



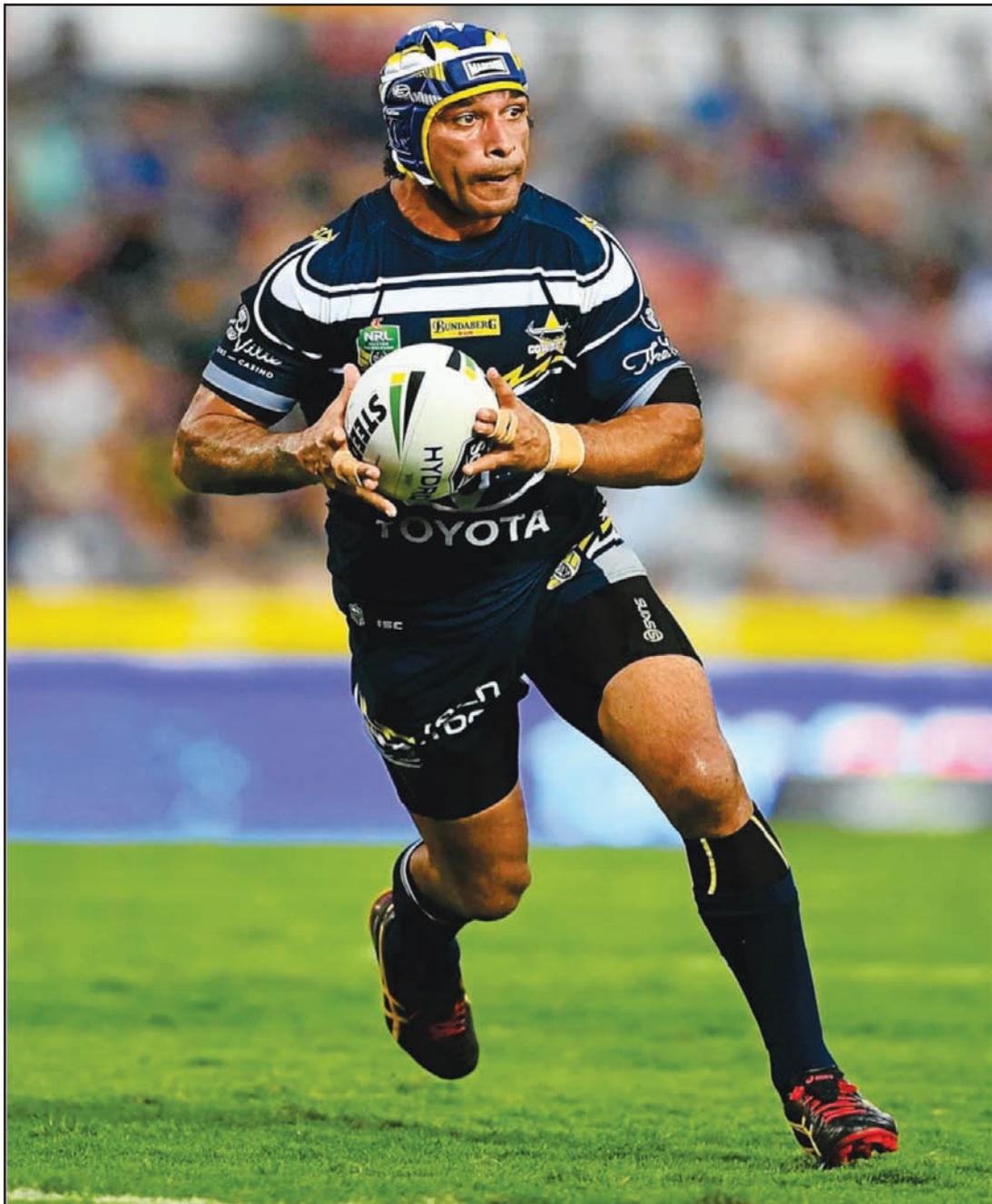
MURGON MOMENTS

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



President of the Murgon Sports Association, Councillor Kathy Duff was excited to let the Murgon Sports Association know at their meeting that Johnathan Thurston will be coming to the South Burnett on Sunday October 18th. He will be working with young footy players in a program called "Beyond the Nest" Thanks to Scott Prendergast & Richard Henshaw from Qld Health for helping to make this happen!!

2020 BRONZE SWAGMAN AWARD FOR BUSH VERSE RESULTS

The results for the 2020 49th annual Bronze Swagman Award for Bush Verse have been announced by organisers, The Winton Business and Tourism Association.

Judge Jack Drake of Stanthorpe has chosen Marco Giori's poem FUMBLES as the winner of \$500 and a bronze statuette crafted by Queensland sculptor Daphne Mayo. The judge wrote: "The winner, 'Fumbles', is not just a good poem, it is a great poem. It has emotion, pathos, irony and compassion as well as a powerful theme beautifully handled by its author. The runner up and the highly commended pieces were all more than capable of winning any poetry contest". Marco hails from Warwick in southern Queensland.

Runner-up was a poem titled 'Crocodile' by Keith 'Cobber' Lethbridge of Armadale, Western Australia. 210 poems were received from 64 poets with entries from all Australian states, the Northern Territory, New Zealand and the USA. Highly Commended's were awarded to Robert Raftery of Greenbank Qld, Kelly Dixon of Mundubbera Qld, Heather Searles of Branxton NSW, Irene Dalgety Timpone of Atherton Qld and Brenda Joy of Charters Towers Qld.

Entries are already open for the 50th Bronze Swagman Award for Bush Verse and four entries have already been received. The competition was first conducted in 1972 to help keep Australian Bush Poetry alive. This is especially important for Winton as Banjo Paterson wrote Waltzing Matilda in Winton in 1895. In the spirit of encouraging new writers of bush poetry, the Tim Borthwick prize going to a poet not yet published in the Bronze Swagman Books went to Heather Knight of Wentworth Falls NSW.

To help celebrate 50 years next year a gala camp oven dinner and a night of bush poetry will be held on Monday 21st September 2021.

The 2020 book of 50 poems will be available in early September from Corfields and Fitzmaurice in Winton or from www.bronzeswagman.info

For further information contact the Honorary Co-ordinator Jeff Close. closeandmoller@gmail.com



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An open invitation

QCWA Gympie and South Burnett Division wish to extend an open invitation to those who would be interested in joining our organisation. We are establishing a new group in the Murgon area with already some interest. If you would like to come along or join up with one of our many branches that are already established throughout the region please contact me via email qcwagsbddivision140@gmail.com or join us on Wednesday 12th August, 2020 at 9.45am for 10am start. This meeting will be held in our Murgon Rooms, Macalister Street, Murgon. So please join us with your friends and discover the rewards of being a CWA member.

Details are on our facebook page. Hope to see you there.

Division President: Julia Ashcroft

WELCOME TO MONTAGE – SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES' NEW ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE

Did you know that South Burnett Libraries' online public access catalogue (OPAC) was upgraded last week to the newly designed Aurora Montage?

Aurora Montage provides the ability to search across the entire library collection and return the results in groups of their respective formats. With one search customers can discover books, images, magazines and more that relate to the search term/s used; all from the comfort of home. Customers can login to their library membership account to reserve or renew items, suggest items for purchase or request inter-library loans. Montage also allows patrons to view or reserve new release items, create a wish-list of items to read and add book reviews.

The South Burnett Libraries online public access catalogue can be found on the Council's website and begin your exploration of the free collections available via your library membership card.

For more information contact Council's Library team on 4189 9256 or email Council.

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JOIN LOCALISED - THE LARGEST ONLINE BUSINESS TO BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTH BURNETT

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic many businesses have had to pivot and adapt their business offering, turning to digital tools to promote their goods and services.

South Burnett's digital business network, Localised, provides a free marketing channel to other businesses to promote their products, services, people, knowledge and events.

Theo Williams, CEO and founder of Localised, said the digital platform is the largest online business to business community in the South Burnett region, with over 300 professionals now connected.

"Even before this global pandemic, small businesses were building digital skills and market opportunities, and never before has it been more important for businesses to be found online."

"We want to encourage local business owners to ask the question 'Is there a local that can do it?' by using the Localised tools to find local businesses, build capabilities or to seek recommendations."

Mayor of South Burnett Council, Brett Otto, said with COVID-19 restrictions easing, now is more important than ever to ensure businesses can be found by people looking to do business locally.

"Localised is a great free resource for local business owners that's been supported by Council to help local businesses connect and do business."

"By adding your business to Localised and using the tools to localise more business, you're making your business easier to be found by local consumers, plus you're putting your business in front of other business owners who are looking to do business in the region."

"We all need to connect and with most face-to-face meetings still not happening, local groups are all adding their online events and services on this site to let locals know what they're offering. Many of the programs are free to join."

To join, visit widebayburnett.localised.com.au/southburnett.

For more information on Localised contact Council's Economic Development team on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

2021 QUEENSLAND GREATS AWARDS ARE OPEN FOR NOMINATION

Council is thrilled to announce the 2021 Queensland Greats Awards are now open for nomination.

In 2020, this Queensland Government initiative celebrated 20 years of recognising exceptional individuals and institutions for their contribution to our great State.

Since the awards' inception in 2001, 102 individuals, 16 institutions, 6 posthumous and 1 honorary recipient have been honoured as Queensland Greats.

The 2020 recipients were announced on Queensland Day, 6 June and included seven outstanding individuals – Nancy Bates OAM, Angus Lane OAM, Father Mick Lowcock OAM, Bruce Morcombe OAM, Denise Morcombe OAM, Associate Professor James Morton AM and Betty Taylor. The 2020 posthumous recipient was Richard (Darby) McCarthy OAM and PCYC Queensland was the worthy recipient of the institution award.

Mayor Brett Otto said, "I urge you to nominate at least one individual or institution from within the South Burnett who has made a long-term contribution to, or whose achievements have significantly impacted, the history and development of Queensland. Nominations are encouraged across one or more of three categories – individual, institution and posthumous."

Nominations close Friday 29 January 2021.

For further information about the awards or to make a nomination visit the Queensland Greats Awards website.



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COME ON QLD! LET'S BOOST YOUR HEALTH DURING COVID-19

Health and Wellbeing Queensland has joined with partners and the community to bring together a range of services and resources that Queenslanders can use to boost their daily activity, healthy eating and wellbeing.

Looking after your health and wellbeing is always important, so here are some great ideas on how you can do this!

Boost your wellbeing

How have you been looking after your wellbeing at home since the COVID-19, tag your Twitter or Insta post #BoostCampQld and show how you are boosting your healthy at home!

Boost your Activity

- Simple stretches each morning can help you feel fresh and get your blood flowing
- Go for a walk or run, perfect to get your heart rate up and breath in the fresh air
- Go for a bike ride, soak in some vitamin D and immerse yourself in nature
- Take an online workout class, whether you are interested in yoga or pilates, here is a class for you
- Limit your sitting time, try setting an alarm every hour to get up and move
- Have a living room dance party, pop on your favourite playlist and get your sweat on!
- Do some cleaning, gardening or home maintenance
- Or go for a swim to get your blood pumping

Daily Boost

- **Give a wave** – say hello to others if your outside exercising, remember to keep a safe distance. You could brighten up their day!

Online Meditation Group

- Support your wellbeing by joining the free online Meditation Group.

Boost your Healthy Eating

- Eat foods from the five main food groups
- Choose fresh fruit and veggies that are in season
- Plan your week in advance, this can help you buy and eat the right foods
- Drink more water (add a touch of your favorite frozen fruit such as watermelon and strawberries)
- Have regular meal times

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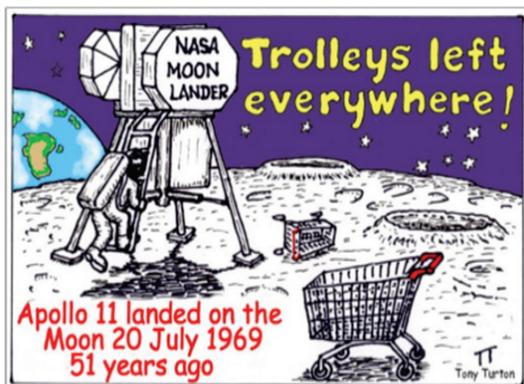
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Dob In a Dealer campaign will help clean up drugs in Wide Bay

Dob in a Dealer campaign run by Crime Stoppers Australia, benefitting communities across Wide Bay. The program is funded from the proceeds of crime, money that was destined to line the pockets of our most serious criminals.

“Dob in a Dealer is a call to action to Wide Bay communities to provide Crime Stoppers with information to assist law enforcement in disrupting the import, manufacture and supply of ice and other harmful illicit drugs,”

“We encourage Wide Bay residents to anonymously contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestoppers.com.au to ‘dob in’ those people profiting from the use of illicit drugs in our community.

“Drugs such as ice have a devastating impact on local communities.

“The Government recognises that police can’t fight this on their own, and that our community can play a strong part to undermine and disrupt any criminal business models operating in local areas.” The last *Dob in a Dealer* campaign, which ran between February 2016 and March 2017, saw an average national increase of 95 per cent in drug-related information reports, including an increase of 143 per cent in the number of amphetamine-related reports from the public.

During 2016 in Queensland, Crime Stoppers received more than 17,000 drug-related information reports, including more than 5200 amphetamine-related reports. This led to more than 600 arrests and the seizure of more than \$1 million worth of drugs.

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Proston - This neat home sits on 21/2 acres and is set back on the block and has views across country side. Open plan living with a modern kitchen, gas range with electric oven. There is an air conditioner providing all year round comfort. 2 bedrooms one currently being used by the owners as a dressing room. The home is completely insulated and also benefits from a 3kw solar system. A front verandah has been enclosed at one end to provide a sunroom. The bathroom is very large and incorporates the laundry. Outside at the rear is a ramp. A lovely bush house. The home benefits from both town and tank water. There is a worm farm septic system. A double lock up colorbond shed with workshop space at the rear plus a caravan port. **\$200,000**



Murgon - As new 4 bedroom home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. Spacious open plan living. Built in kitchen with pantry, island bench and dishwasher. The Master bedroom has spacious built in robes plus an en-suite. The family bathroom benefits from a bath and shower, toilet is separate. Quality fittings throughout. Air conditioned living and Master bedroom. The double plus garage is spacious with a remote lift door and double door access to the home. The 4th bedroom/office has patio door access to a neat patio. The rear yard is fully and well fenced with double gate access from one side of the house and personal gate to the other side, a blank canvas ready for a new owner to establish gardens. **\$279,000**



Murgon - Reduced to Sell. Owner Committed elsewhere. Must be sold. Represents excellent value at \$185,000. This bright airy home with 4 bedrooms is bright, airy and has absolutely nothing left to do. Cosy living room with air conditioning extends into a spacious air conditioned sunroom. Modern newly installed kitchen with island bench leads to a dining area. Newly renovated bathroom benefits from a shower plus bath, vanity and toilet, there is 2nd toilet in the utility room. Air conditioned main bedroom plus ceiling fans. All paintwork inside and outside is in top order. Mostly polished floors throughout the home with newly laid carpet in the lounge. Roof and gutters all new. Single carport behind fence line. Garage/workshop. A private oasis of a back yard with covered entertaining, veggies gardens and established and easily maintained gardens. **\$185,000**

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VIETNAM VETERANS DAY - MURGON 18 August 2020

Murgon RSL Sub Branch will host a Breakfast for Vietnam Veterans commencing at 8.00am at the Murgon Services Club.

All veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

Breakfast Cost: Vietnam Veterans \$0 All others attending \$23.

Bookings essential – contact the Secretary on **0427 915 533** by **11th August**.



Following the Breakfast a short Memorial Service will be conducted at 10.00am at the Murgon War Memorial.

Assemble at the Cenotaph at 9.45am.

All RSL Members and members of the public are welcome to attend. We encourage everyone to support our Vietnam Veterans on this day.

Please join the members for fellowship at the Murgon Services Club following the Service.

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND FINANCIAL COUNSELLING AVAILABLE

With the economic impacts of COVID-19 being felt across Australia, more people than ever are likely to find themselves in need of financial assistance.

Regional Housing Limited (RHL) has announced it can provide both emergency relief and financial counselling to families and individuals who are struggling to pay bills or put food on the table, including those who have been forced out of work by the current pandemic.

Emergency relief provides immediate financial support for people experiencing financial hardship, including pre-paid essentials cards for the purchase of food and other necessities, financial assistance with bill payments, and other forms of financial support.

Financial counselling provides information, guidance and advocacy for people experiencing financial hardship, helping them to understand their options and assisting them to improve their financial situation.

This can include assistance with prioritising debts, negotiating with creditors and bankruptcy.

RHL has been supporting new and existing clients via phone and appointment throughout the COVID-19 crisis and has recently re-opened the doors of its Bundaberg, Hervey Bay and Kingaroy offices, allowing people to again request assistance in person.

For more information on the supports offered by Regional Housing Limited call 1300 642 123 or visit their website.

Show Holiday – Monday 10 August 2020

South Burnett residents and visitors to the region are advised that Monday, 10 August 2020 has been declared a public holiday for the South Burnett region for the purpose of the Royal Queensland Show.

Council Administration Offices, Customer Service Centres, Libraries and Council Depots will be closed on this day.

NEW PLANNING REGULATION PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Did you know that the ability for people to meet requirements under Queensland's planning framework is being impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency?

This includes the Planning Act, *Planning Regulation 2017* and supporting statutory instruments (including the Development Assessment Rules) which regulate planning and development in Queensland. As a result, a new Planning Regulation has been made which applies until 31 December 2020 regarding public notification of development applications.

The regulation amends the operation of s53 of the Planning Act and 17.1 of the DA Rules (newspaper requirements) for publicly notifying development applications given the closure of many newspapers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulation, made under the COVID-19 Emergency Response

Act 2020, modifies requirements under the Planning Act for public notification of development applications and change applications to ensure communities can continue to be adequately informed of development proposals, despite social distancing measures and many local and regional newspapers closing or becoming digital only.

The regulation provides new arrangements which are responsive to localised circumstances and will replace the existing newspaper notice requirements for the notification of development applications.

These new arrangements will require, in the first instance, that notice be published in a hard copy local newspaper where one exists. Where there is no hard copy local newspaper circulating, the notice must be published in a digital local newspaper. Where there is neither a hard copy or digital local newspaper, notice must be given by either publishing a notice in a newspaper with a state-wide distribution; giving additional notices to the occupiers of properties in the vicinity of the subject land; or publishing a notice on Council's website.

The regulation also modifies associated requirements about keeping development application associated documents physically available for inspection and purchase or inspection only by local governments. These changes are in recognition of the health and safety issues associated with the physical handling of documents.

Similar modifications have been made to the requirements for notification of applications in priority development areas, as well as changes to improve flexibility in accessing associated hard copy documents under the *Economic Development Act 2012*. These modifications have been enabled via the Economic Development (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020.



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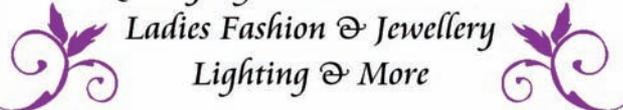
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Senior's Week Digital 'Living Library' Series

To promote and recognise the valuable contribution of older people in our region, Senior's Week will be celebrated by South Burnett Libraries with a series of videos that highlight the hobbies, interests and achievements of seniors in our local community.

This digital 'living library' series will premiere during Senior's Week, which runs this year from 15-23 August.

Local identities will be featured, so be sure to tune in to the South Burnett Libraries Facebook page!



South Burnett Libraries are Open !!

As Queensland moves to Stage 3 on the road map to easing restrictions, South Burnett Libraries can now welcome more visitors into each of our branches!

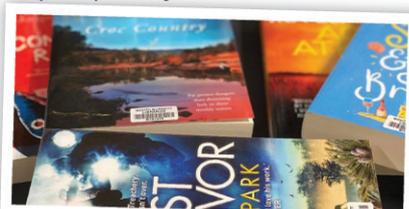
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- ✦ Please note that all library visitors must provide their contact details for potential contact tracing purposes.
- ✦ Returned items will continue to be quarantined for a period of at least 24 hours before being put back into circulation.
- ✦ Bookings for public access computers will be remain available, with each session will be limited to 15-30 minutes in order to adhere to social distancing requirements.
- ✦ Extended loan limits will remain in place, with 20 items per membership card allowed.
- ✦ Visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines and if you are feeling unwell, please postpone your visit.

2019-2020 South Burnett Libraries Snapshot

Despite the impact of COVID 19 to library services and programming, during the 2019-2020 financial year:

- 98,432 physical library items were loaned
- 988 new members were welcomed to the library service
- 222 First 5 Forever Story Time and Rhyme Time sessions were held with a total of 2,074 attendees
- 13 digital story time sessions were recorded, with a total of 7,733 views
- 6,306 physical resources were to the South Burnett Libraries catalogue, with an addition 2,062 eResources purchased. These resources were purchased using funds allocated by the State Library of Queensland's Public Libraries Grant of \$166,300.
- 2019-2020 saw a massive increase in the use of the libraries' eAudiobook collection; loans increased by 69% whilst eBook loans increased by 55%



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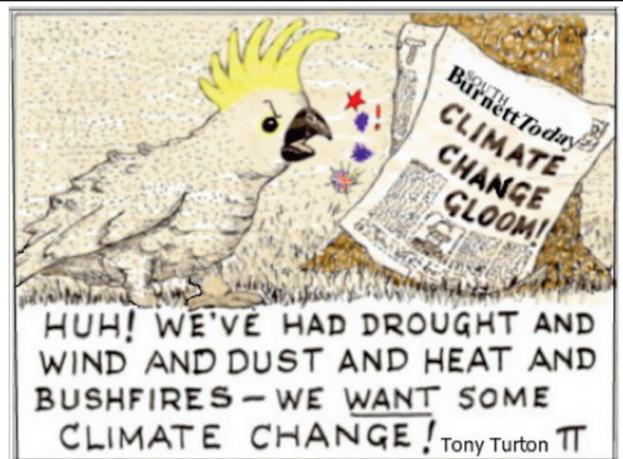
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COUNCIL RECEIVES \$3.31M COVID W4Q FUNDING

Council's \$3.31M COVID W4Q projects have been endorsed by the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs.

The funding enables Council to invest in a range of upgrade, maintenance and refurbishment projects across the region, including:

- **Wondai Aerodrome Runway Lighting Upgrade**
- **Community Building Upgrades and Maintenance**
 1. Kingaroy - Forecourt & Carpark CCTV; Youth Toilet Block (CTC); Glendon Street Toilets
 2. Nanango - Cultural Centre air-conditioning and window replacement
 3. Murgon - Squash Courts , Wondai - Showgrounds Grandstand (portable)
 4. Durong - Public Toilets (bore and tanks)
 5. Regional - Roof replacements, repainting of structures, replacement of flooring and corporate buildings security systems upgrades
- **Open Space Refurbishments**
 1. Kingaroy - Somerset St/Walter Rd verge planting
 2. Murgon - QE2 Park tree replacement
 3. Benarkin and Kingaroy Lions Park signs
 4. Regional - Tourism Statues; Girl Guide wall; park tables, shelters & bins
- **Tourist Facilities Upgrade**
 1. Proston - Dump Point (at Rodney Street)
 2. Wondai - Coronation Park free camping area; Heritage Museum footpath
 3. Dams - Tennis Court repairs; Boondooma Bunkhouse relocation; Yallakool Boat Ramp repairs
 4. Boondooma Homestead water
- **Park Equipment and Playground Upgrades**
 1. Nanango - Pioneer Park playground; Butter Factory playground; Reg McCallum Park playground; Scott Street sail replacement
 2. Kingaroy- Memorial Park Softfall (Go Getta Girls Hut); Apex Park BBQ seating and shelter
 3. Wondai - Skate Park upgrade
 4. Proston - Playground shade sail replacement

Mayor Brett Otto said, "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Queensland Government for providing additional financial support through the \$3.31M COVID W4Q funding to help the South Burnett's economic recovery following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic."

"This funding will advance well-developed Council projects that are ready to get started and can be successfully completed. By upgrading, maintaining and refurbishing facilities in our region, Council continues to deliver essential services as well as drive economic development and community wellbeing outcomes."

The COVID-19 W4Q program is a part of the Queensland Government's \$200M Economic Recovery Strategy: Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs.

For further information regarding Council's Works for Queensland projects contact Council on 4189 9100 or email.



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COVID-19 Update (as at 6pm, 29 July 2020)

Overview and key developments

- As at 1pm Wednesday 29 July, Queensland has recorded 1079 cases, with three new cases in the last 24 hours. Of the confirmed cases, 1065 have recovered.
- As at 9.00pm Tuesday 28 July, Australia has recorded 15,304 confirmed cases, 400 more than the previous day. Of the 15,304 confirmed cases nationally, 167 have died from COVID-19. Six of these deaths have been Queenslanders.
- As Queensland records three new cases of COVID-19, community members on Brisbane's southside are asked to remain alert but not alarmed.
- If you live in the areas of Logan, South Brisbane or Springfield and are feeling unwell, please stay home and get tested immediately.
- Any individuals who were present at the below locations at the relevant times are asked to immediately self-quarantine and contact 13 HEALTH:

Detail	Suburb	Date	Time
FLIGHTS VA863 – Mel - Syd VA977 – Syd - Bne		21 July 2020	
Parklands Christian College	Park Ridge	22-23 July 2020	9.30am-6pm
Madtongsan IV Restaurant	Sunnybank	23 July 2020	7-9pm
Heeretea -Bubble Tea Shop	Sunnybank	23 July 2020	9.25pm
YMCA Chatswood Hills Outside School Hours Care	Springwood	23-24 July 2020	All
Primary Medical and Dental Practice	Browns Plains	24 July 2020	3.30-3.50pm
Thai Peak Restaurant	Springfield	26 July 2020	6.30-9pm
Cowch Dessert Cocktail Bar	Southbank	27 July 2020	All
P'Nut Street Noodles	Southbank	27 July 2020	All
African Grocery Shop	Woodridge (Station Rd)	28 July 2020	All
Primary Medical and Dental Practice	Browns Plains	28 July 2020	12.25-12.30pm
Chatime Grand Plaza	Browns Plains	28 July 2020	All

- Effective immediately, aged care facilities on Brisbane's South will not be permitted to take visitors due to the increased risk of infection. Additionally, there will be an increase in screening for COVID-19 and a limitation on staff transfers between facilities.
- A number of fever clinic times have been extended:

Location	Time	Day
Orion Springfield Central Shopping Centre western car park (pop up clinic)	9am-4pm	Thursday 30 July-Sunday 2 August
Parklands Fever Clinic (school community testing)	Closes 7pm tonight Opens 9am tomorrow	Wednesday 29 July Thursday 30 July
QEI Hospital Fever Clinic	8am-8pm	Wednesday 29 July-Friday 31 July
Logan Hospital Fever Clinic	8am-9pm	Wednesday 29 July-Thursday 30 July

- Queensland has today declared the greater Sydney area a COVID-19 hotspot, following increasing cases across the NSW capital.
- As of 1am Saturday 1 August 34 (31 new plus three previously declared) local government areas will have been declared hotspots by the Chief Health Officer, meaning people who have been there within the last 14 days will be turned away at the Queensland border unless they are residents. COVID-19 hotspots are updated regularly [here](#). Anyone travelling into Queensland will require a valid Queensland Entry Pass and must commit to get [tested](#) for COVID-19 if they develop [symptoms](#) within 14 days of entering Queensland.
- Failure to comply with any requirements under the Borders Direction can result in on the spot fines of \$1,334, a court-imposed penalty of up to \$13,345 or 6 months imprisonment. People who provide false, misleading or incorrect information on a Border Declaration can receive a fine of \$4003, a court-imposed penalty of up to \$13,345 or 6 months imprisonment.
- Find out more about the [plan for the management of Queensland's borders](#).

Supporting business and workers impacted by COVID-19

Businesses can visit business.qld.gov.au or call 1300 654 687 for support.

Round 2 of the Small Business Adaption Grant is now open and funding is still available for businesses located in regional areas of Queensland. A 'regional business' is one where the principal place of operation is located in any local government area within Queensland that is not identified as a SEQ location. The Business Queensland website (www.business.qld.gov.au) provides further information on locations classified as SEQ.

The Small Business Adaption Grant offers up to \$10,000 per eligible small or micro business who have been highly impacted by COVID-19. The funds can be used towards the following:

- financial, legal or other professional advice to support business sustainability and diversification
- continuing to meet business operational costs including utilities, council rates, rent, telecommunication charges, insurance fees, licensing or franchise fees
- strategic planning, financial counselling or business coaching aligned to business development and diversification
- building the business through marketing and communications activities (e.g. content development – web pages, mobile apps, visual and audio media etc.)
- digital/technological strategy development
- digital training or re-training and up-skilling employees to adapt to new business models
- capital costs associated with meeting COVID-19 safety requirements
- specialised digital equipment or business specific software to move business operations online (e.g. logistics program for online ordering).

Note: Grant funds can be used towards any of the above activities occurring from 23 March 2020 onwards, keeping in mind the project must be completed within a maximum of 6 months from the date of approval. Businesses who were successful in receiving grant funds in Round 1 will not be eligible for further funding in Round 2.

If you are a small business in regional Queensland or know of one who may be eligible, we encourage you to visit the Business Queensland website for further information on eligibility criteria and how to apply. Applications for this grant can be made directly through this site.

John Suthers

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It is with regret that the Proton and District Lions club inform you all that the 201Q4 District Convention which was to be held at Proston has been cancelled due to Covid19. It was a difficult decision to make by the district advisory committee and the Proston Lions Club. The Proston Lions Club was looking forward to hosting the Convention which is at Tewantin next year.

TENDERS CALLED TO BUILD \$14 MILLION BRUCE HIGHWAY ROUNDBABOUT IN WIDE BAY

Tenders have been called to build a new roundabout as part of the jointly-funded \$14 million Bruce Highway – Wide Bay Intersection Upgrade, signaling a late 2020 construction start on a project which will boost safety at Bells Bridge and create more than 40 jobs.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said the new roundabout design reflected community feedback and would create a safer environment by slowing traffic and reducing the risk of serious crashes, particularly during peak times.

“An additional \$2.6 million of safety works will be delivered with this project including new speed limit warning signs, guard rails and an upgrade to the Spring Valley Road intersection,” Mr McCormack said.

“Other safety upgrades on the Bruce Highway between Meadows Lane and Wide Bay Highway will be done at the same time to minimise disruption and maximise efficiencies.

“We are continuing to roll out these types of major projects right across the country under our \$100 billion infrastructure investment pipeline, which is supporting jobs and communities at a time when it’s needed most.”

