



# MURGON MOMENTS



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Distressed????

In reply to Councillor Tessman's letter South Burnett Times March 17th. Damien your letter took me back to a time before the actual Amalgamation took place when ratepayers from other local shires were downright antagonistic to ratepayers from Murgon Shire. They believed Murgon Shire was coming hat in hand with a massive debt to the new Amalgamated Council. I and many others at that time felt like lepers.

On reading your letter, I believe you have made the same inference that the Murgon Shire is mostly to blame for money problems within South Burnett Regional Council. The word "distressed" appears in your letter, which of course was the tag given to both Murgon and Johnston Councils. I cannot speak for Johnston Council but Murgon Shire Council came to Amalgamation free of debt.

A Certificate hangs proudly for all to see in the Murgon Walkway at the Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon Inc. and I quote:- Certificate from Queensland Treasury Corporation "This is to certify that on 30th November 2000. Murgon Shire Council made the final repayment on its" obligations to Queensland Treasury Corporation." I cannot understand why the tag "distressed" was placed on Murgon Shire so I can only re-iterate Murgon Shire came to the new South Burnett Regional Council debt free and on Amalgamation took on massive debt borrowings from neighbouring shires of some ten million, give or take a million or so. The Murgon Shire Council still had money in the bank to cover day to day running costs.

Yes, an Administrator was appointed but only as an advisory, as it was believed Murgon Shire could not pay down a large loan if it occurred. Murgon Shire did have a lot of infrastructure, as was indicative of a progressive Council, but I did not observe that it was in a state of disrepair. Murgon Council was advised to privatise some of its assets which it did.

With a clean sheet of borrowings, I could not see why, if anything unforeseen happened, why Murgon Shire could not borrow to cover costs of any emergency. Since Amalgamation, the people of the former Murgon Shire accepted the outcome of Amalgamation and wholeheartedly became part of S.B.R.C. for better or worse and have accepted the massive loan that will probably be required to fix Kingaroy sewerage treatment plant.

I, for one, do not wish to return to the insults pre amalgamation. I do not believe your letter was designed to re-ignite this animosity among rate payers but please understand that your letter has hurt a great deal.

This is the unaltered copy without words put in or omitted as given to the South Burnett Times and appeared in the paper

**Glenda Geraghty**

Comment by Editor of Murgon Moments, some media people in hard print papers and magazines and TV who change letters and comments don't realize the damage that they have done, and will be remembered for years. Lots of times they have left the area and it no longer concerns them, but we have to live with it. To change the wording Murgon Shire Council had money in the bank to Murgon Shire Council had no money in the bank is not just a typing error, it is unforgivable. To print an apology in next weeks paper is not good enough after the damage has been done. Further proof of Glenda's letter can be found in Murgon Shire Council Annual Report March 2008 stating Murgon Shire Council had \$3.500,000 in the bank at time of amalgamation.

Remember the media story about the crocodile in the Mary river, if it had babies etc, then some time later they find out it is a male. The word distressed as used by the Government also means that if you want to borrow say \$10,000,000 you should have the ability to repay the loan by way of rate base and the amount of unfinanced assets is not applicable. Glenda Geraghty and Councillor Damian Tessman have since shared morning tea and discussed the issue with Glenda putting forward her concerns about what he had written and both parties have parted on amicable terms.

## BOOST TO WIDE BAY THROUGH LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Councils in Wide Bay will today welcome their third quarterly payment totalling \$8.1 million, under the Australian Government's Financial Assistance Grant programme.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Minister for Infrastructure Warren Truss, said the Australian Government is providing \$575 million to councils nationally.

"Councils covering the Electorate of Wide Bay will receive a total of \$32.7 million this financial year," Mr Truss said.

"The Australian Government is committed to supporting local communities to deliver the services and facilities they need.

"The Financial Assistance Grant programme will deliver \$9.3 billion to local governments from 2014-15 to 2018-19 for investing in services and building community infrastructure.

"The great thing about today's funding is councils are free to spend this untied grant money according to local priorities, including for infrastructure, health, recreation, environment, employment and roads projects.

"I am looking forward to seeing our local councils target local priorities with today's Financial Assistance Grant funding," Mr Truss said.

Local councils will receive the following funding under the Australian Government Financial Assistance Grant programme:

Wide Bay	2014-15 Qtr 3	2014-15 total
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	138,167	552,669
Fraser Coast Regional Council	1,856,433	7,425,733
Gympie Regional Council	1,306,618	5,226,472
Noosa Shire Council	530,192	2,120,771
South Burnett Regional Council	1,775,924	7,103,699
Sunshine Coast Council	2,573,963	10,295,853
<b>Wide Bay total:</b>	<b>8,181,299</b>	<b>32,725,197</b>

*Note: Some council jurisdictions cross multiple federal electorates.*

Full details of the allocations to councils under the Financial Assistance Grant programme are available online at: <http://regional.gov.au/local/assistance/index.aspx>.

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Learn how to improve your garden while helping the environment.

South Burnett Regional Council invites you to attend one of their free community composting and worm farming workshops to be held on Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th April 2015.

The workshops will include:

- Home composting systems – establishment and maintenance
- The lowdown on worm farming and worm farm assembly
- Waste minimisation tips and the benefits of reducing waste to landfill

Portfolio Councillor, Cr Kathy Duff advised that approximately half of the waste generated by the average Australian household is organic waste such as garden and food waste. The majority of which could be diverted from landfill by composting or worm farming. "Composting organic household waste is not just beneficial for the environment, but also for your own backyard. The natural fertiliser you can make at home is high quality which will

improve your soil helping your garden and plants grow."

The Composting and Worm farming Workshops will be held at the Kingaroy Town Common Hall, Oliver Bond Street, Kingaroy, on Monday 27th April from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and Wednesday 29th April from 2:00pm to 4.00pm.

Both workshops include light refreshments as well as a compost bin or worm farm giveaway to one lucky participant!

Registrations for the workshops are essential as participant numbers are limited.

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### GRANTS PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO WIDE BAY'S LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss, has congratulated 24 young sporting representatives from across Wide Bay, who have been awarded funding under the latest round of the Australian Government's Local Sporting Champions program.

"These young men and women are to be commended on distinguishing themselves as sporting representatives participating in State and National championships for the Wide Bay region. I hope that this funding will assist them to take the next step towards achieving their sporting goals," Mr Truss said.

"The Federal Government's Local Sporting Champions program helps young sportsmen between the ages of 12 and 18, by providing them with grants of \$500 per person, to help meet the costs of participating in sporting events, including travel, equipment, uniforms, and accommodation."

Local, Brooke Heness from Goomeri was one of the recipients for Queensland School Sport Cricket Championships.

In order to be eligible to receive a Local Sporting Champions grant, applicants:

- must be aged 12 to 18 years (inclusive);
- must be required to travel a distance of 250 kilometres or more, return.
- be participating in an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state or national sporting competition, or national school sport competition.

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is responsible for the overall management and coordination of the program, with grant recipients chosen by a local panel.

"These local sporting champions will continue to build our region's reputation for producing outstanding athletes and I have no doubt that they will do a fine job of representing the Wide Bay region in their sporting endeavours," Mr Truss said.

Applications for the grants can be made at any time throughout the year, either through the Australian Sports Commission by visiting the website [www.ausport.gov.au/champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/champions) or by contacting Mr Truss' office on 1300 301 968.

## COUNTRY MUSIC SPECTACULAR

A very successful Country Music Spectacular was held on the 7th of March 2015 at the Wondai Diggers Club for the 9th year in a row. All the proceeds from the night have been donated to the Qld Cancer fund, in particular to the Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge.

The lodge provides self-contained units and accommodation for the country patients who have to attend the city for cancer treatment. It's a 'home away from home' situation and it was because of the excellent care provided and for the funds required to maintain that care that the Country Music Spectacular was born.

The previous Manager of the Lodge, Allan Puckridge was able to attend this year and gave a warm and thankful speech. Many thanks to all the artists that performed on the night. Over the past 9 years, we have raised just over \$21,000 which has been a considerable help to the Lodge.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the local businesses and sponsors for their generous donations for all the raffles and lucky door prizes over the past 9 years and the advertising media and the Wondai Diggers Club for providing the hall free of charge for all our concerts. To all of the volunteers and family who have helped over the years, without your donations and kindness, we would not have been as successful as we have been.

Also a very big THANK YOU to all who have attended over the past 9 years, it would not have been a success without you all. We hope you all have enjoyed listening to our music as much as we have enjoyed playing it for you. A very big thank you to one and all.

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## PCYC SCHOOL CAMP GIVES INSPIRATION

Murgon State High School students got a buzz from showcasing their talent, culture and hanging out with others doing their best at school. The 14 students were chosen to play in the PCYC Bunburra Beach Touch carnival at Surfers Paradise because of their efforts to learn within the classroom. They joined about 140 others with a similar mindset from around Queensland.



The Cherbourg-Murgon boys, aged 14-17, combined well on the beach paddock to win their group stage.

They then played a heart-stopping, action-packed 18 minutes under lights against the Bundaberg side in the final but went down 4-3 in front of a large crowd.

