



MURGON MOMENTS

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MURGON at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley, part of the great South Burnett.

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



On Sunday 6th March the Museum had a visit from the Veteran Car Club/Aust/Qld. Some of these vehicles were 100 years old and they came from all over Qld. Unfortunately, soon after their arrival we had a storm with torrential rain. Vehicles of this age are not all weather proof and needed to take cover. Some took cover at the nearby Service stations and we were able to "garage" five vehicles in The Barn. The owners were very grateful and while they were waiting for the rain to subside, we offered them a cup of coffee and they were happy to sit and chat. All said that they would definitely return and hopefully next time bring the sunshine with them. We have group bookings ahead for April, May, June and August. Some are for tour only, but we have groups wanting Morning tea also. As volunteers, it is our pleasure to be able to showcase what we have to offer and tell them about our heritage. We would love to have more volunteers, please contact us if you are interested. **Joy Fennell.**



What a great group of people are those helping others through BlazeAid. We've seen some great photos and heard some heart-warming stories recently about the work they have been doing in our district following the flooding. Our Club was pleased to be able to donate \$1000 worth of Murgon Gift Cards to them recently to support them with essential items, and assist local businesses as well.

Did you read our article last month? Have you given it some thought?

OUR ROTARY CLUB NEEDS YOU!

As we mentioned last month, the Rotary Club of Murgon commenced in February 1955 – sixty-seven years ago. Rotary is an international service organisation whose purpose is to bring together business and community personnel, in order to provide humanitarian service and to advance goodwill and peace. It is a non-political and non-religious organisation.

Our Club may be called the Rotary Club of Murgon, but its members have come from all areas surrounding Murgon over the years and it has helped organisations which support the whole of the South Burnett and has supported children from various local towns in personal development programmes. The Club belongs to our whole district but it needs new members to be able to continue to support our local area and donate funds for worthy causes. What a loss it would be to our district to lose such an organisation.

WE NEED YOU!

Please consider if you could be part of this wonderful international organisation. You need to be a good citizen, honest, and interested in your community and the needs of others. Membership fees are payable, but not exorbitant, and are necessary to cover various costs including insurance. The Rotary Club of Murgon normally meets once a month. Please consider ringing one of the following members for further information.

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Another option, is to become A Friend of Rotary which would allow you to share Rotary's ideals and objectives; participate in functions, etc. but without the necessary commitment of a full member; or for your business to join as a Corporate Member.

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About the Growing Workforce Participation Fund The Growing Workforce Participation Fund (the Fund) is part of the revitalised Back to Work program, which is designed to give businesses the confidence to employ Queenslanders who have experienced a period of unemployment and help workers facing disadvantage in the labour market. The Fund aims to develop partnerships with industry to build longevity and sustainability in the workforce by empowering industry and employers to support jobseekers from identified groups who experience greater disadvantage in the labour market. The fund enables and encourages industry partnerships, including organisations who represent identified groups, to trial new approaches aimed at creating improved job matching, industry specific pre-employment pathways and the development of resources for both jobseekers and employers. The Fund empowers industry to identify and address unique place-based employment challenges, providing opportunities for employers to support jobseekers and aims to create systemic change to encourage greater labour market participation. What is the purpose of the Fund? The Fund will:

- provide new, innovative solutions to industry specific employment concerns
- facilitate industry-led solutions to employment shortages and retention challenges
- provide greater industry-specific support for disadvantaged and vulnerable groups.

Available grant funding Grant funding is available for innovative projects that can assist with breaking down the barriers facing the targeted groups in fully participating in the labour market.

One-off grant funding of \$20,000 up to \$200,000 is available, with one year for successful applicants to complete the project from the signed agreement date.

Funding Guidelines and terms and conditions The Guidelines for Funding and terms and conditions are available at <https://backtowork.initiatives.qld.gov.au/for-industry/>

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Australian Red Cross

The Red Cross will provide financial assistance to people affected by the Queensland or New South Wales floods in 2022.

Applications for the grants open online and via phone from 9am Friday, 18 March 2022. The easiest way to apply for the Relief Grant is online at redcross.org.au/grants. The process is simple, with a few basic checks. For those who do not have internet access or need support with their applications they can call the Red Cross Grants Team 500 RELIEF GRANT For people who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of flood impact to their primary place of residence. This grant aims to help people with urgent needs, such as food, clothes, bedding, fuel or personal items. One grant is available per household on 1800 RED CROSS (1800 733 276).

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New resources available in lead-up to Anzac Day

Wide Bay schools, ex-service organisations and community groups will receive Anzac Day Commemorative packs to help ensure students and the community can learn more about the extraordinary sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said resources packs including a range of materials and commemorative posters had been posted to local schools and groups.

"The 2022 Anzac Day pack contains information including posters commemorating our Anzacs and recognising the 30th anniversary of the Australian peacekeeping mission to Somalia that can be used to help ensure the work of our servicemen and women is never forgotten," Mr O'Brien said.

"This year's pack also includes the Stories of Indigenous Service book which depicts experiences of Indigenous men and women who served during the First and Second World Wars, and is an important acknowledgement of their contribution, bravery and sacrifice."

"Sharing these important stories ahead of Anzac Day helps ensure the tradition of remembrance and commemoration continues, so I encourage schools to make use of these wonderful resources, and encourage community groups to make them available in the lead up to commemorations of Anzac Day across Wide Bay."

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee said the annual materials are provided free by the Australian Government to support local Anzac Day commemorations.

"Anzac Day is one of our most significant and sacred national days and we are committed to ensuring schools and other groups in our community have easy access to resources to help mark it in an appropriate way," Minister Gee said.

"Our nation owes an enormous debt of gratitude to all those who have served our nation, and those who have given their lives in defence of Australia, our freedoms and our values.

"It is vital that, as the years pass, we take on the responsibility to repay that debt by honouring them and ensuring younger Australians know and understand the sacrifice of those who have gone before them."

The Anzac Day 2022 Resource Pack is also available to download on the Department of Veterans' Affairs Anzac Portal: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/.../mailout-anzac-day-2022>



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Residents of Division One will go to the polls on Saturday 30 April 2022, to elect a Councillor following the resignation of Cr Roz Frohloff on 23 March 2022.

“The by-election is an opportunity for community minded citizens to stand for democratic election and join the Council to make key decisions on issues ranging from roads, rates, waste, the environment, developing industry and liveability,” said South Burnett Regional Council CEO, Mark

Pitt. “We are working with the Electoral Commission of Queensland who will conduct the election.”

Key dates for the by-election are: -

- Notice of Election Friday 1 April 2022
- Close of Rolls Thursday 7 April 2022
- Close of Nominations Monday 11 April Midday 2022
- Election Day Saturday 30 April 2022
- Last day for return of postal votes Tuesday 10 May 2022

Division One includes the areas of Nanango, Booie, Wattle Camp, Johnstown, Wyalla, Sandy Ridges, Runnymede, Bullcamp, East Nanango, Glan Devon, Barker Creek Flat, Hodgeleigh, Kunioon and Brooklands.

Mr Pitt said that there would be four days of pre-poll voting available at the Council premises at 48 Drayton Street for those who can't vote on the Saturday.

“The one polling booth open from 8am to 6pm on Saturday 30 April 2022 will be located at the Nanango State School.”

“Nearly 4,000 voters are enrolled in Division One and their choice of local government leader will affect their lives now and in the future.”

“This is grass roots Australian democracy at its best. The more people that turn out and vote on Saturday 30 April 2022, the more representative the outcome will be of the wishes of the people of

Division One,” said Mr Pitt.

For further information contact the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) on 1300 881 665 or visit the ECQ website <https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/election-events/south-burnett-regionalcouncil-division-1-by-election>.

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Without the army of non-member volunteers who roll up the sleeves and get to it, along with the Members, none of our small Shows would not survive.

Proston Show is no exception, and this is a public acknowledgement and thank-you to everyone involved.

Gold Medal volunteers go the extra mile (literally!) to help out old friends. The Proston Show committee and especially the ladies in the Pavilion extend a huge thank-you to two Murgon men, Rodney Hatchett and Leo Geraghty.

These men went over and beyond to help us out when for reasons beyond our control our carefully laid plans for Pavilion improvement were starting to look out of reach for 2022.

Tables to hold the Cake display cases were badly needed, and Rodney made a special effort to have them made in time. When flood-damaged roads made delivery a difficult task, in stepped Leo who volunteered to personally deliver them to Proston in good time to complete our set-up in time for Judging day!

There were a lot of very happy and relieved Pavilion stewards!

The tables are beautifully made and match the lacquered wood of the cases, and everyone will be happy to know that they were filled with a wonderful display of culinary entries.

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Kathy's Comments

Murgon Australia Day Awards

Thank you to the Murgon Dairy Museum for hosting a belated Australia Day event so that we could enjoy an afternoon in a beautiful setting and present awards to some great locals. Congratulations to the MBDA recipients presented by Leo Geraghty OAM. They were Senior Ambassador, David Mollenhauer, Junior Ambassador, Pharrell Chapman, Lifetime Achievement Award, Joy Fennell, Organisation of the Year, Murgon Men's Shed, Cultural Award, Sonia McMahon, Senior Sportsperson, Robbie Zelinski, Junior Sportsperson, Lacy Lee, Volunteer of the Year, Shirley Hickey and Sports Administrator, Candice Sippel. I had the privilege of awarding the South Burnett recipients. They were South Burnett Local Achiever, Sonia McMahon and a tie for Junior Sports person between Lachlan Zelinski and Nathan Roderick.

A call out for Volunteers for our VICs

Council voted recently to request for an extension until June 30th to keep our Visitor Information Centres open with their accredited status. We desperately need to get more volunteers. I plan to step up and do some volunteering as I think that I need to lead by example. Thank you to all those volunteers who are already doing a great job showcasing our region. If anyone is interested, please call Council on 41899100.

Support for BlazeAid

Thank you to Pratt Agencies for the waiver of all their yard fees for our Di Di steer that was auctioned for BlazeAid. Mitch Upton from Teys paid \$2238 that I was able to convert into Murgon gift cards for BlazeAid.

The State Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Major Jake Ellwood visited our region recently. He has appointed Warrant Officer Michael Dowling as our region's Liaison Officer. I travelled with him and showed him some of the damage. He joined in helping the BlazeAid workers on one of the Moffatdale farms. Major Jake has now organised a team to come up and assess the situation with a plan to put several people on the ground to assist the BlazeAid workers.

Thank you to Mayor Otto and his wife Ros for organising two nights of catering for the BlazeAid workers. Ros cooked a Tuna Bake and Mayor Otto had a fun Italiano night with spaghetti bolognaise and pizzas kindly donated by Murgon Pizza Perfection!! Anyone wishing to donate or help out can contact Ron on 0414 088 251.

Fund Raising Breakfasts

Through our Disaster Recovery Team, Council is organising a series of Breakfasts in Kingaroy on April 7, Murgon April 14, Nanango April 21, and Wondai April 28. The Breakfasts will be fundraisers for the farmers. We are also organising a series of Farmer's nights.

Water Projects

The Barilil Weir and the West Barambah project are two important future opportunities for water security for irrigators on Barambah Creek. There was a recent meeting held in the town hall and the project consultants have asked as many irrigators as possible to fill out a Demand Assessment Form with a deadline of 11th of April. For further information the contact is angus.macdonald@kbr.com.au

Hivesville Markets Happening Again

I was excited to attend the AGM of the Hivesville Progress Association and to hear that they are going to start the Markets



up again. I would like to thank the Hivesville Market Committee for running the Markets for over ten years. It was a great effort and has played a vital role in supporting the Hivesville community. The Hivesville Progress Association have taken up the baton and are going to hold their first one on Sunday the 24th of April in Memorial Park. They are excited to offer Tacos for sale as a point of difference along with the usual variety of stalls. Please share the date and come along to support what I know will be a great community event.