Queensland Minister for Transport and Main Roads Mark Bailey said getting tenders out now would mean construction would start by the end of the year and encouraged local businesses to get involved.

“The global economy has been hit hard by COVID-19, but Queensland’s strong health response to-date means our state can kick-start the economy quickly, and get on with the job of rolling out a \$23 billion pipeline of road and transport upgrades,” Mr Bailey said.

“We listened to the community and worked with them on a new design for this intersection.

“It’ll join a \$1 billion upgrade of the Bruce Highway between Gympie and Curra, which will also start soon, and it follows the \$384 million upgrade we finished in 2018 from Woondum to Traveston.”

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O’Brien said fixing the notorious intersection to meet the needs of current and future traffic volumes was imperative.

“Motorists are experiencing long delays turning right out of the Wide Bay Highway due to high traffic volumes on the Bruce Highway,” Mr O’Brien said.

“The Gympie bypass won’t be completed until 2024-25 so this intersection needs to be upgraded now to deliver significant safety benefits including reducing the risk and impact of T-bone crashes.

“It will also reduce delays and queuing during peak periods.”

The tender will remain open until 14 August 2020.

Tender documentation for prequalified contractors is available on the Q Tenders website at <https://qtenders.hpw.qld.gov.au/qtenders/>.

For more information contact 1300 728 390 or email bundaberg.office@tmr.qld.gov.au.

The \$16.6 million project and safety works are being delivered under the Bruce Highway Upgrade Program, with the Australian Government contributing \$13.7 million and the Queensland Government \$2.9 million.

2020-21 ROUND 1 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM OPEN

Are you a not-for-profit organisation based in the South Burnett?

The South Burnett Regional Council’s Community Grants Program opened on Saturday 1 August in the following categories:

- Community Events Sponsorship;
- Community Hall Insurance Grant;
- Healthy Communities Sponsorship;
- Australia Day Events Sponsorship
- School Student Awards;
- Regional Arts Development Fund;
- Project/Program One-Off Sponsorship; and

Don’t forget, In-Kind Sponsorship, Elite Performance Youth Grant, Councillor Discretionary Fund and Indigenous Affairs Fund applications can be submitted year-round!

For further information regarding grants and funding available through Council, or to obtain a copy of the Community Grants Program Policy or application forms, see Council’s Customer Service Centres or visit Council’s website - (Community Information / Grants and Funding).

Council encourages any not-for-profit organisations wishing to apply to the Community Grants Program to contact Council’s Community Grants Officer by phone on 4189 9100 or email. info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Nanango Electorate e-Newsletter

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Member for **Nanango**



July 2020



Petition for South Burnett Specialist Cancer Nurse

I am proud to support a petition calling for the appointment of a Specialist Cancer Nurse role for the South Burnett. The petition is being coordinated by members of the community who had approached me regarding the loss of the Cancer Care Nurse Navigator service which had been operating for nearly two years. The service had been highly valued and at the time it ceased in late 2019 there were 76 active clients, with 10-12 new referrals each month. Unfortunately, there are a large number of cancer patients in the South Burnett, with the number of people dying from cancer in Murgon, Cherbourg and Wondai 15% above the national average and 9% above the average for Kingaroy.

Earlier this year, I wrote to the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service Board calling for the reinstatement of this specialist role, however, they have noted that the role will now be general and not specific to a particular disease. While I appreciate this new role is also important, cancer patients are telling me that they are very disappointed to lose this essential cancer specific service, which guided them through their cancer journey.

The petition we are running is calling for the appointment of a Specialist Cancer Nurse role for the South Burnett and is being supported by Principal Petitioner, Mr Eric Cross (photo below). Both Eric and his wife Carla are cancer survivors and in 2019 were the Faces of Relay for Kingaroy Relay for Life. The petition is available in hard copy format from various members of the community, as well as at my Electorate Office in Kingaroy. It can also be signed online at <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3360>. The petition will close on the 28th August 2020.

Get Involved - Have your Say, Grants, Prizes, Surveys, Events and Reviews

+ Important Links for COVID-19 information

- **Ekka Online** - Keeping the spirit of the Ekka alive! Online from 7-16 Aug
- **Court Network** - Volunteers supporting court users
- **Gambling Community Benefit Fund** - Open! Next round closes 31 Aug.
- **Safe to see your GP** - Campaign encouraging people not to put their health on hold
- **Fred Hollows Humanity Award** - Recognising Year 6 students who show compassion, integrity and kindness in their everyday lives. Nominate a Year 6 student you know! Closes 11 Sept.
- **'Young Mums Have Rights'** - free booklet from the Women's Legal Service
- **Qld Great Awards** - Recognising extraordinary Qlders. Closes 29 Jan.
- **Buy Smart Online Competition** - Open now for Year 4 to Year 12 students. Share in prizes of \$15,000. Closes 18 Sept.
- **Tackling Tough Times Together Grants** - FRRR program for communities affected by drought.
- **Australian of the Year** - Nominate an individual who makes a positive difference in our community.
- **Gympie Regional Council Grants Info Sessions** - Register for Digital and face-to-face session during August
- **Get Ready Qld Challenge** - Online game to help children and their families prepare for future disasters.
- **Capability Statement Webinar** - 4 August. Helping small business secure tender opportunities.
- **Coronavirus Statistics** - Data and maps on Queensland COVID-19 cases

- **Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund** - Grants up to \$20,000 for Qld sport and recreation clubs to recover from COVID-19 closures
 - **Roadmap to easing Queensland Restrictions**
 - **Older Australians COVID-19 Support Line** - 1800 171 866.
 - **Questions and Requests for Exemptions** - Request exemptions and ask questions directly of Queensland's Chief Health Officer
 - **Aged Care Directive** - Health Directives for visitors to Aged Care facilities
 - **Jobs Hub** - Linking Australians who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 with new job opportunities
 - **Qld Health Direction on Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering**
 - **Qld Health Directive on non-essential business activity**
 - **Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service** - Facebook page with regular updates on COVID-19 and cases detected in the DDHHS region (South Burnett, Toowoomba etc)
 - **West Moreton Health** - Facebook page with regular updates on COVID-19 and cases detected in the West Moreton Health region (Somerset, Ipswich etc)
- COVID-19 Support Hotline** - 1800 173 349 - Helping Queenslanders in home quarantine or who have no other means of support.



WONDAI 2020 14th SPRING GARDEN EXPO

The Wondai Garden Expo Committee has decided to adopt a positive view and so we are busy planning for the 14th Spring Garden Expo to be held on the 26th and 27th September. Provided all stays well in Queensland, we look forward to celebrating Spring with you during what will be a great weekend of community revival and gardening inspiration. It takes a community to enable an event such as this to thrive and we are thankful for all the support which Wondai Garden Expo receives.

Our Stallholders have suffered badly with the cancellation of so many Horticultural events and are eager to front up again with a wonderful variety of plants which include bush house foliage,

succulents of all descriptions, orchids, edible fruiting plants and trees, native shrubs and trees plus the usual excellent selections of seasonal flowers and annual herbs and vegetables.

Nearly every garden has at least a small Rose display and one of the best collections of potted Roses available anywhere can be found at Wondai Garden Expo. Embracing all popular types of Roses, both hardy old favourites and new varieties, you will be sure to find just the right one to fill that vacant spot – or buy a collection and start a whole new Rose garden!

All of this will be backed up with a wonderful display of house and garden tools, decorator items and gift ideas.

The Wondai Garden Club will present the Horticultural Show and Photography competitions, these are open to everyone free of charge so please take the time to gather some entries and support these displays. Don't leave it to someone else, we want to make a real statement about just what our gardeners are able to achieve in this area.

Expo is a great day out to meet friends and just relax and enjoy the outing. Whether you have a list of "must haves" or are just looking for inspiration, you won't be disappointed. Parking is free, with space for disabled parking and easy access for bus tour groups. As an added incentive, we are offering a discount ticket price for groups of 10 or more @ \$4.00 per person, to be prepaid. Payment can be made by Direct Deposit to B.O.Q BSB 124 961, account 208 09353 using a Surname and "Group" as ID or phone.

Please remember to respect the Stallholders by keeping to the 8am gate opening time. We want you to be safe as you enter the grounds, and we can't guarantee this while there is still moving traffic. Also, the stallholders need time to complete their displays so that they can then give you their full attention.

QLD Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grants program (Round 2)

Applications are still open from regionally-based Queensland small businesses who have been impacted by Coronavirus, to access \$2,000 - \$10,000 in support from the QLD Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grants program (Round 2). If you have questions about this grant, or need a sounding board for your ideas, head to : biedo.org.au/events and register for a 15 minute grants chat with one of our team!

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



National Mental Health Month will be held from 1 to 31 October 2020.

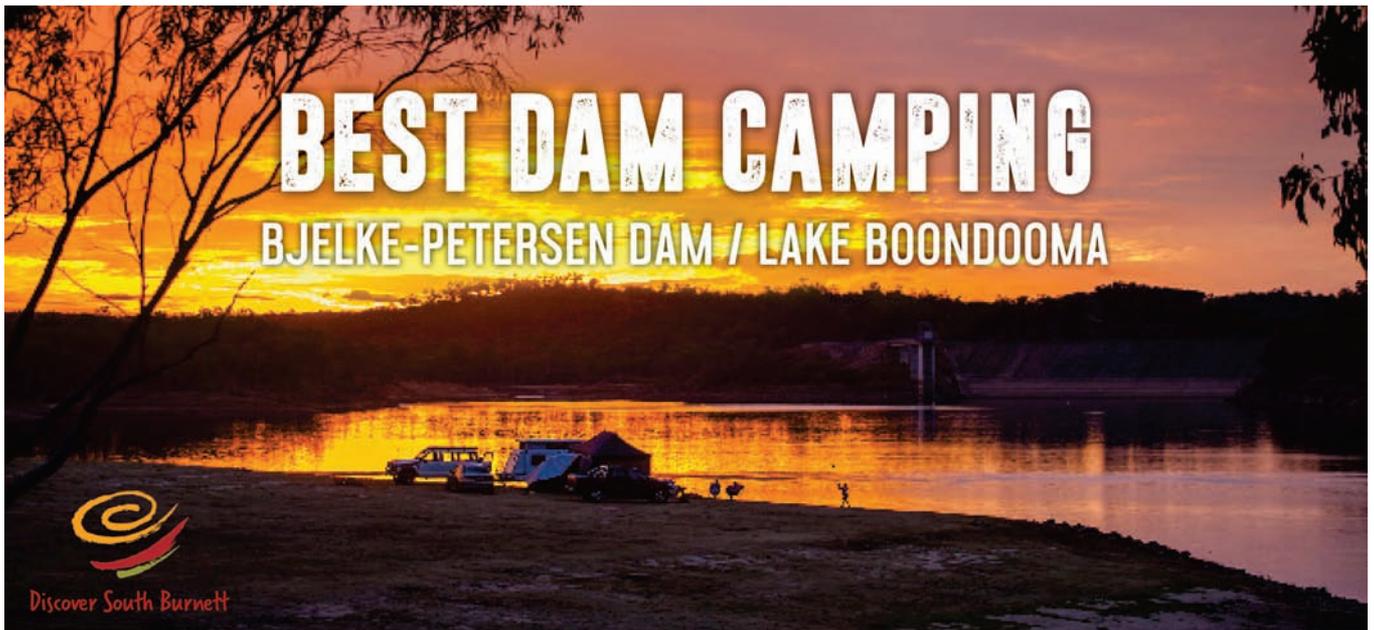
National Mental Health Month is an initiative of the Mental Health Foundation Australia (MHFA) to advocate for and raise awareness of Australian mental health. It is an important time where the Australian community comes together to raise awareness that #MentalHealthMatters.

Mental Health Foundation Australia deliver a range of FREE virtual mental health support groups, including:

- Men's Wellbeing Support Group
- Mood Disorders Support Group
- Gender Identity Support Group
- Depression Support Group
- PTSD Support Group

Mental Health Support Groups focus on individuals' strengths, not weaknesses and work towards the individual's wellbeing and recovery. In these groups, participants can open up, realise they are not alone, address past unresolved issues, set new goals, learn new skills and take charge of their lives. For many people, the support group is the best environment to accomplish these changes.

To join a mental health support group or for more information visit the Mental Health Foundation of Australia website.



Visit the lakes of the South Burnett and experience fishing, water sports and fun in the outdoors. Camping, cabins, villas and caravan sites are available. Both dams have excellent amenities including ensuite facilities, hot showers, laundry facilities, kiosks with groceries, bait and tackle.

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Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien

Immediately prior to the COVID-19 lock down I was in Kilkivan, Goomeri and Murgon, meeting with local groups to commit Australian Government funding for a range of projects to support the work of volunteers.

The Kilkivan Community Garden, Goomeri Show Society, Murgon Rotary Club, Graham House and the Queensland Dairy Heritage Museum all help in different ways to make their communities brighter places to be in

The Morrison Government and I recognise their efforts, and I was pleased to announce:

\$10,000 towards the revegetation of the Kilkivan Community Garden

\$20,000 to help upgrade the power, lighting, and kitchen for the Goomeri & District Show Society Inc

\$12,500 for an aerator for The Rotary Club of Murgon to improve the town's lily ponds

\$4,574 to contribute towards the community vegetable garden at Graham House Community Centre

\$5,000 towards the cost of installing electricity at the Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Barn

\$3,398 to help purchase a defibrillator for Murgon Men's Shed

These communities wouldn't be the same without these organisations and their volunteers and I thank them all for the wonderful work they do.

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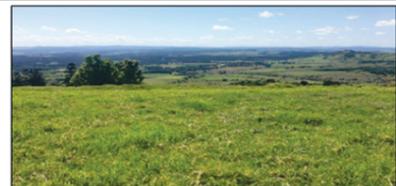
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100 Acres of good grazing country with a well maintained Queenslander home. 3 large bedrooms, modern kitchen, wood heater in the lounge, large patio at the front & huge back patio for entertaining. Large 3 bay open shed with garage attached and an additional 3 car garage. Property is divided into 4 paddocks, has a dam, yards & head bale, 3 troughs connected to rural water scheme & run 20-30 head of cattle. **\$550,000**



Functional & classic Queenslander retains the old world charm while embracing the luxuries of a modern home. 4 bedroom home with landscaped gardens, an in ground swimming pool, rumpus room & entertainment area. Functional timber kitchen with stainless steel appliances, air conditioned formal dining & lounge, bedrooms with built ins, main bathroom has claw foot bath, downstairs 4th bedroom, 2nd bathroom, laundry & entertainment area. Concrete driveway, double colourbond shed with workshop. **\$399,000**



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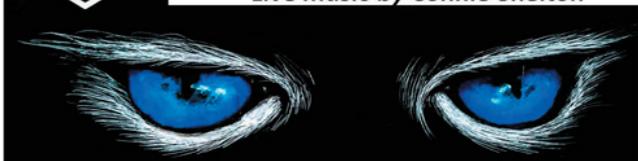
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Murgon Report 28/07/2020

Numbers were back to 500 in Murgon for the fortnightly sale. The market remained fully firm on the last sale. Heavy Bulls topped at to \$2.94 c/kg and \$2690.00. Bullocks sold to \$3.40 for \$2310.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms topped at \$2.79 per kilogram and \$1740.00 averaging \$2.68 c/kg. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$2.75 per kilogram for a \$2.39 average. Lighter Cows under 400 kg topped at \$2.43. Export heifers sold to \$3.11 per kilogram and \$1550.00. Cattle were drawn from Gayndah, Mt Perry, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kilkivan and locally. Hereford steers from Manumbar sold for \$3.59 c/kg and \$1855.00. 445 Charbray steers from Gayndah sold for \$1610.00 at \$1610.00. 2 pens of local Braford steers sold for \$3.85 c/kg to return \$1217.00 and \$1075.00. Brangus cross steers from Tansey sold for \$1204.00 at \$3.69 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross weaner steers from Manyung sold for \$970.00 and \$3.80 c/kg. Euro cross weaner steers from Windaera also sold to \$3.80 c/kg and \$900.00. Droughtmaster weaner steers from Goomeri sold for \$830.00 at \$3.83 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Murgon sold for \$3.93 c/kg returning \$794.00. 343 kg Santa cross heifers from Memerambi sold to \$3.56 c/kg for \$1220.00. Charbray heifers from Gayndah sold for \$1270.00 at \$3.35 c/kg. 313 kg Charbray heifers from Murgon sold to \$1050.00 at \$3.34 c/kg. Charbray weaner heifers weighing 276 kg sold for \$941.00 at \$3.40 c/kg. Local Droughtmaster cross weaner heifers sold for \$3.49 c/kg returning \$846.00. Charbray weaner heifers from Gayndah sold for \$726.00 at \$3.63 c/kg. Cows and Calves sold to \$1340.00.