The girls didn't reach the final but everybody was a winner with a cultural showcase performance of a corroboree performed by Yugambah people, a kup murri meal and fireworks that night.

The following day everyone had a speedboat ride before heading home.

Photo above: included Peter Langton, Bonson Fogherty, Barry Tapau-Fewquandie, Wy'Larra Duncan, Errol Simpson, Sebastian Fisher, Brena Murray, Kasey Lynas, Maurice Fisher, Lesleigh Fisher, Monique Chapman, Laurice Hopkins, Madelaine Blair, Shania Cobbo, plus community volunteer Frank Mcgregor and South Burnett PCYC Indigenous community sport and recreation officer Max Harvey.



South Burnett PCYC Indigenous community sport and recreation officer, Max Harvey, said all the students wanted to return next year. Everybody loved getting away and enjoying the beach, making new friends, celebrating their culture and the great atmosphere, Max said.

"It was a great way to celebrate and reward the commitment they've put into their studies."

## WONDER NO MORE

Have you ever wondered what you could do if you ever had some spare time? Wonder no more as I have the answer for you. Why not visit the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum which is situated on Gayndah Road on the approach to Murgon? There is so much to see, that you will possibly need at least 2 hours to go through the displays thoroughly. Of course, you can spend as much or as little time as you wish. The volunteer on duty can walk around with you explaining things, or else you may just like to go by yourselves – it is your choice.

The Museum celebrates the history of dairying in Murgon and Queensland, including cheese and butter making machinery from yesteryear. You may choose to watch a video 'Raised on a Cream Can' which really helps you to understand just how hard it must be to live on a farm and have to spend 24/7 milking and looking after your herd. Most farmers need a medal but obviously they must enjoy what they do or they would not do it.

There are also other things to see and it is worthwhile to look at 'Castra the house' which has been relocated to the Museum. Castra belonged to the first permanent selector who in 1902 selected three blocks of 320 acres. Why not visit Trinity House, a slab house donated to the Dairy Museum by the Maudsley family. Both Castra and Trinity are set up with lovely items from the past, so you can fully visualise just how things were in days gone by.

Even though the weather has been very hot, we have had quite a few visitors call in and have a look around. From January to the middle of March this year we have had approx. 90 visitors to the Museum. We also have had a few bus tours (including one from Hervey Bay) come to the Museum (with several more booked in throughout the rest of the year,) as well as a lovely group of students from the Goomeri School. . During the winter months we get very busy with people from all parts of Australia (and even some from overseas) calling in to have a look around, and to hear their comments as they are leaving they seem to be very impressed with what they have seen. There are many different and varied displays at the Museum with more and more things happening all the time..We try to have something of interest for all ages.

The Museum is open 7days a week from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Entry is \$5 per adult, \$3 for a student and free for a child. You will not miss it, just look for the colourful herd of cows which are lined up along the fence ready to welcome you.

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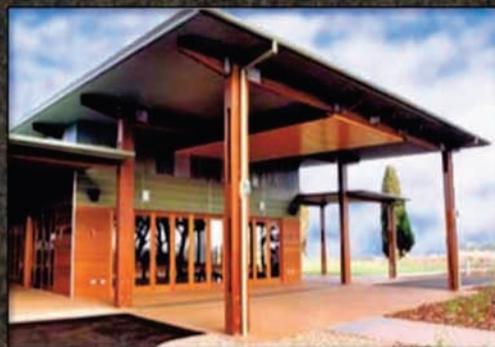
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“CareFlight do an amazing job for our community, and none of us know when we might need their help,” explained race club president Brendan McCormack.

“Each of their call outs cost \$12,500 so this is just a small contribution toward the work they do, and we are proud to support this work.

“We love supporting local charities and do this by having Lions, Rotary, the Durong South P&C and other charities involved on race day.”

CareFlight Relationship Manager Angela Miles, came to Kingaroy last month to thank the South Burnett Regional Council and Burrandowan Picnic Race Club for their donations.

“About one third of our funding comes from the community, so every donation helps us perform our missions,” Ms Miles explained.

“Events like Burrandowan Picnic Races are the life blood of rural communities and CareFlight is delighted to be partnering with Burrandowan and we are honoured to be selected as the charity for 2015 as well.”

Burrandowan attracts punters, fashionistas and families from all over south east Queensland and is on again on Saturday 9th May 2014, so if you are looking for a great day out in the Australian bush, take a look at the Burrandowan Picnic Races on Saturday 9th May – the race track is 60km west of Kingaroy, in Queensland’s South Burnett. You can catch a shuttle bus from Kingaroy or bring your swag and sleep the night at the race track – check it all out at [www.burrandowan.com.au](http://www.burrandowan.com.au), or call 07 4164 8147 or join the conversation at [www.facebook.com/BurrandowanPicnicRaces](http://www.facebook.com/BurrandowanPicnicRaces)

**Photo: CareFlight’s Angela Miles presents a thank you gift to Burrandowan Picnic Race Club President Brendan McCormack and Secretary Carolyn Stone.**

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Start – from 4.30 pm. Guaranteed finish 8 pm.



1st Speaker: Several of the Men's Shed blokes will give demonstrations and talk about the activities carried out in their shed.

2nd Speaker: Bill Daniels, farmer/grazier, dingo caller and shooter from Coolabunia will talk about his life and adventures. A fascinating story.

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## DUAL ARTS MOVING AHEAD

The Dual Arts ladies have moved into the next phase of preparation.

Many nominations were received and they have now closed. Lee Porter and Sherriane Talon spent days and days visiting the nominated sites. Some places were far removed from the normal tourist spots, like The Rocks, old hay sheds, Wooroolin Wetlands and Matupi homestead. Some familiar places were included too, like Gordonbrook Dam, Ringsfield House, two nominated places at Boondooma, Coomba Falls and Murgon Dairy Museum. And more!

Now they have to sort through their impressions and photos to select the final twenty that will be represented in the exhibition. Rumour has it that there were some really good topics and rather than eliminate so many images they will be made into collages! Maybe on general topics rather than specifics, which will give a fuller dimension to the South Burnett area.

While Lee and Sherriane are busy with their crafts, coordinator Sandy Hoffman will be organising guided bus tours, which will include visiting some of the actual sites and lunch at a local sponsoring winery. She will be spreading the word far and wide and hoping to entice visitors from Toowoomba, Sunshine Coast Fraser Coast and even Brisbane to come see us.



The two photos here are just some of the many thousands which have been taken. They will show the diversity and quality of the pictures, but *they are not the ones which will be used in the major display in July!*

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This inexperienced government has repeatedly gone back on its word on issues such as asset sales, delivering "jobs jobs jobs", Wait Time Guarantee and promising to reduce debt.

The other key promise Labor made before the election was to deliver "jobs, jobs, jobs" however all we have seen is an infrastructure "freeze, freeze, freeze".

Other policy decisions made on the run by the Palaszczuk Government include the proposed scrapping of the Wait Time Guarantee.

At no point before the election did Labor indicate this policy would be scrapped and is going against their promise to be consultative and honest.

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600 were yarded Tuesday at Murgon's fortnightly sale. The market was fully firm for all descriptions. Numbers were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Biggenden, Yarraman, Kingaroy, Nanango, Boondooma and locally.

**Heavy Fresian Cows** from Tansey sold for \$1.85 c/kg returning \$1564.00. J & J Kirk Gayndah sold Charolais cross Cows for \$1305.00 at \$1.89 c/kg. 615 kg Cows from B Joyce Nanango sold for \$1200.00 at \$1.95 c/kg. Charbray Cows from Johnstown sold to \$1070.00 at \$1.86 c/kg and 575 kg. 580 kg Hereford cows from the

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**Droughtmaster Trade Heifers** from Gayndah weighing 467 kg sold to \$1.95 c/kg to return \$911.00. 430 kg 4 tooth Heifers from Windaera sold to \$810.00 at \$1.88 c/kg. 350 kg Angus Heifers sold for \$762.00 at \$2.16 c/kg. 2 tooth Droughtmaster Heifers sold for \$2.08 c/kg returning \$809.00. 235 kg Droughtmaster cross vealer Heifers from Goomeri sold for \$505.00 at \$2.15 c/kg. Local Charbray vealer Heifers weighing 245 kg sold for \$517.00 at \$2.11 c/kg. 350 kg Angus Heifers sold for \$762.00 at \$2.16 c/kg. Light Droughtmaster vealer Heifers from Murgon sold for \$423.00 at \$2.14 c/kg.

**T Sampson Yarraman sold 426 kg Angus steers** for \$1024.00 at \$2.40 c/kg. 2 tooth Droughtmaster steers weighing 400 kg sold for \$938.00 at \$2.34 c/kg. 400 kg Brangus steers sold to \$933.00 and \$2.32 c/kg. Local Charbray steers weighing 342 kg sold to \$2.29 c/kg returning \$785.00. S & T Cosford sold Charolais cross steers for \$2.27 c/kg and \$812.00. 314 kg Charbray steers from Goomeri sold for \$2.19 c/kg for a return of \$688.00. 378 kg Charbray steers from Kilkivan sold to \$2.17 c/kg for \$822.00. Murray Grey weaner steers sold for \$574.00 and \$2.22 c/kg. Angus steers from Nanango sold for \$602.00 at \$280 kg. Charolais weaner steers a/c R Dower Tingoora sold for \$560.00.



