



# MURGON MOMENTS

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## The Murgon Easter Speggtacula



## Blackbutt needs a new Police Station

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has asked a Question on Notice\* in Parliament about Blackbutt Police Station, highlighting it is no longer appropriate or safe for the Police Officers who work there.

Mrs Frecklington visited the Blackbutt Police Station recently and saw first hand the difficult work conditions experienced by the staff.

“The building itself is decrepit, tiny and no longer fit-for-purpose,” Deb said.

“Most importantly, it is not safe for the Police Officers who must often share their workspace with the same people they may have just detained.

“The building is not functional and has severe limitations for the four officers who are now permanently stationed at Blackbutt.

“I’ve asked a Question on Notice to the Police Minister seeking answers about whether there are any plans to build a new police station.

“The community value the service provided by their local Officers and it is time a new station was built in Blackbutt,” Deb said



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## Volunteer Drive Expo - Volunteers Needed Call to action

Upcoming Volunteer Drive Expo to be held on Thursday the 18th of May at the Murgon Town Hall from 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

We are calling for all organisations in the Murgon area who engage with volunteers to be involved in this event, bring along your volunteer recruiters and all your sign up information.

We are aiming to provide information to the local community about where they can volunteer, what it’s like to volunteer and how to sign up.

Please forward to your volunteer engaging local organisations.

If you are interested in having a stall at this event, please contact us here at the South Burnett PCYC.

That evening will be a local volunteer dinner. You will be able to nominate local volunteers in your organisation for recognition of their commitment. More information about this event will be forthcoming, in the mean time please claim 5.30pm – 7.30pm 18th May for this dinner.

Kind regards **Rene Bond, Youth Club Manager P: +61 7 4168 1889**

Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association  
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Councillor Kath Duff caught up with Julie Berry at the Wondai Gem & Fossicking expo



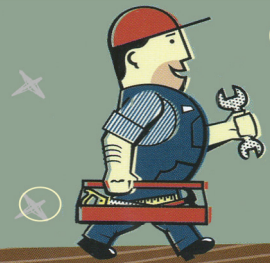
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# Meaning in Life, Rev Chris Downes, Murgon District Baptist Church

In reading an article by Denis Prager in [stream.org](http://stream.org) (When Banks — And Other Institutions — Try to Change the World) he makes the following statements

Beginning in the second half of the 20th century, people in nearly every white-collar profession ceased finding their work inherently meaningful. So, they sought to use their profession to change the world.

Take journalism. For most of American history, reporters understood that their primary job was to report news. And for the most part, reporters believed that was important work. In the second half of the 20th century, more and more of them found reporting the news unexciting and meaningless. So, they sought to use journalism to change the world.

Sports writers are one such example.. They decided that merely writing about sports was not particularly significant work. So, they decided to use their profession to change the world. It was sports writers who led the idiotic campaign to drop the name "Redskins" from the Washington NFL team — even though the name was adopted as an honorific (no one names their team for an insult) and even though the vast majority of Native Americans, according to

The Washington Post itself, could not care less about the issue.

One reason is the loss of meaning in our secular society. Whereas in the past people derived meaning in life from their religion — their religious community, religious sources of meaning have begun to disappear from our secular society. And secularism is rapidly leading to the collapse of the other great source of meaning in people's lives: marriage and family, Therefore, one has had to look elsewhere for meaning. And where do people look? To career and political activism — and ideally, the merger of the two. Whereas in the past, one's work was primarily regarded as a means to an end — namely, a way to provide for one's family — today, work is an end in itself.

The Westminster confession says 'The chief end of man is to Glorify God and enjoy him forever". God the creator said that it is not good for man to be alone so he created families.

We in the west live in societies that are more materially wealthy than ever, have access to more knowledge than ever. and have better medical skills than ever. but the rise in depression and anxiety is massive.

When people are deriving meaning from helping some "poor, hurting person" at a distance they are not bearing the cost or having the feedback mechanism to see if it is working . When you are serving God in community God and the wise people in the community are helping guide the process. When you are serving family the results are what you are living with so it has corrective factors. Yes religion and family have had their faults and mistakes that is why God said we need forgiveness and Grace. But taking God out and serving self not family is not immune from mistakes. All religions and families are not equal, they need to be held to the standard of truth and love, Do they fit really when we are honest with our selves and do they act in kindness to the variety of people involved over both short and long term. Christianity's core values are Love, Truth and Forgiveness and although it does not perfect them it goes badly when we do not follow and seek them.

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## Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

Thank you to the Murgon Show Society for inviting us to be part of the 99th Show. It was our pleasure to be able to demonstrate butter making and promote the Museum.

The month of March has been a busy one for the volunteers at the Museum with morning teas, home school families, car clubs and caravan clubs. So many positive comments which is always great to hear.

**You still have time to have your cattle brands displayed at the Museum. We have a second board which we would like to complete before it is displayed. Brands can be left at Pratt Agencies, The Murgon Saleyards or the Museum. A donation of \$10 and your details would be appreciated. The board which we have up is a talking point with visitors, particularly our city visitors.**

The Museum would love to welcome new volunteers. Any spare time that you have would be appreciated. You can contact us on 41 695001 or call and see us at the Museum. We are open Tuesday to Sunday from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

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and the centre of town. A large covered patio area is ideal for entertaining. Currently rented until July 2023 with tenants looking to relocate Offers over \$410,000



Murgon - Lowset weatherboard home on timber stumps. 4 bedrooms, 2 reception room, front sunroom. Kitchen with modern cabinetry. Bathroom with shower over the bath. Approx 1012m2 corner allotment. Close to all town amenities. \$160,000



Wondai - Great location in a quiet end of cul de sac position in Wondai. Approx 6 years old this lovely brick home is in good order throughout. The home offers three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The formal lounge is situated at the front of the home and the air conditioned dining,

kitchen and family lounge flow through to the back of the property. Tiled floors with carpets to the lounge and bedrooms. Fully security screened. Fully and well fenced back yard. Paved area at the front. Very easy to manage gardens. The kitchen has a good size pantry and fridge/freezer space, wall oven cook top and dishwasher. There are 2 bedrooms to one side of the home both with built-in robes, the main bedroom benefits from a walk in robe and en-suite with shower vanity and toilet. The family bathroom has a bath and separate shower. The toilet is separate. A covered tiled patio area at the rear of the home. The spacious double garage with remote lift door has access directly into the home. In addition there is a large colourbond shed approx 16m x 8m with 2 x 3m approx roller doors. Fully concreted. Loads of power points, and insulated. There is a solar system installed to the shed with a battery storage system. Room for 4 + vehicles here plus workshop. Town and tank water to the home. A lovely home sharing a quiet location with other quality homes \$480,000



