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MURGON MOMENTS

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Congratulations Kathy Duff our new South Burnett Regional Council Mayor.

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I am honoured and humbled to be elected as your Mayor and I look forward to an exciting and rewarding four years serving you. I believe that the community has elected a great team of Councillors and I look forward to working alongside Cr Danita Potter, Cr Jane Erkins, Cr Ros Heit, Cr Debbie Dennien, Cr Linda Little and your Division 5 Councillor Cr Heath Sanders. I have big plans for our region and my goal is to make this Council the best in Queensland leading the way with a focus on core business and community. I am excited to lead a team of great Councillors with a priority to deliver for the people who elected them in their divisions and for our region as a whole. Thank you again and God Bless xx

Contact Details

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

Mayor Kathy Duff (South Burnett Regional Council)

Phone 0437020705 or email kathy.duff@sbrc.qld.gov.au

Grant opportunity for local community groups

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington is encouraging community groups across the Nanango Electorate to consider applying for the Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) Super Round.

Deb said the GCBF Super round is a great opportunity for regional community groups to progress their key projects and wish lists.

“Community groups make up the social fabric of our regional community and these grants are an ideal chance to get a funding boost and get their important projects underway,” Deb said.

“Without our clubs and groups, and all those who volunteer their time, most of the events and activities we love would just not happen.

“I encourage all local groups, however big or small, to consider applying for a Gambling Community Benefit Fund Super Round Grant to help achieve their goals,” Deb said.

The GCBF Super Round is offering grants up to \$100,000. Applications are now open and will close on 30th April.

Deb also congratulated the twelve South Burnett western Gympie region clubs and groups who have just been announced as successful applicants in GCBF Round 119. The clubs include:

- Goomeri SS P&C – To construct long jump tracks
- Kilkivan Veteran’s and Community Mens Shed – Purchase machinery
- Manumbar Community Hall – Support of event, video and book
- Kingaroy Clay Target Club – Construct shed and cabinetry
- Murgon Junior Ruby League – Purchase tractor
- Murgon Show Society – Purchase tractor
- Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft – Replace cattle yards
- Proston Pony Club – Upgrade facility
- Nanango RSL Sub-Branch – Renovate bathrooms
- South Burnett Karate – Install solar system
- Wondai District Cricket Club – Construct Amenities Block
- Yarraman Horse Sports – Upgrade facility and purchase equipment

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Rate Notices Issued

Council hereby notifies all ratepayers that rate notices for the period 1 January to 30 June 2024 were issued on Monday 18 March with a discount date of 22 April 2024.

If you have not received your rate notice by Monday 1 April 2024, please contact your local Customer Service Centre for a copy to be mailed to you.

Non-receipt of rate notices is not an acceptable excuse for late payment of rates.

Council's customer service team is committed to providing exemplary customer service and will be happy to assist with rates enquiries. Council has zero-tolerance of abusive or unacceptable behaviour of customers.

Estimated Water Readings

Council has had to estimate some water meter readings included in this levy due to an obstruction, vegetation, a locked fence or a dog on the premises.

To ensure your next reading is not estimated please make access to the property available during April/May 2024 as per the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 - Sect 37.

Payments

Payments may still be received in person at Nanango, Kingaroy, Murgon, Wondai, Proston & Blackbutt Customer Service Centres by EFTPOS, Visa, Mastercard, cash or cheque. Payments can also be made through Australia Post and via BPay.

Discount will be applied to properties where the full amount owing (net payable) has been received over the counter or into Council's bank account on or before Monday 22 April 2024.

Please ensure electronic transfers are received into Council's account before the close of discount date. For BPAY transfers allow up to three days for transfer into Council's account. Please contact your financial institution directly regarding internet banking and transfer cut-off times.

Property owners who are unable to pay their rates by the due date have the option to enter into a payment plan by completing the Application to Pay Rates by Instalments form on Council's website. <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1549/application-to-pay-rates-by-instalments>

Changes to Bin Collections

South Burnett Regional Council's waste contractor, JJ Richards has advised Council that due to operational waste changes within the South Burnett region and their commitment to providing residents with the highest level of service possible, there will soon be changes to some residents waste and recycling collection weeks.

Changes will commence week beginning Monday 18 March 2024. These changes include days that bins are serviced, and the weeks recycling is collected. Residents that will be affected will be sent a letter in the mail outlining their specific changes.

For any enquiries please contact Council's Waste Services team on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

For further information on South Burnett Regional Council waste and recycling facility locations and operating hours please visit Council's website Waste Facilities – South Burnett Regional Council.

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BOOST TO PAYMENTS FOR WIDE BAY PENSIONERS

More than 45,000 people in Wide Bay will benefit from a boost to their social security payments from 20 March, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien advised today.

People receiving the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, and Carer Payment will receive an increase of \$19.60 per fortnight for singles, and \$29.40 per fortnight for couples combined.

The maximum fortnightly pension rate including supplements will increase to \$1682.80 for couples and \$1116.30 for singles.

"Wide Bay residents are experiencing significant cost of living increases, and this rise will provide some small relief to pensioners and people receiving income support," Mr O'Brien said.

"People are struggling to pay for their groceries and find the money for their skyrocketing energy bills. Rents are soaring and we have now seen 10 consecutive interest rate raises under the Albanese Labor Government."

Jobseeker and ABSTUDY payments have also increased, with single Jobseeker and ABSTUDY recipients aged over 22 receiving an additional \$13.50 per fortnight, and single parents who receive Parenting Payment will have an additional \$17.50 each fortnight.

Social Security payments are indexed twice a year to help with the rising cost of living. The next increase will occur on 20 September 2024.

"Cost of living pressures will be made even worse if the Albanese Government's proposal to impose another biosecurity tax on farmers goes ahead," Mr O'Brien said.

"Labor's Biodiversity Protection Levy is expected to collect around \$50 million each year over the next three years, and this is a tax that will be passed from farmers to wholesalers and retailers, and onto consumers.

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

"Every year I publish an Age Pension Guide to ensure Wide Bay pensioners have access to up-to-date information that is clear and easy to understand," Mr O'Brien said.

"If you would like a copy of my Age Pension Guide, please contact my office on 4121 2936 and I'd be pleased to send one to you."

GRANT: Investing in QLD Women. Applications are to be submitted through SmartyGrants.

Applications are now open for the 2024 Investing in Queensland Women grants super round.

This year Investing in Queensland Women is holding a super round with \$540,000 of consolidated funding available, to help deliver community events and strengthen partnerships that raise awareness and address the important and unique issues faced by women and girls.

The timing of the super round will support applications that seek to deliver an event or initiative from July 2024 – June 2025 financial year and will support events related to Sexual Violence Awareness Month, 16 Days of activism, International Women's Day 2025 and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention month 2025.

Eligible Queensland-based organisations can apply for funding of up to \$25,000.

Visit www.women.qld.gov.au/grants-sponsorship/investing-in-queensland-women-grant for more information and to find out how to make an application. Applications close 5pm Friday 12 April 2024.

AL-ANON

If you are troubled by the drinking of someone close to you, there is now a local support meeting being held at

Goomeri Showgrounds Pavilion Building

Laird St Goomeri

Thursdays 11 am

Contact: 1300 252 666

Or www.al-anon.org.au

for more information

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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A Moment – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee



Like many of you, no doubt, Murgon LAC has had a fairly busy start to 2024.