Wet weather didn't deter these combined Christian churches partaking in the Good Friday religious celebrations (the way of the Cross) which started at St Josephs Catholic church and ended at the Uniting Church in Gore St Murgon.

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## 2015 MURGON SHOW



Official Party at the opening of the 2015 Murgon Show on Saturday 14th March



On Sunday Castra brought two mini bus loads of residents to watch the 2015 Murgon Show dressage events. Special visitors included Mrs Birch, Mary and Bill Roberts, Jim Manthey and Eric Cridland shown here with with Show President Aileen Williams. Eric loves getting close up with his favourite horses which formed part of his life on the land for many years. Jan Irvine was part of the Castra staff who loved bringing the residents to the show.



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## KILCOY/MURGON ROAD HAUNTS THIS REGION

Kilcoy/Murgon Road was gazetted in 1963 – the previous century – and the Department is still making road naming decisions based on that gazettal.

Some weeks ago the Boonara Freemason Lodge at Goomeri had a chair lift installed for its elderly and/or disabled members to climb the stairs to the Lodge Room. The installer was sent on the Kilcoy/Murgon Road from Brisbane this being shown on the map as the shortest route. The fellow became lost. This is a demonstration of why the name Kilcoy/Murgon Road should be totally expunged from the maps because who knows how many people from Brisbane or elsewhere for that matter have used that road and decided they won't be coming to the South Burnett. No one in his/her right mind would use that road as an access to Murgon or the South Burnett. Some 50 to 60 kms is nothing but a 4WD or goat track. There have been many stories related over the years especially of people going to Brisbane Airport and finding themselves at night with blown tyres etc on the shortest route shown on their GPS.

Another road from the junction of Redgate Road and the Burnett to the Junction of the Kilcoy/Murgon Road and the Burnett highway is almost 3kms (2.8) and the roads bear no relationship to each other.

The Murgon Shire Council should have taken this matter up many years ago and business people have been complacent in allowing this anachronism to continue despite the fact that it could affect their business. Authorities have been remiss in not pursuing this matter as they have a vital interest in ensuring their employees can find Redgate Road in the cases of emergency. The case of my neighbour, now dec'd, who had collapsed and the ambulance couldn't find Redgate Road to transport her to hospital. (I've also had a very recent issue with Telstra not knowing where Redgate Road is and my wife had an issue relating to an insurance company who couldn't find Redgate Road)

Redgate Road should be properly recognised for the advantage of authorities;

The South Burnett has a large number of these badly signed or designated road names and the Transport and Main Roads is hoping to do an exercise on them though it may be best if they are brought up and fixed individually. It is therefore incumbent on residents and business people to bring these incorrect road namings to the attention of the Transport and Main Roads.

Edited letter received from Rod Foster and supported by the editor.

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**Check out our new Murgon's updated web site,  
many thanks to Loraine Goodchild and Stacey Perrett.**

# SOME WILL SAY I'M MAD, MAYBE A MIDLIFE CRISIS BUT I'M DOING THE RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER



Welcome to my Personal Page! The Rio Tinto Ride to Conquer Cancer is a 200km cycling journey throughout Queensland's scenic countryside that I'm embarking on to fight cancer. It will be a challenge in a number of ways, but with my bike, my helmet, and your generosity, a real impact will be made! .

As of the 1st of January 2015 I am a 39 year old who has not ridden a bike for 20 odd years. I am currently in the process of kicking a smoking habit. By March I will be 40 years old into my third month of training (a non smoker) and hopefully feeling 20 again. I hope this will change my Life. We all know someone touched by cancer, so please help me where you can to reach my goal and give cancer research a boost. I will be fundraising in many ways over the next 6 months so I will keep in touch.

Contribute to this history-making event with a donation. Funds raised will support breakthrough research, exemplary teaching, and compassionate care at the QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute,

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Thank you in advance for your help. Andrew Holden, Store Manager, BGA Goomeri.

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Kingaroy and Murgon Quota International celebrated 96 years of service and friendship at a Birthday Dinner at Dimities Cottage, Wondai on Monday evening 16th February. Quota International help disadvantaged women and children in 259 communities and 12 countries around the world.

**Guest Speaker** for the evening was Rev Dr Susan Algate, the South Burnett Blue Care Chaplin. Sue, retired after 37 years as the Uniting Church Minister of Nanango, engaged her audience with a very informative view of the multitasking duties of a Chaplin for the aged. She is active in the Aged Care facilities in the district and when needed visits clients in their homes. She is also there for the needs of the staff and families. She said her duties have one main aspect, simply : 'To Be There'. However, her vision is very broad and she has many new ideas for the caring of older members in our community.

Rev Sue gave an example: She told of a meeting with a client. To get the conversation going she inquired about the person's personal life, and soon realised, sadly, that the client had dementia. Rev Sue would like to remedy this with groups telling their stories while they still can, to have these valuable *gems of history* transcribed and printed with the view that our older residents need to know *their life has been worthwhile*. What a wonderful idea.

Thank you Rev Dr Susan Algate for your presence at the Quota Kingaroy & Murgon combined International Birthday Dinner. Your information and words of wisdom were well appreciated.



Photo: Guest Speaker, Rev Dr Susan Algate accepting a gift from Murgon Quota President Heather Castle at the Quota International Birthday Dinner.

Barbara Hartmann King, Secretary and press secretary Murgon Quota International. Ph 41681675

## SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ACQUISITIVE ART COMPETITION 2015

The "Australian Light Horse" is this year's theme for the South Burnett Regional Council's Acquisitive Art Competition hosted by the Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery. Local artists were asked to depict any aspect of the theme and their piece could be in the form of any medium.

"The Gallery received 30 entries with over half of the entries in the Youth category. The youth entries were predominantly from students of St Marys Catholic College", Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said. "Council is very pleased with the quality of the entries and it is good to see a wide range of mediums such as paintings, sculpture, drawings and paper tole".

Portfolio Councillor for the Arts, Cr Ros Heit, explained that local South Burnett artist and art judge Lyn Felsman will judge the entries on Friday 10th April. "Lyn will have a tough job of deciding who will take home the \$1200 winners cheque. Lyn will also award the Second, Third and Youth category winners on the day." Cr Heit said. "Council would like to invite our local community to come along to the Art Gallery and cast their vote for the People's Choice Award." The winning artist and artwork will be announced at the official opening on the Saturday the 11th of April at 10.30am.

South Burnett Regional Council's Mayor Wayne Kratzmann will be on hand to officially open the exhibition and present the major awards with the Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington presenting the People Choice Award. For more information about the opening please contact the Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery on 07 41899172

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## **NEW REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIPS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

Outstanding regional artists and arts workers in Wide Bay are invited to apply for up to \$30,000 to gain professional skills and experience in the national and international arts landscape, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss said today.

“These fellowship grants represent an opportunity for artists in regional areas to take an important step forward in their careers, by travelling abroad to gain new skills or working alongside prominent artists. I would encourage local artists and arts workers to consider applying for these fellowship grants,” Mr Truss said.

In October last year, funding was announced for five Regional Arts Development Fellowships, which were aimed at supporting professional regional artists and promoting a vibrant, creative life in Australia’s regions.

“In comparison to their counterparts in more urbanised areas of Australia, artists in regional areas often face a variety of barriers to developing their professional careers.

“The Government recognises the barriers faced by regional artists and that is why we provide these fellowships, in order to help them acquire the training and experiences necessary to advancing their professional careers, while also helping to culturally enrich the regional communities from which they come,” Mr Truss said.

There are five Regional Arts Development Fellowships currently open for applications:

The International creative development fellowship (\$30,000),

The Indigenous creative development fellowship (\$20,000),

The Young artist creative development fellowship (\$15,000)

The Institutional fellowship and (\$30,000)

The Indigenous institutional fellowship (\$30,000)

For more information on the Regional Arts Development Fellowships, including eligibility criteria for each of the fellowships, visit the Regional Arts Australia website at: [www.regionalarts.com.au](http://www.regionalarts.com.au).

Applications for the fellowships close at midnight on Friday 17 April 2015.

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## **BURNETT BIRDKEEPERS ASSOC INC.**

The past month seems to have flown by. We saw our round table discussion on Aviary Management give all some great tips particularly those that hand rear birds. Then our Guest Speaker Mr Gary Menzies (President of the Caboolture budgerigar Society and also a committee member of the Queensland Budgerigar Association.) do a presentation on budgies in general. All found it very interesting. The April club meeting on the 22nd will see Mr. Wally Sawatzki discussing Parrots, featuring a couple of reminders for Bird fanciers. The Nanango Show has a very good section for Birds. So please feel free to bring your birds along to show. Please contact the Show Secretary or Myself (41631668) for Details if interested. The Show is on 11th April. Entries close Tuesday 7TH April. The other event to come up is our Bird sale on 9th May at Nanango Show grounds. Please feel free to contact us for more information.



