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Where were you 50 years ago to watch the Moon Landing & Man's first walk on the Moon?



50 years ago today I remember being a cadet reporter on The South Burnett Times at Kingaroy and walking from the office back to my flat to watch the moon landing. No TVs in the office then. We didn't know what might have been on the moon and it was like watching a movie at the cinema - the suspense.

This is a great photo and yes this was the beginning of a great career for my sister Colleen Geraghty, working also with the Women's Day, Ending up with being a sub-editor at Courier Mail and then Letters editor.



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Council Introduces New Afterhours Call Monitoring Service

Council has introduced a new afterhours call monitoring service from Monday 17 June 2019.

This innovative service has been implemented as part of Council's continuous improvement approach to service delivery for residents and visitors of the South Burnett.

South Burnett residents and visitors will now have the ability to speak with a dedicated team when they call Council after business hours on 4189 9100.

"We are very excited about being able to offer this service to our community," Mayor Keith Campbell said.

"When someone calls Council to report a tree over the road or another urgent request, the caller will get to speak to an officer who can gather all the relevant information and then communicate the details through to a Council officer to action," he added.

Life threatening situations should be reported directly to triple zero.

South Burnett Unemployment at 6 Year Low

The unemployment rate of the South Burnett has fallen to a 6 year low of 7.8% percent, according to the latest Small Area Labour Markets (SALM) data released yesterday.

"I am thrilled with this result," Mayor Keith Campbell said.

"Last month, data revealed that our building approvals increased significantly. Now, following the release of our current unemployment rate, I am confident to say that our region is on a on a positive growth trajectory," he added.

The SALM unemployment data has revealed a steady decrease over the past four quarters.

June 2018 – 9.3%, September 2018 – 8.7%, December 2018 – 8.2%, March 2019 – 7.8%

"This is an encouraging outcome, demonstrating the strengthening of our regional economy", said Mayor Keith Campbell.

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Cuts to deeming rates a cash boost for more than 9,000 in Wide Bay

More than 9,000 people in Wide Bay will be better off after the Liberal and Nationals Government cut deeming rates, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

Mr O'Brien said 9,060 people will benefit from a multimillion boost across the next four years in Wide Bay, and about 628,000 age pensioners and more than 455,000 people receiving other payments nationally.

The decision will take effect from September in line with the regular indexation of the pension and will be backdated to July 1.

The lower deeming rate will decrease from 1.75 per cent to 1.0 per cent for financial investments up to \$51,800 for single pensioners and \$86,200 for pensioner couples.

The upper deeming rate will be cut from 3.25 per cent to 3.0 per cent for balances over these amounts.

"The decision to cut deeming rates shows the Coalition Government has listened to the reasonable concerns expressed by older Australians who receive a part pension, and taken action to remedy the situation," Mr O'Brien said.

"This has been an important issue for the one in four aged pensioners who are affected by deeming, and I am pleased to see this sensible approach to supporting our older people who have finely balanced finances."

While 75 per cent of aged pensioners are not affected by deeming this decision recognises that it is an important issue for those who are."

"The end result will mean more money in the pockets of older Australians. Under the new rates age pensioners whose income is assessed using deeming will receive up to \$40.50 a fortnight for couples, \$1053 extra a year, and \$31 a fortnight for singles, \$804 a year."

"The changes to the deeming rate will also help people who receive other income tested payments including the Disability Support Pension and Carer Payment, and income support allowances and supplements such as the Parenting Payment and Newstart."

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GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

The cold weather has kept us pretty quiet this last month with not much happening; the think tank has been working overtime though, coming up with lots of crazy ideas to make Festival 2020 even crazier than ever.

The Street Parade will be our focus next year, hoping to attract many more of our local schools, sporting clubs and community associations to get involved. A Street Parade Float Competition will be the highlight. We are hoping to attract a sizeable sponsor to assist us with this element so as we are able to make it worth while and prizes, much more of an incentive for all those contemplating entering. Any sponsor out there keen to get involved, this would be your calling. With high visibility of your product and brand and exposure to approx. 20,000 people, what better way to promote your business.

As always every element of our festival is great, hopefully in 2020 they will all be greater..