To Be Sure, To Be Sure

I had lots of fun dressing up in green for a great St Patrick's Day fundraiser for St Joey's. Thank you to the organisers for bringing the community together for some great food and fun at the Royal Hotel in Murgon.

Mondure Garden Day

Congratulations to the Mondure Hall Committee for an amazing Garden Day. It was inspiring to see a magnificent crowd of people to support this new event for the community.

Lots happening in Proston

The Proston Show and Campdraft were only two weeks apart. The number through the gate and entries at both events was simply wonderful. Congratulations to both committees.

A call out for Volunteers for Proston

It was great to see a large crowd gather in the Proston Hall for a community meeting to discuss the opening of their Community and Information Centre. The centre will include a display from the Proston & District Heritage Association. Anyone who is interested in volunteering, even for just a few hours every now and then, please contact Helen Charity on 0488 288 915.

Contact Details

Please contact me if you wish to raise a matter or make a time to catch up.

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Have Your Say on Kingaroy Memorial Park and WJ Lang Memorial Pool Master Plan Residents of the South Burnett have the opportunity to have their say on the future of Kingaroy's Memorial Park and the WJ Lang Memorial Pool. Over the next few months, a Master Plan will be developed to guide the future development of the South Burnett's much-loved park and pool. Mayor Brett Otto says that Council is committed to investing in the things that matter to our community, and Memorial Park and the pool provide an opportunity to develop a space that will enhance the liveability of our communities. "Memorial Park and the pool have an important history and hold valuable significance for our community.

The land was donated by Mr A Youngman in 1919 to be used as a public park and war memorial site." "When it comes to memorials, our Band Rotunda and Stones of Remembrance are very unique, and our swimming pool was the first Olympic swimming pool built in Queensland." "We want to invest in these sites to ensure they continue to provide quality opportunities that our community can be proud of for years to come. It will be important that we balance this special history with creating a contemporary and attractive space that our community want to visit and are proud of", he said. Sport and leisure planning consultants, Otium Planning Group are leading a team of specialist consultants to assist in developing the master plan. Cr Otto said, "We want to hear from our community to understand what they would like to see at the park and pool in the future." "A comprehensive community engagement approach will be undertaken to ensure residents and community groups have ample opportunity to provide input," Cr Otto said. "This will include meetings with key stakeholders, workshops with representatives of local schools, focus groups, interviews with park users and a community survey."

An online community survey is available on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/> Residents can also express an interest in contributing to the project by emailing info@sbrc.qld.gov.au or phoning Council on 4189 9100



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Resignation – Cr Roz Frohloff



Councillor Roz Frohloff has resigned from South Burnett Regional Council at the March Ordinary meeting effective as of close of business 23 March 2022. Roz joined Council at the March 2016 Council election as a Councillor for Division 1 and was reelected unopposed at the 2020 Local Government Elections. She has been actively involved in many projects including her portfolio areas of water, wastewater and waste management as well as being heavily involved in Council's Local Disaster Management Committee, becoming chair of this Committee in 2020. Councillors have today paid tribute to Roz at the conclusion of the Ordinary meeting and wished her well for the future. Mayor Brett Otto said: "I want to thank Roz for her time serving her Division and the community and for her contribution during her time as a Councillor," he said. "I wish her and her family all the best for the future." The resignation creates a vacancy for Division 1 and in accordance with the Local Government Act, these temporary vacancies are to be filled in eight weeks. Council will work closely with the Electoral Commission of Queensland to progress a by-election for Division 1 to fill the vacancy. Chief Executive Officer Mark Pitt said that interim arrangements will be made to cover the shortterm vacancy for Division 1. In respect to Councillor Frohloff, he noted: "Roz was an extremely hard-working Councillor and will leave large shoes to fill. Her portfolio area knowledge and understanding of community issues was immense and she will be missed by our Council."

Wishing Roz Frohloff all the best in her retirement from Council. Thank you Roz for your many years of service to the community

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Bryan Niebling a former Murgon Footballer who Represented Australia shared a proud moment with daughter Sophie.



Our next NHW Meeting to be held at the Australian Hotel at 6:00 pm is on the 11th April.

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2022 Age Pension Guide now available

The updated 2022 guide to the Age Pension, including payment rates, assets tests and conditions, is now available from the office of the Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien.

"Payment rates, rules and other details for the Age Pension are updated twice a year, and some rules are quite complex so the Age Pension Guide is produced to ensure Wide Bay pensioners have access to up-to-date information that is clear and easy to understand," Mr O'Brien said.

"The March 2022 Age Pension Guide contains information about the guidelines, payments and eligibility tests relating to the Age Pension, as well as commonly asked questions and useful contact telephone numbers."

Mr O'Brien said a range of factors could affect Age Pension payments, including the income and asset tests, deeming rates and other provisions.

"These asset tests and other provisions are adjusted from time to time and can change the amount of assistance that pensioners are entitled to receive, so it is important that people have access to the latest information about the support that is available.

"The Guide also provides helpful information about the Pension Bonus and Work Bonus Schemes, the Carer Payment and Allowance, and health and concession cards that are available to pensioners."

People on the mailing list should receive their copy of the Guide in the post this week. It is also available free of charge and can be ordered by telephoning 4121 2936, or downloaded through the One Stop Shop section of Mr O'Brien's website at <https://llewobrien.com.au/one-stop-shop/>

Cancer Support

The Cancer Support Group meets every Tuesday morning in the uniting church hall between 10 and 12. We start with tea or coffee and a biscuit. We are a very friendly group who love to talk and share our experiences. We love to welcome anyone who has been touched by cancer, whether you are still in treatment, are in remission, or have been given the "all clear". Support persons are just as welcome. We hope to see you if you would like company and support on your journey.

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Shed Men

All Men & young Blokes are invited to the 47th meeting of The BARAMBAH SHED MEN

At John Allen's shed at 482 Flats Rd, Mundure.

Turn west off Bunya Hwy onto Kangaroo Yard Rd between Murgon and Wondai then turn left onto Byee Rd for approx.. 300m then turn onto Flats Rd for 4.8km. Covid Rules Apply.

We do want your company, but if feeling slightly unwell for every else's sake Please stay home.

1st Speaker: John Allen was a farmer in the Glasshouse area before buying property in Byee and Mundure areas. John will have a story to tell about his time in these areas.

2nd Speaker: Les Penroes is a chaplain of the Proston, Nanango and Kilkivan schools. Les will share what chaplains do and how they help children during their school years.

DATE: Saturday 28th May 2022

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- **Red Cross Flood appeal** - Donate to help Qld and NSW people affected by the floods.
- **Bizrebuild** - Vouchers for businesses affected by the floods.
- **Qld Seniors Month Grants** - Up to \$1,000 for Seniors month events. Closes 30 April.
- **Emergency Management Review for Floods** - Have your say. Submissions open until 19th April.
- **Dept Ag Natural Disaster Impact Survey** - Impacted SEQ farmers can inform DAF of damage and losses via this survey.
- **Extraordinary Disaster Assistance Recovery Grants** - Up to \$75K for primary producers, \$50,000 for small business, \$20,000 for clubs & associations
- **Small Business Disaster Hub** - resources to help businesses respond and recover
- **Small Business Survey** - Survey for flood-affected business owners
- **Sport & Rec Disaster Recovery Program** - Supports not-for-profit sport and recreation organisations with funding to re-establish their facilities
- **2022 Flood Recovery Rapid Assessment Tool** - Healthy Land & Water is coordinating a rapid flood recovery response following the devastating extreme rainfall event across South East Queensland.
- **2021 Regional Telecommunications Review** - Federal Review of the telecommunications in regional areas
- **Telehealth** - See you GP or specialist by telehealth. Especially important if you are in a flood affected area,
- **GIVIT** - helping link those in need with donations of goods and services
- **Japanese encephalitis virus** - Public Health Information
- **Telstra Disaster Relief** - Assistance packages for Telstra customers
- **Lifeline Crisis Chat** - 24/7 confidential support
- **Primary Producer Damage Survey** - Coordinated by Agforce. Click on the map to locate your property and complete a set of flood extent questions
- **Qld Greats Awards** - Nominations extended until 8th April
- **Multicultural Qld Advisory Council** - Nominate - Closes 11th April.
- **Community Sustainability Action Grants** - Grants up to \$20,000 for community-led conservation projects in state-owned greenspaces.
- **Drought Preparedness Programs** - New range of drought assistance programs.
- **Live Music Support Program** - Funding to help live music venues. Closes 18th April.
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- **Public Health and Social Measures linked to vaccination status**



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**Proudly supporting the
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A Special Meeting of Murgon Men's Shed Inc. is called for on Wednesday 6th. April 2022 start at 10.30 am.

Notice of motion is attached and also displayed in the Smoko Room, this will be the only agenda for the meeting.

Item 1.

On the 9th February 22 we had a special meeting and ratified changes to our constitution so as we could gain charity status.

This was achieved, and the next step was approval from the ATO to gain DGR Status (Donor Gift Recipient Status). However they require further changes to our constitution before this can happen. DGR Status allows anyone to give the Shed a donation then they able to claim this as a deduction and gain tax relief.

Item 2.

Jim Rook's good wife is to take on the production of a bi-monthly newsletter for the Shed. For those newer members we did this some years back, and all and sundry thought it a success. So guys any assistance to make this happen would be appreciated.

What is wanted is any news or photos concerning our Shed or its members.

Please don't ring Jim or Lorriane Rook. This just creates extra work for them to write, compile the article and include in the newsletter.

You do the hard work. Write the article include photos, so as it can be downloaded direct to the Newsletter.

Send it via email to:- jimbo52@dodo.com Must be in Lorriane's Hands prior to 15th. April 2022

If you don't have email ask your mate to do it for you.

This won't succeed unless as many as possible pitch in. All the best.

Item 3.

Finally after many, many emails and phone conversations the Shed is right to go with our larger grant which was for the purchase of a shed and its erection. Shed has been ordered but delivery will be some time away, with the build to happen later in the year.

Allen

Murgon Town Hall Precinct

Invitation to offer - South Burnett Regional Council is seeking offers for the lease of three (3) shop spaces located at 66-70 Lamb St Murgon.

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Submissions close at 2:00pm on Friday 29 April 2022.

Invitation to offer documents can be accessed here:
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2022 South Burnett Wine Region Vintage Report

La Nina, La Nina, La Nina!

Wow, when she turns up, don't you know it!

The South Burnett Wine Region has experienced one of its most difficult vintages. Frequent rain events totalling in excess of 700mm during the growing season, coupled with a large number of rain days and very little sunshine, were the cards we were dealt.



So, how does the fruit respond and what impact does this have on wine quality for the 2022 vintage?

First, some varieties survive and thrive. Verdelho, the region's signature variety, stood tall. It ripened early and some fruit was harvested before the New Year, but the majority in early January. Fruit condition overall was good with generous tropical flavours and crisp acidity.

Viognier with its thick skin also handled the conditions well while the new planting of Fiano were a standout.

The thin-skinned varieties such as Vermentino and Semillon were vulnerable to the rain and will need clever and caring attention in the wineries.

The reds were similar, Tempranillo was temperamental, with excessive vigour and thin skins an unhappy match. Shiraz had similar issues, however fruit delivered to the region's wineries in sound condition will see high quality wines.

Saperavi, Montepulciano and Cabernet Sauvignon withstood the frequent deluges providing excellent fruit for growers and winemakers alike. Rich, dark fruit flavours with soft tannins were prominent, holding great promise for the finished product.

Too often the common response from industry wine regions is that the current vintage is the "best ever". But with the 2022 daily rainfall figures in the South Burnett often matching Bradman's batting average, both viticulturists and winemakers were significantly tested. Fortunately, the evolution and improvements in both viticultural and winery practices in the last 25 years will enable some very smart wines to emerge from this challenging vintage.

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Murgon RSL Sub Branch receives recognition in Australia Day Awards



Liz Williamson was awarded an Australia Day award by Bill Whitburn OAM, Vice President RSL Queensland at the Wide Bay & Burnett District RSL AGM Dinner on 5 March 2022.