**COME JOIN  
THE RATION SHED'S  
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Sunday 17TH May 2015

Starting at the Murgon Showground and ending in Cherbourg

The people of Cherbourg welcome the people of Murgon, the South Burnett and beyond to run (or walk) the 7 kms in the name of friendship, in the name of hope, in the name of new possibilities.

Run with friends, walk with strangers, share with everyone, enjoy together and at the end of the route in the Cherbourg Memorial Park and the Ration Shed Museum we'll all have a big party - with food, traditional games, sports workshops, market stalls, dancers and performers starting at 10 am.

**COME and JOIN THE FUN, even if you don't run or walk • ALL WELCOME!**

Buses will leave Cherbourg for Murgon Showground on Sunday morning at 7.15 am for check-in at 7.30 am with race start at 8 am sharp. Shuttles will run between Cherbourg and Murgon from 10 am to 1 pm on race day.

**Also please note: Road Closures in Murgon**

**The Cherbourg-Murgon road will be closed in both directions between 8 am and 10 am on the race day - Sunday 17 May.**

The Fun Run leaves the Murgon Showground via Pearen St to Perkins St and will cause minor disruption to the traffic in Perkins Street between 8 am and 8.20 am as the runners leave.

Proceeds from the Fun Run will go to The Ration Shed Museum for their work in education and reconciliation. More information go to: [rationshed.com.au/funrun](http://rationshed.com.au/funrun) . or contact the Ration Shed Museum: Ph 07 4169 5753 or [info@rationshed.com.au](mailto:info@rationshed.com.au)



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# VONHOFF FAMILY REUNION



54 who attended the Vonhoff Family Reunion 14-3-2015.

The 6 children of Hermann and Enid Vonhoff who attended the Vonhoff Reunion 14 and 15 March 2015. It was 60 years ago when the Vonhoff's came to Manyung:



Graham. Glen.

Lynda.

Shirley

Betty

Arthur.

On Saturday and Sunday the 14th and 15th March, 54 descendants and spouses of Hermann and Enid Vonhoff gathered together at 'Seven Springs,' the farm they purchased in 1955 at Manyung via Murgon. Glen

and Joy Vonhoff purchased Seven Springs in 1969, and hosted the family reunion. The first caravans arrived on Thursday, with others arriving Friday while many people booked into local motels. Saturday morning was a 'meet and greet' time, with many of the cousins seeing each other for the first time in many years. Everyone then enjoyed a BBQ lunch, after which some headed for the dam for a swim while others went on 'hay ride' tours of the farm. Glen and Joy have set up a bit of a museum containing old family furniture and farm equipment, which brought back a few memories for the family members. On Sunday morning, Glen and Joy took everyone on a tour of the Manyung area, first of all visiting the site of the former school where many of the grandchildren as well as the children of Hermann and Enid attended school. The old tennis court still stands nearby. The entourage then went to view the area from Kapernick Park, before visiting Nev and Marcia Hunt's macadamia nut farm where they demonstrated how the nuts are harvested, cracked, etc. It was a very informative stop. Everyone then travelled on to Dusty Hill Winery for lunch, before heading home in the afternoon or next day.

Hermann and Enid had 10 children, two of whom have passed away. Of the remaining eight, six were able to attend the reunion – Arthur, Betty, Graham, Shirley, Glen and Lynda. Besides their six children, there were Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and some of their Great Great Grandchildren at the reunion.

Everyone had such a good time that it was decided to do it all again in 2017! Joy will have had time by then to recover from all the cooking. She has put up with one Vonhoff (Glen) for 50 years (that's right, they met in England 50 years ago this year); fancy having to put up with 54 of them!! She is a brave woman.

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## MENTORS MAKE MURGON SCHOOL DEADLY

Students relax when a mentor sits down beside them at Murgon State School. The children know they'll get help they need to keep up with their mates. In turn, they behave better and learn more and the mentors love what they do. They get a buzz from the smile they put on the children's faces.



*Photo: Tashika 4, gets help from Murgon State School mentors during their lunch break. They include her mum, Stacy Collard, Agnes Dynevor, Sharron Shepherd and Tarryn Hopkins.*

# SCHOOL HELPED HENRY CREATE RUGBY LEAGUE HISTORY



Henry Hegarty never felt nervous when meeting royalty, an Australian prime minister, industry heads or tackling the likes of Artie Beetson on the footy field. The champion rugby league player from the Mission town of Cherbourg was taught he was as good as anybody by coach, Bob Bax.

“He always said ‘when you meet somebody, no matter who they are, look ‘em in the eye and shake their hand tight’,” Henry said. Henry adopted the belief and his kind, gentle nature meant he received support from people throughout his life.

He was born in the house he now lives in and left Cherbourg for Brisbane in 1960 when encouraged to do so by the Mission superintendent Harry Nickel.

**Henry had received eight As and one B on his junior Murgon high school exams** and was as good a footballer. He was given a letter of introduction to the Valley’s football side by a teacher and put on an overnight train to Maine Junction, Brisbane. Henry was 17 years old and excited for his future.

But when he made a phone call to the Valley’s coach on arriving he was told ‘get a train to Wilston, then catch one to Albion and walk from the Albion five-ways to Newman Oval and we’ll see you at training’.

Henry had never been outside of Cherbourg-Murgon and thought ‘this bloke’s not interested’ as they could have easily picked him up. It was a moment that changed his life for the better.

## **Onward bound**

Henry’s cousin Alan Bell worked at the Northgate cannery that stood in the heartland of Norths Rugby League Club. He picked Henry up and took him to a Norths training session.

“I proved my worth and that was it,” Henry, who was soon dubbed Huckleberry Hound by teammates due to his HH initials, he said. He scored numerous tries as a centre and winger and was chosen for A-Grade three years later.

There he fell under the eye of Bob Bax, who Henry credits with teaching legendary coach Wayne Bennett everything he knew. At the time Henry was working in Brisbane as a government clerk and Bob knew Henry had to move as players could only play for the district they lived in during the 1960s.

“I was living in Wilston, in the western suburbs district, and catching a train to work with players from Brothers and Wests,” Henry said. “I had to move or they’d dob me in,”

So Bob organised for Henry to live with his mother “Mrs Bax”. I never called her by her Christian name but she was like a mother to me, Henry said. I ended up calling her mum and she treated me like her family.

## **Footy legend created**

Henry stayed with Mrs Bax for three years and became a regular A-Grader for the North’s Devils team that became Brisbane Rugby League’s most successful side ever.

It won six straight premierships from 1959 – ’64 and Henry played in the last five.

The North’s Devils repeated the feat again in 1966 and Henry was a 60kg (nine stone) winger and centre who scored plenty of tries, kicked a few goals and loved to tackle the big men. These included Australian representatives Mick Vievers, Peter Gallagher and the first Aboriginal to captain any Australian team, Arthur Beetson. The big blokes were a lot slower and I’d pick them up and throw them on their back, Henry said. It never hurt them, no spear tackles, but these days you can’t do it. You’d get penalised.

Towards the end of Henry’s career he was made Norths captain and Beetson arrived at Redcliffe as “a big, slow raw boned centre from Roma. They reckoned he had six pies before training, Henry said.

“He was easy to tackle then. You’d hit him around the ankles. You didn’t go high on the big fellas.”

Some of the characters Henry played with were fullback, Peter “Logie” Lobbegeiger who could kick a ball through the posts from the halfway mark, centre Ray “Rodie” Cattanaich who got his nickname from Road Runner because he was “all over the place”, second rower Ronny “Dinger” Bell and, hooker and captain, Les “Bowser” Geeves who got his nickname because he had six children.

## **Life lessons**

During the era Henry got married to Lyn, had daughters Kym and Renae, kept working in the public service, owned a house, introduced Australia’s 19th prime minister, John Gorton, to his teammates as the Devils’ captain and was introduced to the Queen of Thailand.

“She was a good sort,” Henry said with a smile.

He was also invited to Queensland Parliament House to drink with teammates after grand final wins as deputy premier, Bill Knox, was the Member of Parliament for Nundah at the time.

But Cherbourg beckoned in 1990 after Henry’s marriage broke up and he returned to a town that had changed. Most of the restrictions were taken off, and people were driving around in cars, Henry said.

Most of his school mates still lived there though, as did his brothers Colin and James.

Henry coached the nearby Wondai A-Grade side and a South Burnett team that stunned everybody when it won the Caltex Shield against teams from Maryborough, Sunshine Coast and Gympie.

He worked as a truck driver for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and remained employed by the local authority until his 70th birthday.

### **Best lessons came before leaving**

Looking back on life Henry doesn’t believe he would have had such a fulfilling life if he hadn’t got the education he did from Cherbourg primary and Murgon high schools. When you get outside the town it’s a different sort of life, Henry said. You’ve got to know how to talk to people; none of this looking at the ground. You have to look them in the eye and feel confident in your ability to be as good or better than them. That’s what education gives you. The first thing I did when I came home was my homework, then I’d go train for football. That was my motto. My education came first and I had good support from my mum and dad, Thelma and Bill for providing it to him. Bill was a carpenter who helped build most of Cherbourg’s 280 homes.

