic HRT altogether.

The hormonal problems of today's women are often further exacerbated through years of taking the contraceptive pill, and despite acting in some ways like natural hormones these synthetic variants are in fact alien to the body and are processed differently leading to undesirable effects. Some of the most commonly prescribed HRT treatments have had to publish long lists of adverse side effects that range from provoking (rather than reducing) symptoms through to increasing incidence of other serious health issues. While the fears over synthetic HRT have been well reported, few people are aware there is a natural alternative, prescribed since the 1930's, that delivers all the benefits without the potential health risks.

Throughout this time a simple, healthy solution has existed in the form of natural, bio-identical hormones. As the term suggests, these are identical to the body's own hormones and as such are treated by the body as if it had produced them itself. Bio-identical hormones have been prescribed since the 1930s. Since then a growing number of doctors have discovered their benefits. Natural hormone replacement, has been shown to offer effective relief from conditions resulting in relief without the side effects and long term health concerns of conventional HRT.

A complete natural hormone balancing program is now available through Dee the Naturopath at the Murgon Family Medical Practice. For more information visit www.deethenaturopath.com today



CHRISTMAS CLOSURE for South Burnett Libraries

At Christmas this year, the South Burnett Libraries will close Friday 20th December 2013.

The South Burnett Libraries will re-open at normal time on Thursday 2 January 2014.

For the month of December 2013 the loan limit will double to 20 items per membership card for an extended loan period.

The Library book chute will be available for return of borrowed items during these closed days.

Borrow more books to read for the 2013 Holiday break

The Libraries online resources will be available 24/7 during the close period. Download an e-audio book to listen to or download and e-book to extend your reading pleasure.

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Kathy's Comments

South Burnett Pest Advisory Committee

The first meeting of the newly formed committee went really well. We had representatives from all over the South Burnett. This is a landholder driven group who will work closely with their individual communities and Council to get better results with the control particularly of wild dogs and pigs. The issues raised highlighted the huge problem and expense that pigs in particular are causing. We were able to inform the landholders who were present that we have what is called a hog hopper that can be used to trap wild pigs. If anyone is interested please contact Council and ask to be put through to the Natural Resource Management section.

Exciting things happening at Ficks Crossing

I called in to see what was happening at Ficks Crossing since Shaftesbury took over and I was amazed to see the work that has been done. I met the new Caretaker and was told that the students are doing their schooling in the morning and they ride bucking bulls in the afternoon. On Friday afternoon there is an opportunity for anyone who would like to have a look to see some bull riding in the new state of the art complex.

Exciting News for Boondooma Homestead

The long awaited Caravan Park was approved at the last Council Meeting. The approval was for 20 caravan sites and four cabins. This will be a wonderful asset to the whole South Burnett as visitors from the North West gateway to our region will now be able to stay at the Boondooma Homestead complex.

Youth Justice Department working with Council

The Cherbourg Youth Justice Group are doing community service at the park at Moffatdale. This is a great project as they are helping our Council as well as doing some community good by improving the park area.

Flood Tenders Finally Approved and Works to Start

We have finally approved the flood tenders at the last Council Meeting and the contractors should commence on flood damaged roads very soon. There are over 600 roads that are on the flood list for repair across our region. The whole project is to be completed by around May next year so it could still take some time for work to commence on some of the roads. There will still be what is called holding works done if a road becomes too bad before the contractors get to it.

Congratulations Dr McAllister

I would like to extend my congratulations to Dr McAllister on his recent award for Innovative Health Professional of the Year. The Murgon Family Medical Practice is a fantastic asset for Murgon and surrounding districts. The recent upgrades including the additional consulting rooms and additional specialist services are providing a first class service that we all should be extremely grateful and proud of. We are very lucky to have this facility and the team of health care specialists available to us in Murgon.

Hivesville Country Markets

I was pleased to be able to attend the recent Anniversary Markets and to also have the opportunity to chair the committee's AGM. Well done to the Executive and the committee and congratulations to Greg Craig who was returned as the President. I wish the whole committee all the best for another successful year.



Lend your support to Shona

The community is getting behind Shona Muckert to raise money to enable her to walk. It is wonderful to see everyone work so hard to help Shona so if you get an opportunity to help please lend a hand and support Raelene Dennis and the volunteers in this very worthy cause.