The award was presented for

- Supporting Murgon RSL Sub branch as secretary and support for Goomeri Chapter
- Auxiliary work including recruiting new members
- Fundraising and merchandise sales
- Liz provided valuable support during the development of the Veterans Welfare Drop-In Centre
- Constantly sourcing of grant funding
- Assisting other Sub Branches
- Working tirelessly in supporting others

Two awards are presented each year in the Wide Bay & Burnett District. The other award was presented to Mike Robbins from Boyne-Tannum RSL Sub Branch.

The Sub Branch congratulates Liz on her award and thanks RSL Queensland for continuing to recognise the valuable contribution of our volunteers.

WHAT'S ON @ SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES



April 2022 | www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries

ANZAC Day Event

On Friday 22 April 2022, The Kingaroy RSL branch together with South Burnett Libraries will be hosting an Anzac Day event in the Kingaroy Town Hall Supper Room.



This event will be attended by students from three local high schools to raise awareness in the younger generations and support topics they are currently studying in Modern History within their curriculum.

Some of the proposed topics are as follows:

- Origins of WW1 and why Australians went to Gallipoli
- Origins of ANZAC Day
- Memorials and statues in Kingaroy area
- War poems

These addresses would be supplemented with the 2021 presentations on the bugle, bagpipes, medals, dog tags, etc. Starting at 9am and concluding around 11.30am the featured guest speakers and veterans will have the chance to mingle with attendees and discuss display items whilst enjoying some light refreshments. Kingaroy Library will have a display in the supper room for browsing and Mayor Otto will be involved in the proceedings.

Wondai Library Stitch & Chat Group



If you are keen to be part of a social group of quilters and embroiderers, the Wondai Library will be hosting a monthly group on the first Wednesday of each month from 2.00pm.

Bring along your hand stitched project and have a chat.

Those who wish to attend are encouraged to book by contacting South Burnett Libraries on (07) 4189 9256.

JP Service Resumes at Kingaroy Library

Community members requiring a JP service can once again access this service each weekday from 12 noon - 2 pm at the Kingaroy Library.

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Tech Help at South Burnett Libraries

The Kingaroy, Nanango and Wondai Libraries host weekly tech help sessions designed to assist members of the community who wish to learn more about technology and the internet.

Tech Help Sessions:

- Kingaroy Library 2.00pm – 3.30pm every Monday
- Nanango Library 2.30pm - 3.30pm every Tuesday and Friday
- Wondai Library 9.00am - 10.00am every Wednesday

Bookings are essential for these sessions due to COVID restrictions.

Please contact South Burnett Libraries on (07) 4189 9256 to secure a place.

Expression of Interest - Wondai Library Book Club



Are you a book worm living in Wondai or the surrounding area?

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South-Burnett-Libraries

The death occurred in Brisbane on February 26th of Sr Teresa Geraghty OAM, a member of the Presentation Order of nuns, who spent much of her childhood in the South Burnett.

Sr Teresa was the daughter of railway station master Thomas Geraghty and his wife Lilian. She was a sister to Kevin and Paul (both deceased), Leo Geraghty (Murgon), Dennis Geraghty, Monica O’Shea and Colleen Ryan (Brisbane).

Thirty-two members of her large extended family travelled from Murgon, Laidley and the Gold Coast to attend her funeral at St Joan of Arc Catholic Church, Herston, on March 8th.

Sr Teresa was born in Gatton in 1941. At the time the family were living in Helidon where her father was employed by Queensland Railways.

Her father’s occupation would take her to many towns in Queensland, including Monkland, Babinda and Chillagoe before the family moved to the South Burnett. Sr Teresa was in Year 2 when the family arrived in Tingoora in 1949. She later attended school in Yarraman and Proston. In 1956, at the age of 14 years, she went to Brisbane to board at St Rita’s College, Clayfield where her older sister Monica was already boarding.

Her decision to join the Presentation Order of nuns was made in 1958 when she was only 16 years. She remained in the Order until her death at the age of 80 years.

During that time she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Queensland, was a teacher at St Rita’s College, principal at Our Lady’s College, Longreach, and a pastoral worker in the Cleveland area east of Brisbane. She also had certificates in aged care, dementia care and palliative care.

Probably the work for which she is best remembered began in 1980 when she was asked to manage the Presentation Order’s aged care facility for elderly nuns at Nagle House, Manly.

For the next 30 years, she involved the wider aged community in this work and the door of Nagle House was opened to visitors from all walks of life.

Together, residents and visitors enjoyed weekly morning teas and prayer sessions and raised thousands of dollars for charity by making and selling all manner of crafts. In one year alone, this group under her leadership raised \$14,000. Money was sent to India, Africa, Papua New Guinea and given to many local charities and individuals in need.



It was for her service to aged welfare, the local community and to charitable organisations that Sr Teresa was awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2010.

For her listing in Australian Who’s Who she was asked what things in life made her happy.

She replied:

“Seeing the joy and peace that people can get from simple acts of kindness.

A wave, as we let someone into the traffic,

A touch to someone who’s a bit down,

A smile and a kind word to someone serving us ...

These are such small things but these are the things that make a difference and cheer others along the way.”

She faced serious health issues in the latter part of her life and was living in retirement at Herston convent at the time of her death.

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Ron Murphy Blaze Aid Coordinator Murgon.

The generosity of this community never fails to amaze me. Thank you so much Kathy for your support and also Paul Pratt for putting community first.

ANZAC DAY WONDAI

Dawn Service	March from Post Office	5.00am
Cemetary memorial Service	Wondai Cemetery	8.00am
Wondai Commemorial Service	March from Post Office	10.00am
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*HAY RUN for NSW

Steve Dunn is organising a Hay Run soon for northern NSW. They will be calling on as many locals as possible to donate some hay bales to help feed stock etc as it will be many months ahead before the soils recover enough to grow good feed again following the devastating floods in that region. More information will be coming out soon about the Hay Run.



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Murgon Report 22/03/22

1400 were yarded by the Combined Agents in Murgon on Tuesday. Values for all descriptions eased on the previous sale. Weaner heifers tended to remain fairly firm. Heavy Bulls sold to \$3.57 per kilogram and \$3450.00. Bullocks topped at \$4.35 per kilogram and \$3490.00. Cows over 500 kilograms topped at \$3.81 per kilogram and \$2500.00. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$3.70 per kilogram for \$1790.00. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$3.35 for an average of \$2.75 per kilogram. Export heifers sold to \$4.10 per kilogram and \$2230.00. Cattle were drawn from Theodore, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Biggenden, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Nanango, Kilkivan & local areas. 520 kg Charbray steers sold to \$5.52 c/kg for \$2860.00. Santa/Gelbvieh steers from Johnstown sold for \$2720.00 at \$5.20 c/kg. 2 pens of Santa steers from Barambah sold for \$5.52 c/kg to return \$2640.00 & \$2400.00 respectively. 4500 kg Charolais steers from Gayndah sold for \$5.60 c/kg and \$2520.00. 2 pens of Santa steers from Mundubbera sold for \$2430.00 & \$2400.00 at \$5.56 c/kg. Santa steers from Theodore sold for \$6.52 c/kg for \$2470.00 & \$2210.00 (378 & 339 kg). Charbray weaner steers from Manyung sold for \$7.00 c/kg and \$1965.00. Charbray weaner steers ex Biggenden sold to \$2020.00 at \$6.70 c/kg. Brangus weaner steers from Nanangio sold for \$7.42 c/kg and \$1610.00. Angus weaner steers from Proston sold for \$1720.00 at \$7.30 c/kg. Local Brangus steers sold to \$7.54 c/kg for \$1020.00. Light Murray Grey steers sold to \$7.34 c/kg and \$1460.00. Local 400 kg Brahman cross heifers sold to \$5.00 c/kg and \$2025.00. 3 pens of Santa heifers ex Theodore sold for \$6.48 c/kg for \$1966.00 and 303 kg. Angus cross weaner heifers from Tansey sold for \$1420.00 at \$6.92 c/kg. Angus cross weaner heifers from Nanango sold for \$6.90 c/kg returning \$1670.00. Braford weaner heifers from Boobyjan sold for \$1450.00 at \$6.88 c/kg. Light Gelbvieh cross heifers sold for \$7.00 c/kg and \$1260.00. A small number of Cows & Calves were yarded selling to \$2700.00. The next Murgon sale will be on Tuesday the 5 th of April at 8.00 am.

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ANZAC DAY 2022



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MURGON

DAWN SERVICE

4.45am - Fellowship at Diggers Room (Rum & Milk) for RSL Members.

5.15am - Guard Mounted

5.20am - Service men and women fall in and march to the cenotaph

5.30am - Service commences

A "GUNFIRE BREAKFAST" will be held in the Diggers Room following the service.

MARCH AND SERVICE

The March steps off at 9.45am (Parade assembles from 9am in the car park of the Murgon Services Club) with Mr Brock Kiehne taking the salute and giving the address.

There will be a flyover from the RAAF during the march.

Refreshments provided in the Diggers Room following the service. Note – Under current Qld Government guidelines anyone entering the Club premises must be fully vaccinated.

Anyone who would like to either March on the day to represent their organisation or would like to lay a wreath, please contact , Kevin Gill on 0438 015 684 no later than Tuesday 19th April.

GOOMERI

DAWN SERVICE

5.15am – Dawn Service held at Memorial Clock, Cnr Wide Bay & Burnett Hwy, Goomeri.

A "GUNFIRE BREAKFAST" will be held at Joe's Grant Hotel following the service

7.30am – Pilgrimage to the Cemetery – Meet at the Cemetery, Goomeri West Road, Goomeri.

MARCH & SERVICE

9.45am – Assemble at Dickinson's Park. March to cenotaph for wreath laying followed by Service in Hall of Memory.

Please contact David Pitstock on 0427 169 043 with any questions.

CHERBOURG

MARCH & SERVICE

Commencing at 8am - Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg.



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LIGHT UP THE DAWN

As a supplement to local commemoration activities, RSL Queensland will once again – by popular demand from the community – assist with a Light Up the Dawn marketing campaign for those who wish to show their support for veterans in this way.

In the coming weeks, a map of services and commemorative activities across the State will be published on the RSL Queensland website when they are confirmed.

As information comes to hand, it will be advertised in the Murgon Moments, on posters and on the Murgon RSL Sub Branch Facebook Page. Or call the Sub Branch on Tel. 0427 915 533.

Regardless of the form this year's Anzac Day commemorations take, let's show that Australians will always remember those who have served and sacrificed for this nation.

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Murgon Show Society News

It was agreed to stand with the previous decision to not hold a full Show this year but to go ahead and run a mini-show with a Stud Beef Cattle & Prime Cattle Show with the stock and their owners arriving on the Saturday afternoon leading into a Canteen and Live Music running on the Saturday night. In conjunction with a day time Rodeo on the weekend of 9th & Sunday morning the 10th July 2022. Our next show society meeting will be held on 14th April at the office SB PCYC building 7.00pm all welcome.



Categories would be: • Open Bulls • Novice Bulls • Over 40's Senior Bulls • Under 18 Junior Bulls • Under 15 Mini Bulls • Under 12 Mini Bulls

Sponsorship for these events is invited, please phone 0439686230 to register your financial interest & Support.

*We wish everyone a holy, safe &
enjoyable Easter*



We sadly mourn the loss of:

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DUNCAN (Snr), Robert 'Bimbo', Formerly of Brisbane, Late of Cherbourg

DYNEVOR, Lucas Alfred , Late of Cherbourg

DAVIDSON, Bowman Herbert, Late of Cherbourg

FISHER, Duane Andrew Brian, Late of Cherbourg

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To assist the farmers in the area, Murgon Lions have received a grant of \$3,000 from the Lions Disaster Fund and have donated this amount to Blazeaid to purchase fencing etc to carry out their good work.