Henry will now be featured on NITV’s Our Stories, Our Way, Everyday series in an episode titled Cherbourg Champion.

Filming was completed last week (March 26 – 28)

**Photo: Wow!** Henry Hegarty is pictured in full flight while playing for Brisbane’s most successful ever rugby league team, Norths, against Redcliffe at Lang Park.



**Photo: Victory is sweet:** Henry “Huckleberry Hound” Hegarty with his many Brisbane Rugby League premiership photo’s and the commemorative book 75 years of North’s Devils.

Editors footnote: Having personally known you for many years I can assure you Murgon and Cherbourg are very proud of you as both a citizen and sporting great.

## YALLAKOOL ON BJELKE PETERSEN DAM ONCE AGAIN BOOKED OUT FOR EASTER



Wet weather didn't deter these holiday makers who enjoyed the amenities at Yallakool over Easter. Boats of all shapes were on the water, with visitors fishing, others enjoying the many water sports and others just enjoying the beautiful scenery or the swimming pool with their children. Some even ...

... Enjoyed Bjelke-Petersen Dam from on the water in the Larc



Craig Seeley Director and operator of LARC ABOUT Amphibious Environmental Tours brought it's LARC to Bjelke-Petersen Dam this Easter holidays. It was a fun and unique experience for all involved and they are offering rides at a fabulous \$25 per person.

They commenced tours on the 2nd of April and depending on demand will be here up until about the 15th. It costs a lot just to get on site from our usual location in Caloundra and we want to make the most of the opportunity for everyone.

The LARC is suitable for all ages from infant to infinity with 98y/o our record so far and with a capacity of 36 passengers per trip there is room for everyone.



## MURGON STATE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1985 REUNION

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency.

I think you should write, 'An ambulance.'

# ANZAC DAY 2015

Well, the time has arrived. This month, on the 25th, we will be commemorating 100 years since the indelible ANZAC spirit was forged. The 'War to End All Wars' was over. Unfortunately for our sons, daughters, fathers, uncles and friends, it did not end all conflicts.

As we gather this Anzac Day to remember our fallen, let us also give a thought to those who fought and continue to fight so valiantly for our freedoms, and return home with scars so deeply etched on their psyche that no one can ease their pain.

War: perpetuated by mankind for greed, power, religion, egotism. The Winners: No one.

LEST WE FORGET , Rose Heath

## PILOT JOHN DIXON



**John Dixon – born 4 May 1920 – died 27 January 2000 was the pilot who tracked down the battleship that struck fear into Allied convoys. The Spitfire pilot won the Distinguished Flying Cross for finding the German battleship Tirpitz in her Norwegian lair so that she could be attacked and crippled by British midget submarines in 1943.**

Tirpitz, the largest and strongest warship ever built in Germany, had been the bane of the British Home Fleet. Displacing 53,000 tonnes fully loaded and capable of 30 knots, it was even more powerful than its elder sister Bismarck (sunk with great difficulty by the bulk of the Royal Navy in May 1941) and was based in occupied Norway from January 1942.

From there it posed a permanent threat to Allied shipping on the harshest and most dangerous convoy route to north-west Russia.

Whenever a convoy sailed, the heaviest British naval forces had to be deployed to provide for a possible surface raid by Hitler's monster and its supporting ships in addition to the perennial threats from U boats and the Luftwaffe. The tactical dilemma for the British covering forces was potentially fatal if attacked by submarines and/or aircraft, ships and escorts stayed together to maximise their combined defensive capacity; if attacked by surface raiders. However, the response was to scatter and to spread out the targets.

No solution was found to the problem of what to do if shipping came under simultaneous surface and underwater and/or air attack, as was tragically demonstrated by the PQ 17 convoy disaster in July 1942. The convoy was ordered by the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, to scatter because he believed the Tirpitz was about to attack – which it never did. The dispersed and unprotected ships were thus easy targets for U boats and German aircraft which destroyed two-thirds of the convoy and almost 100,000 tonnes of munitions for Russia. Pound, unable to trust commanders on the spot who had clear orders on what to do if attacked by the Tirpitz panicked when air reconnaissance failed to find the battleship. The Germans did indeed intend to send her against the convoy, but they left the grisly demolition to U boats and planes after his order to scatter, and the battleship calmly returned to its lair without firing a shot or sailing anywhere near PQ 17.

The catastrophe made British forces even more determined to destroy the monster in its north Norwegian hideaway. The first of many abortive air raids failed in March 1942 but was enough to make the Germans permanently hesitant (had the Royal Navy only known) to deploy their biggest naval asset.

Tirpitz spent most of its war skulking in Altenfjord, Foettenfjord and other mountain-dominated misty inlets,

firing its guns in anger only once in an effectual bombardment of Spitsbergen Island in September 1943.

It was in that month that John Dixon, flying alone as usual in his unarmed long range Spitfire with cameras in its nose, found the Tirpitz in its customary lair of Altenfjord. His discovery enabled the Admiralty to go ahead with a raid by midget submarines. A brilliant attack, for which two Victoria Crosses were awarded, put the Tirpitz out of action for six months. But it was so strongly built that it survived this and several more air attacks, though finally reduced to the status of a floating battery. It was only in November 1944 that RAF Lancaster bombers armed with six-tonne 'Tallboy' bombs finally managed to sink the ship at Tromso. However, it was never seen on the open sea after the submarine assault made possible by Dixon.

Dixon was born near Blackall, Queensland, on his father's sheep station and was educated by correspondence. When war broke out, he wanted to join the Royal Australian Air Force and worked at night to improve his qualifications. Eventually he was commissioned into the RAF after pilot training in Canada and spent four years as a Spitfire reconnaissance pilot.

P/O John Hugh Dixon RAAF of 8 OTU Fraserburgh flew unarmed and with extra fuel tanks at high speed and maximum height all over occupied Europe, surviving the shooting down of one of his aircraft on 11/11/1942 at 2000ft, which forced him to parachute into the sea between Eday and the Isle of Faray without a life-raft. He was rescued by a fishing boat owned by Mr Leslie of Holland Farm, Faray, after being in the water for 30 mins – the fishing boat promptly sailed east towards Hitler's 'Fortress Europe', until Dixon produced his service revolver and persuaded the skipper otherwise. Mr Leslie was paid £1 for Saving the Pilot.

**After the war, he returned to his beloved Queensland. At one stage, John Dixon worked at the South Burnett Meatworks in Murgon.** He married June King, who died many years before him. They had three daughters and a son, all of whom survive.

LEST WE FORGET



## **THE GOOMERI LIONS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

Don and Gail Louis were installed into the Lions Club, at a dinner meeting held at the home of George and Jill Hughes on Wednesday night, Don and

Gail are long time members of the community and are enthusiastic to assist the club in its endeavours. The club has had a busy two months, with the Chip van attending the Boondooma fishing competition, then the Proston, Murgon and Goomeri Shows. The Lions club also manned the gates at the very successful Goomeri show, they were ably assisted by some volunteers.

The Lions club appreciates the assistance it is given by community members who put their hands up to help when help is needed. The next outing for the chip van will be the Wondai Garden Expo on the 18th

and 19th April, followed by the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival on the last Sunday in May.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY “Jean”



“Castra” resident

**Jean Maddison celebrated her**

**103rd Birthday on Tuesday 1st April 2015.**

**Jeannie’s best friend Margaret Angel and Daughter Anita shared a special Cake with fellow residents for morning tea. Photo L-R : Margaret Angel, Jean Maddison and daughter Anita Helm**

### **JEAN MADDISON (Fantastic Lady of Castra)**

Jean was born Jean Robson on 1st April 1912 in Townsville and was the youngest of two children for Pearl & Aln Robson. Her older sister, Myrtle, was born in 1910. Jeans father Aln was named after Alnwick Castle in Northumberland in the UK and he worked for the Queensland Railways as an engineer and they owned flats in Townsville where Jean spent her early years. While working as a bookkeeper on Clonagh Station near Cloncurry Jean met Les Maddison who was from Warwick and they were married in 1940. The war intervened and Les, now in the Airforce Signals Section, was posted to Sydney which is where they were when the now famous miniature Japanese subs entered Sydney Harbour.

After the war the couple travelled around to different places such as Ipswich, Allora and finally settled in Sherwood a suburb of Brisbane in their own home. Jean and Les have two children – Phillip born 1943 and Anita born 1954. Les worked for Peter Greer at the Sherwood Ice and Cold Stores until his retirement and Jean looked after the home. When Jean was 57 she decided to finally get her driver’s licence which was quite a feat after 7 tests. Her family was very proud of her achievement. Les died in 1972 and Jean continued on at Sherwood. She was a member of the Graceville Ladies Bowls Club for many years and played cards with friends. In 1996 she moved to Miles to be near her son, Phillip.