Well done to Wheatlands

What an amazing day and an amazing milestone of one hundred years. Credit must go to the Principle Daniel Bishop in particular for an extremely well organised event. It was particularly nice to see the Castra residents enjoying the day out. The whole school is to be commended on a wonderful achievement. Council were given books on the centenary which are available in Murgon, Wondai and Proston libraries.

MBDA AGM

I had the privilege of chairing the AGM of the Murgon Business & Development Association. Congratulations to Leo Geraghty on returning as President and Margaret Long as the Secretary and Bill Roberts as Treasurer. Leo and his team do a wonderful job supporting and promoting Murgon and surrounding districts. The Murgon Moments really does put Murgon on the map and is a credit to Leo and his team. Congratulations on a job well done.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Let's hope that the weather is kind and that we get some nice rain but not toooooo much over the Christmas period. Thanks for your support during the year and I look forward to working with you again in 2014.

Councillor Contact Details

As always I am working on following up jobs and concerns that have been brought to my attention. Please contact me if you have an issue or wish to make an appointment.

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council
Phone 07 41680225 or 0437020705 or email
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Five years of service at the Murgon Visitor Information Centre (from left to right) Volunteers Paul Pfeffer, Elaine White, Lynda Steele, Cecily Saunders, Ritchie O'Neill, Cr Kathy Duff and Team Leader Stacey Perrett.

On Thursday the 31st November the Murgon Visitor Information Centre held an afternoon tea for volunteers celebrating 5 years and 10 years of service. Each of the five recipients received an engraved pen which was presented by Cr Kathy Duff. Rod Foster (not pictured) was our 10 year recipient. The centre is proud to acknowledge the continued support from its long standing volunteers. Volunteers are an integral part of our Visitor information Centres in the South Burnett and we appreciate the fact that 80% of the Volunteers in the Murgon VIC have been volunteering at the centre for over 5 years.

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MURGON SHS LEADERSHIP CAMP ARTICLE

As a part of our BCT class (Business, Communication and Technology), students have been studying the topic: Events Management. A selected group of students were identified as prospective future leaders to participate in Murgon State High School's first ever Leadership Camp conducted by Innovative Challenge.



The chosen venue for camp was Wattle Camp to give a more of a contemporary boot camp

feel which added to the 'Survivor' theme. The camp kicked off on Thursday 5th September and concluded later afternoon Friday 6th September. Throughout the camp, students participated in a series of physically and mentally challenging activities which allowed them to gain an accumulation of self-development skills.

The participating students were successful by fulfilling an application process and had to meet strict selection criteria to meet eligibility requirements for this camp. Head of Department Student Services, in conjunction with the Year Level Coordinators, processed the applications of all the students interested. Letters to successful applicants were delivered to those students and invitations issued to participate in our Leadership Camp.

The camp had numerous challenges, such as get-to-know-you activities, spontaneous public speaking, food challenges, team building exercises, and extreme 3 person sling shooting.

The most memorable event was the bruising obstacle course since it was exciting, challenging, and invigorating. Some powered through and some found it difficult, but persevered to the finish line.

The saddest event was the water sports as it was the last challenge and we knew our time together was about to end. We had done so many things together that we did not think we could ever achieve as individuals or as a group. Our camp was over and it was time to come back to reality. We have learned so many skills and now we can apply these in our everyday life.

The success of the camp was due to combined efforts of many people from the school and within the community and without their support and contribution, our camp would not have been a triumph. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people involved in this event such as the Innovative Challenge mentors Laila and Tanya, P&C and our school for heavily subsidising the event. Thanks must also go to all the local businesses who generously donated prizes. Last, but not least, thank you to those student participants who reached outside their comfort levels which allowed them to expand their leadership potential.

We plan to make this an annual event – bigger and better! Avishek Kumar (BCT Student)

WASTE RECYCLING DELAYED

South Burnett Regional Council has decided to postpone the introduction of recycling due to the cost involved. Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said "We have listened to our ratepayers who have clearly said that recycling would be nice to have but they simply can't afford the cost."

"This Council has been hit by natural disasters and the costs involved in repairing other infrastructure has to come before recycling. The feedback from the community has been very clear that road repairs is the priority," said Mayor Kratzmann.