A current project is a **free** presentation/demonstration, 'Emergencies DO Happen', for community groups. It is a "community awareness" program for those who want to "brush up" their First Aid knowledge & skills - but don't need to complete an accredited (certificate) course.

It introduces topics in the "First Aid Handy Hints" booklet, produced by Queensland Ambulance Service. Focus is on helping everyone recognise and respond quickly to a range of potential medical emergencies. Booklets are (currently) distributed free to participants – thanks to a generous donation from a local company.

The program takes about an hour and can be arranged in conjunction with a regular group meeting in/near Murgon, Wondai, Goomeri, or Cherbourg. For more information, text Kerry (0427 681 289) or phone Bob (4169 0909).

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with shower over the bath vanity and toilet plus linen cupboard. Outside at the rear is a covered patio/entertaining area. An enclosed laundry and 2nd toilet alongside, plus garden shed. A 2 bay colorbond garage within the back yard. \$360,000



Susan Crescent, Proston 3 bedroom weatherboard home on concrete stumps 2.44ha (6 acres approx). Built in kitchen, power to the home and Proston town water connected. Small verandah overlooks property. Double garage plus garden sheds. \$330,000



Murgon Vacant and ready for my new owner - A lovely 3 bedroom brick home with remote garage door, modern built-in kitchen with a breakfast bar extends into the spacious open plan air conditioned living area. The main bedrooms has a walk in robe and is air conditioned. 2 bedrooms have ceiling fans and built in robes. A built in linen cupboard in the hallway. The bathroom is 2 way and benefits for a shower plus separate bath. The toilet is separate to the bathroom. The laundry is housed within the garage, which has a remote lift door. Garden shed. NBN connected. Outside a spacious covered patio overlooks the terraced gardens at there is a nice covered patio also at the front large rear patio. The back yard is fully and well fenced. Both town and tank water connected to the home. The home is fully security screened. Elevated position in a peaceful residential area. Would make a sound investment home with a rental potential of \$400 per week minimum. \$429,000

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Murgon, 3 bedroom home on a nice level elevated block of nicely landscaped gardens in a rural location just minutes from Murgon. 2.12ha (approx 5 acres). Open plan kitchen with walk in pantry. The kitchen extends into the

family room. There is a separate formal lounge and dining. Main bedroom is of a good size with plenty of built in robes. The bathroom has the benefit of a bath and separate shower. A patio to enjoy the rural views. Big lockup garage (approx 6 x 9m) with a double carport at the front and a covered walkway from the garage to the house. There is a well fenced house yard at the back of the home and an all weather driveway encircling the home. * 2.5kl of solar power over 10 panels
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Wondai Regional Art Gallery, April 2024 Exhibition

“2024 Wondai Garden Expo Art Competition”

Theme: A Garden Theme (Any Medium)

Prizes: Adult Section (18yrs & over) \$600 (1st Prize), \$300 (2nd Prize), \$200 (3rd Prize)

Children's Section: 4-6yrs, 7-12yrs & 13-17yrs \$50 (1st Prize), \$20 (2nd Prize), \$15 (3rd Prize)

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

A \$100 prize will also be awarded to the work voted “People's Choice” on

OPENING NIGHT on FRIDAY 5TH APRIL, 2024

Closing Date for entries: Sunday, 31st March - 2.00pm.

Entry forms available at Wondai Regional Art Gallery or download at www.wondaiartgallery.org.au

Opening Night: FRIDAY 5TH APRIL, 2024 from 6pm

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch, Wine will be served by Clovelly Estate

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The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until Saturday, 27th April 2024.

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

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondai.art@sbrc.qld.gov.au

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Pathology Queensland Toowoomba Laboratory celebrates remarkable milestone



Supporting communities across the Darling Downs and South Burnett, the Pathology Queensland Toowoomba Laboratory is celebrating its centenary. The Toowoomba laboratory was the fourth laboratory to be opened in Australia after Rabaul (Papua New Guinea), Bendigo and Townsville and commenced operation in December 1923.

Group Laboratory Manager, Neil Dawson said Toowoomba was the first inland laboratory to be set up in Queensland. “We are one of the very few laboratories that have a hundred-year continuous operating history and quite a well-documented history at that.

“In the 1920’s, pathology laboratories were mainly set up in conjunction with quarantine ports to deal with containing epidemics and quarantining overseas ships.

“It was far from a laboratory like we’d recognise today, with just a few basic tests on offer, compare this to present day where the laboratory operates 24/7 and conducts thousands of tests each day.

“Pathology plays an essential role in healthcare, it’s commonly quoted that 70 per cent of clinical decisions made in the health system are made using pathology as the source of evidence,” Mr Dawson said.

For over 42 of those years, Scientist Warwick Anderson has been working in the Toowoomba laboratory.

“I started in December 1981. One of the biggest changes I’ve experienced over this time would be computerisation. Previously, everything was handwritten, and carbon copied. It was very hard to look back on patient files. You had to try to remember a patient’s history to know if a result was keeping with what they were last time.

“For the volume of work we complete, we certainly need technological advancements like the automation of machinery. Back when I started, every specimen went through your hands several times to get it all done.

“Turnaround times have improved, for example, a thyroid function test you had to wait a week for a result to come back, now it’s just a routine test, and you get results back within an hour or two.

“I wonder what it will be like in another 40 years,” Mr Anderson said.

The Pathology Queensland Toowoomba Laboratory operates out of the Toowoomba Hospital.

Photo: Warwick Anderson and Neil Dawson at the Pathology Queensland Toowoomba Laboratory

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List of successful GCBF applicants Round 119

South Burnett

Gambling Community Benefit Fund I Department of Justice and Attorney-General

A total of \$347,431 awarded to local organizations

INDIGENOUS FUTURES FOUNDATION LTD Host
Cherbourg NAIDOC Youth Event \$35,000.00

GOOMERI STATE SCHOOL PARENTS AND
CITIZENS ASSOCIATION Construct Long Jump
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SHED ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED Purchase
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**TANSEY CHARITY BOWLS DAY in aid
of RACQ Life Flight Rescue,
Saturday 13th May,
Multi Draw Raffle**



Curtain Call – the new theatre group in Nanango is settling into its role of providing regular Morning Melodies themed appropriate to the Season.

They have just presented “February the Month of Love” and the next Melodies – in April – will be honouring our ANZACS and, of course, July will be a Christmas celebration.

Not only is Curtain Call a home for Singers and Actors but it is hoped that fledgling writers will join and create short Plays.

To this end they hope to have at least one entry to present in Nanango Theatre Company’s “Playfest” held in the first week of September.

We are grateful to the Council for hiring us the old Presbyterian Church which is situated in the grounds of “Ringsfield” for our last Melodies and we are hopeful that our future productions will be there.

The year is starting to speed up with
**Anzac Day not far away and
Reserve Forces Day**
looming up shortly thereafter.

The Wooroolin School Bugle Band is in training to give it its best shot, literally, for Anzac Day this year. The Band has its 65th birthday on the Anzac Day parade both at Wondai and Wooroolin. For a primary school band of this type I’d say that’s some sort of a record.