The Next Murgon Sale is on Tuesday the 11th of August at 8.00 am

Re-opening of Visitor Information Centres

Monday 29 June marked the re-opening of Murgon, Wondai and Nanango Visitor Information Centres. Blackbutt Visitor Information Centre will not re-open at this stage and the Wondai Heritage Museum re-opened on Wednesday 22 July. Please find the new opening times for centres below:

Kingaroy VIC & Heritage Museum

- Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm
- Saturday & Sunday 9am to 1pm

Wondai VIC & Murgon VIC

- Monday to Saturday 9am to 2pm

Nanango VIC

- Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm, Saturday 9am to 1pm.

Wondai Heritage Museum

- Wednesday to Friday 9am to 4pm



On MONDAY July 27 a small group gathered at the Wondai Diggers' Club for an enjoyable morning tea. There were many apologies from unwell members with some presently in hospital (Leif, Wanda).

We had not been together since February so there were many happy smiles combined with air hugs, and hand sanitiser. Coordinator Carmen had much group and PQI news to relate. The indoor fire was a welcoming sight on an overcast windy day.

Merrilyn came with her usual entertaining poems to read and Dell livened up the day with her Irish joke collection.

Thank you to caterer Ann for her efforts. Wondai Diggers' Club is always happy to accommodate our group and we would recommend them to others.

Our next meeting will be held on MONDAY AUGUST 31 @ Graham House ,Murgon. This again will be a social morning tea with a brief talk about the services offered by this organisation. Starting time will be 10.00 am, with the morning tea free for members. Bookings are essential. Phone Carmen on 5486 1268 to reserve a place.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic progressive neurological disease for which there is presently no cure. For further information on the local group phone Darryl 4168 3116 or Carmen 5486 1268

Grace for the morning breakfast

A while back, I read a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk.", the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wondered where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one feeling uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love them fresh baked biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong, my friends, because our LORD is mixing several things that we don't really care for, but something even better is going to come when HE is done with it.

AMEN!

Doreen Campos formerly of Murgon with the Salvation Army

Strengthening the fight against pests and weeds in Wide Bay

Wide Bay farmers and landholders are invited to apply for grants to help develop new or improved pest animal and weed controls, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

The Morrison Government's \$13 million Advancing Pest Animal and Weed Control Solutions competitive grant program will help strengthen the management of pests and weeds which cause significant damage to the environment and natural resources.

"Wide Bay has resilient farmers and land managers who do a great job managing the impact of pest animals and weeds on their land, but more can be done to improve the tools available to assist them in managing these pests," Mr O'Brien said.

"This grant program will help minimise the risks pests pose to Wide Bay's precious natural environment as well as our valuable agriculture sector, and ensures we can be innovative in detecting, monitoring and wiping out invasive flora and fauna."

Mr O'Brien said projects could investigate genetic modification technologies, chemical and non-chemical herbicides, disruption technologies and electronic resources, with grants of \$300,000 to \$2 million available.

Applications are open now and will close at 11:00pm, 25 September 2020.

"Established pest animals and weeds are a significant threat for our economy, environment and industries, so we need to ensure we have the best tools available to manage them," Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management David Littleproud said.

"Each year, the economic impact of established vertebrate pest animals is around \$800 million, while weeds cost us over \$4 billion in terms of production losses and control activities.

"Through this grant round, we are supporting more effective management of pest animals and weeds to reduce their devastating impact on Australia's agriculture and the environment.

"We will be funding projects led by organisations with a proven research and development capacity, that will target priority established pest animals and weeds.

"It will assist farmers, land managers and the community by generating new ideas, advancing research and the discovery of innovative pest animal and weed management solutions.

"The grants will also support employment by providing funding to successful grantees over the next three years to carry out research and development.

"This program will deliver lasting improvements to the way priority pest animals and weeds are managed, in partnership with state and territory governments, land managers and communities," Minister Littleproud said.

For details about the Advancing Pest Animal and Weed Control Solutions grants program visit: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/pest-animals-and-weeds/grant-round>

Apply for this grant opportunity through the Grant Connect website or the Community Grants Hub.

FAST FACTS

- The Advancing Pest Animal and Weed Control Solutions grants program is funded through the four year Established Pest Animal and Weed Management Pipeline Program (\$30.3 million over 2019-20 to 2022-23).
- There are approximately 500 introduced plants in Australia that are considered weeds.
- There are at least 73 introduced animals which have established feral populations including dogs, rabbits, deer, pigs, cats and carp.
- Project applications for the grants will need to target invasive established pest animals or weed species that are not endemic to Australia or a particular part of Australia.
- Total grant limits apply:
 - o The minimum grant amount is \$300,000 (GST exclusive).
 - o The maximum grant amount is \$2 million (GST exclusive).

South Burnett Regional Council - BUDGET 2020-2021

BUDGET 2020-21 OVERVIEW

Council has adopted its 2020-21 Budget, featuring an investment of \$28.5M into renewing community infrastructure and an operational budget of \$67M to deliver vital services for residents.

OPERATIONAL BUDGET \$67M To provide services to our 32,555 residents

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET \$38.2M Funding vital infrastructure

TOTAL INCREASE IN DEPRECIATION \$1.99M Largely due to building assets

TOTAL CHANGE IN RATES & CHARGES 1.79% Compared to rates and charges levied in 2019/20

Capital Expenditure Program:

\$5.825M allocated for Building Assets

\$2.315M allocated for Plant and Fleet

\$480K allocated for Information Technology

\$22.524M allocated for Road and Drainage

\$3M allocated for Water Supply

\$3.735M allocated for Wastewater

\$350K allocated for Waste

INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

\$11.3M Kingaroy Transformation Project - funded by \$4.5M of Capital Grant

\$4.07M Gravel Resheeting Program

\$4.1M Niagara Road

\$1.6M Bitumen Reseal Program

\$300K Regional Upgrade to Wastewater Scada

\$317K for various upgrades at Boondooma Dam

\$191K New Amenities at Yallakool Tourist Park

\$175K Portable Grandstands at Wondai Showgrounds

\$100K Coronation Park Wondai Drainage Works

\$1.1M Water Main Revitalisation, Kingaroy

\$160K Air Condition the Nanango Cultural Centre

\$410K Playground/Softfall Renewals across region

\$3.4M Emergent Works on Sewer Lines

\$200K Replace Plant Room at Murgon Swimming Pool

\$100K Water Meter Replacement Program

\$500K Murgon CBD Footpath Stages 3

\$180K Taromeo Pedestrian Bridge

\$80K Durong Public Amenities Bore

\$80K Blackbutt Skate Park Shade Shelter

\$150K Park Furniture across region

\$450K Water Storage Upgrades across region

Other Significant Operational and Maintenance Expenditure excluding depreciation:

\$2.369M allocated to Property Maintenance

\$1.057M allocated to Pools and Halls

\$1.286M for Tourist Parks, VICs, Galleries and Museums

\$6.867M allocated to Environment and Waste
\$803K towards Natural Resource Management, Pest Management, Dips and Sale Yards
\$368K allocated to Cemeteries
\$1.058M allocated to Libraries
\$7.535M allocated to Water Supplies
\$3.747M for Wastewater Supplies
\$1.580M for ICT
\$4.576M Rural Services, Parks & Gardens & Public Conveniences

Council's Operational Budget provides essential services to our community

During today's Special Budget Council Meeting, Mayor Brett Otto announced that the South Burnett Regional Council's Operational Expenditure Budget for 2020-21 is \$67M.

The South Burnett Regional Council have given consideration to a number of impacts on the community, not least the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing drought conditions. As such, the South Burnett Regional Council have committed to a 0% Differential Rate Rise recognizing the difficulties facing the region.

As with any entity the South Burnett Regional Council have adopted a budget that ensures that services will not be impacted while taking a balanced view of the budget. South Burnett Regional Council have taken decisions understanding that the recovery for the region - not just in terms of agricultural activities, but also the tourism and hospitality sectors - will take time to effect.

A snapshot of the rates overview shows the many ways Council continues to work toward the ongoing sustainability of the region, while offering opportunities and lifestyle options for our residents.

During the meeting, the following rates and charges were set:

- Differential General Rates increased - 0% increase
- Water Access Charge – no change
- Water Consumption Charge increased by 2.1% (compared to 1.5% last year)
- Sewerage Charge increased by 2% (compared to 6% last year)
- Domestic Refuse Collection increased by 2%, compared to 2.5% last year
- Commercial 240L Wheelie Bin Refuse Kerbside Collection increased by 0%
- Community Rescue and Evacuation Levy - Increase from \$4 to \$5
- Rural Fire Levy - no change
- Waste management Levy - an increase of \$12

Council's total rates and utility charges revenue is projected to increase by 1.79% in 2020-21 compared with the total rates and utility charges levied in 2019-20.

This increase in the differential general rates will not translate evenly across all properties in the South Burnett. Land valuations undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy in 2019 are averaged across three years as a means of phasing in the large land valuation increases.

Mayor Brett Otto said, "The budget will require regular monitoring to continue to adjust for the impacts of COVID-19 with Council aware of the possible need for a mid-year review."

Council's 2020-21 Infrastructure Program supports local community, lifestyle and economy

South Burnett Regional Council is committed to supporting communities, whether local or regional to enjoy a quality of life with the benefits of a small community feel. In order to achieve this, South Burnett has in place a strong asset management strategy supporting social and economic enhancements.

During the COVID-19 lockdown it became clear that many businesses, communities and individuals in our region have suffered hardship and will continue to do so, in the months to come as well as during the economic and social recovery from the pandemic.

In the 2020-21 Budget today, Council has focussed on strengthening infrastructure, commencing in the current financial year. The renewal of rural and urban transport assets, and substantial water mains and sewer relining program are among the key activities for 2020-21. Specific projects scheduled for works this year include:

\$4M for the rural roads resheet program, Council's major renewal strategy for its network of unsealed roads

\$1.7M is allocated to the annual reseal program, which rejuvenates and extends the life of roads and streets in the region. Typically the useful life of a bitumen seal is 10 to 15 years, which is considered during the annual review process each year

\$500K for stage 3 of the Lamb Street, Murgon footpath rehabilitation project, a continuation of previous works undertaken in the Murgon CBD area

\$580K is allocated to stage 1 of the footpath rehabilitation project in Coulson Street Blackbutt, between Hart and Muir Streets on the northern side, and Hart and John Streets on the southern side

\$11.3M is allocated to the Kingaroy Transformation Project, which is being delivered in financial partnership with the Australian Government. Improvements include upgrades to water mains, stormwater, pavement, kerb and channel, footpaths, road surfacing and landscaping (over 2 financial years)

\$1M will be spent on the Bunya Highway median and roundabout landscaping project. This project continues the next stage of landscaping upgrades that have been previously been implemented across the region, including locations in Kingaroy and Wondai

\$3.5M for major sewer relining program for sewer lines and trunk infrastructure in Nanango and Kingaroy

\$180K for the Nanango State School pedestrian bridge project

\$180K for the Blackbutt pedestrian bridge project

\$210K to upgrade guardrails on bridges across the region

Other key transport projects, including: Alford Street, between First Avenue and Thorn Street, Kingaroy **\$275K**

Nanango Butter Factory Park disabled parking upgrade **\$50K**

Blackbutt CBD disabled parking bays **\$30K**

Dingo Creek (Wondai) carpark upgrade **\$75K**

Rural Road (Nanango) missing link sea upgrade **\$375K**

Williams Road (Benarkin) missing link sea upgrade **\$450K**

Cobb Street (Murgon) kerb replacement and rehabilitation **\$120K**

Wheatlands School and Murgon School safety upgrades **\$225K**

Bunya Avenue (Bunya Mountains) footpath and parking upgrade **\$150K**

Mayor Brett Otto today, reaffirmed the commitment to strengthening Council's core business assets. "By ensuring a strong infrastructure program and bringing Capital Works forward, Council is able to stimulate the local economy."

Council's 2020-21 Community Infrastructure Program supports liveability

Community infrastructure will receive a substantial boost in the 2020-21 budget with a significant injection of funds into community infrastructure and liveability projects that will enhance the South Burnett as a great place to live.

Mayor Otto said, "A \$3.31M Works for Queensland grant in response to COVID-19 will fund significant improvements in community infrastructure across the region whilst assisting in stimulating the local economy through delivery of such a large works program. This will be supplemented with an additional \$1 million in funding under the Federal Government's Drought Communities Programme "

Key areas funded in the South Burnett Regional Council's 2020-21 budget include:

- \$1,810,000 for community building upgrades and maintenance including re-roofing, floor coverings, external painting and security improvements on community buildings including Customer Contact Centres and Libraries at Kingaroy, Wondai, Murgon and Nanango; Wondai Grandstand; Murgon Squash Courts; Public Amenities at Durong & Kingaroy, various Halls and SES Buildings.

- \$770,000 to supply and install playground and park equipment (including shade sails, shelters, sofffall and playground equipment) at various locations in Nanango, Kingaroy, Wondai and Proston.

- \$695,000 for the upgrade of identified recreational and open space areas including tree plantings, seating, bins, signage, bollards and community art located at parks and rail trails across the South Burnett region.

- \$475,000 to improve tourism destinations through facility upgrades to enhance visitor experiences at the following locations: Yallakool Tourist Park - boat ramp upgrade & tennis court resurfacing; Lake Boondooma - improvements to bunk house accommodation; Wondai Heritage Museum - footpath construction; Wondai Parklands - earthwork and drainage improvements to camp area; Boondooma Heritage Homestead - irrigation for heritage gardens.

- \$50,000 to upgrade existing runway lighting at Wondai Aerodrome to increase safety for night operations by essential services such as RFDS.

Mayor Otto said ‘Whilst an unprecedented level of investment will be made into community infrastructure, Council has been very prudent in concentrating on renewal of and enhancement of existing community infrastructure to ensure our community liveable is enriched without placing unreasonable demand on future generations to fund ongoing maintenance of new community infrastructure.’

For further information contact Council on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

External grants and funding supports capital expenditure

‘Capital expenditure of \$38.2M for the 2020-21 financial year has been supported by a range of capital grants and contributions from external sources,’ South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto said today.

Council held its 2020-21 Budget meeting today, delivering a capital expenditure program that focuses on infrastructure to support the region’s economic, social and lifestyle needs.