The funds will be paid to Nutrien Ag Solutions in Murgon who will establish a Line of Credit to Blaze Aid for these purchases.

Murgon Lions also donated \$500 in IGA Vouchers to Blazeaid for assist in food purchases.

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JT Academy South Burnett Community Tour MONDAY, 23RD OF MAY:

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The Johnathan Thurston Academy launched in February 2018, with our key strength being our robust employment, community, and education engagement platforms and capability.

We are a powerful brand and a national ambassador of positive messaging. Johnathan Thurston is the major shareholder, Managing Director, and driver of the Academy who leads his team with a passion for his culture and our nation's youth.

The Johnathan Thurston Academy is fast becoming a leading national provider of outstanding employment initiatives and community programs aimed at employment, education and well-being. We develop and deliver high-quality programs equipping participants with the right skills, knowledge, and attributes to make a significant and positive future impact. Through strong partnerships, we are committed to supporting individuals to reach personal, educational, and career goals.

We will be coming to Murgon:
Murgon State High School 9 AM
Murgon Men's Shed for sausage sizzle 12 midday
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SPEAK TO THE TEAM
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Rail Trail Repairs to Commence



Following significant damage caused by flooding to the Rail Trail over recent months, Council has now authorised temporary repairs. Multiple damage occurred to sections of the rail trail, between Wondai and Murgon and to the Goomeri boundary, which are currently still closed.

Following a recent quotation process, a local contractor has been appointed to conduct repairs between Murgon and the Goomeri boundary, with this section sustaining serious damage. Works will commence immediately with estimated completion by the end of the month, subject to further rain delays. Repairs to other sections between Wondai and Murgon are to be conducted by Council work crews. Such works have commenced and will be completed by the end of the month. Once all work is completed, the South Burnett section of the KKRT Rail Trail will fully reopen, with caution to be observed by all users.

Permanent repairs will be conducted at a future date, subject to budget allocation and following investigations into available funding. Temporary repairs are being paid for by Council, with other projects being delayed based on priority and community expectations. Further updates and re-opening dates of the Rail Trail will be provided.



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MAJOR FUNDING BOOST FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS WIDE BAY

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien has welcomed a \$500 million funding boost which will see more road and community infrastructure projects rolled out across Wide Bay, supporting local jobs.

Mr O'Brien said local communities would benefit from the funding provided to Wide Bay councils through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program in the 2022-23 Budget.

"This funding injection gives our Councils greater capacity to prioritise important upgrades to local roads, community halls, playgrounds, parks and sports facilities that will help our communities stay connected, vibrant places to live," Mr O'Brien said.

"By providing more time for planning and construction, local governments will be able to consider a broader range of priority projects and potentially undertake larger, more complex developments to deliver even greater benefits for the community and more local jobs through construction and local supply chains."

Councils in Wide Bay will receive the following payment through the Phase 3 extension of the LRCI Program:

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council - \$39,849

Fraser Coast Regional Council - \$1,912,057

Gympie Regional Council - \$1,361,802

Noosa Council - \$790,346

South Burnett Regional Council - \$1,644,465

Sunshine Coast Regional Council - \$3,653,767

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said the quick delivery of projects under the LRCI Program will stimulate local economies.

"This highly successful program has supported an estimated 9,000 jobs and nearly 7,900 individual projects," the Deputy Prime Minister said.

"Our additional funding brings the total Commonwealth Government commitment to the Local Roads and Community Program to \$3 billion.

"Delivering more local road and community infrastructure projects will make our towns and communities stronger and wealthier, and that is why we continue to invest in this vital initiative."

Assistant Minister for Local Government Kevin Hogan said the program forms part of the Liberal and Nationals commitment to back local councils and their communities through COVID-19 and secure a stronger future out the other side of the pandemic.

"Local councils have been putting in some hard yards supporting their communities through the toughest times of the last few years, so I'm thrilled to be putting even more funding in their hands to help them do that," Assistant Minister Hogan said.

"This program also asks local councils to use local businesses and workforces to deliver their projects where possible and that's exactly what we have been seeing, meaning these funds continue to flow on to hard-working Aussies, their families, and then back into their communities."

Councils will be able to access funding through the LRCI Phase 3 extension from July 2023.

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Well done, Goomeri! Great support for BlazeAid.



With the help of more than 10 volunteers cooking in-store, donated baked goods from many customers and friends, as well as the generous financial support of locals we delivered more than \$1300 worth of meals, snacks, nibbles and grocery essentials to the Murgon Blaze Aid Camp.

There were tears, laughs and an overwhelming sense of community and we are very proud to have been involved with this amazing project. Shortly we will try and acknowledge all our amazing volunteers, contributors and bakers personally but in the meantime here are some pics from our amazing day at FoodWorks Goomeri for our BlazeAid Murgon cook-up.

Many thanks from Blaze Aid Murgon

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- For information on Personal Hardship Assistance and Essential Services Hardship Assistance, contact the Community Recovery Hotline 1800 173 349 or visit www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies.

Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment

- Support for eligible people adversely affected by the South-East Queensland (QLD) Floods in February 2022 [South East Queensland Floods, February 2022 - Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment - Services Australia](#) This is different to the January 2022 [Queensland Floods, January 2022 - Natural disaster - Services Australia](#)

Essential Services Safety and Reconnection Grant

- Financial assistance is available to individuals and families to contribute towards safety inspections of and repairs to residential essential services (i.e. electricity, gas, water and sewerage) damaged by an eligible disaster. Contact 1800 173 349 or visit www.chde.qld.gov.au

Essential Household Contents Grant

- If you are uninsured, or unable to claim insurance, you may be eligible for financial assistance to provide a contribution towards replacing or repairing essential household contents, such as beds, linen and whitegoods, that have been lost or damaged in a disaster. More information is available at [Essential Household Contents Grant](#) or by phoning the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349 where a customer service officer will assist you to complete an online application.

Structural Assistance Grant

- If you're uninsured, or unable to claim insurance, you may be eligible for a one-off payment as a contribution towards repairs to your home to make it secure and safe. More information is available at [Structural Assistance Grant](#) or by phoning the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349

Emergency Hardship Assistance Grant

- The Emergency Hardship Assistance Grant is available as a contribution to support people directly impacted by a disaster to who are unable to meet their immediate essential needs for food, clothing, medical supplies or temporary accommodation. More information is available at [Emergency Hardship Assistance Grant](#) by phoning the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349

Assistance for primary producers:

- Primary producers across the region impacted by the recent ex-Tropical Cyclone Seth rainfall event can apply for natural disaster recovery assistance. For more information or to apply visit qrida.qld.gov.au or free call 1800 623 946.

Freight Subsidies for Primary Producers are also available to assist primary producers impacted by an eligible disaster with the transport of livestock, fodder or water for livestock, building, fencing equipment or machinery to the primary producer's home property. Contact Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 or www.daf.qld.gov.au

Assistance for small business:

- Disaster Assistance for Small Businesses is available at www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/protecting-business/disaster-resilience/assistance or calling the 1800 623 946.

Assistance for sporting clubs and organisations:

- Disaster recovery funding is available for eligible sporting clubs and organisations. More information can be found here: www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/disaster-recovery

Telstra Disaster Relief:

- For eligible individuals and business, free data, long term assistance and payment relief assistance is available. More information can be found here [Telstra - Disaster Relief](#) or by calling 1800 888 888.

Donations:

Anyone wanting to donate to those in need – PLEASE READ this important message from GIVIT - www.facebook.com/givit.org.au/photos/a.158549560878919/4868154933251668/

NAB Offers \$1,000 Grants to Customers

National Australia Bank (NAB) will be providing \$1,000 grants to customers and colleagues affected by the Queensland floods, on top of its disaster-relief packages announced last Friday.

Eligible customers can use the \$1,000 grant for personal necessities such as temporary accommodation, food and clothing. They can also opt for the \$1,000 business grant to cover the cost of damaged property, equipment and fencing, as well as for the loss of stock.

Customers are encouraged to call NAB Assist on **1300 308 132** or visit www.nab.com.au/disaster, while business and agribusiness customers who wish to access the grants can contact NAB on **1300 769 650**.

The Red Cross has a range of resources to support communities in the aftermath of disasters. They address the practical aspects of recovery (such as Cleaning up after an emergency), as well as psychosocial and well-being needs (such as Looking after yourself and your family after a disaster). Please use the below links should you wish to make these resources available on your website and disaster dashboard for the benefits of our community.

[Link to all Red Cross emergency resources](#)

[Dealing with the stress of an emergency: Audio](#)

[Coping with a major personal crisis: Booklet – Audio – Easy English – Large Print](#)

[Cleaning up after an emergency \(Dealing with wind and water damage\): Booklet – Easy English](#)

[Looking after yourself and your family after disasters – Booklet](#)

[After the emergency \(A book to help kids cope with emergencies\) – Booklet](#)

[Talking with children after an emergency – Factsheet](#)

[Helping children and young people cope with crisis – Booklet](#)

[Parenting: Coping with crisis – Booklet](#)

South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group

Fourteen members arrived at our first meeting for the year dressed in their best Autumn outfits. Phil certainly stood out in his colourful sunflower shirt and he took the prize for the most striking attire. Merrillyn's choko and date cake went down well with a cuppa. Ancy provided the chocolate biscuits & Alison had prepared a tasty lemon slice. Poems and jokes by Col, Phil and Merrillyn made for a happy meeting. To keep us laughing, each person was asked to imitate a bird call. Ancy won hands down with her kookaburra call. The best Autumn word was awarded to Ancy but she donated her prize to Elva who had chosen a similar word. Lyn's meeting contribution was a self penned poem "Do Things Change For The Better". Phil and Merrillyn each received a birthday chocolate to celebrate their 26th?? birthdays.

Our **Sharing Session** gave each person the chance to talk about their own Parkinson's experience. There was further time for general chit chat, which there was plenty of, as we had had a four month break.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY APRIL 26. Please note the April meeting will be one day later due to the Anzac Holiday. TIME: **10.00 a.m.** VENUE: Yet to be finalised.

All community members are welcome to attend any of our meetings. There is no joining fee and the meetings alternate between social morning teas and Guest Speakers. Parkinson's Disease is a neurological disease with a variety of symptoms. This disease is characterised by deterioration over time. There is presently no cure. Famous people with Parkinson's include Michael J Fox (actor), Neil Diamond(singer), Billy Connolly(comedian) and Linda Ronstadt (singer).

Carmen Emery-Strathdee, Coordinator, South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group. 07 5486 1268

Photo: League Members John Atkins & Tom Le-Page express their gratitude to RSL President Wally Jacobson (centre) for the transport assistance to vital hospital & medical appointments.



Congratulations to the incoming executive of Blackbutt RSL Sub Branch following the AGM on Sunday 6th March.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of RSL Sub Branches. They help us ensure that the valuable programs, services and activities we offer truly help those who need them – that is, our Veterans and their dependants.

Members and volunteers not only help organise and conduct commemorative events such as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and other commemorative days, they also perform vital support roles.

If you want to be involved, please consider how you can direct your volunteer skills and knowledge to be of greatest benefit to our services.

We undertake all manner of charitable or other work to further the objects; • raise money to secure sufficient funds for the purposes of the organisation; and • receive any funds and distribute these funds in a manner that best attains the objects of the RSL. Contact: - blackbuttrsl@gmail.com



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Thank you to the wonderful people from Pizza Perfection Murgon for donating the beautiful pizzas to help Mayor Brett Otto with his Italian night where he cooked spaghetti bolognese for the BlazeAid volunteers!! It was also Linda from BlazeAid's birthday & Mayor Otto presented her with flowers!!

Wild Dog & Feral Pig Control Program

South Burnett Regional Council in conjunction with Biosecurity Queensland will be participating in a coordinated Wild Dog & Feral Pig Control Program. Failure to control wild dogs and feral pigs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control declared pests on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility.