Our small organising committee has things fairly well under control for this years occasion which is the 19th Parade, leaving out 2020 when we were stopped in our tracks by the COVID exercise, and in our 20th year as an organisation.

Needless to say we have friends who have been with us from the beginning and they are part of our family. On behalf of the Committee I thank you all,

Noel Selway,

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The Flinders Shire Council in Hughenden are calling all artists, whether budding or professional, local or from afar, to take part in our exciting Art Sculpture Competition.

Winners will be announced as part of the Festival Program with all entries taking pride of place on our Art Trail connecting the historic Coolibah Tree with the Showgrounds and Recreational Lake.

Here in the Flinders Shire, we love to tell a yarn or two through art. Sculptures play an important role in our story telling journey and you can see through our public art pieces sprinkled through the community.

We are asking that entrants use open themes as the inspiration for their sculptures.

With a total prize pool of \$13000 – you'd be mad not to chuck your hat in the ring!

An Artist Information Pack can be downloaded at the link below for all the requirements and terms and conditions.

Entry Form – Draft sculpture information is welcome.

To stay up to date

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Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/festivalofoutbackskies>

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Murgon Cattle Sale Report 05/03/2024



Numbers increase to 1000 in Murgon yesterday for the fortnightly sale. In line with all other selling centres all lines of cattle eased in price with lighter heifers seeing the largest decline. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.56 per kilogram and \$2300.00. Approximately 230 Cows were yarded with Cows over 500 kilograms selling to \$2.20 per kilogram and \$2026.00 for an average of \$2.21 per kilogram. Cows 400 to 500 kg topped at \$2.10 per kilogram for \$992.00. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$1.89c/kg, averaging \$1.59 c/kg. Export heifers sold to \$2.37 per kilogram for \$1293.00. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Durong, Yarraman, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kilkivan, & locally. 500 kg Crossbred steers from Cushnie sold for \$3.24 c/kg returning \$1629.00. Santa steers from Byee weighing 389 kg sold for \$3.16 c/kg for \$1230.00. A line of Santa steers from Mundubbera averaging 289kg sold to a top of \$3.52 c/kg & \$1022.00. 240 kg Charolais cross steers from Proston sold for \$853.00 at \$3.54 c/kg. Local Santa cross weaner steers sold for \$3.38 c/kg & \$977.00. Charbray weaner steers sold \$3.88 c/kg to return \$826.00. Simmental cross weaner steers from Tansey sold for \$3.34 c/kg and \$779.00. Santa heifers weighing 363 kg sold for \$930.00 at \$2.56 c/kg. 305 kg Santa heifers from Hivesville sold for \$779.00 at \$2.56 c/kg. 3 pens of Brangus heifers from Gayndah sold for \$2.84 c/kg returning an average of \$744.00. Charolais cross weaner heifers sold for \$686.00 at \$2.40 c/kg. There was a number of Cows and Calves yarded and sold out to a top of \$1240.00.

Murgon & District Memorial Club Inc gives back to the Community

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As a club we love to give back to the community.

So far this year we have helped purchase two Kia Carnivals for Graham House, donated money to the Murgon State High School for their Heron Island trip and a virtual infant simulator doll, a 2024 sponsor for the Proston Show Society, a 2024 sponsor for the Goomeri Show Society, a 2024 sponsor for the Murgon Bowls Club, a 2024 major sponsor for the Cherbourg Hornets Rugby League Club and also sponsored the Murgon Show Society 2024 fireworks.

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Story Time in the Park

South Burnett Libraries would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest First 5 Forever initiative, Story Time in the Park!

Weather permitting, Nanango Library will be hosting their Story Time session from the Butter Factory Park in Nanango from 10am on the first Wednesday of every month!

BYO picnic morning tea, rug, water bottle and hat and join us as we talk, sing, read and play!

*First 5 Forever is an initiative of Queensland Government, coordinated by State Library of Queensland and delivered in partnership with local government.



Saturday Movie Mornings

Come along to the Kingaroy Library on the second Saturday of every month from 9.30am to watch a movie as a family for free. BYO your pillow and snacks and join in the fun. Each month we choose a fun, family friendly movie that everyone can enjoy. Pop into the Kingaroy Library or call (07) 4189 9256 for more information.

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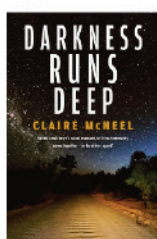
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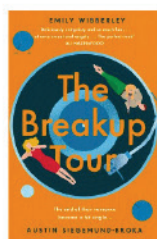
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Save the Date - Harry Potter VS Star Wars Day

This year South Burnett Libraries will be hosting their first evening event, **Harry Potter VS Star Wars** on Friday 3 May 2024 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Kingaroy Library.

Why Harry Potter VS Star Wars?

2 May 2024, marks the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Hogwarts and Star Wars Day is a commemorative day observed annually on May 4. Due to their proximity, we have selected the Friday 3 May as the day to pit the two against each other for some friendly competition! Come along and enjoy some great interactive activities and join the library staff in dressing as their favourite characters.

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We sadly mourn the loss of:

RANDLE, Edward John (Eddie), Late of Proston and formerly of Sandgate

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FISHER, Rodney Brian, Late of Cherbourg

BRADFORD, Carl Andrew, Late of Murgon

WARDROP, Charlie, formerly of Murgon.

ELLERTON, Gail nee Kingston, formerly of Murgon

Call for Nominations for the Board 2024 South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation Limited

Nominations are called for the Director positions on the Board of Directors of South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation Limited in accordance with the company's Constitution. This is a volunteer role and no remuneration is offered.

The Foundation is renewing its board to continue to concentrate on its charitable activities and through these the support for the Lady Bjelke-Petersen Community Hospital and Community Health Initiatives.

If you are interested in nominating please download the Call for Nominations Document which details Director Qualifications, responsibilities and the general skill matrix sought.

Nominees wishing to apply should complete the Nomination Form and the ACNC Responsible Entity Declaration form. You must supply a covering letter addressing the skills matrix and a comprehensive CV detailing your suitability, qualifications and experience relevant to the role of Director. All documents can be downloaded here: Call for Nominations for the Board 2024 - South Burnett Community Hospital Foundation Limited – South Burnett Regional Council

Please send these documents to Mark Pitt, Company Secretary at info@sbrc.qld.gov.au

Nominations close Thursday 11 April 2024 at 11.59pm AEST

For further information please email Mark Pitt, Company Secretary at info@sbrc.qld.gov.au

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Some Upcoming Events in APRIL

April

- Killkivan Great Horse Ride - 5-7th April
- South Burnett Gem & Fossicking Show - Wondai - 6th & 7th April
- A taste of Ireland - Irish Music & Dance Sensation - Kingaroy - 6th April
 - Nanango Show - Nanango - 13th April
- Wondai Autumn Garden Expo - 20th & 21st April
 - Yarraman Wild Horse Campdraft - Yarraman Showgrounds - 20th & 21st April
- Cooyar Trail Ride - Cooyar Showgrounds - 20th & 21st April
- Boondooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush - 23rd - 28th April
 - ANZAC Day - 25th April
- South Burnett Anzac Day Races - Wondai - 25th April

Local Markets;

- Kingaroy Friendship Markets - 3rd Saturday - Kingaroy Showgrounds
 - Nanango Markets 1st Saturday - Nanango Showgrounds
 - Kumbia Markets- Cancelled
- Wooroolin Community Markets 2nd Saturday - QCWA Building
- Yarraman Markets Every Saturday - Toomey St Yarraman
- Murgon CBD Markets 2nd Sunday – Lamb St Murgon
- Nanango Church Yard-Op Shop Markets - 4th Saturday of the Month - 110 Burnett Street
- Blackbutt Country Markets 3rd Sunday - Les Muller Park Coulson Street Blackbutt
 - Wondai Country Markets 4th Saturday - Coronation Park Wondai
- Bunya Mountains Markets Last Sunday - Bunya Mountains
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5.00 am - March from the Wondai Post Office corner to the Cenotaph at the Wondai Memorial Hall. Assemble at 4.45 am.