"Recycling is something this Council would love to see implemented. We are all very aware of the long term benefits of having a sustainable waste management recycling system but we can't afford for it to happen this coming financial year," he said.

"One option put forward is to perhaps have bins at our tips for those that want to take their recycled goods there. We will continue to actively pursue other options for those who want to recycle," said Mayor Kratzmann.

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Thursday	12	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, APEX, Ambulance Meet, National Seniors Breakup, Opening of new shop in Murgon,
Friday	13	Community Bingo, Shab's, HF Walk, Social Tennis, Barambah Garden Club, Graham House last transport, Last Day of School, Murgon Christmas Carnival,
Saturday	14	Bowls, Golf, QLD Dairy & Heritage Museum Meet, Anglican Mothers Union, Burnett Flyers Fly In & Lolly Drop In, Catholic Mass, Sakina's Seafood.
Sunday	15	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Buffalo Lodge,
Monday	16	HF Walk, Murgon Judo Club, SES,
Tuesday	17	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Last Cattle Sale of the Year,
Wednesday	18	Bowls,
Thursday	19	Social Golf,
Friday	20	Social Tennis, Goomeri & District Garden Club, Friday Night Social Bowls, Murgon Moments Deadline, South Burnett Libraries close, Graham House close,
Saturday	21	Bowls, Golf, Longest Day of the Year, Proston Christmas Carnival,
Sunday	22	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	23	The start of Christmas Week
Tuesday	24	Christmas Eve, Wondai Christmas Carnival,
Wednesday	25	Christmas Day, Church Services, South Burnett Community Christmas Lunch,
Thursday	26	Boxing Day,
Friday	27	Last chance to fulfill your 2012 resolutions
Saturday	28	Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass,
Sunday	29	Church Services, Bowls, Golf,
Monday	30	This Year is nearly Done,
Tuesday	31	Goomeri New Years Eve Celebrations

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Wednesday	1	New Years Day,
Thursday	2	Start of your New Years Resolutions
Friday	3	The end of the week
Saturday	4	Bowls, Golf,
Sunday	5	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass
Monday	6	Graham House reopens,

NOT READY TO LEAVE JUST YET!



St Joseph's Parish Murgon invites the people of Murgon to a Mass of Thanksgiving and dinner to thank and farewell Sister Vianney and Sister Carmel from Murgon on the 1st February 2014 at St Joseph's Church and Hall.

Please feel free to come to both events or one. Mass will commence at 5 pm and dinner will commence at 6.30 pm.

RSVP (dinner) murgon@bne.catholic.net.au

Phone: 41681406 Fr Michael Carroll sm Parish priest

We sadly mourn the loss of:

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GRAHAM, Lois Nada, Late of Gympie, formerly Tansey.
HARCH, Warren Douglas, Late of Silverleaf Murgon
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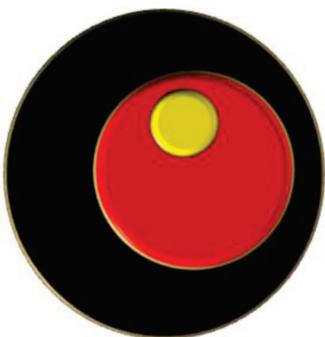


And yes I made more noise than all you buggers put together, but I still love you all (Bob Pratt)

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Photography – Share Your Vision

That Happy Holiday Season again. by Sherrienne Talon of Talon Digital Imaging

Christmas is a wonderful time for family and friends to get together. For some families, it's the only time they get to spend with each other each year. So while you are busy with socializing, shopping and wrapping, don't forget to get out the camera.

There is no shortage of photo opportunities over the holiday season. From days on the beach to children tearing open presents, try and capture the meaningful moments on both your digital and a video camera. These times are filled with special memories, of new family members celebrating for the first time to our cherished oldies welcoming new generations. There is something magical about the lights, the abundance of great food and spending time together.

For the kids, check the settings on your camera and use the Kids and Pets setting if you have it. They will rarely sit still with family and presents around so you need to have a setting that has a fast shutter speed to capture those excited faces. For the Christmas tree or lights, use the Night setting on your camera and see if you can capture the magic of those twinkling lights. You'll need to use a tripod or have your camera steady as your camera will use a long exposure to capture the lights on the tree, and for those shots, don't use a flash as you want the lights to stand out on their own.