The Goomeri Gourmet Food Truck and Twilight Market is back this month, Saturday 31st August, in the Market Square in Goomeri, start time 3.00pm till 8.00pm finish.



There will be a great selection of different food trucks with some favourites returning from our last event. To cater for the kids there will be "Bush Critters" with Tracey Lewis, a novel fun way to amuse the kids for a couple of hours, as well as the regular market stalls, jumping castle and main stage entertainment.



A brand new element this time, one especially for the DAD's, come dressed in your craziest/funniest outfit, take part in the Dad's Day competition and you could win yourself an early Prezzie.

So, come on out, bring Dad and shout him dinner for Dad's Day (the next day) and enjoy the hospitality of our little town once again and support this event to ensure we can keep it going into the future.

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A MOMENT – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

July has been a very busy and enjoyable month, with participation in the NAIDOC celebration conducted by the Darling Downs Health in Lamb St Park, Murgon, and two CPR Awareness sessions for visiting caravan clubs at Wondai Showgrounds.

The main event for August will be our Annual General Meeting to be held at Murgon Services Club on Wednesday, 28th August, commencing 7 pm. All interested persons - and organisations - in the Murgon,

Cherbourg and Wondai areas are cordially invited to attend, to hear what has been

accomplished in the past year and what is planned for the future. (For details, phone 4169 0909.) Then ... we are hoping to have something special at the Wondai Show to finish the month!

While the biennial LAC State Conference, being held in Toowoomba in September, will be an important occasion for the six participating Murgon LAC members, there are some exciting things being planned in Murgon and surrounding communities, too; but more about that next month! Thank you for spending ... A Moment with Murgon LAC.



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Sixteen people attended our informal July morning tea at the **Murgon BP Roadhouse**. This was a great turnout with members having attended the very successful charity golf day on the previous Saturday.

By the time Carmen and Co. arrived at 10.15 am coffee was being drunk, cake consumed and the conversations were in overdrive. A loud voice was needed to gain the groups attention in order to present small gifts to some **"golf day greats"**: Gary L, Marg L, Iris, Lyn, Darryl, Phenella, Jenny J and her daughter. Gary L won **the lucky number prize** which was very fitting seeing the effort he put in to the golf day with the assistance of some lovely ladies.



Topics discussed included the golf day roundup, recommended Toowoomba neurologists, a PD dance program, and possible Christmas venues. A stirring poem was read by Merrilyn called **Train of Life**.

Darryl now has a copy of our group emblem to take to a local artist to draw up so we can use it on letters, shirts etc and look very professional.

Our deep sympathies and love go to Grace Pratt on the death of her son. Love is also sent to Peg & family (illness). Get well wishes to Earl and Ken.

A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE AGAIN TO GARY, MARGARET, IRIS, LYN on their golf efforts. I think Gary needs about 3 years to recover before another similar event.

A HUGE THANKS TO THE MURGON COMMUNITY & GOLFERS ON THE DAY. Thanks Clarrie for the music.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY AUGUST 26 at CASTRA . GUEST SPEAKER: Hayley Maudsley. ALL WELCOME. CONTACTS: DARRYL 4168 3116 or CARMEN 5486 1268

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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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Sewer Relining Program

As a part of Council's sewerage capital works program and its commitment to ensure the long term sustainability and efficiency of our sewerage infrastructure, Council is undertaking a sewer relining program across all sewerage schemes in the South Burnett.

The program will consist of three main phases. Phase 1 will involve the use of CCTV robotics to inspect all sewers within the schemes. This information will then be used to assess sewer serviceability and structural conditions. As part of the CCTV works, the sewer will also be cleaned to remove obstacles such as tree roots. The CCTV information will then allow Council to assess the more critical sections of the sewer network that will form part of the relining program.

Phase 2 of the sewer relining program will involve the installation of PVC liners into the existing sewer system to extend the life of existing sewer infrastructure. Relining will also involve the installation of PVC lines to the house connection junctions into the sewer.

Phase 3 will follow the relining process, and involve relining of the individual manholes to complete the project.