Murgon - Good solid home with 2 large bedrooms plus a small room. Large open living. Older style build in kitchen and spacious dining. Bathroom has a shower over the bath. There are 2 toilets. On timber stumps there is plenty of storage under the house. An old laundry is now

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# Kathy's Comments

## **Council to stay with Divisions**

I am pleased to let the community know that after a special meeting of Council it was decided to stay with Divisions until after the next election. The matter of going undivided was raised at a meeting of Council by Cr Kirstie Schumacher. It was decided at that meeting to find out the process. I had a lot of feedback mostly lobbying for Council to remain as a Divided Council. I spoke strongly in favour of retaining the Divisions as I believe that with the amalgamated Councils it is really important that small communities feel represented and given a voice. The Mayor followed up on the matter of finding out the process and called a special meeting so the CEO could outline the process and for a decision to be made on a way forward. At the special meeting it was decided that a decision should be left until after the next election and only after broad community consultation if it was deemed necessary.

## **Two big events for Proston**

Proston hosted a massive annual Show followed by a weekend of campdrafting. There were hundreds of people, horses and activities at both events. The Show was simply amazing with the gate takings up and something for everyone. I attended both events and would like to congratulate both the Show Society and the Proston Campdraft Committee on two very successful events for Proston and for our region.

## **Murgon's 99th Show**

There were quite a few changes to the look of the Show this year. The hard working volunteers did a lot of modifications to ensure that the main arena was protected for the football and cricket. Congratulations to Alan Eagleson, Lorraine Goodchild and the team on a successful show. There were plenty of cattle and it was great to see so many participants in the young judges and junior handlers in the Stud Beef section. The fireworks were amazing and the Graham House Fashion Parade was a great success. Next year is Murgon's 100th Show so there will be a lot of planning to celebrate this important milestone.

## **Burnett Kennel Club Dog Show**

I was really pleased to attend the Wondai dog show on the day after Murgon Show. I know a lot of the dog exhibitors competed at Murgon and then attended Wondai. It was a huge showing and great to see everyone working together again at Wondai showgrounds.

## **Wondai Art Gallery Opening Night**

I was pleased to purchase a photo that John Dalton took of me in the rain at the 100 years of Burrandowan races last year. The photo won the people's choice, not because of the subject, but because of John Dalton's skill in photography capturing the tiniest rain droplets in the photo. The Wondai Art Gallery always puts on a great display and I know lots of people look forward to openings nights on the first Friday of every month.

## **Some Business Milestones**

Congratulations to Mark Smith's Menswear on 30 years and I noticed recently that Chris Braithwaite from South Burnett Vets in Murgon celebrated 40 years in business. Murgon is very lucky to have long standing and strong businesses in the town. Murgon has a strong Business and Development



Association and I think that the networking and support that the businesses give each other really helps to keep the business community strong.

## **World Day of Prayer**

I felt privileged to address the World Day of Prayer gathering at the Uniting Church recently. It was wonderful to be part of such a moving event. I am pleased that people from all over the world still gather to celebrate their faith on this special day.

## **Murgon Visitor Information Centre**

We need more volunteers at the Murgon Visitor Information Centre to keep it accredited as a fully operational Visitor Information Centre. It was moved and carried at the last Council Meeting that South Burnett Regional Council consults with the Murgon Business & Development Association Inc and community groups prior to considering any changes to the Visitor Information Centre in Murgon and a report be brought back to the June Liveability, Governance and Finance Standing Committee Meeting. There is an option to keep it open as an Information Centre which allows more flexible hours.

## **Volunteer Drive Expo & Awards Dinner**

On the 18th of May from 12.30pm until 2.30pm in the Murgon Town Hall the PCYC is holding a Volunteer Drive Expo. Organisations needing volunteers or members of the public who are interested in volunteering and wanting to know more about opportunities are invited to come along. That evening there will also be a local volunteer dinner. This will be an opportunity to nominate local volunteers in your organisation for recognition of their commitment and dedication. For further information please contact Rene at the PCYC. These events will be part of Volunteer Week, 2023.

## **Contact Details**

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

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council.

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Many thanks Chris, it was appreciated when with a simple phone call, no matter the day or time, you attended my cattle with calving problems etc and looking after our numerous pets including a pet cockatoo who et rat sack. Murgon owes you a lot, many thanks for your contribution. This statement could be attributed by your many clients and friends. Lots of blood, sweat and tears in those 40 years.

## The Editor,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I recently visited your region for some time and notice on page 2 of Murgon Moments an article about SCAMS.

Whilst in your area I found out about a couple of scammers who have for, some considerable time, been scamming local property holders. They do this by asking for assistance for themselves and their half dozen children for a place to stay. They seem to seek out Christian families claiming they are Christian themselves. They offer to grow vegetables and assist on the property. Once ensconced on a property they do not do any work, do not grow vegetables, and refuse to pay rent or board and do not pay for energy. They claim they cannot be removed. They also prey upon local charities for food although receiving good amounts of money from Centrelink for their children and family benefits.

These kinds of people are a scourge upon society, especially in these time where we are all having to scrimp, scrape and save just to exist.

A warning to the local populace should protect from these predators.

Yours sincerely, Edward E. Evans, Kallangur Qld, 0412 068186

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## Gympie residents – Have your say on land valuations

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington is calling on Nanango Electorate residents who own property in the western part of the Gympie region to check newly released land valuations.

Deb said the Gympie region is one of 24 local government areas across Queensland which are part of the annual land valuation program in 2023.

“I urge landowners to carefully review their valuation notice when it arrives in the mail and consider if they should lodge an objection against their new valuation by the closing date of 16 May 2023,” Deb said.

“The new valuations should reflect the property market on 1st October 2022, the date of the valuation undertaken by the Department of Resources.”

“The Gympie region has seen 49.1% valuation increase in Primary Production land in the latest review and a 42.5% increase for Rural Residential land.