Baiting stations will be held throughout the South Burnett from Monday 16 May 2022 to Monday 23 May 2022.

All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Tuesday 10 May 2022.

For further information and to register your intention of attending a baiting station please contact

Council's Stock Route and Pest Officer on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Reunion Marks 50th Anniversary



Jo Byrns, Jenny Doherty, Noela Rewald and Marilyn Weier shared happy memories at a reunion lunch for current and former staff to celebrate Murgon Hospital's 50th anniversary

Almost 40 current and former Murgon Hospital staff got together at the Murgon Services Club recently for a reunion lunch to mark the hospital's 50th anniversary.

Guests came from as far afield as Bribie Island, Toowoomba, Nambour and Cotton Tree to join locals for the informal get-together.

A highlight of the event was the unveiling of a photobook prepared by retired operational officer Muriel Schultz, who worked at the hospital for almost 18 years .

Muriel said she has spent the past four years researching the history of Murgon Hospital and tracking down many of the staff who had worked there.

She found that although Murgon was founded in 1906 when the first town blocks were put on sale, and became a Shire when it split from the neighbouring Weinholt (ie Wondai) and Kilkivan Shires in 1914, it took until 1936 for a maternity hospital to be built in the town.

Local residents then had to wait a further 35 years for this facility to be expanded to a more broadly based hospital in 1971 when outpatients, casualty and X-ray services were added to the maternity hospital's facilities in a new, purpose-built building.

Since then, the hospital has become a much-appreciated facility in the Murgon district.

It has also saved many locals from being forced to make long trips to hospitals in Wondai and Kingaroy for more complex medical attention, which was common in Murgon until the early 1970s.

At the lunch, guests shared stories about their work and many tales about the sometimes stressful, sometimes funny moments that are part and parcel of most nursing careers.



Helen Steinhardt, Pam Berlin and Helen Tucker shared memories over lunch



Gertrude Ehrl, Heather Woodall and Judy Fuller



Luncheon guests packed out the Murgon Services Club's dining room for the anniversary reunion



After the lunch, guests gathered together for an informal group photo

Murgon Celebrates Local Excellence



MBDA president Leo Geraghty and local councillor Kathy Duff with a bunch of proud Australia Day award recipients on Saturday afternoon



David Mollenhauer, from the Murgon Men's Shed, was presented with the MBDA Senior Ambassador award by MBDA president Leo Geraghty OAM



Cr Kathy Duff presented Nathan Roderick with the South Burnett Regional Council Junior Sportsman of the Year Award and a cheque for \$500

A small thing like a worldwide pandemic can't stop Murgon from stopping to honour its finest citizens in true blue Australia Day style.

COVID restrictions forced the Murgon Business and Development Association to postpone its Australia Day

Awards ceremony on January 26, but the group always planned to reschedule it as the rules eased.

The big day arrived on Saturday, with award recipients packing the tin shed at the Queensland Dairy Industry Museum to listen to speeches and receive their awards.

The MBDA Senior Ambassador award was presented to Murgon Men's Shed president David Mollenhauer.

Junior Ambassador was top local boxer and former Murgon SHS captain Pharrell Chapman.

Joy Fennell was recognised for her years of work with the Murgon Swimming Club, Barambah United Football Club, Apex, Murgon Girls Guides, Murgon Show Society, Gumnut Place, Murgon SHS, Murgon State School P&C and Dairy Museum.

Lacy Lee received the MBDA Junior Sportsperson award for her rugby league career. During the past 12 months she has earned multiple awards playing for the South Burnett and Wide Bay and was named the Junior Female Eagle of the Year.

Sonia McMahon, the founder and organiser of the Rockin' Our Abilities fun and failure-free music group, received both MBDA and SBRC awards. The group held its first live performance for the public in June last year and plans to hold more public performances later this year.

MBDA president Leo Geraghty OAM emphasised the awards could only go to a few.

"To those who haven't won an award, don't think your work hasn't been noticed," he said.

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Full List Of Awards

MBDA Awards:

Senior Ambassador – David Mollenhauer

Junior Ambassador – Pharrell Chapman

Lifetime Achievement Award – Joy Fennell

Organisation Of The Year – Murgon Men's Shed

Cultural Award – Sonia McMahon

Senior Sportsperson – Robbie Zelinski

Junior Sportsperson – Lacy Lee

Volunteer Of The Year – Shirley Hickey

Sports Administrator – Candice Sippel

South Burnett Regional Council Awards:

Junior Sportsperson Of The Year (joint winner) – Lachlan Zelinski

Junior Sportsperson Of The Year (joint winner) – Nathan Roderick

Murgon Local Achiever Award – Sonia McMahon



The Murgon Men's Shed was presented with the MBDA Organisation of the Year award



Sonia McMahon, second from left, was presented with the South Burnett Regional Council Local Achiever award (Murgon) by Cr Kathy Duff, while Leo Geraghty presented her with the MBDA Cultural Award ... Sonia is pictured with Andy Goodchild, part of the Rockin' Our Abilities group that Sonia started and runs



Lacy Lee, who plays league with the South Burnett Eagles, was presented with the MBDA Junior Sports person award by Leo Geraghty



Shirley Hickey was presented with the MBDA's Volunteer of the Year award



BlazeAid Murgon camp co-ordinator Ron "Spud" Murphy and volunteer Linda Hibbard were invited to speak to the crowd ... BlazeAid volunteers are clearing and repairing fences in the Tansey and Boobyjan and Bye-Mondure areas after the recent floods (some multiple times); Ron praised the generosity of the Murgon and South Burnett community, saying \$14,000 worth of items including, food and fuel, had been donated to support the camp's work.



MBDA president Leo Geraghty OAM introduced other members of his executive, including treasurer Lorraine Goodchild, vice-president Lance Rea and newly elected Joy Fennell



Pine timber donated by Jason and Amy Wicks from their property on Gesslers Road. to the Murgon Men's Shed.

“Aboriginal Soldier”

Lee Porter reaches the finals of the Gallipoli Art Prize

Lee’s painting “Aboriginal Soldier” has reached the finals of the Gallipoli Art Prize. Lee said, “I wanted to honour the soldiers from Cherbourg who fought in WW1 and WW2 long before they were even considered Australian citizens. To me, it showed what an incredible sense of “country” and courage these young men had.”

Prize money of **\$20,000** is awarded to the who best depicts the spirit of the Gallipoli Campaign as expressed in the Club’s “Creed”.

The Club’s Creed is:

We believe that within the community there exists an obligation for all to preserve the special qualities of loyalty, respect, love of country, courage and comradeship which were personified by the heroes of the



Gallipoli Campaign and bequeathed to all humanity as a foundation for perpetual peace and universal freedom.

Each competitor must either have been born in Australia, New Zealand or Turkey or hold Australian, New Zealand or Turkish citizenship.

Acrylic on Bark and Canvas with real emu feathers.

Federal Budget 2022. 5-minute guide

Courtesy Courier Mail

Tax, health, education, welfare, petrol and more. Find out what the Federal Budget means for you and your family.

With the 2022 Federal Election fast approaching the budget is working hard to provide something for everyone.

Singles and families, small businesses and job seekers, young people and retirees will all find some level of relief.

Tax, health, education, welfare, petrol and more are all targeted as the election looms. Find out what the Federal Budget means for you and your family.

Tax cuts

\$40 billion in personal income tax relief since start of pandemic

* New one-off \$420 cost of living tax offset for more than 10 million low-and-middle income earners. Individuals already receiving the low and middle income tax offset will now receive up to \$1500 and couples up to \$3000 from July 1 this year.

* A one-off, income tax-exempt payment of \$250 for all eligible pensioners, welfare recipients, veterans and eligible concession card holders.

Cost of living

* \$525m over four years from 2022-23 to reduce the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Safety Net thresholds. This means people will need fewer scripts before they are eligible for free or further discounted medicines.

* Fuel excise to be cut in half for six months, with estimated savings of 22c a litre for motorists. Families with two cars are expected to save \$700 in six months. Fuel retailers will be monitored to ensure savings are passed to motorists.

* Introduction of a one-off \$250 cost of living payment for pensioners, carers, veterans, job seekers, eligible self-funded retirees and concession card holders.

* The Home Guarantee Scheme will be doubled to 50,000 places per year. First home buyers will only need a 5 per cent deposit to buy.

Family and education

* \$346.1 million over five years to introduce an enhanced Paid Parental Leave scheme for eligible working families by integrating Dad and Partner Pay and Parental Leave Pay to provide access to up to 20 weeks leave.

* This means, eligible single parents will be able to access an additional two weeks of Paid Parental Leave and also benefit from the household income threshold test.

* \$19.4 million to establish up to 20 child care services in areas where there is an absence or limited supply of child care.

* About \$19m will be spent teaching Aussie kids respect in the classroom, while a national survey will be undertaken asking students about their views on consent.

Aged care

* \$468m over five years to continue implementing recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

* \$5.4m in 2022-23 to continue consultation on the design of the wider aged care reforms.

* \$345.7m for embedding pharmacy services within residential aged care facilities to improve medication management for the elderly will receive \$345.7m over four years from 2022-23.

* \$32.8m Student clinical placements in the aged care sector to get \$32.8m.

* \$458.1m will be provided to support older Australians in the aged care sector with managing the impacts of Covid-19. Funding will focus on initiatives to prevent outbreaks in aged care facilities, vaccination delivery programs and availability of masks and rapid antigen tests.

Health

* \$525 million to slash medicine prices for 2.4 million pensioners, who will need to buy 12 fewer scripts before qualifying for the safety net under a measure to ease the cost of living.

* Nearly 600 women with rare triple negative breast cancer will benefit from a subsidy for a breakthrough \$80,000 treatment Trodelvy.

* Patients in the bush will find it easier to have an MRI scan with more imaging machines licensed for Medicare

rebates from November.

* And a series of mass advertising campaigns will be rolled out to encourage Australians to front up for regular health checks they put off during Covid.

Jobs and workers

* \$2.8b to increase take up and completion rates in trade apprenticeships. Funding will include \$5000 payments to new apprentices and up to \$15,000 in wage subsidies for employers who take them on.

* \$3.7b to create 800,000 training places to ensure businesses get the skilled workers they need.

* New and expanded programs to help disadvantaged youth, indigenous Australians, and people with a disability find employment.

Homeowners

* More than doubling the Home Guarantee Scheme to 50,000 places per year.

* Single parents only need a deposit as low as 2 per cent to buy a home

* First home buyers need a deposit as low as 5 per cent to buy a home

Small business

* For every \$100 a small business spends on training their employees, they will get a \$120 tax deduction.

* For every \$100 small businesses spend on digital technologies (like cloud computing, eInvoicing, cyber security and web design) will see them get a \$120 tax deduction.

* Small businesses will be able to claim a bonus 20 per cent deduction for the cost of external training courses delivered to employees in Australia or online, by providers registered in Australia.

Covid-19 recovery

* \$6 billion for preparations for winter and new variants of Covid-19. The Winter Response Plan outlines Australia's national approach to managing Covid-19, influenza and other respiratory diseases.

* \$1 billion to extend the Covid-19 vaccine rollout program.

* \$546 million to extend Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS) pathology items for testing and detection of Covid-19.

National security

* \$170m for federal police and border force to fight organised crime. New strike forces will target bikies and other criminal cartels smuggling weapons and drugs into Australia.

* \$10b to establish a new cybersecurity force which will create 1900 jobs. The move will give Australia the ability to better defend against cyberattacks and launch its own if necessary.

Infrastructure

* More than \$500m for local councils to deliver priority projects and \$880m to better connect regional Australia with ports, airports and other transport hubs.

* New railway and road projects will include faster rail for Brisbane to Sunshine Coast and Sydney to Newcastle corridors, the METRONET project in Western Australia, the North-South Corridor in South Australia, the Great Eastern Drive in Tasmania, the Central Australian Tourism Roads in the Northern Territory, and the Melbourne Intermodal Terminals to increase the efficiency of the national freight network.