On moving to Miles she joined the Miles Ladies Bowls Club and once again took up playing cards. In 1996 she moved to Goomeri as her daughter, Anita, was living at Cinnabar. Goomeri was very good to her. She joined the Goomeri Bowling Club but decided to give bowls away when she finally gave up driving at age 84. She kept a love of cards and especially bridge. Margaret Angel encouraged her to join the Kingaroy Bridge Club and for many years took Jean and other locals over to Kingaroy for their weekly fix.

Jean was still living alone and her health started to decline. In 2006 Jean decided she wanted to go into assisted living and moved to Castra. She has been extremely happy there and her old friend Margaret Angel comes to visit her there. Jean has 2 children, 1 grandchild and 3 great grandchildren who love her dearly. She has seen 2 world wars, lived through the depression and seen many advances in technology such as electric street lights, electric iron, electric fridge (formally ice chest), hot water system replacing the copper, and the invention of TV. She got to see the first man walk on the moon but is not interested or understands the internet or facebook or twitter. She is much loved by all who meet her.

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## SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT AND SOCIAL GROUP

The members of the Kingaroy Support Group got together on Monday 9th March. We had a very 'informal' morning and whilst chatting over coffee, it was good just to hear how other people get on when dealing with Parkinson's. One of our members had brought along a very interesting piece of fitness equipment on which a couple of people tried it out. It was indeed a lot of fun to see their reactions as they were 'shakin' all over. This is what Support Groups are all about – fun, companionship and the knowledge that you are not alone when it comes to Parkinson's. We even had one of our carers hop onto the machine and got shaken around. He was not a young fellow by any means but he had fun and that is what it is all about. (Darryl knows who I am talking about.)

Don't forget the next bi-monthly get together for the **Murgon Group** will be **Monday 27th April at Southern Cross Care – Castra, 2 Cooper Street Murgon**. The morning commences at 10am and finishes at 12.00pm. Unless something unforeseen happens, we will have a very interesting guest speaker, so we hope you can make it.

The next monthly get together for the **Kingaroy Group** will be **Monday 13th April at Orana Lutheran Complex**. At this get together, we have one of our members, Jan, who will

be talking about and demonstrating Tai Chi. The Kingaroy group also starts at 10am and finishes at 12.00pm.

If you would like to come along to one or both of the mornings, we would love to have you. For any further information please contact the Co-ordinator, Maree, on 07 4163 6010.

Carmen, one of our Support Group members, has written the following poem about Parkinson's.

### A WAY WITH PARKINSON'S

**P**lace yourself and find pleasurable activities to engage in,

**A**cept the challenge and embrace a positive attitude,

**R**elax & Refresh and be resourceful,

**K**eep on 'Swimming' and do a kind deed every day.

**I**MAGINE and focus on what is important;

**N**ever give up on your dreams (modify if necessary),

**S**how strength and determination,

**O**pportunities to grow are aplenty

**N**ew ideas are to be nurtured,

**S**ing in the Shower; Enjoy the Sunshine and SMILE often.

Do what you LOVE and Dance with Delight

Inspiration is all around us & is INFECTIOUS

Stretch & Spread those fingers and toes

ENJOY the Day and Exercise with Enthusiasm  
(that doesn't mean Fast)

Alter Your Attitude, and show affection to others,

Surround yourself with Support & the People you love,

EVERYONE'S involved in this, you know.

### "What happens when you call 000?"

Five curious Murgon Local Ambulance Committee members posed that question at the Queensland Ambulance Service Communications Centre in Toowoomba last Saturday. They found out – and gained valuable insight into the whole complex system that keeps our paramedics ready and able to respond to all calls for assistance.

Supervisor, Brenda, outlined how an incoming emergency call from Telstra is processed and a response initiated by a trained Emergency Medical Dispatcher, who continues to gather information for relay to the paramedics - and gives instructions or advice to the caller until paramedics arrive.

She explained the colour-coded, four-screen display that tracks all responses: location, priority, dispatch, arrival on site and patient stabilization, transport to hospital – if required - and return to station, or availability for another response.

Brenda demonstrated how entering a rural address, a bridge on a highway or other landmark can display a map that helps the dispatcher pinpoint the exact location of an incident in seconds.

Advice to 000 callers: Stay calm! Answer all questions. Follow instructions. Stay on the line!

## SOUTH BURNETT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM UNDERWAY FOR 2015



The 2015 South Burnett Community Leadership Program (SB CLP) is underway for the year, with 21 participants gathering in the Bunya Mountains recently for the first module.

Designed to support people to improve their effectiveness in current roles and to potentially take on a leadership role if they are not doing this already, the first session of the SB CLP included learning about leadership styles, managing change and personality types.

Program leader Pamela McAllister, McAllister Leadership, explained that learning about leadership was a process of experiences.

“During the SB CLP, we give participants the chance to step out of the busy-ness of their lives and fully engage with learning leadership in a small group environment,” Ms McAllister said.

“The Program enables people to be involved and learn through their own experience rather than simply sitting and listening. Participants are working in small groups, testing out new skills and ideas in a supportive residential environment.”

This year’s program, the second for the South Burnett, has a diverse range of participants including small business owners, social workers, community leaders, farmers, educators and government employees.

Founded by Vision 21 and the Red Earth Community Foundation with McAllister Leadership, this year the Program has attracted support from the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR), Uniting Community Care, the Mayor’s Charitable Trust, the Burnett Mary Regional Group, Ken Mills Toyota and several more businesses and individuals.

“The South Burnett Community Leadership Program is an excellent demonstration that within our community we have visionary and generous businesses, individuals and community organisations who believe that together we can create a future that harnesses the potential of our region,” explained Ms Heather Ellis, President of Vision 21, the volunteer association of past participants of the State Government’s Building Rural Leaders Program.

“Their contribution and support has been vital to providing this opportunity to develop our local people so that their creativity and contribution can benefit us all. People are learning how to be effective in a practical way while building working relationships that can lead to building a stronger region for us all over the long term.

“Research shows that communities with a leadership program in place recover more quickly from disasters, and are more likely to take advantage of economic opportunities.”

“We also gathered together last year’s program participants at the Bunya Mountains this month for a further full day of further leadership development, Ms Ellis said

“They demonstrated that their new knowledge, relationships and support has enabled them to navigate the legacy of floods and the drought, and take on new opportunities for improving businesses, community initiatives and their family life.”

The Community Leadership Program will conclude in mid March with participants having an opportunity to share their journey at a formal dinner with people who have supported the Program in 2015.

Details and dates for the 2016 Program will be released in May.

Contact: Heather Ellis 0427 639 848, Pamela McAllister 0400 507 390, Georgie Somerset 0428 390 984

## WONDAI 2015 AUTUMN GARDEN EXPO

What a difference the relief Summer rain has made to the outlook for the upcoming Wondai Autumn Garden Expo!

It will be something of a welcome change to celebrate gardening on the back of a better season, instead of during drought conditions as has too often been the case.



Wondai Garden Expo has grown to be an important destination rather than just an event, as more and more people flock to the Wondai Sportsground to sample the diversity of the stalls displayed. The quality of the stalls, and the friendly welcome from the Expo Committee and the Wondai community ensure that a visit to the Garden Expo and peripheral attractions is a memorable and rewarding experience.

An unprecedented number of bookings from new Nurseries and Garden Products stalls has been received and we look forward to welcoming them.

Although the stalls are many and varied in their goods for sale, the Committee maintains Horticulture as our core business, and we are pleased with the number of specialist plant growers who are regular stallholders. Being in a warm temperate zone, the sheer diversity of plants on offer which are suitable for our region is one of the strong features of Wondai Garden Expo.

In support of these is a large number of traders with allied gardening products, garden ornaments and household decorator items. Fresh produce stalls are also welcome at the Expo and we are expecting to see a good representation as a new feature.



The Horticultural Show and Display always draws a very keen crowd, and we are hoping for very good entries in the Show. The Anzac centenary will be featured in the Display, with proceeds from donations promised to the Murgon Castra bus appeal.

The guest speaker spots will be filled by well-known horticulturist Brian Sams from Toowoomba. Brian will do two segments on Saturday and one on Sunday morning, with lectures and question times.

Wondai's Stolzies will entertain with their popular music throughout the weekend.

Tickets for the multi-draw raffle are on sale now, and the winning numbers will be drawn at mid-day on Sunday.

At the RSL Hall in Wondai, the South Burnet Orchid Society will be holding their annual Show on Saturday, and will open to the public from 9-30am. Not only will there be a fabulous display of these lovely plants, but there will be sales of all things of interest to orchid lovers.

Wondai Garden Expo thanks the Orchid Society for continuing to support this important weekend.

The Wondai Regional Art Gallery will open the April showing on Friday the 10th April, this is sponsored by Wondai Garden Expo and features exhibits with a floral theme and is always well patronised and supported by local and visiting artists. The showing this time will be in the Town Hall, due to repairs being carried out at the Art Gallery.