“All of our townships have also seen increases including:

- Kilkivan - 60.7%
- Goomeri - 29.1 %
- Tansey - 45.4%
- Woolooga – 10.3%

“Land valuations are the basis for rating, land tax and state land rental purposes and the new valuations will take effect from 30th June 2023.

“If you believe your land valuation may be incorrect, I would encourage landholders to lodge an objection. I am aware of some landholders who have saved on their local government rate bills by successfully objecting to an incorrect valuation.

“Objections must be lodged within 60 days from the date of issue and no later than 16 May 2023, with forms found online at [www.qld.gov.au/landvaluation](http://www.qld.gov.au/landvaluation), or by calling 1300 664 217,” Deb said.



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The South Burnett Region Timber Industry Museum is well worth a visit for its impressive timber structure and bullock team sculpture alone. The museum is a testament to the timber industry, which played a major role in the early settlement of the region and its development. The building also features the Wondai Visitor Information Centre with a gift shop stocking locally produced timber items created by South Burnett artisans.

## DV Expo for Domestic violence Month in May

The QPS Pipes and Drums band will be in Cherbourg on the morning of the 30th of May as part of the Cherbourg Domestic violence March and in Murgon for a lunchtime show. More info to come.

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# Some Upcoming Events in April

- Nanango Race Day - Nanango - 8th April
- Dead Cow Gully Marathon - 8th April
- Nanango Show - Nanango - 14th -15th April
- Wondai Autumn Garden Expo - Wondai - 15th & 16th April
- Spirit of the Bush - Boondooma Homestead - 24th - 30 April

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all have built ins and ceiling fans and security screens throughout the home. Spacious modern kitchen, dining room that has direct access to the covered entertaining area and the open fireplace that is perfect for entertaining. Large formal lounge with a bay window, ceiling fans, and fireplace. Walk through to the rumpus room that can be a bedroom or set up for indoor entertaining. Main bathroom with shower and vanity and toilet next door. The generous sized laundry has plenty of storage. Outside has so much to offer with the yard being extensively landscaped with retaining walls, paved areas and established low maintenance gardens, with a variety of fruit trees out the front. Massive 4 bay shed, with 2 garage spaces with roller doors on 3 sides and 2 carport spaces. 2 x 5,000 gal water tanks and 2 smaller tanks. A 6m x 3m garden shed, greenhouse and a chookpen. **WONDAI PRICE: \$495,000**



If location and space are high on your list of priorities then this commanding 4 bedroom home located in Murgon is a must to inspect. This solid brick home is low maintenance and loaded with extras. **FEATURING:** Four-

bedrooms, main with an ensuite, walk-in robe, air-conditioner, and a ceiling fan, two of the remaining three bedrooms have built-in cupboards, and ceiling fans. Generous sized kitchen with ample cupboard and bench space. Open dining and lounge area with a large air-conditioner giving the home a spacious, relaxed feel. An extra large space which would be the ideal amusement room as it opens onto the outside entertainment area. Roomy main bathroom with a separate shower, bath, and separate toilet. Two bay garage + laundry. Security screens. Fully fenced on a 840m2 block, lovely outdoor entertaining area, and room for the kids to play. **Murgon Reduced \$475,000**



This solid brick home is situated in a quiet Street of Hivesville. A low maintenance 1,041m2 fully fenced allotment capturing the peace and quiet of rural living. Features include: Brick home with

single lock up garage. 3 bedrooms with built-ins, main has an air-conditioner. Lounge room with a fireplace. Modern bathroom with a separate toilet. Separate laundry overlooking rural land. Galley kitchen, open dining room also with an air-conditioner and glass sliding doors opening onto the undercover entertaining area. **HIVESVILLE PRICE \$290,000**



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## CLOSING TIME

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Late of "The Laurels" Wondai and formerly of Murgon,  
**WILSON**, Dianne Florence, formerly of Adelaide, late of Cherbourg  
**HODGES**, Rosemary Margaret nee Blanch, formerly of Manly, late of Ballogie  
**DYNEVOR**, Ezra Neal, late of Cherbourg  
**BARRETT**, Jacqueline Colleen, late of Cherbourg  
**CHARLES**, Clarence Herbert Roy "Clarrie" late of Wondai  
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**COBBO**, Barbara Ann, late of Inala formerly of Cherbourg  
**SALTMER**, Howard Percy 'Freckles' late of Cherbourg  
**GREATBATCH**, Bronwyn Lee (nee Charlish), formerly of Murgon,

**Reserve Forces Day 2023**



Greetings folks.

Arrangements are well underway although we'll keep a weather eye as usual mid-Winter being what it is out here at the time of the occasion.

Quite apart from the amount of admin required to get the occasion over the line, the amount of goodwill the Committee receives and has continued to receive is something special and more than appreciated and certainly not taken for granted, because without it the Wondai event would have failed at the first hurdle. We've been blessed and we know it.

March already. The year advances as does the research for the 2024 parade and Service. 2024 is an Air Force Year and the theme is the RAAF in Europe in 1944 and, like the RAN this year, is a wide subject with some surprising bits of history.

Regards as always, Noel Selway, Secretary.



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## QCWA PROSTON AT THE LOCAL SHOW



The outstanding talents of members were on display in the pavilion with entries in many of the craft sections and with many receiving prizes.

There was a section devoted to displaying what QCWA is all about. Feedback on this display was very positive.

Our stall was popular, with most popular items for sale were cakes, slices, biscuits and preserves as well as a varied selection of craft items.

The Country Kitchens division of our organisation proved popular also, and the free recipe sheets on offer were quickly snapped up.

The highlight of the day was the “High Tea” for VIPs and again QCWA Proston excelled with their catering efforts. A special cake took centre place on the table and was cut by Mayor Brett Otto with the help of our President Val Klein. The photo shows that many others were there to support.

Thanks to all who supported us in raising funds, but more importantly extolling our efforts in supporting the community in so many ways.

Judith Marek

Publicity Officer

Photo courtesy of CWA members and Kathy Duff.



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## Barambah Garden Club



Members of the Barambah Garden Club gathered together on 10th March for a meeting held at the home of Margaret Mitchell at 12 Arnell Street Murgon.

Morning Tea was served at 9.30 am followed by the monthly meeting.