Manufacturing

* New funding to make Victoria the first place in the southern hemisphere to manufacture Moderna mRNA vaccines.

* Further \$328.3 million invested in the Modern Manufacturing Strategy

Women

* \$1.3bn to tackle violence against women and children, including funding a national consent campaign.

* \$38.6m to get more women into trades.

Mental health

This Budget invests a further \$547 million in mental health services including:

* More Headspace services, community-based treatment centres and digital mental

health support.

* Regional initiatives to support our goal of zero suicides

Superannuation

The Government has extended the 50 per cent reduction of the superannuation minimum drawdown requirements for account-based pensions and similar products for a further year to 30 June 2023.

The minimum drawdown requirements determine the minimum amount of a pension that a retiree has to draw from their superannuation in order to qualify for tax concessions. Given ongoing volatility, this change will allow retirees to avoid selling assets in order to satisfy the minimum drawdown requirements.

This measure is estimated to decrease receipts by \$50 million and increase payments by \$2.8 million over the forward estimates period.

Environment

* \$247m to support investment in low emissions technologies.

* \$148m to develop microgrid solar and wind energy projects.

Welfare

* \$450m to respond to emergencies, including flood relief payments and pandemic leave.

* \$6.1m to assist job seekers with a disability.

Tourism

The government will provide \$146.5 million over three years from 2021-22 to support the recovery of the Australian tourism sector as part of the Government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Funding includes:

* \$76.7 million over 2 years from 2021-22 to extend the Covid-19 Consumer Travel Support Program to support travel agents and tour arrangement service providers

Budget 2022-23 building Wide Bay

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the Liberal and Nationals 2022-23 Budget supports households and sustains Australia's economic recovery.

"This Budget is focussed on creating jobs, supporting regional communities and protecting our nation, our sovereignty and our freedom," Mr O'Brien said.

"We are boosting defence, strengthening borders and national security, supporting jobs growth, and easing cost of living pressures.

"As the Treasurer said last night, we live in uncertain times.

"The repercussions of the war in Europe are being felt around the world and we are not immune from it here in Australia, with the effects flowing through to higher petrol prices which contribute to higher costs of living," Mr O'Brien said.

"In response, the Liberal and Nationals Government is **cutting fuel excise in half**, which will deliver a 22 cents per litre saving for motorists every time they fill up their car.

"A household with two cars, that are filled up once a week, could save around \$30 per week or \$700 over the next six months," Mr O'Brien said.

"A new **\$420 tax offset** will provide cost of living relief for low and middle-income earners, and a new **\$250 cost of living payment** will be delivered to pensioners, carers, veterans, job seekers, eligible self-funded retirees and concession card holders," Mr O'Brien said.

"People in receipt of the **low and middle-income tax offset** will receive up to \$1,500 and couples up to \$3,000 from 1 July this year.

"Wide Bay households have been hit hard by the floods, first in January and again in February. The effects of the widespread loss of crops and stock, combined with rising petrol prices, is flowing throughout the economy. These Coalition Budget initiatives are designed to provide some relief to ease pressures on households."

Increasing **employment opportunities** is a major focus of the Coalition's 2022-23 Budget.

"For every \$100 a small business invests on training their employees, they will receive a **\$120 tax deduction**. To help grow jobs, a new **\$5,000 payment** will be available to new apprentices and up to **\$15,000 in wage subsidies** will be available to employers who take them on."

With growing international uncertainty, the Liberal and Nationals Government is continuing to keep Australians safe and secure through record investments in national security and defence capability. The Budget also includes a 10-year, \$9.9 billion investment to **prevent and respond to cyber threats**.

"The Coalition Government has already demonstrated its commitment to building our sovereign defence capability right here in Wide Bay at Rheinmetall Nioa Munitions and Global Manufacturing Group in Maryborough, creating local jobs to keep Australians safe," Mr O'Brien said.

There are also allocations in the 2022-23 Budget for special projects to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Wide Bay veterans.

“A \$700,000 commitment from the Liberal and Nationals Government will enable the **Maryborough Military and Colonial Museum** to expand,” Mr O’Brien said.

“Maryborough’s Military and Colonial Museum is home to Australia’s largest collection of wartime memorabilia outside the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, and this grant will enable more of the Museum’s unique collection to be placed on public display.

“An upgraded **Normanby Hill Veterans Memorial** at Gympie will be funded through a \$1.8 million commitment from the Coalition Government,” Mr O’Brien said.

“This will provide a place of reflection and remembrance for local veterans and become a national landmark, adding to other special places of commemoration in Wide Bay, including the Gallipoli to Armistice Memorial in Maryborough.”

A range of other projects in Wide Bay have been funded in the 2022-23 Budget.

“There is \$18 million reserved for the much-anticipated **water storage project** for the Lower Mary River,” Mr O’Brien said.

“This is a key commitment of mine that I have been working on together with Maryborough Canegrowers, and we all look forward to the realisation of this project as soon as possible.

“A Budget allocation of \$140,000 will help sustain **Maryborough Softball’s** operations.

“Funding to expand Noosa’s beloved **Katie Rose Cottage Hospice** is also committed in the Budget, with a \$1.5 million allocation that will increase end of life care services at its comfortable home-like setting.”

Construction projects along the **Bruce Highway** through Wide Bay will continue to be a major driver of the regional economy, creating jobs and which when complete will boost heavy industry and manufacturing along a safer, more efficient flood immune corridor.

“The Budget confirms a \$144 million contribution towards the \$1 billion **Gympie bypass** project in the 2022-23 financial year.

“The four-lane **Tiaro bypass** has an allocation of \$3.2 million, but additional funding from the Australian Government is available to the Queensland Government with the Budget confirming an allocation of \$268.8 million towards the much-needed project.

“Construction is well underway on a \$103 million project to improve an 11km section of the Highway between **Maryborough** and **Torbanlea**, and the Budget includes a \$25.38m payment to the Queensland Government in the 2022-23 financial year for the upgrade.”

The Budget also includes funding for a number of projects to upgrade bridges throughout Wide Bay.

“There is \$227,500 allocated towards the **Tandur Road Bridge** replacement, \$270,000 towards the **Cooroy Belli Creek Road Bridge** replacement, and \$151,089 towards the **Lawnville Road Bridge** replacement at **Black Mountain**,” Mr O’Brien said.

“The Budget also confirms allocations of \$2 million towards the **Doonella Lake Bridge** replacement on Memorial Avenue at **Tewantin** and \$1.75 million for the **Garth Prowd Bridge**.”

Funding for Wide Bay community and sporting groups is also available in the Liberal and Nationals Government’s 2022-23 Budget with the extension of the Stronger Communities Program.

“Other local projects funded in the Budget include \$93,500 for a new amenities block at the **Goomeri Showgrounds**, \$466,450 for an upgrade to the jetty at Kingfisher Bay on **Fraser Island**, and \$33,000 for the **Murgon Men’s Shed** for a shed to cover its rail display,” Mr O’Brien said.

“The **Kia Ora Pony Club** will receive \$35,000 in the Budget towards its new amenities block, the **Maryborough Athletics** Ground has been allocated \$51,586 for upgrades, Gympie Showgrounds will receive \$51,622 towards new lighting, **Noosa Council** has been allocated \$30,000 for a Noosa Industry and Employment Activation Plan, there is \$19,992 for a **South Burnett** Agriculture Strategy, and \$135,554 for improving access at the forever magical **Sunshine Butterflies**, Our Backyard.”

People who require diagnostic MRI imaging services in **Maryborough** will also benefit from the Liberal and Nationals 2022-23 Budget.

“Our Budget also includes funding for **Medicare subsidised MRI services** to be delivered into Maryborough, enabling cancer, stroke and heart conditions to be detected, without requiring people to travel to Hervey Bay or beyond,” Mr O’Brien said.

“The 2022-23 Liberal and Nationals Budget builds on my commitment to you and our nation, to build a better Wide Bay for all of us.”



Disaster support for business

March 2022

A range of support and information is available for businesses impacted by the recent rainfall and floods.

Businesses are encouraged to follow [Business Queensland on Facebook](#) or check the [Business Queensland website](#) to stay aware of updates to available assistance or you can contact the Small Business Hotline on **1300 654 687**.

Small Business Disaster Hub

Resources to help businesses respond and recover following a natural disaster are available from the [Small Business Disaster Hub](#) website. Useful topics include:

- [What your business should do after a natural disaster](#) — covers help with insurance and tips for cleaning up.
- [Rebuilding your business after a natural disaster](#) — covers re-establishing your premises and business records, assessing your finances, managing and paying staff, communicating with key people, planning for the future and a natural disaster checklist.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for eligible flood affected communities from both the Queensland and Australian Governments.

[Personal Hardship Financial Assistance](#) is available for Brisbane, Fraser Coast, Gladstone, Gold Coast, Gympie, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Logan, Moreton Bay, Noosa, North Burnett, Somerset, and Sunshine Coast and includes:

- [Emergency Hardship Assistance Grants](#) available to support people directly impacted by a disaster who are unable to meet their immediate essential needs for food, clothing, medical supplies or temporary accommodation. Eligible applicants may receive \$180 per person up to \$900 for a family of five or more. For more information, contact the Community Recovery Hotline on 1800 173 349 or visit www.qld.gov.au/community/disasters-emergencies.
- [Essential Household Contents Grants](#) of up to \$1765 for single adults and up to \$5,300 for couples/families. These grants are for those who are uninsured, or unable to claim insurance. If eligible you may receive financial assistance towards replacing or repairing essential household contents, such as beds, linen and white goods, that have been lost or damaged in a disaster.

[Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment](#) provides a lump sum payment for eligible people adversely affected by the South East Queensland floods.

[Disaster Recovery Allowance](#) (Australian Government) is a short-term payment to help people who have lost income as a direct result of the floods in South East Queensland.

Legal Aid Queensland

Businesses can call the Legal Aid Natural Disaster Legal Helpline on **1300 527 700** to get help with issues they may face when their property has been damaged by a natural disaster or severe weather. The [Natural disaster legal help page](#) has a range of resources available to assist businesses who have been impacted by [flooding on leased and commercial premises](#) and for businesses to receive [flood and cyclone legal help](#).

Mental health support

There is a range of [mental health and wellbeing resources](#) including tips, advice and support that have been developed by the Queensland and Australian Governments and other agencies to help small business owners.

[NewAccess for Small Business Owners](#) is a free and confidential mental health coaching program, developed by Beyond Blue to give small business owners, including sole traders the support they need.

Small business financial counsellors

The Small Business Financial Counselling Program provides assistance to small businesses that are experiencing hardship and have no alternative source of impartial support. The Australian and Queensland Governments provide funding to deliver the program through the Rural Financial Service Southern and North Queensland.

Southern Queensland - www.rfcssq.org.au or call 1300 732 777

North Queensland – www.rfcsnq.com.au or call 07 4652 5669

Queensland Tourism Business Financial Counselling Service

The [Queensland Tourism Business Financial Counselling Service](#) provides free financial counselling support to help tourism operators.

Natural Disaster Business Survey

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has opened a [Natural disaster business survey](#) to understand the impact of rainfall and flooding on businesses in the South East Queensland area as well as Maryborough, the Fraser Coast and Toowoomba to determine the assistance they require.

This is a longer-term plan to assist business and responses received from this process will be used to inform potential joint State and Federal government disaster recovery assistance for small business.

This survey will remain open as long as required to enable time for impacted businesses to respond.

Queensland Small Business Commissioner

The [Office of the Queensland Small Business Commissioner](#) enables and empowers small businesses to be productive through collaborative advocacy, fast and fair assistance, including informal resolution and mediation of lease disputes, and sharing information.