For further information, please contact Helen Young on 4168 9297

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## EVERY WIFE HAS ONE

One day a housework-challenged husband decided to wash his sweatshirt. Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouts to his wife "What setting do I use on the washing machine?"

"It depends' the wife replies. "What does it say on your shirt?"

He yells back, 'Brisbane Broncos!'

## NATIONAL REP DREAMS BUILT AT HOME



Rahab and Deidre Murray play shooting games around a netball hoop after school and on weekends.

It's mini competitive warfare as they strive to get the upper hand upon each but these games have allowed them to succeed at the highest level.

Deidre made the Australian under-13 netball side when they both represented Queensland at the National Titles on the Gold Coast in mid-January.

When Deidre's name was called as the Australian goal defence, Rahab, 16, felt happy and proud.

The St Mary's Catholic College, South Burnett, students now hope to bolster the school's single netball team this year and like going to classes every day. "I like it for the teachers and friends," Rahab said.

"It will help get us further in life." Deidre agrees and is focussed on a career as a Queensland Firebird.

Rahab would prefer to be a goalkeeper for the Australian women's soccer team, The Matildas, and a physical education teacher. The two girls began netball within the Kingaroy competition when they were tiny. Their speed saw them shine and they enjoyed meeting new friends.

A netball hoop was soon built on a flat piece of ground near their house and the rest, as they say, is history.

Photo: St Mary's Catholic College students, sisters Rahab and Deidre Murray are pretty relaxed about their netball achievements. They both represented Queensland during the Christmas school holidays and Deidre was selected for Australia. She will now play with the team in a tournament in the middle of the year.

## CRAIG DODD SEALS THE DEAL AT QUEENSLAND MEN'S INDIGENOUS CHAMPIONSHIP



Craig Dodd (Blackwater) has secured the 2015 Queensland Indigenous Championship at the Murgon Golf Club, relegating his brother and 2013 champion Rickie Dodd (Mt Warren Park) to second.

After previously finishing runner up four times, Craig wasn't to be denied this year and fired the low round of the tournament on Sunday (68), extending his three shot overnight lead to a seven shot final margin.

Rickie led after the first round (69) but could not withstand the charge of a determined Craig.

A shot further back in third was Burleigh junior Shalun Hay who rocketed up the leaderboard with a final day 1-under 69. As leading junior, Hay has also been offered a scholarship with Hills International Golf School.

In the Nett division, Gayndah junior Jesse George dominated. George finished with nett scores of 65,55,60 for 180 total and has now dropped almost eight shots off his handicap.

Both Craig Dodd and Jesse George have secured a start in the 2015 Isuzu Queensland Open Pro-Am to be held during tournament week at Brookwater.

Kimberley Crawley (Horton Park) has made the Women's Indigenous Championship her own in the past few years, and 2015 was no exception. Crawley played beautiful golf and rounds of 77, 71, 71 produced a record low score for the Women's Championship. It was a successful week for the Hay family with Shalun's sister Ashleigh finishing runner up.

The Senior Men's Division saw Scott Ridgeway (Maryborough) successful, with consistent scoring over the three days. Ridgeway returned rounds of 79,81 & 81 to defeat Elgar Harrison by three shots.

William Letts (Logan) took out the junior division with scores of 83,82 and 85.

Congratulations must go to the volunteers and staff of Murgon Golf Club for their hospitality and efforts in the operation of the 2015 Indigenous Championship. Thank you must also go to the Murgon and Cherbourg communities for their continued support throughout the event.

***Photo: Kimberley Crawley (Horton Park) and Craig Dodd (Blackwater) on the beautiful Murgon Golf Course.***

Golf Queensland.



Councillor Kathy Duff and Alison Turpin took to using a boat for ease of cleaning up the Lily Pond in Murgon on Clean Up Australia Day. South Burnett Regional Council Parks and Gardens Manager Greg Griffiths couldn't let a chance go by, he supplied the boat. Other volunteers picked up rubbish around the Ted Klohs park.



## WATER RESTRICTIONS

Council's Level 2 water restrictions remain in place in all towns across the South Burnett region for demand management and residents are requested to continue to conserve water by adhering to these restrictions.

## MURGON CYCLING RETURNS



We are looking for a volunteer to be the chairperson of a local committee to organize with every ones help a cycling event in conjunction with Cycling Qld who are keen to run a 98k event starting in Murgon and then around Boat Mountain, Reifs and Hetheringtons Rd and back into Murgon on Saturday the 20th of June. It will be a big event for the area, Stage 1 of a two day event, and they will run Stage 2 similar events in Kingaroy and Kumbia on Sunday 21st June and they will be looking for commitment from the community. We would welcome your thoughts on options and feedback.

It is envisaged to have at least 100 professional cyclists competing plus back up staff and local social cyclists in this Social Event. This is a lead up to the Qld series then to the National titles and finally World Series. The start / finish line is penciled in as further up from the Police Station in Krebs St. heading up past the high school to Boat Mountain and returning down Gore St to Stephen St and then back to Krebs St. To complete the 98k you would do the circuit 4 continuous times.

Mike Victor president of Cycling Queensland has visited the area along with other members of Cycling Queensland and are keen to have the beautiful Murgon circuit included in the South Burnett weekend cycling events.

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## FARMERS DINNERS

The Tableland Hall has received funding from FRRR through Tackling Tough Times Together to continue the dinners for farmers who have been affected by the floods and now the drought. We will be able to continue now with the help of BIEDO who have also donated money to these dinners. Thanks again to FRRR and BIEDO for their kind and generous donations. The dinners are well attended and any farmer who would like to attend, watch out for advertising and flyers at rural outlets for the next dinner.

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## JOKE FOR THE MONTH

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he said, 'And if I had All the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he Said, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river.' Sermon complete, he sat down.. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced With a smile, nearly laughing, 'For our closing song, Let us sing Hymn #365, 'Shall We Gather at the River.' **See you at the river!!**

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# GOOMERI SHOW 2015



Record entries in the fat cattle section, big showing of Stud Cattle, lots of horse events and a large dog section, the opening of the new pavilion, the team cut out event, the interesting history of the show dating back through the years, the whip cracking display, the fireworks and many more events made for a very successful 75th Annual Goomeri Show.

Photo top to bottom: (1) Goomeri Show Oval packed with events, (2) The official opening of the new pavilion and 2015 Goomeri Show by our local Member for Callide Jeff Seene, Treasurer Tricia McArthur, President Amanda McArthur, Life Member Gwen Jenkinson, Life Member Pam Brunjes, Mayor Gympie Regional Council Mike Curran, Secretary Mark Hasselbach. (3) Michael Taylors heifer which was judged Supreme Exhibit in the Prime Cattle section. (4) Mitchell Hunter who was judged the Junior Judge of the show from a large list of competitors as can be seen in the next photo with beast and handler taking a much needed rest.

# Kathy's Comments

## **Murgon Pool Update**

The tender has been awarded and the work is on track to be completed by the end of winter. The pool should be open at the same time as the other pools in the spring. Murgon has been approved to host a Wide Bay Carnival next season so we are working hard to have everything ready for this opportunity.

## **Clean Up Australia Day**

Thanks to the group who joined in for Clean Up Australia Day in Murgon at the Lily Ponds. It was fun getting a canoe to get the rubbish out of the middle sections of the pond. Thanks to Greg Griffiths and Denise Whyte from Council for organising the canoe and to Alison Campbell for her skills in manoeuvring it. It would be great to get an aerator for the pond to avoid the water going stagnant. There may be an opportunity to make this a community or school project. If anyone would like to help with fundraising or has ideas about this please let me know.

## **Success for our Local Shows**

Congratulations to both Proston and Murgon Show Committees on two great Shows. I think one of the main highlights of the Proston Show was the amazing whip cracking demonstrations from school students. The highlight of Murgon was again the night program with the fireworks and rodeo. Thanks to the volunteers for the hard work in putting together these Shows to showcase our towns.

## **Rail Trail to go Ahead**

The funding for the rail trail has been secured and the project will go ahead. There won't be any horses allowed along the corridor from Murgon to Kingaroy. Horses may be allowed from the section from Murgon to Kilkivan which is under the Gympie Regional Council. Letters have been sent to adjoining landholders outside the town area to give them an opportunity to provide feedback on any concerns they may have. There will be extensive community consultation before the final plan is decided on so if you have any ideas or concerns make sure you participate in the community consultation.

## **Murgon to host Cycling Qld on the 20th June**

Cycling Qld are planning a State wide competitive cycling challenge starting in Murgon using the Boat Mountain trek on the 20th June this year. This is a great opportunity for an economic boost to our area. They will be looking for some support from the Business Houses and plan to involve local television, radio and media to promote the event and our region. There will be around 96 riders involved in this challenge and if successful there may be an opportunity to host a national event into the future.

## **Rural Tips turned into Transfer Stations**

Our local rural tips are being turned into Transfer Stations because of legislative requirements. These include Cloyna, Hivesville and Brigooda among others around our region. I am really pleased that Council has not closed any of our rural tips. We have chosen to continue to support our rural communities by keeping these facilities open even though we have had to spend additional money to upgrade them. Most other amalgamated Councils have closed a number of their rural tips.