External grants account for approximately 50% of Council’s Capital funding sources, including the following capital grants from State and Federal governments:

- TIDS (Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme)
- School Transport Infrastructure Program
- Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
- Drought Communities Program
- Building Better Regions
- Roads to Recovery
- Works for Queensland

These contributions allow Council to maximise their spending on funding-specific capital projects, particularly in essential services such as roads, drainage, water infrastructure and wastewater.

Other sources of funding for capital works this financial year include proceeds from sale of assets, funded depreciation, operating surplus and restricted cash.

South Burnett Regional Council offers assistance to residents impacted by COVID-19

While the South Burnett to date has only registered two residents diagnosed with COVID-19, we recognise the financial impost this has had on the region, along with job losses and businesses suffering fiscal stresses.

As part of Council’s response to COVID-19, a number of financial relief measures have been put in place. The following relaxations will remain current until the dates indicated, or will be further reviewed as conditions change:

- 0% General Rate Rise* (to be reviewed in December 2020)
- 0% Increase to a majority of Council Controlled Fees and Charges (to be reviewed in December 2020)
- Amnesty on outstanding debt recovery for the COVID-19 state lockdown period during the March to June 2020 period
- Miscellaneous case by case deferral or relief of service charges for local not-for-profit community organisations
- Refund of prepaid Council facility reservations where COVID-19 restrictions forced cancellations

*Some ratepayers may find their general rates have increased due to the impact of the 3-year valuation averaging and rate capping introduced in July 2019 which limited rate increases in the previous financial year.

Council encourages affected individuals and organisations to visit Council’s website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au COVID-19 page for information on available government assistance.

For further information regarding this media release please contact Council on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Council establishes online marketplace for local suppliers

The South Burnett Regional Council is constantly considering ways to open dialogue and to increase the business opportunities for local businesses in a way that allows them to enter the market process with ease.

Local businesses interested in supplying goods or services to South Burnett Regional Council for can now

register their details on a dedicated online system.

Felix Marketplace is an online procurement system which allows Council officers to easily search, nominate and invite local suppliers to quote. Suppliers will in turn receive an email notification to log into Felix to locate the details and to upload their quote.

Businesses interested in supplying goods or services to Council can register on Council's Local Marketplace for free. The marketplace is designed to capture goods and services that are not otherwise contracted, or fall under low-risk, ad-hoc supply arrangements.

Examples of the categories included on the Marketplace are catering, stationery, hardware, horticulture, trade services, IT hardware, clothing and PPE and many others. To view the full list of categories and obtain registration instructions, head to Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/about-council/tenders-supply>.

Felix Marketplace provides local business owners in the South Burnett region with a simple way of having their goods and services seen by a new audience. The registration process does not mean that you automatically become a supplier to Council, and should you be engaged for goods or services you may be required to provide additional documentation.

For further information on how you can do business with Council, please contact Council's Strategic Procurement coordinator on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Council rates and charges concessions for eligible pensioners

Eligible pensioners in the South Burnett region will continue to be able to access up to \$400 in concessions on their annual rates and charges, following Council's Budget meeting today.

The 2020-21 South Burnett Regional Council Budget maintains concessions for eligible pensioners, including Council's subsidy of 20% of eligible rates and charges (maximum \$200 per annum), matching the Queensland State Government subsidy of 20% (maximum \$200 per annum).

Mayor Brett Otto said, "By matching the Queensland State Government Pensioner Subsidy scheme, Council hopes to relieve a degree of financial burden on some of the region's residents."

Council's Pensioner concessions and the assists pensioner property owners to remain in their own homes by reducing the financial burden of rates and charges levied."

Customers who wish to take advantage of the Pensioner Concessions must hold a current Centrelink Queensland Pensioner Concession Card or a Veteran's Affairs Gold Card. Additionally, the property they are claiming on must be their principal place of residence.

For new applications, Council can only apply the subsidy to the current six-monthly rating period. No backdating of pensioner subsidy has been authorised by the State Government.

Application forms for the rebate must be lodged by June 30th each year. These forms are available from Council's Customer Service Centres or may be downloaded from

www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

South Burnett Regional Council Budget preparations for the 2020-21 financial year

Preparations for the 2020-21 Financial Year Budget commenced in late November 2019, and included a series of workshops designed to assist the Councillors in the process of building a balanced and sustainable budget. This has included a range of expert consultants together with staff and Councillor input.

With three new Councillors, including Mayor Brett Otto, elected during local government elections in March, the first priority was onboarding the newly formed Council and progressed with a series of intensive workshops designed to inform the new Councillors of regulatory and legislative guidelines.

During the lead up to the 2020 budget meeting, 22 workshops were held to debate all aspects of the budget including:

- Regulative and legislative obligations of Council
- Revenue requirements for General Operations, Water & Wastewater programs and Waste program
- Grant funding
- Reviewing operational expenditure
- Long Term financial planning
- Rates - Reviewing the outputs and implications of Rate Models
- Reviewing the effects of new Land Valuations and Differential Rating Categories

- Reviewing the key influencers of Council’s budget – External Funding and Borrowings
- Program
- Depreciation
- Capital and Operational expenditure (CapEx & OpEx)
- Reviewing the Queensland Treasury Corporation’s Revenue Models
- Review of Asset Management Plans

2020 has been unprecedented with a range of factors impacting on the budget of the South Burnett Regional Council including the COVID-19 Pandemic and the ongoing drought conditions.

Mayor Brett Otto explained, “In line with COVID-19 and the current economic climate, this is a responsible budget which address funding issues whilst balancing fiscal stability.”

“This budget continues to balance funding essential infrastructure with community aspirations,” he added.

No new borrowings for Council in 2020-21

South Burnett Regional Council today announced as part of the 2020-21 Budget process that there will be no borrowing increase this fiscal year. Further, Council has reviewed its forward borrowings and has placed downward pressure on borrowing levels. This is a great result for the region as it will continue to ensure that the Council will only borrow for essential infrastructure and will not be crippled by debt.

Mayor Brett Otto explained, “Generally, Council will only borrow funds for the purpose of acquiring assets, improving facilities or infrastructure and/or substantially extending the useful life of income generating assets (e.g. water, sewerage, waste).”

“Council restricts borrowings to expenditure on identified capital projects that are considered by Council to be of the highest priority, and which cannot be funded from other sources of revenue. In no circumstances should Council borrow funds to finance recurrent expenditure or the operational activities of Council,” Mayor Otto said.

Total assets are projected to be \$951 million, with total liabilities at \$61 million, of which Council borrowings are projected to reduce to \$33.6 million.

Mayor Brett Otto welcomed this decision and noted that , “South Burnett Regional Council has opted for a responsible path for the third year running, in choosing to self-fund its works, without reliance on outside loans.”

For further information regarding the 2020-21 Budget please contact Council on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

I wish to acknowledge and thank my fellow Councillors, our CEO, Mark Pitt, Council staff and in particular our General Manager Finance and Corporate Services, Susan Jarvis and her staff for their concerted efforts in bringing the 2020-21 budget to fruition. I have a strong sense that the current decade will provide a renewed period of regional prosperity.

Mayor Brett Otto

WILD DOG & FERAL PIG BAITING PROGRAM – OCTOBER 2020



Council in conjunction with Biosecurity Queensland will be participating in a coordinated Wild Dog & Feral Pig Baiting Program.

Failure to control wild dogs and feral pigs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control declared pests on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility.

Baiting stations will be held throughout the South Burnett from Tuesday 13 October to Tuesday 20 October 2020.

All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Friday 25 September 2020.

For further information or to register your intention of attending a baiting station please contact Council’s Stock Route and Pest Officer on 4189 9100 or email. info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

PART OF HISTORY

of THE MURGON FOOTBALL CLUB

Greg's 1977 QLD U18s jersey next to Kevin's 1955 QLD jersey in Greg's wardrobe. (Picture: Contributed)

KEVIN and Greg McMahon were two Murgon footballers who both pulled on the QLD jersey throughout their careers.

Kevin McMahon was born in Murgon in 1935, playing rugby league for Murgon before moving to Marist Brothers Ashgrove in Brisbane, where he played rugby union.



Kevin McMahon holding the 1964 SBRL premiership shield. (Picture: Contributed)

As a hard running five-eighth with a powerful fend who could sidestep off either foot, Kevin excelled at the 15-man game, representing Queensland in 1954 and 1955.

He starred for the Reds in the 1955 series against New South Wales.

He was rewarded with selection in the Australia Wallaby team to tour New Zealand, however injured his shoulder in a lead up game and did not play a test against the All Blacks.

In 1956 as a newly married man with bills to pay, Kevin gave up the amateur game to play rugby league with Fortitude Valley.

In 1957, he was a member of Valley's Brisbane Rugby League premiership winning side.



Valleys Premiership pennant from 1957. (Picture: Contributed)

In 1958, he signed with Brothers and played two seasons before retiring at the end of 1959.

Kevin returned to the South Burnett to take over the family business, an electrical goods store in Murgon.

After four seasons out of the game, he was enticed back to become captain-coach of Murgon. He led Murgon to the 1964 South Burnett Rugby League premiership, beating Nanango 7-2 in the grand final at the Wondai Sportsground.

Jim Fouras, then an industrial chemist at the South Burnett Dairy at Murgon and later Speaker of the Queensland parliament, scored the winning try.

Kevin made a break on halfway and put Jim through a gap and he ran 20 yards to score in extra time.

The 1964 Murgon premiership winning side. (Picture: Contributed)



As a top sportsman of his day, in 1956 Kevin was given the honour of carrying the Olympic torch when it passed through the Sunshine Coast on its way down to Melbourne.

Speaking on 4SB Football Forum in 1975, Kevin McMahon named these five players as the best of his era – Buddy Hunter and Tommy Perrett (Nanango); Bobby Dennien and Percy Izlaub (Wondai); and Noel Liesegang (Kingaroy and later Murgon).

Kevin was involved with Murgon rugby league for many years and the scoreboard at the Murgon Showground is named after him.

Photo below: Greg McMahon playing for the Queensland U18s in 1977.



When Murgon was desperately short of players in 1977, Kevin made a brief comeback at the age of 42.

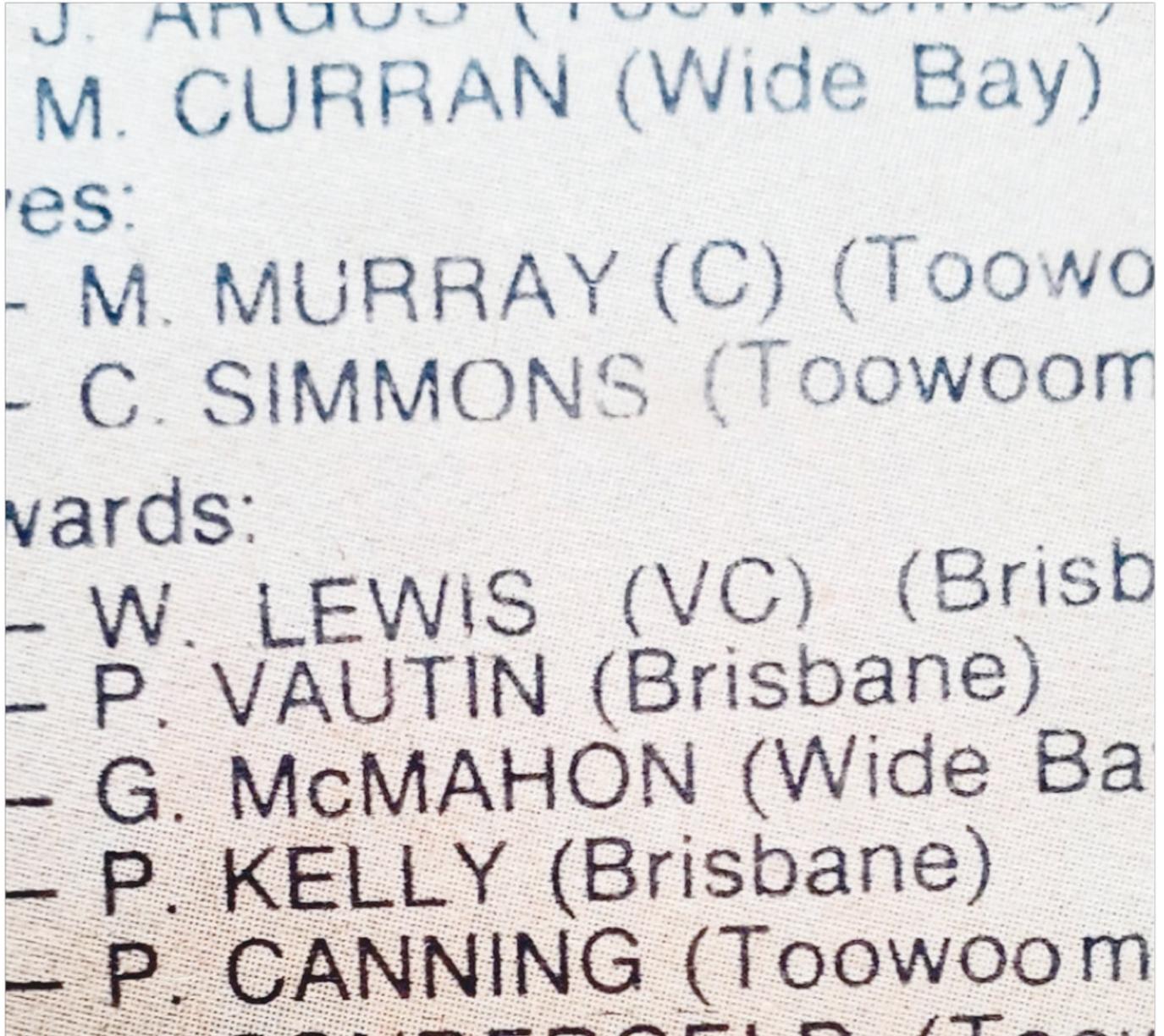
His son Greg, who represented Queensland that year in Under 18s, felt so bad about his Dad having to fill in, that Greg went into the rooms at halftime and demanded his Dad give him his jersey. Greg duly ran out and played the second half in the same jersey.

The two football jerseys, Kevin's 1955 Queensland rugby union jersey and Greg's 1977 Queensland U18s rugby league jersey, now hang side-by-side in Greg's wardrobe.

The McMahon family likes to brag that Greg was part of the best ever back-row combination in Queensland rugby league history – the U18 team that played NSW at the SCG in June 1977.

The second rowers were Greg McMahon and Paul Vautin and the lock was Wally Lewis.

The fact that 13 of the 17 players in the team that day came from regional areas underlines the strength of country rugby league back in the 1970s.



1977 Queensland vs New South Wales program at the Sydney Cricket Ground. (Picture: Contributed)

Greg's son Blake McMahon (Kevin's grandson) represented Central Queensland in rugby league and played with the Murgon Mustangs last season, continuing a fine family tradition.

Story and photos supplied by my good friend Hugh O'Brien.

NATIONAL SENIORS

National Seniors Australia Murgon & District Branch Inc have recommenced & our first Meeting will be the AGM with a short Branch Meeting following. This is on Thursday 20th August 2020 at the Murgon Bowls Club at 10.00am. Morning tea will be available from 9.30am. The October Branch Meeting will be on Thursday 15th 2020. We are still obliged to carry on with the social distancing rules at our meetings.

There will not be any coach tours until further notice. National Seniors Australia Renewals can be paid at any Post Office & new Members are to contact Head Office on 1300 76 50 50.