Tea, coffee and sausage rolls follow the Dawn Service at the Wondai Digger's Club.

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

MARCH & SERVICE

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

11.30 am - Lunch is available at the Wondai Digger's 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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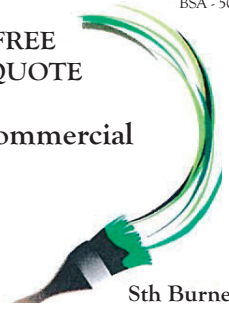
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Recycling improves the health of our environment by conserving natural resources, reducing landfill gas and leachate, and decreases ecosystem destruction by diverting waste from landfill.

If you are unsure of what can go in your recycling bin, you can download our Recyclopeda app which will show you an A-Z list of all waste types and where they can be disposed of. View the app here: Recyclopeda App – South Burnett Regional Council

If you have any further questions or enquiries regarding recycling, contact the Waste Management department on 4189 9100 or via email: info@sbrc.qld.gov.au

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The South Burnett Orchid Society Inc. Would like to let you know that our Orchid Show is Saturday 20th April 2024 at the Diggers Room Wondai RSL. Starting 9:30am-3pm Admission \$5 with Tea/coffee and \$3 without Tea...
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Update - Wondai CBD Footpath and Roundabout Upgrade

South Burnett Regional Council is pleased to provide this update on the Wondai CBD Footpath Upgrade Project.

The project will revitalise the Scott Street commercial precinct with new infrastructure that includes stormwater, kerb and channel, exposed aggregate concrete footpath areas, bike racks and pedestrian seating.

The project commenced on Monday 12 February 2024 along the eastern side of Scott Street, between Edward and Haly Streets. The initial works focused on the site establishment, traffic management controls and preparation works for modification to shop awnings that included the removal of existing kerb and channel and part of the existing footpath.

Following these initial works, Council's engaged qualified builder commenced works on the modifications to the existing shop awning posts that also included the installation of new concrete footings. During these modification works, it was deemed unsafe for Council staff and contractors to work with the area until the builder had completed these works and subsequently redeployed to other projects.

Council is now in the process of identifying and locating services on site with the intent for works to be completed over the coming weeks, including the pouring of the trial slabs for exposed aggregate footpath surface, commencement of trenching and installation of stormwater pipes and components.

Construction activity will create noise from machinery and equipment, some restrictions to vehicle parking and pedestrian access for public safety, however these impacts will be limited and allow for continual business access as construction progresses along Scott Street.

Site works and construction activity will be performed Monday to Friday – 6:00am to 4:00pm with occasional weekend work. The project is expected to be completed by early May 2024.

This project has been proudly funded by the Queensland Government's 2021-2024 Works for Queensland Program in association with the South Burnett Regional Council Capital Works Program for 2023-2024.



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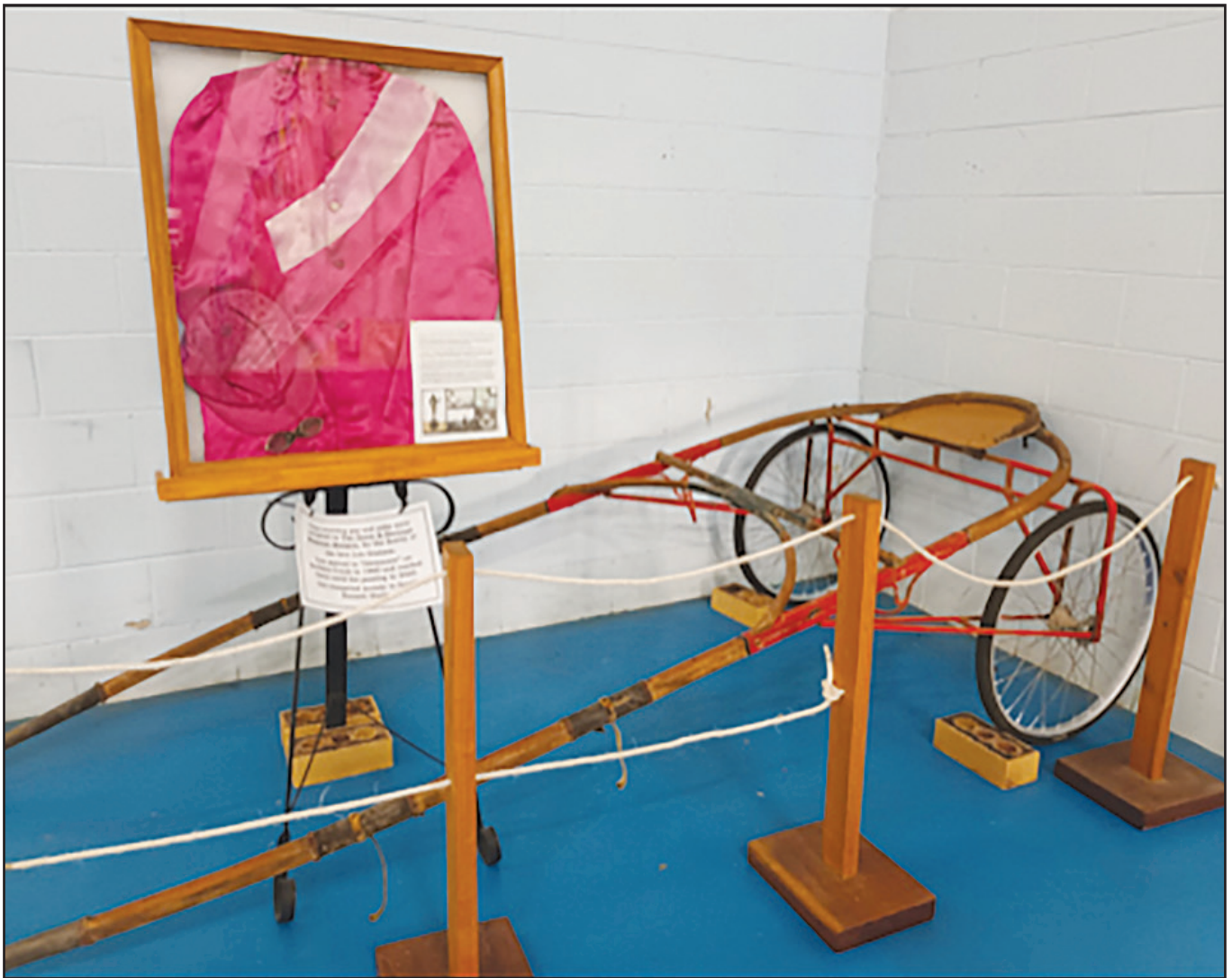
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Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon Leonard Graham, who resided at “Glenmore” on Barkers Creek with his wife Lorna, grew up on a dairy and crop farm near Boobyjan. The property was known as “Broadwater”. Len and Lorna moved to “Glenmore” in 1960 and resided there until his passing in 2020.