## **Farmer's Night's Funding**

Council has been successful in applying for a Community



Grant to run some free nights to support our farmers. The local communities will be hosting the events and in our area there will be functions at Tablelands and Mondure. The first one is planned for Tablelands on the 23rd of May. It will include a free meal and there will be free gift packs given out on the night.

## **Indigenous Golf Championships in Murgon**

The Indigenous Golf Championships were again another fantastic success for Murgon with golfers travelling from all over the State to participate. Congratulations to Clowry Kennell and the Murgon Golf Club for hosting this prestigious event. The highlight was a new initiative from Hill's Golfing Academy where they gave away two week long camps and a year's Scholarship to the Academy to three lucky juniors. Our local Darron Bligh was successful in obtaining an opportunity to attend a week long camp at the Academy.

## **Anzac Day**

The final preparations are being worked out for the special day this year that will celebrate the centenary of our Anzacs. Please attend a service and pay your respects to our soldiers as we honour their contribution to our history, our heritage and the freedom that we enjoy today.

## **Boondooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush Weekend**

Don't forget to mark in your calendar to visit the Homestead during their festivities that start on the Wednesday before Anzac Day. The Homestead also hold an Anzac Day Service and a Sunday morning Fellowship Service as well as five days of nonstop bush balladeers music and Homestead Tours

## **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  
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## JUST TO MAKE YOUR DAY

A fleeing criminal, desperate to escape the police, runs into the desert with hardly any water. Very soon, he runs out of drinking water, and hours later, he is already plodding under the merciless desert sun.

He is close to desperation when suddenly he sees something far off in the distance. Hoping against hope that it is water, he starts running towards what he thinks is an oasis, only to find a little old man with a little stand, full of ties. "Hey you, do you have water?" pants the criminal.

The old man replied, "I have finished my water, but would you like to buy a tie? They are only \$5."

The criminal, frustrated shouted 'you moron! Do I look like I need a tie? I should kill you right here, but I have to find some water first!'

The tie salesman replies "In about 3 kilometres, you will find a restaurant with great food and all the ice cold water you can drink. Good luck!

Muttering in disgust, the criminal staggered away over the hill. Several hours later, the tie man sees him crawling on the dune back towards him. When he finally arrives, he lies on his back panting.

"Everything OK?"asked the tie salesman as he bends over to hear the raspy whisper of the other man. "They won't let me in without a tie.."

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- Reduces muscle tension, aches and pains
- Increased joint mobility and flexibility

Jo Weldon, Massage Therapist at Central Balance Murgon spoke to local medical professionals about the benefits of massage at the March Doctor's breakfast in Murgon. The types of massage available at Central Balance include remedial, reflexology, relaxation, hot stone massage, infant and pregnancy massage. Health fund rebates may apply.

Jo is a member of the team of health professionals at Central Balance Murgon, working closely with Physiotherapists Katie Zerner and Fran Hutton, and Clinical Hypnotherapist Jessie Hodgson.

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## Murgon Men's Shed



### Twelve Months Old

On the 29th of March 2014 they held their very first meeting in David Mollenhauer's Shed in Rewald St. Murgon.

Now 12 months on they currently have 43 members, enjoying working on leather work, timber seats, windmills, wagon wheels, cabinet making, bee hives, kindling wood, there's something for anyone said shed men manager Terry Leah or just enjoying each others company. There's

so much socializing, so much work being planned and so many involved working on their projects. **But** what a commotion at smoko.

Kevin Fry bought in his sprint car to do some work on it. This created a huge interest, and when Kev fired it up everyone in the whole street new there was a mean machine sitting there waiting to get on to the race track.



Murgon Men's Shed meet every Wednesday and Saturday mornings.



St Joseph's Murgon Swimming Carnival 2015 saw the crowning of Carnival Age Champions.  
 Under 10 years boys ...Damon Zelinski, Under 10 years girls...Emily Campbell-Slatter  
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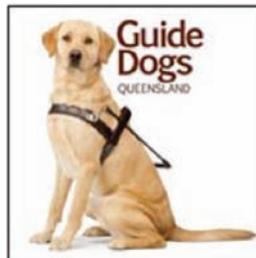
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# IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Thursday	9	St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), MBDA meet, Guides, Golf, Ambulance meet, RSL Ladies Auxiliary bus trip,
Friday	10	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	11	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Anglican Mothers Union, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Catholic Mass, Kilkivan Great Horse Ride, Nanango Show,
Sunday	12	Lions- Rotary Charity Bowls Day, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,
Monday	13	SES, Parkinsons support group,
Tuesday	14	Squash, Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society,
Wednesday	15	Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls, Steps,
Thursday	16	St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Golf, Mainly Music, National Seniors, Spinners & Weavers, SB PCYC Meet, Lions Children's Cancer Fun Ride,
Friday	17	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, Blue Light Disco,
Saturday	18	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Dairy Museum Meet, Wondai Garden Expo, South Burnett Orchid Show, Shed Men Meet,
Sunday	19	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Buffalo Lodge, Catholic Mass, Wondai Garden Expo,
Monday	20	SES,
Tuesday	21	Squash, Art classes Graham House, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships,
Wednesday	22	Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls, Burnett Bird Keepers, Boondooma Homestead Music Muster,
Thursday	23	St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Golf, Boondooma Homestead Music Muster,
Friday	24	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, Goomeri & District Garden Club, Boondooma Homestead Music Muster,
Saturday	25	ANZAC DAY, Catholic Mass, Boondooma Homestead Music Muster,
Sunday	26	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Hivesville Markets, Boondooma Homestead Music Muster,
Monday	27	SES, Murgon Parkinsons support group,
Tuesday	28	Squash, Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Uniting Church Friendship Group, Diabetes Support Group,
Wednesday	29	Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls,
Thursday	30	St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Golf, Mainly Music,
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Friday	1	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, SB PCYC Friday night live, Pratt Agencies Weaner Sale,
Saturday	2	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club,
Sunday	3	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	4	SES, Quota,
Tuesday	5	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Squash, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc, Cattle Sale,
Wednesday	6	Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls,
Thursday	7	St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Spinners & Weavers, Guides, Golf, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators,
Friday	8	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Last Man Standing night Bowls, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	9	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Catholic Mass, Anglican Mothers Union, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Bird Sale,
Sunday	10	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,

# BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB NEWS



On Friday February 13 we held our meeting at the home of Lawrence & Doris Hay. We had a number of visitors along with our members.

We had not one but two fantastic speakers talking about Nutri-Tech Solutions which rejuvenates the soil at a microbial level.

Paul Plant made such a complicated subject as micro-biology easy to understand with Jason Reimers from Grow-up organics who is the distributor for Nutri-Tech Solutions also talking about composting after give us a little information about himself. Both Paul and Jason answered our questions.

They also spoke a little about animal and human health

Our next meeting is on April 10. The subject that meeting will be herbs

If you want any more information please ph 41686238. Until next time happy gardening!

**Photo: Jason Reimers & Paul Plant**

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## St Josephs School Murgon

On Thursday 19th March we celebrated the 'Feast of Saint Joseph, the patron saint of our school and also of the parish of Murgon. All members of the school community joined in the special celebrations.

## NEW HOPE GROUP SUPPORTS COOYAR AMATEUR FISHING CLUB INC.

With the support of New Hope Group, Lindley and Ashley Davies employees of New Hope, the Group assisted in the releasing of fingerlings purchased from Hanwood Fish Hatchery near Murgon and delivered by Craig to Cooyar. Young junior members Logan and Riley Davies were there to watch on with interest.

Cooyar Amateur Fishing Club Inc. was able to continue with the stocking of fingerlings in the local creeks.

The Club annually releases 8 thousand fingerlings in various locations in Back Creek and Cooyar Creek.

Cooyar State School students Riley Barron, Thomas Clayton, Damon Sloss and Ben Duncombe are just some of the people taking advantage of the well-stocked creek system at Cooyar.

**'It's just too hot to wear clothes today,' Jack says as he stepped out of the shower..'**  
**Honey, what do you think the neighbours would think if I mowed the lawn like this?'**  
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Former Murgon resident Shirley Shelton (nee Pratt) celebrated her 80th Birthday with family and friends at Toowoomba on the 22nd March. Shirley is the wife of Neil (deceased) and was the manager of the Murgon TAB for several years and with Neil farmed at Mondure before retiring to Toowoomba.

**PHOTO: Front L-R , Carol Garner, Lyn Koy, Shirley Shelton, Jean Shardlow**

**Back L-R , Brian Pratt, Stan Garner, Darryl Koy, John Pratt, Annette Pratt, Merv Kerkow, Margaret Kerkow, John Shardlow**

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## MURGON & DISTRICT BRANCH NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA

The General Meeting on Thursday 16th April. All members of Murgon & District of N S A are invited to attend the 20th Anniversary Lunch. Guest speaker will be present.

The next Coach Tour is on Thursday 21st May to Bundaberg, includes Hinkler Hall of Aviation, Sizzler for lunch and then Bundy Barrel Complex.

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