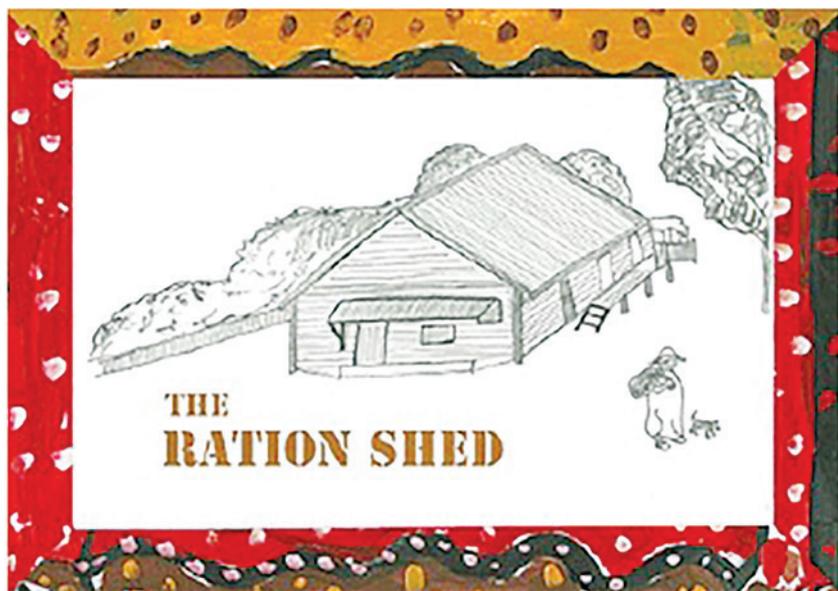
Fair Work Australia

If your business has been affected by a natural disaster you should be aware of your legal obligations and responsibilities as an employer. Fair Work Australia has information about employee entitlements during natural disasters or emergencies.

If you have to close your business temporarily after a natural disaster you may be able to change employment arrangements, including standing down staff without pay. Phone the Fair Work Ombudsman on 13 13 94 for specific information on your circumstances or visit fairwork.gov.au.



Elder Eric Law educates kids about local history.

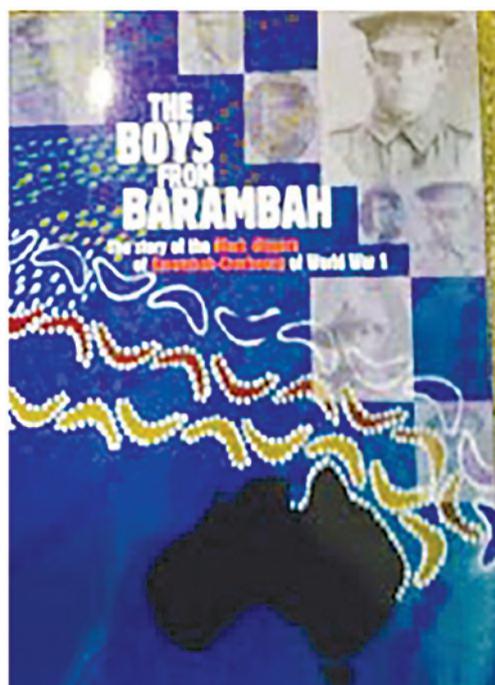


A small P – 6 school situated approximately 20 minutes drive outside of Ipswich City. Their school situated on Yuggera Country, have been utilizing resources found at the Ration Shed.

Our Class have been learning about our early Australian history through the lens of our First Nations people. We are indebted to the Ration Shed Museum in Cherbourg for their many valuable resources to help us learn about what life was like for our First Nations people before and after white settlement, and how these changes have affected the lifestyle, health and well-being of our First Nations people. We are especially grateful for Uncle Eric Law and to Stacy Christensen for their tireless efforts in investigating and finding answers to the additional, 'unanswered' questions that our class generated from reading and discussing the Ration Shed book.

Next term we look at the significance of ANZAC Day, examining the national day through the lens of our First Nations soldiers, using the Boys from Barambah book as stimulus for discussion (available through our online store).

We Thank you once again to the workers at the Ration Shed for providing these valuable resources for us and helping us gain a deeper understanding and appreciation for our First Nation's people's history!



Let It Go

Luke 6:27-38

I'm sure many people can relate, but I once had a favourite t-shirt that I wore to death. It was a shirt that my wife bought for me when we first got married, and I loved it. I wore it until it had holes and literally had mould growing through the print. It was stained and stretched beyond belief, but it was still my favourite shirt because it was soft and comfortable, and it was special. It was comforting and familiar. It was part of my life.

But, believe it or not, a grudge, or hatred, can become like that nasty old shirt. If we hold onto our spite, and our hatred, and our grudges against people for wrongs committed against us, be they imagined or actual, after a while it becomes part of our life, it becomes familiar, and the scary part: it becomes comforting. Hatred becomes so embedded in us that we have no idea how to see others in any other way.

My wife begged me for years to get rid of that shirt, but I refused. When I wore it, I felt safe and comfortable. Anyone who saw it could see that it needed to be killed with fire, but I continued to wear it, because I didn't see the problem. When we refuse to deal with our hatred, it burrows deeper and deeper into our lives to the point where we can't even see the issue. We can't see the problem. It has become comfortable, familiar, and almost reassuring.

When Jesus says "love your enemies", it is a foreign concept to us as human beings. Love and enemies are words that seem mutually exclusive, they have nothing to do with each other. And that is not new. "Love your enemies" was as crazy when Jesus said it as it is today. Love your enemies? Why? Why should I do that, why should I just let them get away with what they did? I deserve justice, and if I forgive them, if I love them, then they get away scot free! Love your enemies?! You've got to be joking.

But it's not a joke. Jesus wasn't trying to be funny, or cheeky, He was serious. Love your enemies, because that's what He did. When we look at the cross, there comes a point where we have to come to terms with the fact that Jesus didn't die just for those who loved Him, not just those who believed that He is the Son of God, but for everyone. The cross is one of the hardest elements of the Christian faith to reconcile in our human understanding. "Jesus died for me, that's okay, I'm a nice person. But the rapist? The murderer? The wife beater? No, surely Jesus didn't die for them as well."

When we hold on to our hatred and get so familiar with it that we no longer see where we end and it begins, we show the world that God is love, but only to a certain point. That forgiveness is only for those who have earned it, and that destroys the message of the Gospel.

The fact is that we can't love our enemies because we can't forgive our enemies, because we are human. We desire blood, and justice, and punishment, we desire the law! But God says, no. That's not how this works. And so, the only way we will ever be able to forgive others, truly love others, is with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is only by the grace of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us, that we can love our enemies.

And we do this by praying. We can always pray for our enemies. Praying is an act of mercy. Praying is loving like our Heavenly Father. Praying changes our hearts. We forgive because God first forgave us. We love because He first loved us.

Easter Church Services

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Holy Thursday	Murgon	7pm	
Good Friday	Wondai	11am	Stations of the Cross
	Murgon	3pm	Passion of the Lord
Saturday	Proston	7pm	Easter Vigil
Sunday	Murgon	8am	
	Wondai	10am	
	Durong	Midday	
	Goomeri	6pm	

Lutheran Church Good Friday

Wondai	8am
Murgon	9:30am
Easter Sunday	
Wondai	8am
Murgon	9:30am

Church of Christ

Easter Sunday 9:30am

Baptist Murgon :

Easter Sunday 9:30am

Baptist Wondai

Good Friday 8am
Easter Sunday 9:30am

Baptist Proston

Good Friday 8am

New Horizons

Easter Sunday 9:30 am



Well the good folks at Blaze Aid needed a gas stove. So Kingaroy Rotary gave one to them in the form of a gas barbecue. Happy meals people.

Rotarians Sandy Hoffman, Ray Pitt and David Black handing over a 5 burner barbecue to use for evening meals.

Sandy is our member on the spot and is our contact person in Murgon. David supplied the transport.

Well done people

**On behalf of Blaze Aid Murgon,
Many, Many Thanks**



Congratulations Marcia and Hughen What a special time for a special couple
Congratulations on 50 years of happy marriage.



Last over win for Murgon Crusaders !! A two day game down to the wire. Wicket to win in the 2nd last ball of the game by Capt lizard!!!! Well played Warriors almost there.

Barambah Garden Club Growing Salvia



Members of the Barambah Garden Club held their monthly meeting on March 11th at the home of Barbara Hartmann King in Nagel Ct, Murgon.

Guest speaker for the day was Graham Mitchell of Wondai. Graham's many talents include being owner and chef from *Dimities Cottage Cafe in Wondai*, he operates a plant nursery (Clouds End Farm), and is a talented artist to name a few of his achievements.

Graham spoke to the Barambah Garden Club about growing Salvia. He told the members and invited guests about the many varieties, which could be hundreds world-wide which are not so difficult to grow successfully.

Salvias like the sun and well-drained soil and they come in many colours. These aromatic favourites are good for the vase and are drought tolerant. Let them seed at the end of the season and if they become frosted in the winter, simply trim them off. The bees love them and they easily reseed, probably with different colours than the flowers they came from. They become the magical plant in your garden which can be grown in containers too.

Graham brought several varieties of potted salvias with him to the meeting, which were gratefully received by the members to begin their own garden patch of Salvia. Thank you Graham Mitchell for your garden knowledge and expertise.

The Garden Club had a lovely day with the competition table full of beautiful blooms. Morning Tea was served, the raffle and lucky door went well, then a quick meeting, followed by Graham's talk. Members and guests finished with a tasty lunch on the large cool patio shaded by the oasis of a courtyard garden.

The Barambah Garden Club hold their meetings on the second Friday of the month.

Next Meeting to be held at the home of Mary Mitchell, 12 Arnell Street, Murgon, also with a Guest Speaker on Friday 8th April.

Phone Barbara 0741681675 or President Anne 0438 686 238

Happy Gardening Everyone. Barbara Hartmann King

NATIONAL SENIORS

The Murgon & District Branch Inc of National Seniors Australia invites current NSA Members and 60+ non-members to our fortnightly lunches at the Australian Hotel. Our lunch dates for April are Friday 8th and Friday 22nd.

For further information please contact Paula (President) on 4168 3114 or 0497 324 376.

Yours sincerely, Trisha Seiler, Publicity officer

Open for applications — Children’s Contact Services

The Children’s Contact Services grant opportunity aims to improve the wellbeing of Australian families, particularly families with children who are at risk of separating or have separated.

Through an open competitive process, the Australian Government is inviting applications for funding to deliver Children’s Contact Services (CCS) under the Family Relationship Services Program (FRSP), administered by the Attorney-General’s Department.

Applications close at 9:00 pm AEST on **12 April 2022**.

Information about applying for this round can be found on GrantConnect.



South Burnett Orchid Society Inc.

We would like to let you know our annual orchid show has been cancelled but we have a stand at the Wondai Garden Expo sat 16th sun 17th April at the Wondai sports ground Bunya Highway.

If you are interested in orchids visit us.



Mondure Hall Committee hosted a very successful A Gardening Experience day in March.

Kokedama by Romaine, Floral Arrangements by Graham, & the care & propagation of Pelargoniums by Helen proved very popular.

The Hall Committee wish to thank all who attended, to make the day the success it was.

We also wish to thank the following Nurseries: Cloud End Farm, Murgon Garden Centre, Ramesa Nursery, Pat Robertson's Bromeliads, Naturally Wild about Plants.

A very special thank you to John Allen who donated Lucerne Hay.

Denise Steinhardt won the Raffle donated by Kingaroy Garden Centre & Sheryl Ramke.

On the 21st April A Girls Day Out, will be held at the Mondure Hall. This will be a Learning, Caring, & Sharing day for Women.

Enquiries phone Val 0438556129 or Jenny 0419825958

Every Wednesday from 1pm to 4pm you are welcome to come & enjoy a game of 500. Hosted by Mondure Past Time Club.



BlazeAid

Great work by this amazing group of volunteers... BlazeAid helping out our local farmers and whatever else crops up in between. We love having them here in Murgon and appreciate all that they do. Peter Goodall, or 'Chef Pierre', as they call him here at the Murgon Basecamp, is up at 4:30am each day to feed our army of wonderful volunteers a hearty breakfast before they head out to farms for recovery work after the big floods. A true champion!