Guest Speaker for the Day was Damien O'Sullivan, Agriculture Extension Officer in Kingaroy. Damien spoke to the members about poisons, targeting Roundup, the brand name of a broad-spectrum glyphosate-based herbicide. Farmers and gardeners are well acquainted with the product.

Roundup is the world's best-selling weed killer. The manufacturer Bayer introduced it to the market in 1978 and does not consider it an acute toxicity hazard. Research reveals it has an oral toxicity similar to vitamin A and is less toxic than aspirin. However there is evidence that human cancer risk might increase as a result of occupational exposure to large amounts of glyphosate, such as agricultural work, but no good evidence of such a risk from home use, such as in domestic gardening.

Damien advised members to wear protective clothing when using the potent product and also gave advice on the best method to poison Lantana which can be a curse for many land owners.

Noting the fact that we have had very dry weather, the Garden Club Competition Table was well represented with a display of colourful blooms.

Arrangements were made for a display of plants at the Annual Murgon Show held this month and the members enjoyed a tasty lunch before leaving,

Happy Gardening everyone. Barbara Hartmann King

Contact president Ann 0438686238 or Barbara 0741681675

## The Annual Dexter Cattle Breed Show.

The Annual Qld Dexter Cattle Breed Show is held yearly in conjunction with the Nanango Show. This year it's been held on the 14th and 15th of April with all Cattle been shown on the 15th.

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## QCWA - Support needed for Our members and communities.

Record rains have resulted in saturating remote communities in the Gulf of Carpentaria. The Nicholson, Gregory and Norman rivers are continuing to rise in coming weeks, with a Monsoon Low that is bringing heavy rain.

Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) Gregory Branch President Mrs Kylie Camp reported "We have had 55 people evacuated to Burketown, We are in dire need of assistance, with water rising with Riverlea station breaking 1971 level of 10.8 metres this morning 9/3 19.97 metres and rising, Century Mine received in 48 hrs half a metre of rain, this is an unprecedented event".

QCWA State President Mrs Sheila Campbell has asked Queenslanders to dig deep and support these remote communities. This is best done by giving a cash donation to the QCWA Disaster fund.

Mrs Campbell said "By donating to the QCWA Disaster Fund we can direct funds directly to the local community, supporting local businesses with vouchers. All money donated to the QCWA goes directly to where it's needed. No money is used for administration purposes".

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**1st Speaker: Roland has had a varied career from the land at Gundagai to Bible College to aerial crop spraying at Wee Waa and back to farming, but he has more to tell.**

**2nd Speaker: is Father John Fowles who is the new Priest at the Murgon Catholic Church. John was a pilot flying planes before becoming a Catholic Priest, but we will let him tell us more.**

**DATE: Saturday 22th April 2021, Start – 4.30pm**

**COST: \$15 Meal, Dessert, Soft Drinks, tea/coffee (under15 free) RSVP. For catering Mon 12th July 2021 Chris Downes 0499775022 [chrisbrond@gmail.com](mailto:chrisbrond@gmail.com) Ron Mason 41685183 [rmason5@bigpond.com](mailto:rmason5@bigpond.com)**

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## Gympie residents – Have your say on land valuations

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington is calling on Nanango Electorate residents who own property in the western part of the Gympie region to check newly released land valuations.

Deb said the Gympie region is one of 24 local government areas across Queensland which are part of the annual land valuation program in 2023.

“I urge landowners to carefully review their valuation notice when it arrives in the mail and consider if they should lodge an objection against their new valuation by the closing date of 16 May 2023,” Deb said.

“The new valuations should reflect the property market on 1st October 2022, the date of the valuation undertaken by the Department of Resources.”

“The Gympie region has seen 49.1% valuation increase in Primary Production land in the latest review and a 42.5% increase for Rural Residential land.

“All of our townships have also seen increases including:

- Kilkivan - 60.7%
- Goomeri - 29.1 %
- Tansey - 45.4%
- Woolooga – 10.3%

“Land valuations are the basis for rating, land tax and state land rental purposes and the new valuations will take effect from 30th June 2023.

“If you believe your land valuation may be incorrect, I would encourage landholders to lodge an objection. I am aware of some landholders who have saved on their local government rate bills by successfully objecting to an incorrect valuation.

“Objections must be lodged within 60 days from the date of issue and no later than 16 May 2023, with forms found online at [www.qld.gov.au/landvaluation](http://www.qld.gov.au/landvaluation), or by calling 1300 664 217,” Deb said.

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Location	Date	Time
Kingaroy RSL Club	Thursday 30 March 2023	9.00am - 10.30am
Blackbutt Memorial Hall	Tuesday 4 April 2023	9.00am - 10.30am
Ringsfield House Nanango	Thursday 13 April 2023	9.00am - 10.30am
Proston Hall	Monday 24 April 2023	9.00am - 10.30am
Wondai Memorial Hall	Monday 24 April 2023	1.30pm - 2.30pm
Murgon Town Hall	Tuesday 9 May 2023	9.00am - 10.30am

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Cloyna hall committee and Murgon Lions Club invite you and your partner to their annual dinner Friday 19th May 2023. 6.30pm for 7.00pm sit down. \$30 per person – 3 course meal. RSVP Arthur 0497 169 950 or Chrissy 0427 008 211. Guest Speaker.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

The father of five children had won a toy at a raffle.

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**RE: Forum date claimers:  
How children are faring in the  
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Dear Sir/Madam

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a nationwide census of early childhood development at the time children commence their first year of full-time school.

Results on the AEDC reflect how well children and families are supported from conception through to school age. I have enclosed the Community Profile 2021 – South Burnett for your information.

You will see that our children are starting school already behind, with almost one in three children developmentally vulnerable (compared to the Queensland average of 24.7% and the Australian average of 22%). These results tell us that we need to come together as a community to work together on priorities and changes that will make a difference for all of our South Burnett children.

The South Burnett Regional Council and the South Burnett Partnerships 4 Kids will be hosting community forums across the South Burnett in March and April to discuss how to help South Burnett children reach their potential.