And don't forget to use the self-timer on the camera and get in the picture yourself, especially in group pictures. Use the Portrait setting, set the camera on a tripod or sturdy surface, focus and press the button and then get yourself around to the perfect spot. It's easiest if the person setting the self-time is set up to go on the edge of the group. And if you have a remote for your camera, that's even easier. The holidays are also a great time to book a professional photographer to get those really great family portraits of everyone together. Professionals can also be hired as event photographers for large family parties, get togethers and office parties.

For those of you who may be asking Santa for a new digital camera for Christmas, don't forget about my "Get to Know Your Digital Camera" workshops in person or online. Gift certificates for these courses can be purchased.

I would like to wish all of you a safe and wonderful holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in the new year!



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"The project works include repairs to the main stage venue, improving disability access, and installing three new portable amenities blocks," Mr Truss said.

NEW CELLAR DOOR FOR MURGON



One of the first wineries (formerly Barambah Ridge) in the Redgate- Moffatdale, Murgon area is set to reopen, Barambah Wines as it is known today will reopen on 14/12/13 Saturdays and Sundays only with your hosts Wally and Cathie Pesudovs formerly from Clovely Estate and The Old Dairy restaurant.

Barambah Wines have great red and white wines which have been nicely aged in temperature controlled cellars at Redgate for your enjoyment.

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Wally and Cathie came here to Moffatdale in 2007 to manage Clovely Estate cellar and B&B and later converted the old dairy into a popular restaurant. Wally was always interested in the quality of Barambah Wines and asked Jayne and Steve Wilson owners if they would be interested in him reopening the cellar door to the public. All Barambah Wine making is supervised by Peter Scudamore-Smith, Master of Wines.

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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY MR LEN HEADING



Len Heading celebrated his 90th birthday recently with wife Margaret and friends.

Editors note: Len you are one of the nicest people I have had the pleasure of knowing over the 60 odd years I have lived here. You have been a long time volunteer in Murgon and made many friends with your quiet and considerate nature and we wish you well.



Creating **Safer and Supportive** Communities

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is both a philosophy and an approach to working together as a community to reduce crime and enhance community safety. NHW has been operating in Queensland since 1988.








Another great year has passed for the Murgon Neighbourhood Watch. With increasing numbers, the local Neighbourhood Watch team are becoming quite effective eyes and ears for the police and helping to make our great town a safer place.

The Christmas party on Monday the 18th November was enjoyed by all of the many who attended and the sound of happy chatter and good cheer rumbled on for hours. There was more than enough food thanks to IGA points collected throughout the year and the generosity of the members themselves. A special mention goes to the pavlova which was a huge hit. The only problem with it was that the pieces weren't big enough!

If you are looking for an informative night out with a fun group of people then consider joining the Murgon Neighbourhood Watch. Make it a new year's resolution if you will. Let's all make Murgon a safer place together.



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11.30 a.m.	Goomeri/Boonara/Kilkivan combined.)	
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2.00 p.m.	Proston	HC (Afternoon Tea)

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	11.00 p.m.	Durong
25th December	8.00 a.m.	Proston
	10.00 a.m.	Cherbourg

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25th December 8.00 a.m. Murgon

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25th December 8.00 a.m. Wondai
8.00 a.m. Proston

LUTHERAN CHURCH To be advised.

THE WIFE FROM ...down below!

A police officer pulls over a speeding car. The officer says, "I clocked you at 80 miles per hour, sir."

The driver says, "Goodness, officer, I had it on cruise control at 60; perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating."

Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: 'Now don't be silly, dear -- you know that this car doesn't have cruise control'

As the officer writes out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growls,

"Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once !! ?"

The wife smiles demurely and says, "Well dear you should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did or your speed would have been higher."

As the officer makes out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth,

"Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The officer frowns and says, 'And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 fine.'

The driver says, 'Yeah, well, you see, officer, I had it on, but I took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my license out of my back pocket.'

The wife says, "Now, dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And as the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, 'WILL YOU PLEASE SHUT UP??'

The officer looks over at the woman and asks,

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3.0L Turbo diesel, alloy tray, Tuff Bulbar and Side rails, Alloy Tray, Tonner, Air Cond, Bucket Seats. One Local Log book Owner



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