Yours sincerely, Patricia Seiler, Publicity Officer

MURGON MUSIC MUSTER

The poster for the Murgon Music Muster features the Rotary Club Murgon logo in the top left corner. The text 'Murgon Music Muster' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'Tickets from \$10' in the top right. Below the title, the dates 'Tuesday 27 October - Sunday 1 November 2020' are listed. A large red sign with white text is superimposed over the center, reading 'WE ARE SORRY EVENT POSTPONED'. The background of the poster shows a collage of images: a man and woman in a field, a woman in a white dress, a woman in a black hat, a person in a red and purple costume, and a man in a cowboy hat. A list of artists is partially visible on the left side, including 'Craeme', 'Keely Johnson', and 'Heath Miller'. At the bottom, there is a Facebook logo and contact information: 'https://murgonmusicmuster.com | 0418 786 007 | murgonmusicmuster@hotmail.com'.

The Rotary Club of Murgon and The Murgon Music Muster Committee regret to inform our loyal patrons that due to circumstances arising from COVID 19, our 2020 Murgon Music Muster has had to be postponed until further notice.

With the escalation of further cases rising in Victoria and now NSW the decision had to be made to protect the safety of our patrons, visitors and community.

We understand this will impact our local business houses of Murgon, Tourist Operators, Artists, Band Members, Sound Producers and Patrons but our priority is everyone's safety.

We look forward to being able to bring you another amazing Murgon Music Muster, keep an eye on our Facebook page for any updates.

Regards, Heath Sander, President. The Rotary Club of Murgon

Murgon Music Muster Sorry guys, we waited for as long as we could before making the decision, we tried every avenue to be able to have it, but unfortunately there were many deciding factors to have to postpone. The positive side, is that we have contacted artists and we are all working together to try to keep the same amazing artists for another date. Thank you for your support.

Access disability parking spaces in Queensland

I am pleased to announce that you and your families will soon be able to apply to access disability parking spaces in Queensland.

This means that vehicles transporting people with vision loss will soon be able to use the disability parking bays provided at the entrances to local shopping centres and other busy areas throughout Queensland. This change also aligns Queensland to the rules used in the parking scheme in other neighbouring states like New South Wales.

Guide Dogs Queensland has been advocating for this change to the disability parking scheme for many years in a campaign that was first started by former Board Member, volunteer, client and valued member of the Guide Dogs family, Dr John Vance OAM. The passing of the Transport Legislation (Disability Parking and Other Matters) Amendment Bill in Queensland Parliament today is testament to the incredible legacy that John left us.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to you and the other members of the Guide Dogs family for making this change possible. We've had the support of so many clients who willingly shared their frightening experiences in car parks to help push for this change, as well as the support of the Palaszczuk Government, LNP and Katter Party MPs and other advocacy groups to finally have this legislation amended.

I hope these common-sense changes passed today will greatly assist your day-to-day activities, as well as improving safety for you and your family in high traffic areas. It is expected these reforms will come into effect on 31 August 2020.

Everyone deserves the right to feel safe and confident when moving through public areas and this amended legislation will now help provide this.

Yours sincerely, Michael Kightley, Chief Executive Officer

\$2 BILLION SKILLS PACKAGE TO DELIVER ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND GROWTH IN WIDE BAY

The Morrison Government will invest \$2 billion to help hundreds of thousands of Australians learn new skills and retrain into sectors with more job opportunities, in an announcement welcomed by Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien.

The new JobTrainer skills package will also guarantee support for tens of thousands of apprentices across Australia, including Wide Bay, by subsidising their wages to keep their employment and training secured.

The new \$1 billion JobTrainer Fund will provide up to 340,700 additional training places to help school leavers and job seekers access pre-apprenticeships, short courses and full qualifications, to develop new skills in growth sectors and create a pathway to more qualifications.

Mr O'Brien said the courses will be free or low cost in sectors of identified need, with the Federal Government providing \$500 million with matched contributions from State and Territory Governments.

"This will provide a much-needed boost to jobseekers and school leavers in Wide Bay, and helps ensure local people are trained in the skills that our local businesses can use," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Morrison Government is backing training, apprentices, and jobs as part of our plan to restore our economy after the coronavirus pandemic and keep Australians in jobs."

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the JobTrainer skills package was focused on getting people into jobs.

"JobTrainer will ensure more Australians have the chance to reskill or upskill to fill the jobs on the other side of this crisis," the Prime Minister said.

"COVID-19 is unprecedented but I want Australians to be ready for the sorts of jobs that will come as we build back and recover.

The package also includes an additional \$1.5 billion to expand the wage incentive to help keep apprentices in work. It builds on the initial \$1.3 billion package announced in March.

In addition to small businesses already covered, the wage subsidy will now be available to medium businesses with less than 200 employees for apprentices employed as at 1 July 2020. Around 180,000 apprentices and 90,000 small and medium businesses that employ them will now be supported, with the program extended by six months to March 2021.

The initiative covers 50 per cent of the wages paid to apprentices and trainees, up to \$7,000 per quarter. The expanded waged subsidy will more than double the number of supported apprentices and trainees.

"This means the Supporting Apprentices and Trainees wage subsidy will now help almost 90,000 businesses employing around 180,000 apprentices and trainees nationally, and it dramatically improves the viability of completing their traineeships," Mr O'Brien said.

States and territories need to sign up to a new Heads of Agreement to access JobTrainer funding, with the agreement setting out immediate reforms to improve the vocational education and training sector, and providing the foundation for long term improvements as outlined by the Prime Minister in his recent speech to the National Press Club.

The Wondai Regional Art Gallery
proudly presents



2020 October Open Art Competition

Includes \$3000 Mayor's Acquisitive Art Prize
and
Open "Australian Poetry Theme Art Competition"

The Acquisitive prize will be judged from all entries in all open sections.

Over \$8,000 in Prize money

Entries must be in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery no later than 2pm, Saturday 26th September.
No late entries will be accepted. Art to be collected by 2pm Saturday 31st October.

Opening night 2nd October 6pm

\$5.00 Adult Entry – children free

Hot and cold supper will be provided
Local wine will be available for purchase
Live entertainment
Announcements of winners

Wondai Regional Art Gallery (on the roundabout) Haly St. Wondai

Email: wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Phone: (07) 4168 5926

Gallery Hours: 10.00am - 4.00pm 7 days a week

Entry forms, conditions, and competition sections can be obtained from the Wondai Art Gallery

Murgon High's \$12m Project Unveiled



A concept image of the new entrance and administration building in Gore Street (Artwork: Education Queensland)

Work is expected to begin in October – or maybe even a bit sooner – on a stunning \$12.65 million construction program at Murgon State High School.

The project will create:

A \$6.6 million hall which will feature a stage, lighting and sound, storage for props and costumes, back-of-house facilities, dressing rooms and amenities, as well as a multi-purpose sports court.

A \$5.5 million administration building which will create a new Gore Street entrance to the school. As well as provide space for offices, the building will also include parent meeting spaces, a student sickbay and a covered walkway linking the admin building to the rest of school. There will also be visitor waiting areas, offices for visiting specialists, a staff room and an outdoor staff area.

A \$550,000 refurbishment of the current administration building, which faces Dutton Street East. This will be turned into a “student wellbeing hub” to house a guidance officer and youth support co-ordinator and provide space for additional student supports.

Murgon State High School principal Simon Cotton said it would be a very significant project for the school as well as the Murgon community as a whole – and acknowledged Education Minister Grace Grace’s support in making it a reality.

He said Murgon State High School was already a great school with fantastic facilities – for example, all classrooms are air-conditioned – but this was a significant investment that would make things even better.

The school would be juggling two major constructions at the same time, but the effort would be well and truly worth it for the 400 students currently enrolled.

The admin building will be constructed on two of the tennis courts which currently face Gore Street.

As well as the office spaces and a new visitors’ entrance, off-street parking for five cars will be created and an ambulance turnaround area.

The multi-purpose hall will be constructed on open land beside the Trade Training Centre. The current basketball courts will be replaced by facilities in the new indoor space but the cricket training nets will simply be turned around.

Mr Cotton said as well as providing a space for school performances and assemblies, he hoped the new hall could attract use by the wider community, eg. to host visiting musicians or theatrical performances. It would also be available for hire.

“I would love to see us as a community host visits by performers such as the Queensland Youth Orchestra,” he said.

As well as basketball and netball, the indoor sporting facilities could also be used for indoor cricket or futsal. Mr Cotton hopes local competitions might be encouraged to start.

Mr Cotton said the school had also been working with South Burnett Regional Council to relocate the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Dutton Street East and Gore Street to further down Dutton Street to align with the current school entrance. This will remain the main student entrance.

He said 23 tenderers had so far expressed interest in the construction projects, and they had been briefed to use local businesses wherever possible.

Mr Cotton said he hoped the Administration Building would be ready to open in Term 2 next year, and the Hall in Term 3.

An Education Queensland spokesperson said early planning and design work was under way.

The funding is being delivered through the State Government's \$235 million Renewing Our Schools program.

The spokesperson said construction was estimated to support up to 38 full-time jobs.



A concept image of the new multi-purpose performance hall and indoor sports courts (Artwork: Education Queensland) two of the tennis courts will make way for the new entrance and Administration

Courtesy South Burnett Online.



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN FOR AIRPLAY

Is your child involved with a sporting group or organisation in the South Burnett... you may be eligible for a FairPlay voucher!

FairPlay aims to support regular participation in physical activity, by reducing the cost of sport and active recreation for children and young people from low-income families. Applications for FairPlay vouchers have now opened.

Parents, carers or guardians can apply for a voucher valued up to \$150 for eligible children and young

people. These vouchers can be used toward the cost of membership, registration and/or participation fees for eligible activities with registered physical activity providers.

To be eligible, the child or young person must be a Queensland resident and aged between 5 and 17 years (on the day of application).

The child or young person must also either hold, or have a parent, carer or guardian who holds a valid Department of Human Services Health Care Card (including those on JobSeeker payments) or Pensioner Concession Card with the child's name on it or be identified for a FairPlay voucher by a registered referral agent. There is a limit of one voucher per child/young person per calendar year.

Applications close Wednesday 7 October 2020.

For further information or to apply for a voucher online visit www.qld.gov.au/fairplayvouchers.

'HAVE A CHAT' WITH THE MAYOR

Do you have an issue or concern, or would you like an update on Council happenings?

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto is out and about in the community during the months of July, August and September.

The Mayor will be holding 'Have a chat with the Mayor' meet and greets on an 8 week rotation (this will be the 2nd rotation).

No appointment is necessary, just pop in and say hello! The Mayor will be available to have a chat on the following days:



Tuesday 11 August	7:00am - 1:00pm	Wondai Bakery – Mayor, Cr Henschen & Cr Potter
Monday 17 August	7:00am - 1:00pm	Glendon St Café - Mayor, Cr Potter & Cr Schumacher
Monday 24 August	7:00am - 1:00pm	Nanango IGA - Mayor, Cr Frohloff & Cr Jones
Monday 31 August	7:00am - 1:00pm	Blackbutt Bakery - Mayor, Cr Jones & Cr Frohloff
Monday 7 September	7:00am - 1:00pm	Bunyas Coffee Shop - Mayor, Cr Jones & Cr Henschen
Monday 14 September	7:00am - 1:00pm	Durong Hall – grassed area at side of hall - Mayor, Cr Henschen & Cr Duff

"I welcome everyone to come along to have a chat. This is a great opportunity for residents to discuss with me their needs and views on how our region should move forward," Mayor Otto said.

Residents are reminded that they can also report any issues or concerns with Council via the following methods:

- Phone: 1300 789 279 or 4189 9100
- Mail: PO Box 336 Kingaroy Qld 4610
- Email
- Website - 'Contact Council'
- Snap, Send, Solve: Simply download the Snap, Send, Solve App and submit a request. For further information visit their website.

'Have a chat with the Mayor' is subject to COVID-19 restrictions. South Burnett Regional Council reminds residents to follow the Queensland Government messaging: If you are sick, stay home; if you're feeling unwell with symptoms of COVID-19, you should contact your doctor about being tested; practice social distancing; continue good hygiene practices.

Wide Bay commemorates the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War

Wide Bay schools, community and ex-service organisations will receive resources to help commemorate and honour the service of those who served in the Second World War, 75 years on from the war's end.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the range of resources would be available from this week, and encouraged people to become actively involved in the commemorations.

"15 August is also known as Victory in the Pacific Day, and it's a particularly significant date this year as we commemorate 75 years since the Second World War ended," Mr O'Brien said.

"The educational package contains a wide range of resources to help schools and organisations commemorate the Second World War and remember the profound impact it had on Australia."

The mail-out contains resources such as posters, Wartime Snapshot No.28, educational resources to support teachers such as Shifting Tides: Australia and the Pacific in the Second World War, History in Focus information cards and the video series Stories of Service: The Second World War.

Mr O'Brien encouraged organisations which received the packs to display the resources prominently so as many people as possible could commemorate the service and sacrifice of Second World War veterans, including around 12,000 veterans still alive today.

"Almost one million Australians served in the Second World War in Europe, the Mediterranean and North Africa, in south-east Asia and the Pacific, as well as on the home front," Mr O'Brien said.

"The mail-out pack includes engaging resources to teach younger generations and help the broader community to commemorate this important historical event."

For more information, contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Commemorations Officer on 1800 555 254 or by emailing education@dva.gov.au. For more educational resources and information on the Second World War visit the Anzac Portal (anzacportal.dva.gov.au).



The Murgon Lions Park on the Bunya Highway is the playground for hundreds of children and special thanks must go to the South Burnett Regional Council and its representative Gary Perfect for the replacement of its swings etc and the other workers who continually keep the park in a beautiful clean condition. A free gas bar-b-q is available for cooking and toilets compliments of the Murgon Lions Club. We hope the flower beds (after our long awaited wet season) will eventually lend into the quiet and inviting atmosphere of the park.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk announced the border with NSW will close.

From 1:00am on Saturday, August 8, all visitors will be denied entry except for rare exemptions, and returning Queenslanders will have to pay for 14 days mandatory hotel quarantine.

Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young has declared all of NSW and the ACT as hotspots.

The Premier said the hard border closure put Queenslanders first.

“I said that when the moment came, I would not hesitate,” the Premier said. “That moment has arrived.”

“Victoria hasn’t improved as we hoped and I won’t wait for NSW to get any worse.

“I will not risk our State’s economic recovery by allowing COVID to spread. I will do everything I can to protect Queenslanders and the economy.”

Only residents of border communities and essential workers, such as truck drivers, will be able to cross the border.

Exemptions – including for compassionate reasons – will be limited. Passes for border communities will be for those with proof of address and photo ID.

The Premier said providing notice gave people time to plan.

Deputy Premier and Health Minister Steven Miles said recent examples showed a blatant disregard for the law.

“The selfish and reckless actions of a few people are putting the safety of our community at risk and threatening to undo all of the good work of Queenslanders so far,” Mr Miles said.

“I urge Queenslanders not to travel interstate; the risks are too great. Stay in Queensland and stay safe.”

The Premier said the border closure would be reviewed at the end of the month.

SUPPORTING WIDE BAY SMALL BUSINESSES TO ADAPT, GROW AND CREATE JOBS

Wide Bay businesses have been offered a helping hand as they move into the recovery phase of the coronavirus crisis, with the Morrison Government extending the Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the scheme had already helped more than 15,600 businesses accept loans worth \$1.5 billion, and its extension would ensure they could continue to adapt to a COVID-safe business environment.