The forums will be held from 6.00 – 7.00pm (with meet and greet from 5.30pm):

- Wondai Town Hall, 18 April 2023: Register here
- Blackbutt State School Hall, 19 April 2023: Register here
- Kingaroy Town Hall, 20 April 2023: Register here

Both Murgon & Nanango were held in March

For more information, contact Cr Danita Potter on 0409 490 175 or [div3@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:div3@sbrc.qld.gov.au)

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## Murgon Market Report 28/03/2023



Numbers were reduced to 450 in Murgon yesterday. Heavy Cows & better quality weaners remained fairly firm with all other descriptions selling to softer values. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.64 per kilogram and \$1800.00. Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$2.78 per kilogram and \$1720.00 averaging \$2.77. Cows 400 to 500 kg topped at \$2.55 per kilogram for \$1180.00. Cows under 400 kg sold to \$1.63. Export heifers sold to \$3.07 per kilogram and \$1870.00. Cattle were drawn from Gayndah, Mundubbera, Kingaroy, Nanango, Kilkivan & local areas.

Local Charbray steers from Manyung sold for \$1506.00 at \$3.68 c/kg. 418 kg Charbray steers from Cloyna sold for \$1530.00 and \$3.66 c/kg. Santa cross steers 427 kg from Tansey sold for \$3.64 c/kg returning \$1555.00. 350 kg Santa cross steers sold to \$1342.00 at \$3.82 c/kg. Angus cross steers 382 kg sold for \$1450.00 at \$3.80 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Manyung sold for \$1230.00 at \$4.62 c/kg. Charolais cross weaner steers from Proston sold for \$4.50 c/kg and \$905.00. Santa cross weaner steers from Kilkivan sold for \$1190.00 at \$4.40 c/kg. Santa cross weaner steers from Murgon sold for \$4.01 c/kg to return \$1110.00. Local Droughtmaster cross heifers 420 kg sold for \$1310.00 at \$3.12 c/kg. 355 kg Droughtmaster cross heifers sold for \$1170.00 and \$3.30 c/kg. Santa heifers 339 kg from Wondai sold for \$1010.00 at \$2.98 c/kg. Droughtmaster heifers also from Wondai weighing 413 kg sold for \$1215.00 and \$2.94 c/kg. Santa cross weaner heifers from Murgon sold for \$1030.00 at \$3.30 c/kg. Angus cross heifers from Proston sold for \$3.60 c/kg and \$800.00. Droughtmaster weaner heifers from Mundubbera sold for \$885.00 and \$3.54 c/kg.

The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 11th of April at 8.00 am.

### Gympie/ South Burnett Division Handcraft and Cultural Committee

Will be holding a handcraft weekend on 29th and 30th April 2023. It will be held at Murgon QCWA rooms McAllister St Murgon. Classes will commence at 8.30am Sat, cost of the weekend will be \$30 for meals and kits will be extra. The classes will be Pattern Darning – Leonie Hemsall, Paper Mache – Rae Ensor, Wessex – Jeanette Westlake, Kumihimo- Eileen Vos and Dimensional Embroidery- Lois Thurecht. Registrations close April 14th. RSVP Jeanette Westlake 54866161 or email nanan01@live.com. Anyone wishing more information or their own flyer contact Lois 0407965094. Lois Thurecht PR Officer



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# ANZAC DAY 2023



The ANZAC Day Dawn services, marches and other commemorations will be held as follows:-

## MURGON

### DAWN SERVICE

4.45am - Fellowship at Murgon Services Club (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 Mark O'Halloran taking the salute and giving the Anzac Day address. This year we also acknowledge the service of our Vietnam Veterans with an address by Mr David Piggott, Deputy President Murgon Sub Branch who served in D Coy 6 RAR.

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

Refreshments provided in the Diggers Room following the service.

*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, President 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. 07 4313 3018.*

*For this year's Anzac Day commemorations, let's show that Australians will always remember those who have served and sacrificed for this nation*

# what's on

@ South Burnett Libraries

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## First 5 Forever Sessions

First 5 Forever sessions in the form of Rhyme Times, Story Times and Stay and Play are happening regularly across all six of our library branches. These sessions are incredibly rewarding for mums, dads, bubs and grandparents to encourage interactions incorporating talking, playing, singing and reading. After feedback from community members, the Kingaroy Library will be trialling an afternoon Story Time session from 3.30pm until 4:00pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023. These sessions may be more convenient for library visitors that may have other commitments during the morning. For session information please call (07) 4189 9256.



## National Simultaneous Story Time

**Save the Date! Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 11.00am.**

This year's National Simultaneous Story Time will feature 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young.

It was finally time for the event of the year, Spike couldn't believe it—THE GREAT RACE was here! The other sloths said it couldn't be done, but Spike didn't care, she was ready to run. This inspiring story celebrates all winners ... especially those who don't come first. Come along for a special Story Time where libraries, schools and kindergartens all read the same story at the same time.



## Wondai Library Book Club

Wondai Library now has a regular book club that catch up monthly to discuss their chosen title for the month and share thoughts on other books that attendees have enjoyed recently. Spaces are available for new members to join in on this great opportunity to meet new people and connect with other readers in the community. The Wondai Book Club is held on the second Thursday of each month from 10.00am. If you'd like more information, give South Burnett Libraries a call on (07) 4189 9256.



## JPs in the Community

Community members requiring a JP can access this service each weekday from 12:00noon - 2:00pm at the Kingaroy Library. For more information, please call (07) 4189 9256.

## Newly Added Titles

Since the 1 January 2023, South Burnett Libraries have added a total of 906 new titles to the collection. This includes adult fiction, nonfiction and biographies as well as movies and TV shows on DVD. The junior collection has had many bright and appealing resources added in the form of nonfiction fact books and many amazing picture books. Suggestions from community members for titles to be added to our collection are always welcome and staff are happy to assist with these requests.

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## **WONDAI, ANZAC DAY 25th April 2023**

### **DAWN SERVICE**

5am - March from the Wondai Post Office corner to the Cenotaph at the Wondai Memorial Hall. Assemble at 4.45am.

Tea, coffee and sausage rolls follow the Dawn Service at the Wondai Diggers Club.

8am – Assemble at the Wondai Cemetery for a commemorative service.

### **MARCH & SERVICE**

10am – March from the Wondai Post Office corner to the Cenotaph at the Wondai Memorial Hall. Assemble at 9.45am.

11.30am - Lunch is available at the Wondai Diggers Club

### **Wondai ANZAC Day Races at the Wondai Show Grounds.**

Contact Neil Burrows at the Wondai RSL Sub-Branch on 4168 5297 with any queries.