In the 1950s, after mastering the craft of trotting, Len competed in shows in The South Burnett and in 1956 along with his mare and companion “Audrey Minton” won at the Goomeri Show.

The gig and silks were on display at the 100th Murgon Show and are now on display at the Museum. Thanks to the Graham Family for donating their fathers prized possessions. Joy Fennell



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GARDENING

The Wondai & District Garden Assn has resumed for the Year. Cher, our guest speaker, shared with us different techniques in propagating roses other than the usual – strike by cutting. We are visiting the lovely and unique gardens of our members with the May meeting is a visit to a compost & worm farm.

Autumn Garden Expo: 20th & 21st April, Numerous stalls with all things gardening. The usual raffle prizes – 1st \$250, Tickets. \$1 each can be purchased on site or our street days, 3rd April Murgon IGA, 5TH April Wondai IGA, Net proceeds from this raffle will be gifted to LifeFlight.



Bus Trip: For everyone, 11th May to Gympie and surrounds. Leaving from Pursers Coach Depot. Murgon and Visitor Info Centre Wondai with pick ups along the way. Bus fee of \$35 includes lunch, bookings with Noela Ph 0429 689 296 for catering purposes. Trip of interest will be Orchids, Natives, with many lovely blooms and plants to purchase.

Our club meetings held 2nd Friday of each month, everyone welcome. Enquiries Contact Denise 4168 9736



Ladies, If you would like to be better prepared for the **BFF (Best of the Forties and Fifties)**, then come along for a friendly and informative evening & listen to Mobile Women's Health Nurse, **Marcia Hunt** speak about Menopause at the Church of Christ Hall, 20 Thorn St, Murgon Friday, 12th April. The evening will commence at 6pm with Finger Food. **TENNIS**



TENNIS

The Wondai & District Tennis Assn has resumed its Wednesday morning matches. 9 am start every week including school holidays for the children. Come along for a very enjoyable social morning. Beginners welcomed. Monday night tennis every week 7 pm, everyone welcome.

The Wondai Assn includes the clubs of Wondai, Tingooora, Chelmsford and Mondure. Tennis is rotated around these courts. Enquires : Denise Ph 4168 9736.



Murgon RSL Sub Branch Citizen's Auxiliary is hosting a

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Date 27th April 2024, Time doors open 9.00am for 9:30am start

Location Welfare Drop-In Centre, 44 Stephens Street West, Murgon

Come along and enjoy the fun!

Veronica to retire from Graham House on her 17th anniversary of employment with the Murgon based Community Centre



On the 4th of April 2007 a quiet and a little shy, Veronica Sommerfeld, started work at Graham House Community Centre. Veronica was employed in the Community Transport department, which was then funded by Home and Community Care (HACC). Veronica quickly learnt the ins and outs of booking clients for their requested transport, registering new clients and managing the growing fleet. Veronica was also involved with organising the HACC conference that was held at Graham House in her first year.

Fast forward to 2024 and Veronica has made the difficult decision to hang up her telephone headset and pen and retire after 17 years (to the day) as a devoted, reliable, and cheerful member of the Graham House Team.

On behalf of all the staff past and present, our Board Members, and volunteers, we wish Veronica a happy, healthy, and adventurous time as she explores new places and people. We will miss her quiet, respectful, honest, calm, and gently demeanour.

Maree, Community Transport Manager, has said "It has been an honour to work alongside Veronica and watching her help so many people during her time at Graham House. Have fun Veronica! We will miss you."

Thanks Aliesha Johnston

Promotions Officer

Graham House Community Centre

BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB



Members of the Barambah Garden Club held their monthly meeting on Friday 9th February at the home of Mary Mitchell. A lovely morning tea was served, and the Competition Table was prepared for the various sections of flowers, herbs, natives, vegetables, etcetera. Later, voting would take place.

The guest speaker for the meeting was one of the members, Joy Thomson. She introduced and demonstrated an age-old art form which works well with wildflowers and other suitable foliage. One could say it is more of a photographic development procedure using the Cyanotype process. In photography, this low-cost, simple process was often used for making proofs instead of finished prints. They were called blueprints.

This is a brief description of Joy's demonstration. In a dark corner of the room, she coated strips of calico with the Cyanotype solution. The chosen foliage, the wildflowers, leaves or petals of choice were arranged on the calico in a decorative design. These strips were then covered in glass and moved outside into the sun where the magic happened. The colour changed rapidly and after about five minutes was a beautiful blue colour. A rinse took place for the final process. The result could be a wall hanging or a shopping bag with a nature sun print - a beautiful piece of art. Suitable paper could also be used, depending on the desired result or purpose. Joy stressed the fact that it is an art that improves with practice.

The morning was very successful with such an interesting topic and another way to be creative, especially using flowers and foliage. Joy was thanked for sharing her knowledge.

The meeting included a discussion on various locations for trips to enhance our appreciation of tending and cultivating a garden and learning more about plants.

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

New Members Welcome. Contact Barbara Hartmann King 0741681675 or President Anne 0438686238

Happy Gardening Everyone

Photo: Artist Joy Thomson displaying her nature sun print

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 Friday 10 May 2024 to Friday 17 May 2024. All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Thursday 2 May 2024.

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.

Further Pest Management Assistance available through South Burnett Regional Council includes:

Feral Animal Control

Free Trap Hire

Council have a range of traps available for hire free of charge to landholders to assist in the control of wild dogs, pigs, rabbits, cats and foxes.

Surveillance Cameras

Cameras are available for hire free of charge to monitor feral animal movements to assist in determining the best location to set traps or lay baits.

Pig Baiting Stations

Known as hog hoppers, these baiting stations specifically target pigs featuring an opening mechanism that can only be opened by animals with a snout. The stations are used in conjunction with pig out baits, a pre-packaged 1080 bait which can also be purchased from Council.

Property inspections and advice

Officers are available to provide onsite advice on how to manage feral animal and weed issues.

1080 Baiting Program

Council delivers two coordinated baiting programs throughout the year to encourage eligible landholders to bait across the region. Programs are held in May and September to control wild dog and feral pigs. Individual baiting can also be requested outside of these times. Eligibility requirements do change, we encourage landholders to contact Council regarding their eligibility to bait.

Calici Virus

Officers are available to assist with trapping and injection of Calici Virus to manage rabbit populations.

Weed Control

Access to spray equipment (splatter guns, spray trailer, tree spears etc.)

Herbicide assistance and coordinated treatment programs (when available)

Treatment advice and individual property inspections

Mapping and identification of pests

GRAHAM HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

TRIBUTE TO COL SIPPEL



Col Sippel significantly contributed to the establishment of the Graham House Community Centre, a location deeply cherished by him, given his roots as a native born at the Graham House Maternity Hospital on May 29, 1928.

In 1988, Col, who was a member of council, and a group of citizens, many of whom were also a part of the North Country Deanery of the Catholic Church, became concerned with the lack of services and information available to the community in the South Burnett.