CCTV Works are planned to begin 7 August 2019, with further notifications to affected customers being provided when works are occurring in their area. Access to manholes on customer properties will be necessary, with contractors undertaking works whilst being assisted by Council staff.

CCTV works will begin in Wondai, and then carry on to Murgon, Blackbutt, Nanango and Kingaroy. Relining will begin approximately 2 to 3 weeks after the CCTV have completed in each town, with the program expected to be finalised throughout the entire South Burnett by March 2020.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this work may cause and thank you in advance for your patience.

Please direct any enquiries to Council's Water and Wastewater section by phoning 4189 9100 or by email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

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QBFP Update: keep your permit handy

Coby Walker



Hi everyone, and thanks for your contributions to the Queensland freshwater fishing industry through FFSAQ and your local stocking groups.

FFSAQ has asked the Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol to provide a regular update on the challenges we face when monitoring the freshwater fishery.

At the moment, I'd say the most widespread issue is fishers who can't produce their Stocked Impoundment Permit immediately. Chasing up permits consumes large amounts of our time, which could be better spent checking for fishers who don't have a permit. You can land yourself a \$65 fine if you can't produce your permit details to a

QBFP officer when fishing in a stocked impoundment.

Often, people can't produce their permit because their phone is dead, the permit is on their old phone, they have deleted the text, they didn't bring their phone out on the boat or their Australia Post receipt has faded.

So, here's a few reminders to help people avoid that fine:

- Firstly, everyone 18 years of age or over needs their own permit (permits covering your spouse/partner were removed several years ago).
- You can buy a permit at selected Australia Post outlets, via phone on 1300 575 359 or online.
- If you buy your permit online, the SMS comes from a service called 'Decipha'. Many people think it's some sort of scam and delete it—please don't!
- If you lose your permit, email info@daf.qld.gov.au or call our Customer Service Centre on 13 25 23 for a free copy.

At a minimum, we need your permit number and expiry date, so keep your permit details in something that always goes fishing with you. Here are a few examples:

- Take a photo of your Australia Post receipt or a screen shot of your text or email as soon as you get it and keep it in your phone—it's much easier to find there.
- Write the permit number and expiry date inside the lid of your tackle box—the bonus is every time that big one takes your hook you'll be reminded

of your expiry date.

- Reduce your permit to credit card size, laminate it or pop it in a zip lock bag, and keep it in your wallet.

We've even seen people with their permit (and car keys) on a 'fishing necklace'. Basically, it doesn't matter how you do it, we'll be happy if you can give us your permit info quickly.

We'd appreciate it if you could share this information with your networks and contacts.

Cheers, Coby Walker, District Officer, Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol, (Warwick).

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1st Speaker: John Kratzmann has restored many old Army Vehicles and is looking forward to showing and telling us all about them. John has often had these vehicles in the Murgon Anzac Parade.

2nd Speaker: Lyle Shelton has had a busy and active life as Christian political activist, a journalist for Qld Country Life and editor of Qld Graingrower Newspaper, a Youth Worker in Toowoomba and was elected to Toowoomba City Council for 2 terms. He has more to tell.

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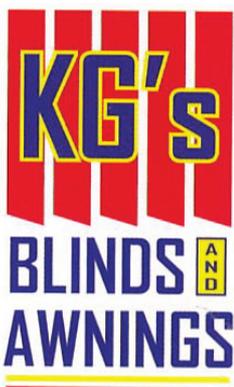
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What happy faces Sandy Hoffman encountered when she went to the Mahasabha School In Logi Village, Fiji, recently, to deliver some donations from our Rotary Club. It was Early Education Week as well so many parents were also present on the day and Sandy had an enjoyable day entertained by some of their singing and dancing, plus the thanks from a very committed and enthusiastic head teacher. Sandy was able to share some of the highlights with Rotarians at a recent meeting.



It was wonderful to attend the launching of 'Wally', the Graham House Transport Division car now based in Wondai. It will be a great asset to the Wondai community and much appreciated by those who need assistance with local travel. Wondai residents should ring the Transport Division on 41 695040 for further information.

Club members were pleased to have the opportunity last Friday night to assist Troy Cassar-Daley at his concert in Kingaroy. It was a great concert and Troy's daughter, Jem, also entertained the audience with her beautiful voice and keyboard skills.