"Many businesses rely on finance so they can grow and expand to create jobs, and when COVID-19 hit there was a risk that access to finance would cease, so the Morrison Government stepped in with Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme," Mr O'Brien said.

"To help businesses move into a COVID-safe economy, we're now extending the purpose of loans for a wider range of investment, increasing the maximum loan size from \$250,000 to \$1 million per borrower and increasing the maximum loan term from three years to five years.

"The next phase of the Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme will help Wide Bay businesses move out of hibernation, rebuild, adapt and create jobs on the other side of the coronavirus crisis."

Under the existing Scheme, the Government is providing an unprecedented level of support to SMEs in partnership with 44 approved lenders by guaranteeing 50 per cent of new unsecured loans to SMEs.

Key changes to the Scheme include:

- Extending the purpose of loans able to be provided beyond working capital, such that a wider range of investment can be funded;
- Permitting secured lending (excluding commercial or residential property);
- Increasing the maximum loan size to \$1 million (from \$250,000) per borrower;
- Increasing the maximum loan term to five years (from three years); and
- Allowing lenders the discretion to offer a repayment holiday period.

The extended terms of the Scheme will enable lenders to continue supporting Australian small businesses when they need it most. The expanded Scheme will shift from providing access to working capital to helping businesses stay afloat during the crisis to now also enabling them to access more affordable and longer term credit so that they can invest for their future.

The initial phase of the Scheme remains available for new loans issued by eligible lenders until 30 September 2020. The second phase of the Scheme will start on 1 October 2020 and will be available until 30 June 2021.



South Burnett Sugar Craft is up and active again we had a get together in June.

And the July meeting was at the Studio Art Gallery in Wondai where we made sun flowers. We are doing the social distancing just to stay safe.

Interested public are welcome to visit and see what we are making at the moment we have two new Murgon ladies, and they are going to learn how to cover a cake.

Cheers to everyone stay safe. Gloria Berry,
e-mail: gloria.45berry@icloud.com

JobKeeper Payment and the Coronavirus Supplement extended for Wide Bay businesses and households

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has welcomed today's announcement by Prime Minister Scott Morrison that the JobKeeper program and the Coronavirus Supplement have been extended.

"The JobKeeper program has made a real and significant difference to local businesses in Wide Bay, helping keep the doors open and local people employed, and the extended payment will assist further as trade starts to rebuild," Mr O'Brien said.

"This unprecedented economic support for local businesses and their staff is keeping Wide Bay's economy running through the COVID-19 pandemic, and will help our local economy recover sooner."

Under the Morrison Government's next phase of support, the JobKeeper Payment will continue at its current level until 27 September, and then it will be extended for a further six months to 28 March 2021.

A two-tiered payment will also be introduced, which Mr O'Brien said would better reflect the pre-COVID-19 income of payment recipients.

From 28 September until 3 January next year, the two payments will be \$1,200 and \$750 per fortnight, with the lower payment for employees who worked less than 20 hours a week in the month of February pre-COVID-19.

From 4 January to 28 March next year, the two payments will be \$1,000 and \$650.

The temporary Coronavirus Supplement for those on income support will also be extended until 31 December 2020. The \$550 per fortnight Supplement will continue until 24 September.

From 25 September until 31 December, the Supplement will be \$250 per fortnight, reducing by the same amount as the JobKeeper payment.

"The Morrison Government's continued support for Australians who have lost their jobs or cannot find one, and for local businesses will help Wide Bay to not only get through this crisis, but recover on the other side," Mr O'Brien said.

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said the extension of support recognises that Australia's economic recovery is still in its early stages and a number of local businesses and individuals remain significantly affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Morrison Government's focus remains on reopening the economy where it is safe to do so, but the extension of these measures recognises that some parts of the economy will continue to be affected and need continued support," the Treasurer said.

"Sadly, as a result of this global health pandemic, businesses will close and people will lose their jobs, but that is why we have extended the Coronavirus Supplement and announced a new skills package to help people transition from welfare to work."

For more information: treasury.gov.au/coronavirus

Proston Lions Club support School Rural Studies with a donation of \$2500.00



"Unfortunately, the school does not attract any additional funding from the government to run the Agriculture Program, as we simply do not have enough students in our secondary department. So we have to effectively fund ourselves through fundraising and selling the animals that we breed and buy" Rural Studies teacher, Katrina Hayward, explained.

The program also offers students the opportunity to be part of a very successful Cattle Show Team.

Photo : Lions Jan Barsby, Irene McDonald with Katrina Hayward

Thirteen local community groups will be sharing nearly \$285,000 from Round 104 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund

The successful recipients were announced by Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath on Monday.

Round 104 has distributed \$14.6 million to almost 600 groups across Queensland.

Ms D'Ath said grant recipients would enjoy flexible arrangements in acquitting the latest funding, as many were dealing with the effects of COVID-19.

"Some organisations have had to delay or extend the timeline for their events, purchases or projects as a result of COVID-19," the Attorney-General said.

"The flexible arrangements we've put in place will ensure organisations get the maximum benefit from their funding.

"So many organisations rely on the funding this program delivers for things ranging from the purchase of vehicles or musical and sound equipment, the construction of sporting change rooms or to hold trail running events.

"They help keep Queenslanders connected in these challenging times and bring communities together"

The grants are merit based and funding is allocated by an independent panel.

Applications for Round 106 are now open and will close at 11:59pm on August 31, 2020.

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South Burnett recipients:

Blackbutt Golf Club – Install solar system – \$22,995

Bloomin' Beautiful Blackbutt Festival Inc – Purchase marquee and outdoor message board – \$33,342.92

Farmers Hall Inverlaw Inc – Paint hall and upgrade doors – \$25,900

Kumbia Hack and Pony Club Inc – Purchase equipment and upgrade electrical system – \$18,976.27

Lower Wonga Hall and Recreation Association Inc – Purchase and install shed – \$17,078

Murgon and District Bantam Club Inc – Purchase IT equipment – \$2419.10

Murgon Junior Rugby League Inc – Upgrade drainage system and dressing rooms – \$35,000

Salvation Army (South Burnett Region) – Purchase musical instruments and equipment – \$15,230

Tansey Show Society – Upgrade kitchen – \$33,096

Wildlife Rescue South Burnett Inc – Purchase incubators and equipment – \$31,731.28

Wondai SES – Install air-conditioning – \$3900

Yarraman and District Historical Society Inc – Upgrade heritage school building – \$34,517.59

Yarraman Horse Sports Inc – Purchase ride-on mower and UHF radios – \$10,200

Courtesy South Burnett Online



There are many crocodiles in the Murgon fossil deposit. They represent a very strange, extinct group of partly terrestrial crocodiles known as mekosuchines. These extinct Murgon crocodiles have been placed in the new genus Kambara.

The oldest songbirds in the world have been discovered in the Murgon fossil deposit. They predate others in the world by 30 million years, indicating they first evolved in Australia before spreading to other areas of the world.

In the age of Twitter and Tweets, Murgon can rightly claim it was the place where the World's First Tweet came from! (Given the world's oldest passerine/songbird came from Murgon).

We look forward to hearing from anyone who may have fossils found in the Murgon or surrounding areas.
Phone Glenda Geraghty 0741681869

Photo: James Porter (decd) of Murgon looking for fossils in 1983.

STANDPIPE PRICES REVIEWED

Standpipe prices reviewed

South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise that following enquiries from residents regarding the cost of standpipe water in comparison to current water scheme charges Council, at the General meeting held Wednesday 17 June 2020 endorsed the recommendation to increase standpipe water charges from \$4.10 per kilolitre to \$10.00 per kilolitre.

Council undertook a review of its standpipe charges as a result of water restriction reviews, enquiries made by people across the region regarding the comparison of scheme charges, and as a result of having uncontrolled consumption of water from standpipes particularly when supply restrictions are in place.

Council's water supply schemes are supplied from water allocations and are only designed to support connected users to the networks. Allocations are managed through restrictions and tiered pricing to minimise use as much as possible. Due to these restrictions, Council does not have capacity to supply a standpipe connection to the Kingaroy reticulation network as the system cannot provide additional uncontrolled water.

Standpipes are available to support rural households when domestic supply from tanks is under critical conditions. As previously mentioned, standpipes are not under any restrictions and consumption is primarily managed through pricing to encourage responsible self-restriction for domestic use only, similar to the purpose of a tiered system pricing on a water scheme. Over consumption of standpipe water in turn reduces reliability and security of the supply.

The justification pricing for standpipes considered a number of factors to establish a reasonable price that ensures the standpipes can continue to support rural residences for critical domestic use whilst minimising the impact on the security of town water supplies. Council has received mixed reactions within the community in relation to the price change and will work on improving its communication on key issues in the future. Any person who wishes to understand the price change further are encouraged to review Council's Standpipe Charges fact sheet, and whilst Council will uphold its existing decision, we see this as the first step in communicating the rationale and facts of the need for this decision.

Council would like to remind residents that tap-and-go credit/debit water standpipes can be found at Nanango, Blackbutt, Benarkin and Hivesville. Potable water (drinking quality) can be purchased at Nanango, Blackbutt and Benarkin standpipes, with non-potable water (only) available at Hivesville.

Standpipes are located at:

- Nanango – Brisbane Street (high-flow)
- Blackbutt – Bowmans Road (high-flow and low-flow)
- Benarkin – Scotts Street (high-flow)
- Hivesville – Intersection Starr Street & Hivesville Road (non-potable water / high-flow)

Instructions for use are displayed at all standpipes. A 25mm hose is available, however customers will need to provide their own 50mm cam lock and hose to use the larger connection. The payment system is operated by the tap-and-go Visa or MasterCard credit/debit card system and transactions are limited to a minimum of \$1 and maximum \$99 per transaction. The cost per kilolitre is \$10.00.

For further information regarding the standpipes please see the attached Factsheet, visit Council's website, or contact Council's Water and Wastewater section on 4189 9100 or email. info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

COUNCIL'S 2020-21 BUDGET – THE FIRST STEP IN MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Council's 2020-21 budget is a \$108 million plan to kick start the process of building a stronger South Burnett

Through partnerships with higher levels of Government and by working together with community by building stronger connections and engagement.

In delivering this budget, Council remains conscious of the financial, social and emotional burden endured by our region's residents through the cumulative impact of the ongoing drought and COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to such, Council has been careful to formulate a considered and measured response to supporting the community through these challenging times.

This budget includes the first 0% general rate rise in the history of the South Burnett Regional Council, along with:

- a 0% increase to the majority of Council controlled fees and charges;
- a 0% increase to the commercial wheelie bin charge in support of small business;
- an amnesty on outstanding debt recovery during the COVID period;
- miscellaneous case by case deferral or relief of service charges for local not-for-profits;
- refunding all prepaid Council facility reservations; and
- a commitment to supporting local small business through reforms to Council's procurement policy.

Other than from new rateable properties, Council will receive no additional income from general rates, however it is important to note that some ratepayers general rates will increase, while others will decrease. This is due to the phased in valuation of their land. Council adopted 3-year valuation averaging as a means of smoothing or phasing in the large land valuation increases caused by the land revaluation undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy as at 01/07/2019.

As part of Council's engagement policy, the mayor will be holding community forums across the region throughout August to provide further community information on rates and charges.

An operating budget of \$67 million will support the delivery of key community services and facilities maintenance programs. Within this \$67 million, \$28.5 million has been set aside for asset renewals, underpinning Council's strong commitment to sustainable infrastructure across our extensive road network, water, wastewater, and community buildings and parks and gardens assets.

There is a \$2.2 million cash surplus, with an overall operating deficit of \$3.6 million after depreciation. A contributing factor is an increase in depreciation of \$2 million, due to the valuation of building assets.

At 30 June 2021, Council's current assets are projected to \$49.2 million dollars, including \$43 million in cash at bank. Current liabilities are projected to \$14.8 million.

Total assets are projected to \$951 million, total liabilities to \$61 million, of which Council borrowings are projected to reduce to \$33.6 million. Council has adopted a debt policy of no new borrowings this year.

Total community equity is projected to increase to \$890 million by 30 June 2021.

This budget position reflects the first stage in the budgetary process. Council will be embarking on a series of further financial reviews during the course of the year.

Asset management planning has facilitated the development of a \$38 million capital investment program to be shared across all communities, encompassing:

- \$22.5 million on roads, drains and bridges;
- \$5.8 million on buildings, parks & gardens;
- \$3 million on water infrastructure;
- \$3.7 million on sewerage and wastewater infrastructure;
- \$2.315 million on plant;
- \$350,000 on waste assets;
- \$480,000 on information technology systems.

Providing secure and reliable water and sewerage services is a significant responsibility for Councils. Our local water and sewerage network is under increasing stress due to ageing infrastructure. Long-term financial forecasts indicate that additional cash reserves will be required to fund significant capital expenditure associated with the replacement and upgrading of essential water and sewerage assets. In order to accumulate the required cash reserves Council has adopted a measured and responsible approach to increasing water and sewerage charges to smooth the impact on users over consecutive years.

As such, to provide for sustainable management of these critical assets, water and sewerage user charges will increase as follows for the 2020-21 financial year:

- the water access charge for urban residential users will increase by 2% from \$611.50 per annum to \$624 per

annum (an increase of \$12.50 per annum);

- water consumption charges will increase by 2.1% from \$1.54 to \$1.57 (3 cents per kilolitre) on tier 1 consumption and by 2.1% on tiers 2 and 3 (an annual increase of \$1.56 per annum for a household consuming 52 kilolitres per annum);
- the wastewater (sewerage) charge will increase by 2% from \$724.70 to \$739 per annum (an increase of \$14.30 per annum);

Most urban residential ratepayers will pay an additional \$28.36 for water and sewerage services.

Council is compelled by state legislation to make provision for future landfill costs. Long-term financial forecasts indicate that additional cash reserves will be required to fund significant capital expenditure associated with future landfill. In order to accumulate the required cash reserves, Council has again adopted a measured and responsible approach to increasing waste charges so as to smooth the impact on users over consecutive years.

As such, waste user charges will increase as follows for the 2020-21 financial year:

- the waste management levy will increase by 8% from \$150.50 to \$162.50 per annum (an increase of \$12.00 per annum), including a \$2.50 charge to maintain the current opening hours at all tips and to increase the opening hours at the Murgon and Wondai tips to seven half days per week;
- domestic wheelie bin charge will increase by 2% from \$165 to \$168 per annum (an increase of \$3.00 per annum);
- there will be no increase to the commercial wheelie bin charge, remaining at \$243 per annum;

Overall, most urban residential ratepayers will pay an additional \$15.00 per annum for waste collection and disposal services.

The community rescue and evacuation levy will increase from \$4 per annum to \$5 per annum, with all funds going directly to Lifeflight. The state emergency management levy, also known as the rural fire levy will not increase, remaining at \$130.20 per annum.

This means that most residential ratepayers will have an increase of \$44 a year, or 85 cents a week, with a change in rates and utility charges of 1.79% compared to rates and utility charges levied in 2019/2020.

Rural ratepayers without water, sewerage and bin collection services are not subject to these charges

Council's maximum \$200 pensioner rebate remains, matched by the \$200 maximum State Government pensioner subsidy.

By working together we can position our region to achieve its potential. I have a strong sense that the current decade will provide a renewed period of regional prosperity. By uniting as one region comprised of many diverse communities, we will move forward together.