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# **BYTE Nite**

**Dates Winter Season at PCYC Club - Winter season Saturdays at the PCYC**

**April 15th 2pm – 6pm      May 20th 2pm – 6pm**

**June 24th 2pm – 6pm      July 8th 2pm – 6pm**

**August 26th 2pm – 6pm – End of Winter season**

## On display at the Murgon Mens Shed



Murgon Men's Shed Inc.

## **GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday 20thMAY 2023**

**75 Mac Alister Street Murgon**

**Gates open 6am**

Too many items to list. Come look see. Must be something of interest for all folks.

We now appeal for further donated saleable items for this event.

BBQ snacks available on the day.

Phone 0400 028 088 or 0407 409 335 to arrange pick up.

*The Shed takes this opportunity to extend a big thank you to all those who have contributed to our Garage sales in the past.*



Wondai Regional Art Gallery  
**April 2023 Exhibition**

# “2023 Wondai Garden Expo Art Competition”

Theme: A Garden Theme (*Any Medium*)

## Prizes:

*Adult Section (18yrs & over) \$500 (1st Prize), \$250 (2nd Prize), \$150 (3rd Prize)*

*Children’s Section: 4-6yrs, 7-12yrs & 13-17yrs  
\$25 (1st Prize), \$15 (2nd Prize), \$10 (3rd Prize)*

*Note: Prizes for Children’s Section 4-6yrs will be in art materials.*

A \$50 prize will also be awarded to the work voted “People’s Choice” on

**OPENING NIGHT on THURSDAY 6TH APRIL, 2023**

**Closing Date for entries: Sunday, 2nd April, 2023 - 2.00pm.**

Entry forms available at Wondai Regional Art Gallery or download at

[www.wondaiartgallery.org.au](http://www.wondaiartgallery.org.au)

## **Kidz Korner: GOMA Kids on Tour**

**Opening Night: THURSDAY 6TH APRIL, 2023 from 6pm (due to Friday being Good Friday)**

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch

Wine will be served by a local winery

Live Entertainment

*The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until Saturday, 29th April 2023.*

*The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 3.00pm. Free Entry.*

*Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email [wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au)*

*Sponsored by Wondai Garden Expo Inc*

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## **Wild Dog & Feral Pig Control Program**

South Burnett Regional Council is conducting a coordinated Wild Dog & Feral Pig Control Program. Wild dogs cause livestock losses and kill native fauna. Feral pigs are key spread vectors for emergency animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth and African Swine Fever which are now in close proximity to the Australian mainland. Participation in this coordinated program will assist in suppressing the feral pig population across a more extensive area of our region.

**To encourage greater participation, the South Burnett Regional Council will be providing meat free of charge for landholders that register to participate in the coordinated program.**

Baiting stations will be held throughout the South Burnett from 3 May 2023 to 11 May 2023. All participants must **register their intention** to conduct baiting no later than Thursday 20 April 2023.

For further information and to register your intention of attending a baiting station please contact Council’s Stock Route & Pest Officer on (07) 4189 9100.

### **Protection of domestic and working dogs**

Owners of domestic and working dogs are advised to restrain and or muzzle their dogs during the baiting program to minimise the risk of dogs wandering and coming into contact with poison baits.





## Kindy now delivered at Kumbia School

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated Kumbia State School on a successful first Term of delivering a brand-new Kindy program now based at the primary school.

Deb said she was pleased to advocate on behalf of the community to secure the new Kindy program for Kumbia families.

“In July last year I met with members of the Kumbia Kindy Committee and Kumbia Principal Mr Sutton to discuss the possibility of merging the Kindy with the School,” Deb said.

“They were seeking a solution to the problem of keeping their small community-controlled Kindy facility operational, and the idea of integrating the Kindy with the School, similar to what had been achieved at Bell State School was suggested.

“The families also shared the importance of retaining kindergarten services in their township, explaining that if the Kindy closed down it would mean a one hour round trip to Kingaroy to access Kindergarten.

“The flow-on effects would mean that families would have been more likely to transfer their older children to school in in Kingaroy, rather than remaining at Kumbia State School.

“I was pleased to advocate on their behalf and spoke directly to the Minister for Education to put this practical proposal forward.

“It is fantastic to see this idea come to fruition for our kindy kids and their families and to learn that the first Term of this service has been very successful.

“I recently visited Kumbia State School to present the new school leaders with their badges and it was great to hear the new Kindy program has got off to a great start,” Deb said.

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## Removal of Application Fee for Roadside Burning and Clearing Applications

South Burnett Regional Council advises at the February Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was resolved to remove the application fee of sixty dollars for the fence line clearing and roadside burning applications.

The removal of the fee is seen as a way of encouraging more applications to Council and acknowledges the benefits of maintaining and enhancing Council’s Road reserves by landowners.

“I encourage the public, to still be diligent and contact the relevant people and parties before lighting any fires” Cr Henschen said.

The requirement to lodge an application with Council will still be required, although the fee will no longer be applicable for the following applications:

- Application to Clear Vegetation on a Rural Road Reserve or Other Council Controlled Reserve
- Application to Burn a Rural Road Reserve or Other Council Controlled Reserve

For further information, please contact Council on 4189 9100 or email [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au).



**The South Burnett Orchid Society Inc.  
Our Orchid Show this year Saturday 15th  
April at the Diggers Room Wondai RSL  
9:30am-3pm. Morning and afternoon teas  
available plant sales as well. This is same  
weekend as the Wondai Garden Expo .  
Hope to see you there.**

## Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

The **Royal Corps of Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RAEME)**; pronounced Raymee) is a corps of the Australian Army that has responsibility for the maintenance and recovery of all Army electrical and mechanical equipment. RAEME has members from both the Australian Regular Army and the Army Reserve.

Prior to being given the title of 'Royal', the **Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (AEME)** were raised on 1 December 1942. Some 64 years later, on 1 December 2006, the last independent RAEME Workshop was disbanded. RAEME soldiers continue in their role to provide support through attachment to other units in Tech Support Troops, Sections or Platoons.

These retired RAEME veterans and partners travelling in 170 caravans get together and visit places like BP Dam and at their last annual event at BP Dam they donated \$3,100 to the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary.



Many, Many thanks for your much appreciated kind donation









These retired RAEME veterans and partners seen here enjoying a touch of craft.