At the time of identifying this need, the South Burnett Community Development Program were offering funding specifically for improving services in rural/remote communities. The North Country Deanery of the Catholic Church applied, becoming successful, and were offered the original Graham House Maternity Hospital building by the Department of

Childrens Services and Aboriginal Affairs. This building became known as the Graham House Community Centre. Graham House Community Centre went on to become an incorporated association in 1992.

A Board was formed for the management of Graham House Community Centre. Col served as President from 1989 to 2013 and continued as Vice President from 2013 to 2020, making Col's time with us 31 years. Col was honoured a Lifetime Membership with our Board to acknowledge his time and commitment to Graham House Community Centre.

Lauren, Graham House Community Centres Community Access and Development Worker, who recalls working closely with Col for many years said "Col was always a kind, happy man. He would come to the Centre to sign cheques for our accounts on a weekly basis and to just check in on the staff. He loved attending our yearly Christmas Parties and was always available for a chat when I saw him down the street. He will be greatly missed."

Graham House Community Centre staff, Board members and volunteers, past and present, would like to pay tribute to Col Sippel for his contribution to making the Centre and the South Burnett what it is today. Our 2024 vision statement "A connected, liveable and diverse community" is one we think Col would be proud of and is exactly what he was committed to achieving all those years ago.

Rest In Peace Col, you created a long-lasting legacy in Graham House Community Centre through your positive impact, you shall continue to be our inspiring force.



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Murgon Show Society

Thank you to Sharon from **EXTRA TOUCH Floral Designs** who donated this beautiful flower arrangement as a trophy for the Most Points Overall in Horticulture which was awarded to the lovely residents from Castra. Look at all those prize winning cards. They also retained the Fay Collard Memorial Trophy for their roses and received a champion ribbon as well. Thank you Jan Irvine for delivering their awards and taking these lovely pics..I'm sure they would have been excited and very pleased with themselves. The challenge is on for next year now!





Winners Volunteers of the Year!! A big shout out and congratulations to the Murgon Hospital Auxilliary. Last weekend Muriel Schultz & some of their members travelled to Toowoomba to receive the Volunteer of the Year award for the Darling Downs Health & Hospital District!!

April School Holidays - Gymnastics

PCYC South Burnett

<p>Mon 01 April 2024 Easter Monday</p>	<p>Tues 02 April 2024</p>	<p>Wed 03 April 2024 Gymnastics Recreational Gymnastics. Experience the thrill of our high beam, sprung floor, vault, and high bars (inhand) Ages: 6-12years Cost: \$20.00 Time: 9 - 11am Bookings Essential</p>	<p>Thurs 04 April 2024 Free G Free G is an exciting combination of Parkour, Tricking & Gymnastics that fuses traditional gymnastics & acrobatic tricks Ages: 7-12yrs Cost: \$20 Time: 9-11am Bookings Essential</p>	<p>Fri 05 April 2024 Kinderplay Bring your little ones along to explore our gymnastics room. Experience some new and exciting adventures while improving fine motor skills. Ages: 0-5yrs Cost \$8.00 + Membership Time: 9 - 10am Parents/ Guardian supervision required</p>
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Borumba TAG-A-TOGA Fishing for Knowledge



63 anglers converged on Lake Borumba near Imbil Qld for the ninth annual TAG-A-TOGA event on 1-3 rd March for a lot of fun and to gain a better understanding of the resident Saratoga population. Rather than a normal fishing competition, this event offers a more relaxed environment which focuses heavily on everyone enjoying themselves rather than who wins. There are a lot of great prizes given away for hidden treasures and lucky door prizes with only a few reserved for those who catch fish.

This year the 26 teams were again all filled without any advertising, TAGATOGA popularity continues to rise. This was the eighth year Kingaroy Sportfishing Club had held the event at this time of year and the data collected is very detailed including what lure / bait, time of capture, and terrain where each fish was caught. At event closure, this data is shared with entrants to help fine tune angler's skills to have better success chasing these mighty fish, Brendan Moore from Kingaroy Sportfishing Club advised.

Although they possess very poor eating qualities, Saratoga are renowned for their willingness to take both lures and flies and their acrobatic performances once hooked, which has made them a premier freshwater sports fish. Saratoga are prehistoric, surviving since the Eocene era which is around 50 million years ago, their upward facing eyes making them a target for surface presentations, however their hard bony mouths make hooking and landing them challenging.

"The fishing was the most successful on record with a total of 131 Saratoga caught. All of these fish were released and most tagged with QLD Sportfishers pink tags. This will allow us to learn more about these ancient looking creatures.

The longest Saratoga captured during the weekend was a magnificent 780mm model caught by Barry McArthur who was also fishing with his son, highlighting the family friendly aspect of the event. Fish of this size are very crafty and landing one of these are a testament to the anglers ability. This was also backed up with a 770mm model caught on lure by Sam King. Credit goes to both Kingaroy Sportfishing Club and the anglers who fished the event for having fun and contributing to a greater understanding of a highly regarded sportfish. A captured size range of 210mm to 780mm proved that

there was a good self-sufficient breeding process under way within the area as well as the larger size range proving their living conditions were well suited to their lifestyle and general health.

“If you haven’t been to Borumba dam, do yourself a favour, it’s a picturesque dam that’s full of fish, thanks to the great work of the dedicated local stocking group” event organiser Bob Dover stated. “Non-target species, namely Australian Bass and Golden Perch were also encountered, and data recorded before being returned to the water ready to fight another day Shaun Manthey thanked all participants who travelled and the staff at Borumba Deer Park for the venue and hospitality. BCF, Garmin Australia, Sunshine Mitre 10, Australian Freshwater Fishing Charters and Borumba Deer Park all sponsored this event and made it the success it was. The Kingaroy Sportfishing Club offers its members an opportunity for mateship, education and skills development in a family friendly environment. To learn more about fishing in the South Burnett or to become involved, contact them via their Facebook page.

Kingaroy Sportfishing Club: Shaun Manthey: 0419 789 129, dannishaun@outlook.com.au

Photo supplied by Kingaroy Sport Fishing Club, a local South Burnett community not for profit fishing club.

A 770mm model caught on lure by Sam King



It was such a quiet morning this morning at Kingaroy airport that even the anti-aircraft crew went home.

Noel Selway.

Board Chair Mike Horan AM, announces his retirement

Mike Horan AM

After serving as Board Chair since the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service was formed on 1 July 2012, Mike Horan AM has today announced he will retire on 31 March 2024.

During his tenure as Board Chair, Mr Horan has guided the organisation through significant periods of expansion, reform and has led a community and patient-focused Health Service.

Reflecting on his tenure as Board Chair, Mr Horan highlighted a remark from one of his first engagements as Board Chair.

“When Darling Downs Health was first formed, I shared my vision as Board Chair, which was that

‘I am determined to set the standard and tradition of a truly local board that makes the best decisions for local communities’.

“When you look at the membership of the board and the decisions that we’ve made as a board over the last 12 years, I think we’ve met that mark and exceeded it. We reintroduced services to regional areas – like

general surgery in Kingaroy and expanded service availability and facilities like the maternity suites in Stanthorpe, and we’ve consistently delivered financially responsible budgets,” Mr Horan said.