Applications open now for NAIDOC Week 2020 Local Grants

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is encouraging Wide Bay communities to apply for funding to help showcase the best of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history during this year's NAIDOC Week.

NAIDOC Week 2020 will be held from 8 to 15 November and the Morrison Government has opened a new NAIDOC local grants round with \$1.4 million available to support local communities to host events and other activities during the week.

"Whether it's a virtual event or an in-person event hosted in a COVID-safe manner, we know that all Australians are excited to start planning for NAIDOC Week, which this year provides a fantastic opportunity to showcase our resilience," Mr O'Brien said.

"Butchulla, Gubbi Gubbi, Wakka Wakka and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people play a vital role in the story of Wide Bay, and these grants will assist in enabling events to celebrate our proud history, share culture, and recognise and honour the contributions and achievements of Indigenous Australians."

"This year's theme, *Always Was, Always Will Be*, is an opportunity for all Australians to engage with Indigenous culture, gain a greater understanding of our nation's shared history and celebrate the unique place Indigenous peoples have in our communities."

"I encourage everyone to plan how they will get involved with NAIDOC Week and I'm looking forward to the unique events and activities that people will come up with this year to showcase the best of Indigenous Australia in a COVID-safe way."

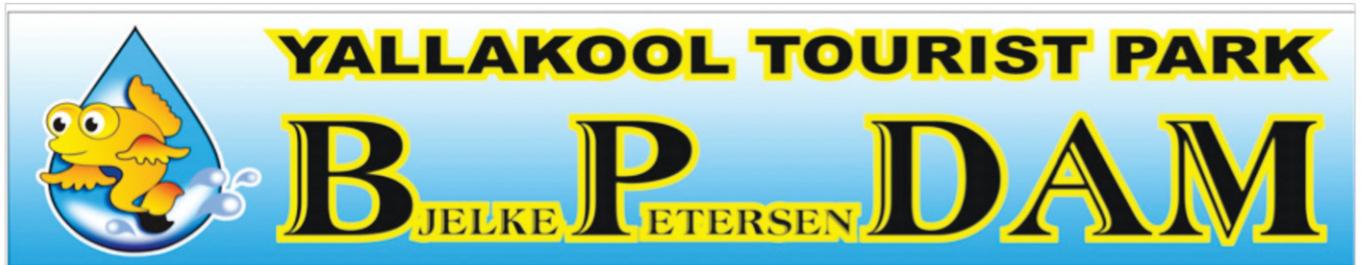
Information on the 2020 NAIDOC local grants round is available on the National Indigenous Australians Agency website, www.niaa.gov.au/naidoc, with applications closing 17 August at 7pm (AEST).

All applicants from the previous round that closed in March will be contacted by the National Indigenous Australians Agency and provided guidance on how to re-apply.

Events and information about NAIDOC Week 2020 will be posted to www.naidoc.org.au



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Or Barambah Bush Caravan and Camping



Murgon A Great Place to Stay and Visit

Registration for The Long Run challenge is finally open!

Register now and challenge yourself this September to protect the men you love from the trauma of a prostate cancer diagnosis. Every 25 minutes one of our fathers, husbands, brothers or sons hears the news that they have prostate cancer.

By signing up to The Long Run today, you can help them survive and thrive. By pledging to run, walk or wheel 72km over the month of September, you'll help love go the distance.

Let's raise much-needed funds this September to support Aussie men through their cancer diagnosis and treatment. This will mean that fewer fathers, husbands, sons and mates will have to face the challenges of prostate cancer alone.

By participating in The Long Run, you'll help create awareness around a disease that affects 1 in 6 Australian men in their lifetime. If that encourages just one man to get tested, you'll have made a lasting impact on a family just like your own.

Registration is FREE and open now.

Join The Long Run today and help the men you love be here for the long run too.

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, ABN: 31 521 774 656

Privacy policy: <https://www.pcfa.org.au/privacy-policy/>

Email: thelongrun@pcfa.org.au 1800 22 00 99



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Club Championships over the last two weekends and congratulations to the following Championship winners.

Men:

Club Champion - Andrew Fennell in a playoff from Jeff Thornton
 B Grade & Golf Cup - Gordon Wragge
 C Grade - Daniel Thompson
 Master - David Pain
 Veteran - Lindsay Robinson

Women:

Club Champion & Veterans Winner - Leanne Dowdle
 B Grade - Trish Trevor
 C Grade - Lorraine Michel

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EXCELLENT SIDE INCOME:

40 acre mixed farming property with a 60 meg water allocation from the Barambah Creek fenced into 5 paddocks with 3 of them having improved and native pastures and 1 dam. Approximately 20 + acres is set up with irrigation pipes and pump, 3 sheds, 1 with 3 bays for hay or machinery storage, 2 with 2 bays including space for a workshop. Heaps of room for horses or a handful of weaners. Low set 3 bedroom home with enclosed front verandah or extra 4th bedroom, split air conditioned, kitchen with large gas stove, lounge and dining. Laundry, shower over bath and toilet. **\$375,000.00**



JUST SIT BACK AND RELAX:

Outstanding lowset brick home on 2.50 acres, 4 bedrooms all built in (3 bedrooms 12x14), ensuite, formal lounge, separate dining with split airconditioning, large kitchen with walk in pantry, good size TV room with split airconditioning, wood heater and tile floor, master bedroom has split airconditioning, heaps of cupboard space for linen and storage, extra large garage with both remote control doors, the whole house has just been freshly painted and new floor coverings, large covered entertainment area, double caravan port, 2 colourbond shed (power in one) plus extra carport, 3 rain water tanks, landscaped gardens with dam for watering, plus 6 water outlet points and 2 on house, fully fenced, mins to Wondai **\$479,500.00**



RENTAL INCOME RETURN:

Lowset home, quiet area of town, 3 bedrooms all built ins, ceiling fans throughout, split airconditioning in lounge and some bedrooms, renovated bathroom, kitchen, lounge, gas hot water, security lock screen on windows and doors, colourbond shed with power and TV connection would accommodate 4 cars plus two car under carport, 6 ft fence, tank water, currently rented at \$280 per week **\$159,000.00**

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A First Aid Moment - with Murgon LAC

BLEEDING - when a band aid won't make it better

While most minor cuts and scrapes require only gentle cleaning and a band aid, **deeper wounds** may damage all layers of skin and also underlying tissues.

Significant and prolonged **bleeding** can occur with a more serious:
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laceration (skin and tissues are torn; edges look ragged)
puncture wound (an object has entered and exited the body)
penetrating wound (an object is still protruding from the wound)



WHAT TO DO:

If there is NO object still in the wound -

- Place clean cloth pad over wound and apply firm, **DIRECT PRESSURE** (both hands)
 - *If bleeding continues: add more padding and apply more pressure*
- Call 000 Ambulance for assistance*



If bleeding is reduced:

- Draw edges of wound together
- Apply clean dressing directly over wound. Secure with firm bandage
- Elevate a bleeding limb, if possible, to restrict movement
- Check circulation in limb – colour of fingers or toes
- Seek immediate medical assistance OR 000 Ambulance



BUT If object IS protruding from wound –

- **DON'T REMOVE OBJECT.** Apply **PRESSURE AROUND** object
- Pad around object and bandage firmly in place
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At Swinburne University, there were four students taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far. These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals, they decided to go to Sydney and visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time but, after all the partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to the Uni until late Monday morning. Rather than taking the final then, they decided that after the final they would explain to their professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but, on the way, back they had a flat tyre and found there was no spare in the car. As a result, they missed the final. The Professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. They studied that night for the exam. The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. They quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points.

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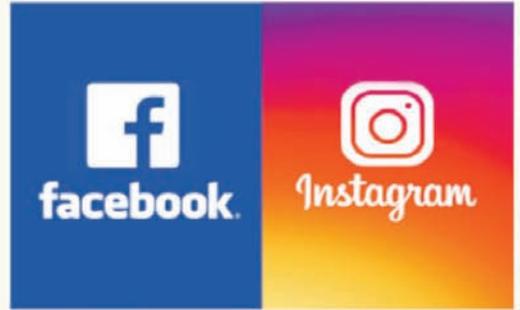
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Kathy's Comments

Council Zero Rate Rise

I am really pleased that Council was able to deliver a zero rate rise. I think that with the current drought and the Covid challenges, it was a show of good faith by Council to keep the rates down. There are still some properties that will have a rate rise due to the three year averaging of the valuations. Council averaged the valuations over three years to try to lessen the impact, particularly in rural areas where last year's valuations had significant rises. I am really pleased that we are still spending the same amount of money on our road network. I know this is really important to our whole community but in particular our transport operators and our rural businesses.

Murgon Footpath Stage Two & Three to be delivered

There has been some significant funding granted to Council because of the drought and the Covid crisis. There are also budget allocations for capital upgrades across the region. I am pleased that due to the injection of some additional funding, we are now able to achieve both stage two and stage three of the Murgon footpath project. The area past both hotels will be done as well as the area around the town hall and down to the Post Office. I have had a number of people requesting a wheel chair ramp in front of the chemist. I am pleased to say that we are going to be following up on that request to make it easier for the elderly and those with disabilities to access the chemist shop. Thank you to all of the businesses for your patience as we near completion of stage one. It has been a huge success and a good news story for our community.

Murgon Park Upgrade and other Capital Works

There is funding allocated to revitalise the amenities in Queen Elizabeth Park. This will include new sinks and bowls and a painting upgrade. There are also a number of trees that have been removed in the park that we now have funding to replace. Burtons Lane has also been upgraded as part of the drought funding. The squash courts at the PCYC have also received an allocation to get them back into full utilisation again. There is also \$120,000 to fix up the kerb & channelling in Cobb Street South.

Drought Resilience

Our Federal Government allocation for drought funding is going towards some capital upgrades across the region as well as some resilience measures to support our farmers and small businesses. The allocation will include some Drought Dinners, Ten Minutes with a Master Sessions and an officer on the ground to talk one on one with farmers. All of this is dependent on Covid restrictions so timelines may have to change or programs altered to work around what is allowable.

Proston Upgrades

I think that everyone will be excited to know that we have funding for a dump point in Proston. The plan is to put it behind the amenities in Rodney Street. I am also pleased that we have \$50,000 to upgrade park equipment. The drainage in Hood Street will also be worked on to try to manage the current erosion and wash along the table drain as well as to help fix the constant washing of the walking track.

Hivesville and Murgon Mayor's Meet & Greet



I was really pleased to have lots of people come along to catch up at these early morning sessions. It was great to have Cr Scott Henschen as part of the team to meet the people. The feedback and requests from residents was well received and it was a pleasant morning in both Murgon and Hivesville. I think that we have a wonderful community and if we all work together we can achieve great things for our region.

Water Study Update

There have been some progressive updates on this study with irrigators and user groups. There is a long list of projects that are included in the plans. There is also a short list and Barlill Weir has been listed as one that has some potential to investigate further.

Dams Open with new Dam Managers Appointed.

Congratulations to Doug and Kath Hughes who are continuing their role managing Lake Boondooma. I was pleased to see some locals, Heath & Rowena Sanders, selected to manage Bjelke Petersen Dam. It is great to see the dams finally open again to give people an opportunity to get back out onto the water. I am pleased that in this year's budget there is funding for a new amenities block at Yallakool and repairs to the boat ramp as well as a bunk house relocation and upgrade at Lake Boondooma.

Changes to Transfer Station Operating Hours

I think everyone should be pleased that we now have Murgon Transfer Station open for half a day every day of the week in the mornings and Wondai half a day every day in the afternoons.

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Improving digital connectivity in Wide Bay

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is encouraging local regional development organisations, telecommunications providers and government organisations to apply for funding to improve telecommunications infrastructure in Wide Bay.

Mr O'Brien said applications for the Australian Government's \$53 million Regional Connectivity Program are now open, with the program providing targeted investment in local telco infrastructure projects to maximise economic and social opportunities in regional and remote communities.

"Regional areas like Wide Bay have distinct digital needs and sometimes, a one-size-fits-all approach doesn't work with existing infrastructure or meet the needs of our communities, so we're encouraging collaboration between organisations and telcos to come up with great telecommunications solutions tailored to our regional locations," Mr O'Brien said.

Examples of projects that could be funded under the program include upgrades to mobile infrastructure to improve community access to telehealth, remote education and retail internet and phone services, or the development of enterprise-grade broadband networks to support local agricultural, manufacturing and tourism businesses to increase their online presence.

"We're looking for projects that will provide the most significant benefit to local communities and by collaboration between organisations with local knowledge and telcos, I'm confident we will see many great solutions come from Wide Bay to improve services in Wide Bay," Mr O'Brien said.

"I encourage applicants to use the Program Noticeboard to share their ideas and work together on proposals to improve connectivity for Wide Bay] and drive benefits for our communities."

The online Program Noticeboard provides a portal for collaboration where applicants can find and register potential projects, linking regional communities and industry providers.

Applications are open until 20 October 2020 (5:00pm AEDT). The guidelines and application process is available on the Government's central grants website: www.grants.gov.au





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NEW DAM MANAGERS APPOINTED FOR BOONDOOMA AND YALLAKOOL

South Burnett Regional Council is pleased to advise that new managers have now been appointed at both Boondooma & Yallakool dams.

Council would like to extend congratulations to Doug and Kath Hughes, returning managers of the Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park, along with Heath and Rowena Sanders who were successful with their Expression of Interest for Tourist Park Managers for Yallakool Caravan and Recreation Park on Bjelke-Petersen Dam.

Overall, Council received 14 Expressions of Interest for the tourist park manager positions, with Council progressing nine interviews.

Both couples are highly motivated, passionate and experienced in caravan and accommodation principle. They care about the community and the image that is portrayed when people visit our region, and are committed to developing mutually beneficial partnerships with Council, businesses and community groups in order to maximise the economic and social benefits that tourism brings to the South Burnett region.

Returning managers of Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park, Doug and Kath Hughes said, "We believe in doing things properly, with attention to detail, on time and on budget."

Doug and Kath bring a wealth of experience, as evidenced through their previous employment by Sustainable Park Solution as the resident park managers at Lake Boondooma Caravan & Recreation Park from December 2019 and caretakers for the Esk Caravan Park & Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Motel from April 2019 through to December 2019.

New managers of Yallakool Park on BP Dam, Murgon locals Heath and Rowena Sanders said, "Above and beyond all, we care!"

Heath and Rowena have been involved locally with the Murgon Music Muster as Co-Chairs from 2016 through to 2020 and have been instrumental in structuring a new look muster, promotion, booking camp sites (unpowered/power) and cleaning of amenities. Heath is also President of the Murgon Rotary (2017–2021) and Assistance Governor for District 9600 (2019-2021).

With the opening of overnight accommodation at both Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park and Yallakool Caravan Park on BP Dam in August, our new managers will hit the ground running. The re-openings have been highly anticipated by locals and visitors alike.

Due to COVID-19 requirements all accommodation including unpowered sites must be pre-booked and all guests will have to complete a guest declaration and pre-check in form. Please see the relevant dam website for booking information. Accommodation bookings are now open and can be made online at:

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For further information on the dams, please contact Council's Senior Recreation and Services Officer on 4189 9100 or email. info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Please check the latest updates on state government restrictions to know if you can travel. Interstate travellers are permitted into QLD from 10 July and will require a border pass to enter. Further restrictions apply for people travelling from Victoria.



Photo L-R : Lake Boondooma Caravan and Recreation Park Managers Doug and Kath Hughes and Yallakool Park on BP Dam Managers Heath and Rowena Sanders



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