*Ladies,*  
**Murgon**  
**Red Cross**  
**Social**  
**Group**

would like to invite you to come and hear **Marcia Hunt**, Mobile Women's Health Nurse, address the topic: **Screenings in Women's Health** on **Thursday, 11th May, 2023** at the Church of Christ Hall, 20 Thorn Street, Murgon.

The Morning will commence at 9.30 with Morning Tea.



## Volunteers celebrated at the recent Volunteers FAMIL



South Burnett Regional Council Volunteers from Council's Visitor Information Centres and Museums, recently enjoyed a Volunteers FAMIL including tours of South Burnett attractions and providing a chance for them to socialise, relax and enjoy this beautiful region.

Council's Visitor Information Centres and Museums could not operate without the hard-working volunteers that help to promote the South Burnett region to many visitors daily.

The Volunteers FAMIL, held quarterly, provides the perfect opportunity to thank Council's wonderful volunteers and showcase what the South Burnett has to offer. The Volunteers can take this knowledge and share their experiences with visitors and locals alike.

The recent FAMIL started with the beautiful Taabinga Homestead, which was built in 1846. Hosted by Libby who provided insight into the history of this majestic homestead, a tour of the grounds and a delicious homemade morning tea.

Lunch was provided at the Kingaroy RSL and then back on the bus for a tour of Bethany Cottages.

John Bjelke-Petersen was an entertaining host, providing history on the property and the

Bjelke-Petersen family. Afternoon tea would not have been complete without Lady Flo's famous pumpkin scones.

After a day of information and plenty of food, it was time to head home with a wealth of knowledge and appreciation of this beautiful region.

Mayor Otto said "the Famil tour provided a great opportunity for our hard-working volunteers to come together and network. It also provided a wonderful first-hand insight into some of the spectacular tourist assets within our region. Most importantly, it was an opportunity for council to show our gratitude to these wonderful people who volunteer their time to support our communities."

"I would like to thank the volunteers for their contribution to promoting our fabulous region. Without the assistance of people like you the many benefits of the South Burnett would remain a secret. I hear such great compliments from those who visit our Visitor Information Centres" said Cr Jane Erkens.

If you would like to be part of the Volunteers FAMIL, have a few spare hours a week, want to contribute to your community and like meeting new people, volunteering opportunities are available in the South Burnett Visitor Information Centres.

For more information or an application form please contact 4189 9555 or email [tourism@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:tourism@sbrc.qld.gov.au)





## South Burnett groups start year with grants success

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has congratulated twelve South Burnett community groups who were successful in Round 115 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund grants program.

Mrs Frecklington said the South Burnett groups will share in more than \$353,000 for projects that help upgrade facilities and purchase equipment..

“This is a great start to 2023 for these community groups and it is wonderful they will be able to complete key projects for their groups and members,” Mrs Frecklington said.

The successful South Burnett groups were:

- Blackbutt & District Pony Club
- Cooyar Campdraft Assoc
- Yarraman Local Ambulance Committee
- Kingaroy Chamber of Commerce
- Manumbar Campdraft and Hall Assoc
- Murgon SS P&C
- Nanango and District Cricket Club
- Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade
- Gordonbrook Rural Fire Brigade
- Nanango RSL Sub-Branch
- South Burnett Community Orchestra Assoc
- South Burnett Saints AFL Club

“Congratulations to these groups on their grant success and I look forward to hearing about the progress of their important projects.

“Clubs are always welcome to call my office on 4190 7100 for advice and support on future Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant rounds,” she said.

**Photo:** Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington has congratulated the Nanango RSL Sub-Branch who have secured a grant to upgrade the doors at Tara’s Hall.





Photo; of Wanda Rideout & Carmen Emery-Strathdee. taken at Castra. Wanda was relocating to an Aged Care Facility in Gladstone to be closer to family. Wanda was a volunteer @ the Murgon Dairy Museum and involved with the Murgon RSL Auxiliary in times gone by. She was also a supporter of my Parkinson's group.

Carmen Emery-Strathdee.

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## **O'BRIEN WELCOMES BRUCE'S FOUR LANE BACKFLIP ON BRUCE HIGHWAY**

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has welcomed a backflip by the Queensland Assistant Minister for Regional Roads, Bruce Saunders, who now says the Bruce Highway between Gympie and Maryborough must be four laned.

Speaking in Gympie on Friday, 24 March, about the Bruce Highway from Gympie to Maryborough, Mr Saunders told local media, *'it's time that we get the four lanes through right now.'*

## Communities take action on transmission line corridors

During December and January, communities in the northern, eastern and central parts of the Nanango Electorate were faced with the State Government's announcement that electricity transmission line corridors may be built through their region. There are six proposed corridors that have been proposed to connect the proposed Borumba Dam Pumped Hydro Project to the Woolooga Substation in the north and the Tarong/Halys substations in the south. One corridor in either direction will be chosen and residents have spent many anxious nights wondering if their rural homes, businesses and properties will end up being in the path of these massive new 500 kilovolt lines.

On behalf of my community I wrote to the Minister for Energy asking for an extension to the consultation period. A small extension has been granted until 31 March (for consultation) and the release date for the chosen corridor now 27th April. During Parliament this week I spoke on this issue in support of my community. I have also tabled a Question on Notice, and sponsored a petition. I back my community's call for state-owned land to be the first choice for the corridors and that all available technology and infrastructure is used to minimise the impact on private landowners, the environment and on traditional owners.



I have met with members of the Kilkivan Action Group (above) and community members in Blackbutt to hear their concerns.