Mr Horan highlighted that the success of his role was in-part because of the dedication of staff who support the Board’s vision.

“Over the last 12 years I’ve met and listened to our staff from every corner of the Health Service about the work they do and the challenges they face and together we’ve solved problems and introduced new and expanded services that they’ve advocated for.

“In the last 12 years we’ve also built new facilities, like the Kingaroy Hospital and the organisation is about to embark upon a once in a generation infrastructure expansion, with the new Toowoomba Hospital the centrepiece.”

Darling Downs Health Chief Executive Annette Scott PSM, acknowledged the dedication, passion and fierce loyalty Mr Horan has for the organisation and the significant growth under his leadership.

“Mike has given his all as Board Chair and left no stone unturned when it came to advocating for this organisation - be it for new facilities, additional funding or the introduction of services that would help our communities,” Ms Scott said.

“When Darling Downs Hospital and Health Serviced commenced on 1 July 2012, it had approximately 4,900 staff and an operating budget of roughly \$500 million.

“Fast forward 12 years and we are an organisation that has grown significantly, with 6,793 staff and an operational budget that is more than double what we received in 2012.

Mike’s contributions to this organisation will be lasting, and as work commences on the new Toowoomba Hospital, it will serve as a reminder of his influence to secure a transformational project that will better the lives of people throughout the Darling Downs.”





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Murgon Sub Branch

ANZAC DAY 2024

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 Veterans and ex Defence Service 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, Murgon Services Club, following the service.

MARCH & MAIN SERVICE

The March steps off at 9.45am (Parade assembles from 9am in the car park of the Murgon Services Club) with Dr Graham McAllister taking the salute and giving the Anzac Day address.

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

Refreshments provided in the Diggers Room of the Murgon Services Club 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 Thursday 18th April.

CHERBOURG

MARCH AND SERVICE

Commencing at 8am Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg.

Visiting another area?

If you will be away from Murgon and would like to attend a service in another location head over to the RSL Queensland website

<https://rslqld.org/whats-on/anzac-day>

Or contact the relevant Sub Branch directly.

Murgon Sub Branch is happy to assist in providing contact numbers so reach out if you require assistance.

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.

As information comes to hand, it will be advertised on the Murgon RSL Sub Branch Website <https://murgonrsl.org> and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/murgonrsl.org.
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.

New Defib at Benarkin SS will help whole community

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has congratulated Benarkin State School on the installation of the first defibrillator for the community.

Deb said she was delighted to officially 'open' the arrival of the defibrillator, which the school has recently had installed.

"This is a great initiative by Benarkin SS who have fully funded its purchase and installation on school grounds," Deb said.



"The defibrillator is available for the use of the whole community, and it has been put in an easy to access location on the school tuckshop wall so that anyone who has a family member or friend experiencing an emergency can come and utilise it.

"Well done to Benarkin SS Principal Kerry Christie and her team for making this happen.

"I was also delighted to officially present the 2024 School Leaders, Mikayla Bear and Koby Bear with their badges and I wish all the new leaders and the school community a great year ahead," Deb said.

"It is terrific to see Benarkin SS going ahead in leaps and bounds with strong support from the families and surrounding community," Deb said.

Photo: Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington and Principal Kerry Christie opening the new defibrillator at Benarkin SS

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Bruce Simpson ... elected mayor Cherbourg

Bruce Simpson is the new mayor of Cherbourg after achieving more than 50 per cent of the vote, defeating sitting mayor Elvie Sandow.

With 379 votes counted, the tally in the official first preference count was:

SANDOW, Elvie – 100

SIMPSON, Bruce – 200 – **DECLARED**

MURRAY, Arnold – 78

Informal – 1

Councillors

With 1480 votes in the official first preference count, the four successful councillors were declared on Tuesday:

MURRAY, Bronwyn – 88

SAUNDERS, Elgan – 88

SIMPSON, Errol – 139

FISHER, Carla – 169 – **DECLARED**

SALTNER, James Dodd – 123

WRAGGE, Gordon – 145 – **DECLARED**

WATSON, Luella – 142

COSTELLO, Leighton – 92

WEAZEL, Daniel – 160 – **DECLARED**

BUTTON, Cindy – 66

LANGTON, Thomas – 164 – **DECLARED**

COBBO, Fred – 104

Informal – 9



The new Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council team ... from left, Tom Langton, Deputy Mayor Carla Fisher, Mayor Bruce Simpson, Daniel Weazel and Gordon Wragge (Photo: CASC)

South Burnett Local Council election

South Burnett mayoral poll:

SCHUMACHER, Kirstie – 5035

DUFF, Kathy – 8740 **DECLARED**

WILSON, Tom – 2437

JONES, Gavin – 4559

Informal – 497

Division 1

At noon on Tuesday, with 3511 official first preference votes counted:

DE WEERS, Tom – 1579

ERKENS, Jane – 1822 **DECLARED**

Informal – 110

Division 2

At noon on Tuesday, with 3623 official first preference votes counted:

LITTLE, Linda – 1603 **DECLARED**

GRANT, Douglas – 870

HAZELTON, Wendy – 960

Informal – 190

Division 3

Position was uncontested. Cr Danita Potter has been re-elected unopposed. **DECLARED**

Division 4

At noon on Tuesday, with 3554 official first preference votes counted:

DALY, Gerald – 215

SCHUBACK, Seth – 219

ANDERSSON, Dan – 419

WESTBROOK, Heidi – 1146

DENNIEN, Deb – 1438 **DECLARED**

Informal – 117

Division 5

At noon on Tuesday, with 3549 official first preference votes counted:

BATTESE, Stuart – 1112

WALTERS, Allan – 594

SANDER, Heath – 1713 **DECLARED**

Informal – 130

Division 6

At noon on Tuesday, with 3919 official first preference votes counted:

HENSCHEN, Scott – 1210

HEIT, Ros – 2621 – **DECLARED**

Informal – 88

Kathy's Comments

Thank you for supporting me to be your Mayor



I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with my election campaign

I would like to particularly thank my campaign team who went above and beyond to help me get elected. I had helpers manning 5 polling booths continuously for 2 weeks across the region as well as stepping up again on Election Day where there were nine other booths and booth workers added to the list.

Thank you to the Otto family for your ongoing support and to Trevor for the beautiful letter in the Murgon Moments and Burnett Today.

I have big plans for our region and my goal is to make this Council the best in Queensland leading the way with a focus on core business and community. I am excited to lead a team of great Councillors with a priority to deliver for the people who elected them in their divisions and for our region as a whole. Thank you again and God Bless xx

Contact Details

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

Mayor Kathy Duff (South Burnett Regional Council) - Phone 0437020705 or email kathy.duff@sbrc.qld.gov.au



Congratulations, to the South Burnett Gem & Fossicking Club on a wonderful showing at the Wondai Sportsground Saturday 6th April till 4pm & Sunday 7th April till 2pm . Opals, Gem Identification, Lapidary, Gem sales and more. Thunder egg cutting, Also a nice place to just catch up with locals for a chat!!