Some members were able to assist at the recent Murgon Rail Trail Festival, by providing our stage and doing face painting for the kids. Well done to the MBDA for your continued efforts to provide special events and promotion of our community.

Keep an eye out for tickets sellers shortly for our big



Fathers' Day raffle. First prize for Dad is a wonderful Bosch 3 piece All Rounder Tool Set donated to us by Murgon Mitre 10; second prize is a Coleman Single Air Bed and third prize is a Coleman Spin Lantern. This will be drawn at the end of August in time for Fathers' Day.



Ruth Mason and Joy Vonhoff (both nee Whitmore) known as 'The English Twins' turned 70 on Friday the 5th July. They migrated with their parents from England to Australia 53 years ago in 1966 when they were both 17. Actually, the girls celebrated three times - first on the 5th July at Dusty Hill Winery for lunch; then at the Wondai RSL for dinner and finally with some 60 family and friends on Saturday the 6th at Dimities in Wondai. There were lots of stories told while a video of photos of their lives from babies to the present day played on a computer screen. Many of the people present learned things about the 'girls' that they never knew previously. The girls both had all of their families there to celebrate with them plus many good friends. A really wonderful time was had by all who attended.

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St John's Whip Cracking Team, Grand Parade, Stihl verse Husqvana chainsaw comp, Tractor Pull

Saturday Night program

The Saturday night program features the Wild Buckin' Bull Rides starting at 7.00pm. plus we have Singing/guitar entertainment with Amber Goldsmith



Wow what a Show, don't miss this one. Thank you to all our sponsors and anyone else for their efforts in ensuring this year's show is another success, without you we would not have a show.

Entry \$10 adult, \$6 concession, \$2 primary school age.

A Burnett Heads father and son have been fined \$19,000 for significant black market fishing activity involving more than 90 illegal transactions.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries Mark Furner said the pair were unlawfully selling thousands of dollars worth of prawns and mud crabs, and were found in possession of regulated fish and commercial fishing apparatus.

“This prosecution follows a year-long investigation by the Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol following complaints from the fishing industry,” Mr Furner said. “A search of a Burnett Heads premises uncovered regulated fish including barred javelin, bream and mud crabs, and a fishing net larger than permitted for a recreational fisher. We have zero tolerance for black marketing. Tough enforcement is vital to building a legacy of a sustainable fishery for our children and grandchildren.”

Both men entered guilty pleas to the Bundaberg Magistrates’ Court.

Mr Furner said black market selling of fish product was an insidious practice, which threatened the viability of legitimate fishing operators. “That’s why the Queensland Government has taken such a strong stand against black marketing with the introduction of new offences and penalties, including up to three years jail and \$390,000 for trafficking in seafood,” he said. “These two men were lucky they were prosecuted before the new laws came into effect, otherwise they may have been facing a significantly higher fine. QBFP uses a range of techniques and technology to uncover illegal activities, including surveillance cameras. We also recently deployed drones as part of our compliance enforcement effort, making it even harder for people to hide illegal activities.”

For more information on Queensland’s fishing regulations, visit www.fisheries.qld.gov.au, call 13 25 23 or download the free ‘Qld Fishing’ app from Apple and Google app stores.

GOOMERI COMMUNITY CHOIR BEGINS

Goomeri has something to sing about, with the introduction of the brand new Goomeri Community Choir. Louise Winton, the choir’s founder and conductor, has recently moved to Goomeri, with her husband, and brings with her over 35 years’ experience as a professional soloist. Louise knows from firsthand experience, how being part of a choir can have a positive effect on many parts of a person’s life.

It has been proven that music can promote healing and help people to overcome mental health issues. Singing can improve general health and well-being by improving lung function, ease stress and anxiety and increase self-confidence.

Goomeri Community Choir is in the very early stages of development. Everyone is welcome regardless of age, ability and musical knowledge. People from all surrounding areas are very welcome. This is an all-inclusive choir that focusses on diversity. No audition is necessary. “So many people have stories of being told they can’t sing or shouldn’t sing”, Louise said. “Sadly, there is a misconception that only talented people have the right to sing. I believe that everyone has the right to express themselves through song”. The choir will be learning songs from many cultures in a variety of languages. Along with harmony singing, the choir will learn basic singing techniques and vocal exercises which will not only enhance the choir’s overall sound, but also ensure that the singers are not damaging their voices.