Photo: BlazeAid Australia General Manager Mellisa Jones (Kevin Butlers daughter) with Peter Goodall.



Mobile Women's Health Nurses : Kathy Anning, Barbara Milne and Marcia Hunt are on the road travelling to our rural locations to provide free and confidential health clinics

Our mobile woman's health nurses offer a range of services including cervical screening tests, breast awareness, sexual health testing, and advice for issues such as continence, menopause, family planning, contraception and general wellbeing.

4th April Goomeri Community Health Ph 0408 762 170

4th April Kilkivan Community Health Ph 0408 762 170

7th April Blackbutt Community Centre Ph 0408 762 170



Enjoying one of our favourites - BP Dam from 6% to 100%

Looking Forward in 22

There is no better time for real estate and industry opportunities in the Murgon area, with guaranteed water supply and available land.

With help from the Federal and State Governments and our local South Burnett Regional Council along with our local Murgon Business & Development Association Inc we would welcome you to Murgon and help with your investment both big or small.

Opportunities exist here in many manufacturing industries with quick and easy access by major highways to the city or coast. A airfield is within 10 minutes away should you wish to avail of it and you could be transported to Murgon. We have very large schools with high education with students drawn from Murgon and outlying areas that could supplement employment needs. There is a limited number of shops in different sizes available for sale or rent that are available for immediate occupation & Land is being bought and sought after by developers.

Thinking of making a Move ? Sick of where you Are ? Looking to live in sunny Queensland ?

Contact us now and enjoy life.

Contact details would be strictly confidential and can be made by contacting the Mayor Brett Otto Ph 0467 625 269 or Councillor Kathy Duff Ph 0437 020 705 or the Editor 0429 024 041 who would direct you to the right people or any of the 4 real estate businesses in Murgon.



Murgon is a vibrant and friendly country town

Based in the northern end of the South Burnett region. It is a town with great facilities and amenities including loads of great shopping outlets with something on offer for everyone. Former MBDA president and owner of a local menswear store, Mark Smith explained how the businesses in Murgon love the feedback from locals and tourists. "Customers often comment about how friendly not only the shopkeepers are, but also the townspeople," he said. "Murgon is a friendly place with so much character." "With wide streets and plenty of easy-access for parking. Visitors and our local residents are able to explore the town of Murgon with ease and with safety," Mark said. Treasurer of MBDA, Lorraine Goodchild said "We have a great range of businesses available here in Murgon and visitors to our town are often pleasantly surprised and remark on how many great shops we have and how the town seems to be bustling. We are so proud of the vast-range of options available for shoppers," she added. The main shopping centre has Lamb Street running both ways through town with the wide streets being separated by parkland in the middle where you can take a rest... perhaps with a treat from the Bakery. There are plenty of options available for a nice casual lunch at one of the Cafes, Hotels or the Murgon Services Club and of course the Moffatdale wine region is just a 10-minute drive from town. Take a browse through the well-stocked Newsagency which includes beautiful giftware and a toy section. Murgon has a great selection of Gift & Homeware stores... be sure to visit them all...each with their own point of difference. A Menswear Store, Ladies Fashions, Sports Store & Country Clothing are all located within easy walking distance of each other. Keep an eye out for a brand-new store opening soon which will be bringing you clothing for all the family. You can shop for plants and garden supplies, hardware, and pet supplies... all your purchases will be carried and loaded into your car for you with the friendliest of service. And after all that shopping, take some time out for yourself and enjoy some pampering at one of the Hair & Beauty salons. Murgon also has a choice of Service Centres and an Industrial Estate for all those vehicle and machinery needs along with Supa IGA, Murgon Fruit Mart and a great Pharmacy for all those weekly essentials. The Murgon Business & Development Assoc. Inc. (MBDA) supports their local businesses and community, meeting regularly to promote ideas and actively lobby on various issues on behalf of their members. Any business servicing Murgon and district is welcome to apply for membership at any time. Visit www.murgon.net.au for more information on MBDA. Come and explore all the shopping options that Murgon has to offer...you'll be pleasantly surprised.



For participating businesses, look for these posters in their Store windows.

List of participating stores for the MURGON GIFT CARD

ACKINCLOSE PLUMBING & IRRIGATION	15344 Bunya Hwy., Murgon 4605	Plumbers & Irrigation Supplies
ALICIA'S SPA & HAIRWORX	129 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Hairdresser
BARAMBAH MACHINERY	15348 Bunya Hwy., Murgon, 4605	Farm Machinery Dealer
CAFÉ MURGON	110 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Café – eat in/Takeaway
CARNEY'S FEED STORE	125 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Pet & Farm Supplies
CENTRAL BALANCE MURGON	60 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Physiotherapy
CLIFTON MOTORS/MITSUBISHI MOTORS/TORO	54 Macalister Street, Murgon 4605	New & Used Cars/Mowers
CLOVELY ESTATE	91 Steinhards Rd, Moffatdale 4605	Winery
COLLARDS FUEL SUPPLIES	3 Rewald St. Murgon 4605	Fuel Depot
COUNTRY MAIL GIFTS (Post Office)	52 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Gift Store/Post Office
J A CARROLL-SOLICITORS	99 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Solicitors
LIGHTNING TREE WINES	7 Tipperary Rd., Moffatdale 4605	Winery
MARK SMITH MENSWEAR	87 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Menswear Store
MOFFATDALE RIDGE WINES	681 Barambah Rd., Murgon 4605	Winery
MURGON AMCAL+ PHARMACY (Sells & accepts cards)	111 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Pharmacy
MURGON BAKERY	92 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Bakery
MURGON BETTA HOME LIVING (Sells & accepts cards)	83 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Electrical Store/White Goods
MURGON FRUIT MART	60 Macalister Street, Murgon, 4605	Fruit & Vege Store
MURGON FURNITURE ZONE	91 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Furniture Store
MURGON GARDEN CENTRE	14 Gesslers Rd., Murgon 4605	Garden Nursery
MURGON GOLF CLUB	192 Lamb Street, Murgon	Golf Club
MURGON HOME DÉCOR & GIFTS - P&P ELEC.(Sells/Accepts cards)	96 Lamb St, Murgon 4605	Home Décor & Gifts/Electrical
MURGON MITRE 10	126 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Hardware Store/Garden Supplies
MURGON OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	56 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Small Motor Sales/Services
MURGON PIZZA PERFECTION	94 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Pizza Restaurant
MURGON SAND & GRAVEL	78 Gesslers Rd., Murgon 4605	Landscape Supplies
MURGON SERVICES CLUB	70 Gore Street, Murgon 4605	Restaurant/Club Facilities
MURGON TYRES & MORE	56 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Motor Garage/Tyre Sales
NORCO RURAL - MURGON	21 Lamb St., Murgon Qld 4605	Rural supplies
PRATT AGENCIES	80 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Rural Agents/Country Clothing
PURSEERS COACHES/TRAVEL & CRUISE	40 Gore Street, Murgon, 4605	Coach Hire/Tours
RIYA'S CAFÉ & RESTAURANT	116 Lamb St, Murgon 4605	Café/Restaurant
ROBINSONS NEWS & GIFTS - MURGON (Sells & accepts cards)	85 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Newsagents & Gifts
ROYAL HOTEL	72 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Hotel/Restaurant
SOUTH BURNETT MACHINERY	15334 Bunya Hwy. Murgon 4605	Agricultural Machinery Dealer
SOUTH BURNETT PCYC	40 Macalister St., Murgon 4605	Gym/Fitness Centre
STRUDDYS SPORTS MURGON (Sells & accepts cards)	73 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Sportswear Store
THE COFFEE BAR 4605	79 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Coffee Shop-Eat in/Takeaway
THE TACKLEBOX	89 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Camping/Fishing Supplies
TOP OF THE TOWN MEAT HALL	71 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Butcher

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Record funding for rural and regional health continues to strengthen health care in Wide Bay

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien has welcomed a \$296.5 million commitment to regional, rural and remote health in the 2022–23 Budget that will improve access to MRI imaging, strengthen the workforce, and increase training opportunities for medical professionals in Wide Bay.

The Budget measures announced this week build on earlier initiatives, including the ten-year Stronger Rural Health Strategy (SRRS), to address the challenges of access to health care for regional, rural and remote patients.

Minister for Regional Health, Dr David Gillespie, a former regional doctor for more than 30 years, said the health and wellbeing of people living in regional, rural, and remote Australia will always be a priority for the Morrison Joyce Government.

"A third of Australians live outside the cities, and this Government is working to ensure they all have access to quality, affordable health care," Dr Gillespie said.

"We are also absolutely invested in strengthening and supporting the health care workforce in rural communities, through rural medical training and other strategies to attract and retain health professionals."

Mr O'Brien said this week's Budget targeted key areas of regional, rural and remote health that would increase opportunities for medical professionals in Wide Bay, attracting more healthcare workers and easing the burden on existing staff.

"The best way to get more doctors and health professionals into regional areas like Wide Bay is to give them access to training here and further their education, which means they are much more likely to stay once qualified," Mr O'Brien said.



**JOKE FOR
THE MONTH**

'I'm fine!?'

A farmer named Seamus had a car accident.

In court, the lorry company's hot-shot solicitor was questioning Seamus.

'Didn't you say to the Police at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine?' asked the solicitor.

Seamus responded: 'Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favourite cow, Bessie, into the...'

'I didn't ask for any details', the solicitor interrupted. 'Just Answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine!?'

Seamus said, 'Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road....'

The solicitor interrupted again and said, 'Your Honour, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the police on the scene that he was fine. Now several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question.'

By this time, the Judge was fairly interested in Seamus's answer and said to the solicitor: 'I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favourite cow, Bessie'.

Seamus thanked the Judge and proceeded. 'Well as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favourite cow, into the trailer and was driving her down the road when this huge lorry and trailer came through a stop sign and hit my trailer right in the side. I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurt, very bad like, and didn't want to move.

However, I could hear old Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans. Shortly after the accident, a policeman on a motorbike turned up. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, and saw her condition, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Then the policeman came across the road, gun still in hand, looked at me, and said, 'How are you feeling?'

'Now what the heck would you say?'

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Brisbane Valley Highway City Deal Funding

Last week the SEQ City Deal was announced and it was fantastic to see a commitment of \$40.5 million for 80kms worth of upgrades on the Brisbane Valley Highway. The BVH is a major connecting route, bringing produce and freight from inland areas to our key centres. Our community use this road every day to access health services, get their kids to school and travel to work. I have been advocating for action to address the whole length of this substandard road for many years and I congratulate the Somerset Regional Council on their continued lobbying through the SEQ City Deal. *Photo: With Member for Lockyer, Jim McDonald and Sam Biggins - LNP Federal Candidate for Blair.*



Shadow Minister Update -

Major Federal Funding announcements for Paradise, Hell's Gate and Urannah Dams

I welcome three major announcements by the Federal Government supporting the construction of dams in Queensland. Firstly, the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Water Minister have announced they will provide the remaining 50% of the funding to reinstate the wall of Paradise Dam. Hear my interview with Dobbo at Rural Queensland Today about Paradise Dam at this link - **Talking Paradise Dam, Integrity and mental health**. Secondly, the Federal Government have also committed \$483 million towards the construction of Urannah Dam. This is a very exciting project for North Queensland and I congratulate the proponent Bowen River Utilities on reaching this milestone. **Hear my speech here**. And just recently, a massive \$5.4billion injection for **Hells Gate Dam in the Burdekin**. Any money that means greater water security is great news for Queenslanders. It is clear the Queensland Government has refused to listen to the need for water security for our state. After 7 years the State Government has not built one dam. Not one. The Federal Government has put forward the money and now the State Government needs to get out of the way and finalise the approvals. I look forward to seeing shovels hit the ground for these nation building projects.

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