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## Easter Services Catholic Church

**Holy Thursday 6th April**

**Good Friday 7th April**

**Easter Saturday 8th April**

**Easter Sunday 9th April**

**Murgon 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Proston 3.00pm Stations & Liturgy of Eucharist**

**Castra 9.00am Passion Reflection & Eucharist**

**Murgon 3.00pm Passion Commemoration**

**Wondai 10.00am Stations of the Cross**

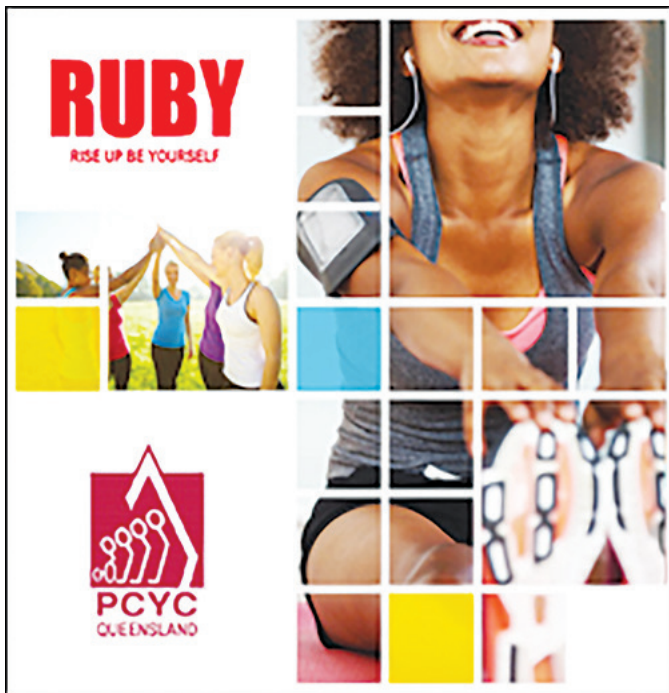
**Wondai 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass**

**Murgon 8.00am Easter Mass**

**Proston 10.30am Easter Mass**

**Goomeri 6.00pm Easter Mass**





Plus: Gymnastics, after school basketball, Squash, Wheel Chair basketball, Table tennis, net ball and many more.

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Karen and Pam selling food at The Murgon Easter Speggtacula



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## Lets Play!

The Tackle Ready program provides a fun and engaging introduction to Tackle Rugby League

What they'll learn

This program focuses on three key technical skill areas

Safe Landing

Making a Tackle

Running into a Tackle

All local Young South Burnett Junior club players participated in this program at the Wondai Sports Ground and Rugby League needs to be congratulated



# Wondai parkrun.



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Wondai Parkrun thanks to the wonderful volunteers Llew O'Brien MP



Congratulations, to the Wondai Gem & Fossicking Club on a wonderful showing at the Wondai Sportsground. Also a nice place to just catch up with locals for a chat!! *Photo supplied by Kathy Duff*





### Wondai Pool & Family Fitness

A massive thank you to these local legends who gave theirs to this challenge and helped a local swim club get back in the game!! Thank you Challengers...enjoy the break see you in 20 weeks



Nanango IGA donates \$1,500 to the Nanango Hospital Auxiliary





## South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group

**Our Thanks** goes to Glenda Geraghty for coming along to our March meeting to talk to us about the new **Murgon Ancient Songbird Centre**. The **Centre** is due to open in May so we were fortunate to hear about its progress and what is on offer there well before opening day. The **Centre** has been a passion of Glenda's for several years and she must be congratulated for turning a dream into reality through sheer hard work and determination. Glenda talked about the history of the **Centre** and about the many local fossils which are unique to the area. Members asked many questions and were greatly interested in the replies.

There were 21 people in attendance including newcomer John who came along with the **Cancer Support Group**. Irene also drove from Hivesville to enjoy the morning. There was some general business to discuss such as our May Brunch at the **Wondai Diggers' Club** and the June morning tea at the **Murgon Dairy Museum**.

Charles was again amongst the winners when he won a prize for his suggestion for the **Monthly Word Sheet**. Phil stood out by wearing his **Davey Crockett** hat as his idea of prehistoric dress. We are sure that Phil has many surprises in his wardrobe.

Merrilyn & Phil had celebrated their birthdays a day before so were rewarded with a chocolate.

There were the jokes, the interesting articles and the normal banter to keep us all in a happy mood.

**APRIL IS PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH so let's wear purple, put a purple flower on the letterbox or light up your porch with purple. Parkinson's disease is increasing in prevalence.** Currently there are approx. **18,000** Queenslanders living with the disease. This disease is progressive and research has so far been unable to find a cure.

The local **Support Group** provides friendship, information and a bit of fun. **CONTACTS: CARMEN 5486 1268 or DARRYL 4168 3116.**









## SBRC 22/23-10 Request for Tender - Waste and Recyclables Collection Services

South Burnett Regional Council is inviting tender submissions for waste and recycling collection services to service the South Burnett region.

Tenderers are invited to lodge tenders in accordance with the terms of the Request for Tender and Contract documents.

Offer documents can be downloaded by registering on Council's tendering platform Tenderlink. Registration Instructions and links can be found on Council's website under Tenders & Supply.

The Tenderlink Reference is BURNET-1053434. Tenders open on Tuesday 21 March 2023 and close at 2pm on Tuesday 11 April 2023.

For further information contact Council on 1300 789 279, 07 4189 9100 or email [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au).



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# CAMP OVEN VARIETY MUSTER

Once again, Monogorilby Camp Oven Variety Muster will be held in April raising funds for RACQ LifeFlight: Dates are 21-3 April To date this event has raised \$ 34000 over the past years to assist LifeFlight.

One call out costs LifeFlight \$ 24,000 so every cent helps in some way.. Known & not so well known artists will entertain you- **Alec Beckett**, (Bush Balladeer to Contemporary Country singer), **Alice Benfer** (singer, songwriter from Gympie, solo artist, **Margy McArdle**, (bush poet), **Clyde Cameron** , **Robert & Cheryl Hopkins** **Kate Daniel**, **Bob Gregory**, **Karen Thomsen** and **Greg Dillon**, **Paddy O'Brien** and **Mel and Susie** just to name a few.

Warwick Witt will be backing on Base Guitar.

Sound will be managed by Stephen Paine. "Walk up" entertainers are always welcome to bring that element of surprise. We welcome anyone wanting to have a "Go"- experienced or amateur. There is usually quite a line up of "walk ups" but we welcome more so please contact us to be sure that you have a spot Please phone 41358121 to register your interest.

We celebrate 16 years of this event but only 9 for LifeFlight, in the past 7 years, we have raised just over \$ 23,000.00 for LifeFlight.

Like *Monogorilby Camp Oven Comedy on Facebook*.

## CLOYNA HALL DINNER

Cloyna hall committee and Murgon Lions Club invite you and your partner to their annual dinner Friday 19th May 2023. 6.30pm for 7.00pm sit down. \$30 per person – 3 course meal. RSVP Arthur 0497 169 950 or Chrissy 0427 008 211. Guest Speaker.

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