See you at the Wondai Races on ANZAC Day

JOKE:

Reporter interviewing a 104 year old:

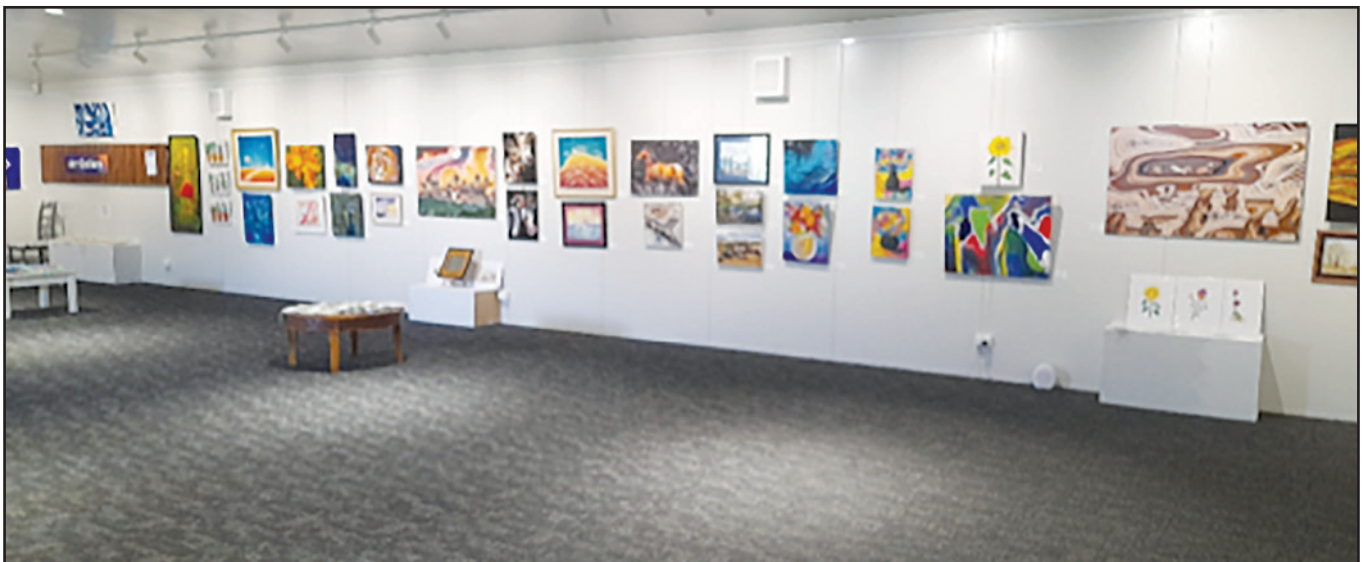
‘And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?’ the reporter asked

She simply replied, “No peer group!!”

May-How You Going?

Days are hotter, nights gets cool. Come May and the nights will continue to become cooler, at least in South Burnett. I have now lived here for the last eight years, and for me one of the best choices I have made. Living in this region is peaceful, calm, slow pace, lots of country scenery that you can't get enough of. For some people it can be spiritual. You not only physically love this place, but your mind, emotions, your inner being also finds rest. I have always loved country living, call it regional or rural. Many are now moving this side of QLD, buying houses, finding roots and calling it home. My wife and I have lived in Wondai for the last seven years. Absolutely love this place. The nearest towns out of Wondai are Murgon, Goomeri, Kingaroy. I go to Proston twice every month for preaching and Bible study. Not many attend church these days, but for those who do attend, they find their spiritual fulfilment in God. How so? We are not only physical being, flesh and blood, but we are also spiritual being. What does that mean? The word spirit and soul is sometimes used interchangeably in the bible. They are our emotions, will, intellect. That part in us that looks for fulfilment, satisfaction, happiness, purpose. They are spiritual. Spiritual side of things can be satisfied in admiring God's creation, like South Burnett where there is Table Land and Bunya Mountain. Many find spiritual satisfaction comes from religion, in believing that there is a God. It's a belief and people can choose if that's the way they want to go. Many choose not to believe in any higher power, God, and that is there choice. As I get older, I find that my fulfilment in life comes from learning new things: meeting new people, visiting new places, seeing different towns in South Burnett, trying out different restaurants, different kinds of food. I am also a reader and educating myself on different subjects from internet stimulates my thinking. I am always looking for something new, It is adventurous, fulfilling, makes me happy. Spiritual fulfillment and happiness sometimes can be used interchangeably. When you are fulfilled inside, you are happy outside whether that comes from admiring creation, travelling and seeing new places or finding fulfilment in God. The important thing in life is to be fulfilled, happy and learning. I have believed in Jesus Christ for the last forty years, it's been fulfilling and spiritual. I can't say it is same for everyone, because not everyone believe in God. They find spiritual fulfilment in something else. Others find it in doing activities with their friends like Mans shed or Shed Man. I have also seen groups of bicycle riders, motor bike riders, antique cars, walkers, runners, swimmers. Golfers? I play golf. Over the years I have learned that people, though we are same, human beings, but we are different in what gives us fulfilment, what gives us passion, what draws our attention. And that's what I find very much mind blowing. We are who we are. We will find what we like most and find satisfaction and fulfilment in that. Jesus said, *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened (Matthew 7:7-8).*

Bal Sami, Pastor-Wondai Baptist Church



Art work changeover has been completed at 55 million years ago, become a member and receive free entry to all parts of the museum plus more all year round.

Photos from Proston Show, was a cracker of a show, something for everyone, dogs, horses, poultry, cattle, music, side shows, chain saw events, wood chops, craft, stockman's cut out event, Mrs & Miss Show Girl, burgers & ice creams + more





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South Burnett sporting groups celebrate grant success

Six South Burnett sporting clubs will share in more than \$1.8million after successful applications in the Minor Infrastructure and Inclusive Facilities Fund grant.

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington congratulated the Clubs on their success and the benefits their major projects will bring to the region.

“Each of the Clubs are receiving significant grants to help them build or upgrade their facilities,” Deb said.

“The Kingaroy Tennis Club will be constructing a brand new amenities block to replace their old toilet block. The upgrade will create opportunities for the Club by providing a new space which is accessible, safe, clean and functional.

“At the Kingaroy Golf Club, the grant will help replace the old irrigation system, to help the Club provide a better and more reliable playing experience, encourage new members to attend, and current members and guests to return more often.

“The Nanango Netball Club will be upgrading their two grass courts to a hard surface. This will help the Club further grow their membership, allow more competitions and carnivals to be played at Nanango and provide a high-quality netball facility for the region.

“I’d like to recognise the Clubs on their success and their commitment to improving sports participation in our region.

“The South Burnett Regional Council was also successful in receiving funding to construct new amenities blocks to support active recreation in Nanango and Murgon,” Deb said.

Following is the full list of successful Clubs:

- Barambah United Football Club – construct new amenities
- Kingaroy Tennis Assoc – install modular amenities block
- Kingaroy Golf Club – replace irrigation system
- Kingaroy Rugby League – construct amenities
- Nanango Netball Assoc – Upgrade grass courts
- South Burnett Saints AFL – construct amenities

Murgon's Centenary Show



Murgon centenarians Alf “Mick” Purser, Gladys Birch and George Ansell joined with Murgon Show Society patroness Gladys Sippel to cut the 100-year celebration cake at the official opening of the Murgon Show, more photos in May edition.

“Art Travels with Pat” at 55 million years ago

Well known Artist Pat Van Kempen will share her memories of her travels overseas and her Art Work.

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