Rehearsal will be held each Monday at 5.30 - 7pm at the Goomeri Hall of Memory. A suggested donation of \$8 per week helps to cover basic running costs. Discounts apply for term or yearly payments, or families. If there are members going through financial hardship, they have the opportunity to just pay what they can afford, even if this is nothing. Nobody is denied the opportunity to come along.

Keeping with the focus of love, friendship and inclusion, a very special part of each rehearsal is our Wish List. This is where people can request or offer things, generally at little or no cost. For example, someone may want a lift home, or may even need to be taken for a medical appointment. Somebody else may have an abundance of lemons that they wish to offer. After rehearsal, we join together for supper. Each week, one or two members bring something for the group to share.

So far, the choir has been warmly embraced by the community and has the support and backing of the Council and The Pumpkin Festival. Further sponsorship is being sought from interested businesses, community members and hopefully Grant Funding.

If you are interested in being one of the financial founders, or would like to join this choir, please contact Louise on 0427 748 692

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2nd	HANDCRAFT DISPLAY MURGON CWA
AUGUST 9th	BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB AGM
AUGUST 10th	BYTE NITE SB PCYC
AUGUST 11th	MURGON CBD MARKETS
AUGUST 12th	BRISBANE EKA SHOW HOLIDAY
AUGUST 13th	SB PCYC, GRAHAM HOUSE NEW PREMISES,
AUGUST 15th to 18th	SCOTTS IN THE BUSH, NATIONAL SENIORS AGM,
AUGUST 17th	SOUTH BURNETT SHED MEN, MOFFATDALE RIDGE TUSCAN FEAST.
AUGUST 18th	VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
AUGUST 19th	MURGON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
AUGUST 20th	MURGON CATTLE SALE, BP DAM FISH MANAGEMENT MEET,
AUGUST 23rd to 25th	KINGAROY BACON FESTIVAL
AUGUST 24th	BYTE NITE SB PCYC, WONDAI COUNTRY MARKETS
AUGUST 25th	HIVESVILLE MARKETS
AUGUST 26th	PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP
AUGUST 28th	MURGON AMBULANCE COMMITTEE AGM, MURGON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNDER THE BONNET NIGHT AT CLIFTON MOTORS
AUGUST 29th	LEVEN LITTLE LONSDALES
AUGUST 30th to 31st	WONDAI SHOW
AUGUST 31st	GOOMERI GOURMET & TWILIGHT MARKET, BYTE NITE SB PCYC
SEPTEMBER 2nd-9th	WILD DOG BAITING
SEPTEMBER 3rd	MURGON CATTLE SALE
SEPTEMBER 4th	ROTARY SUICIDE AWARENESS PRESENTATION
SEPTEMBER 6th	ST JOEY'S FETE, Burnett Beauty & Beyond by Graham W Smith F.R.Q.A.S.
SEPTEMBER 6th to 8th	KILKIVAN GREAT HORSE RIDE
SEPTEMBER 7th	MOFFATDALE RIDGE ITALIAN FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 13th	BYTE NITE SB PCYC
SEPTEMBER 17th	BP DAM FISH MANAGEMENT MEET,
SEPTEMBER 20th	BYTE NITE SB PCYC
SEPTEMBER 27th	BYTE NITE SB PCYC
SEPTEMBER 28th	MURGON MUSEUM COUNTRY FAIR
SEPTEMBER 28th to 29th	WONDAI SPRING GARDEN EXPO
OCTOBER 12th	DUSTY DAY OUT AT THE WINERY
OCTOBER 29th to 3rd NOV	MURGON MUSIC MUSTER

DATE CLAIMER

The ***Murgon Police Masquerade Ball*** is scheduled for ***23 November 2019*** at the **South Burnett PCYC, Murgon.**

Funds raised at the ball will be donated to the South Burnett PCYC to support their BYTE NITE Program. (BYTE – Barrambah Youth Together Evenings)



Hi All

Exciting news! RACQ LifeFlight Rescue is the proud community partner of this year's Ekka night show – EkkaNITES. We are very excited to be part of Queensland's largest and most loved annual event.

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You could also win 1 of 10 amazing weekend getaway prizes - this includes a 2 night stay at Alcyone Hotel Residences in a 2 bedroom spacious apartment. Alcyone Hotel is located at the epicentre of Brisbane's most sought-after destination, Portside Wharf; close to Brisbane Airport and the CBD.

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Visit us at the show in the **Channel 7 Pavilion** to see a **REAL Rescue helicopter**. Visitors will be granted the unique opportunity to climb aboard and learn more about our lifesaving helicopters and community services.

For the kids: there will be a merchandise table with RACQ LifeFlight Rescue Bears and other items available to purchase. Our loveable mascot, Chief Pilot Bear, will also make a special appearance.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind Regards, The LifeFlight team

We sadly mourn the loss of:

PRATT, Basil Shane, Late of Murgon

MILLER, Theodosia (Dossie) Late of Proston

COULSON, Burnett Garry (Garry) Late of Bunya Highway, Fick's Crossing

WOODALL Ron Snr, (Senior Constable in Murgon from 1961-1966)

BROWN, Mervyn Stanley, Late of Goomeri, formerly of Cherbourg.

DEVITT, (nee Johnson) Margaret Eva, late of Wondai, formerly of Kingaroy.

Community Playgroup every Wednesday at Moffatdale State School.

We started with two families at the beginning of the year and we now have 10! It's an amazing group and it is run by our Prep teacher aide Mrs Perry from 9am to 10:30am.

If you are interested, please give us a call on 4168 4724. We would love to have more people join our group.

Have a great day! Caron Granger, Business Manager, Moffatdale State School.

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FREE Ticket Give Away

The Sub Branch is offering 100 FREE Tickets to enjoy a special performance by the Band of the 1st Regiment, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery.

The performance is expected to last approximately 1 hour and will be followed by the Official Ceremony celebrating 100 years of the Murgon RSL Sub Branch (approx. 30min)

Ticket holders are able to gain entry to the upstairs gallery where they are welcome to view these two events which will be held prior to a formal (invitation only) dinner.

When: Saturday 17th August 2019
Time: 5.30pm Venue: Murgon Town Hall
Cost: No charge

Tickets available from: Murgon Visitor Information Centre

We look forward to welcoming this very popular 30 piece military band to Murgon. Come along and enjoy this wonderful opportunity!

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AUGUST 2019 Exhibitions



“SEEDS” - Gallery 1 – Meg Hansen

I am an emerging artist and a first-year visual art student at Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory. I am a local and I love being outdoors in nature. I began painting in high school when encouraged by my art teacher. I use a range of mediums my favourites being acrylic, digital media and sculpture. Although my work surrounds many different subjects it always comes back to nature. This exhibition surrounds the idea of seeds being viewed in an abstract perspective. Seeds contain an entirely different world inside of them that cannot be seen from the outside. The concept of seeds represents new life, new beginnings and resilience as they sustain the lifecycle of the plant. For example, during a bushfire only the seeds survive. My work here is

mostly digital media and acrylic on canvas with some ink works.

“Relations” Art Exhibit - Gallery 2 – Pat van Kempen, Trish Corneal & Raewyn Cardew

In the main gallery, 'RELATIONS' is the combined effort of Pat van Kempen, Trish Corneal and Raewyn Cardew. They have also included various creative and talented family members thus the title of the exhibition. Their work includes an eclectic mix of 2D art with watercolours, acrylic, collage, photographs and paper tole and also 3D metal sculptures.



“Where Am I?” - Gallery 3 – Kane Brunjes



Where I am depicts the artist's observations of his current state in life seen through a reflection of his thoughts, feelings, and questions of truth. Criticism brings strength to Brunjes' interpretations as these artworks capture glimpses of the influences that continue his growth as a young man. Kane Brunjes is a Gunggari, Kabi Kabi man from Murgon practicing in both public and gallery realms. Through his art practice Brunjes aims to solidify and represent a visual portrayal of how he views and reacts to the environment surrounding him.

“Kids Korner” - Proston State School

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Saturday, 24th August 2019.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Murgon Livestock Report 6/8/2019

Agents yarded 1250 in Murgon Tuesday with most descriptions selling to firm rates. Cattle were drawn from Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Coringa, Kilkivan, Nanango, Kingaroy & locally. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.73 and \$2895.00. Bullocks topped at \$2.99 c/kg and \$1970.00. Cows over 500 kg topped at \$2.41 c/kg averaging \$2.10 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg sold to atop of \$2.19 c/kg. Lighter plainer conditioned Cows under 400 kg topped at \$1.57 c/kg. Export Heifers sold to \$2.61 c/kg and \$1330.00. 464 Charbray steers from Goomeri sold to \$3.11 c/kg returning \$1444.00. Angus steers from Tansey sold to \$3.08 c/kg weighing 476 kg and \$1467.00. Charbray steers from Mt Perry sold for \$1463.00 at \$2.99 c/kg. Local Droughtmaster steers weighing 461 kg sold for \$2.91 c/kg to return \$1362.00. 4 tooth Droughtmaster steers weighing 487 kg sold for \$1362.00 at \$2.79 c/kg. Angus steers from Durong sold for \$1159.00 at \$2.79 c/kg weighing 390 kg. 387 kg Droughtmaster steers from Goomeri sold to \$1084.00 at \$2.80 c/kg. 397 kg Brangus steers from Hivesville sold for \$1113.00 at \$2.80 c/kg. A line of 40 Santa weaner steers from Moffatdale sold for an average of 670.00 at \$2.78 c/kg, topping at \$750.00 and \$2.87 c/kg. Charolais weaner steers from Brigooda sold for \$2.61 c/kg and \$584.00. 404 kg Charbray Heifers from Proston sold to \$1332.00 at \$2.61 c/kg. A draft of local Hereford heifers sold for an average of \$882.00 for 358 kg and \$2.46 c/kg. 385 kg Droughtmaster heifers sold to \$2.41 c/kg to return \$930.00. Local Angus cross weaner Heifers with a weight of \$290 kg sold to 690.00 at \$2.38 c/kg. Better quality weaner Heifers sold from \$2.00 c/kg to \$2.20 c/kg. The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 6th of August at 8.00am.

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock



Working cattle property of 1596 acres is covered with natural grasses and timber. Availability of water is second to none with 4 bores & 13 good sized dams. 5 main paddocks & 4 cultivation paddocks. The home is well presented with 3 bedrooms, air conditioning, a verandah & solar power. Solid 5 bay car & tractor shed with powered lockable workshop. Cattle yards are fully equipped with 4 way draft, cattle crush & loading ramp, as well as fitted with troughs & watering system. WINDERA **\$850,000**



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Renovated & fully fenced, 3 bedroom home, with near new kitchen, electric stove & polished floors. Open plan lounge with air conditioner & ceiling fan. Newly painted bathroom, new vanity & vinyl. Security screens on front & back doors. Single car carport with a lockable single garage within this fully fenced spacious yard of 1287SQM. Excellent long term tenants in place, showing good return. MURGON **\$135,000**



Solid 3 bedroom timber home, huge shed complete with a mechanical car service pit, can accommodate 4 cars, 1 bay has a roller door at both end. Bedrooms are carpeted with the main having air condition & walk in robe. 2 lounge areas, 2 bathrooms, kitchen & dining, covered entertainment area, well maintained easy care gardens & new water tank. MURGON **\$190,000**

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1st Saturday of each month at 10.00am.

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Please contact Simone Taylor, Secretary
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VIETNAM VETERANS DAY - MURGON

18 August 2019

Murgon RSL Sub Branch will host a Breakfast for Vietnam Veterans commencing at 8.00am at the Royal Hotel, Gore Street Murgon.

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

Step off for the March commences at 9.45am. Line up in the Club carpark. All RSL Members and members of the public are welcome to attend.

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



Cherbourg economic development officer Sean Nicholson hopes to have the Container Refund Point up and running in Kingaroy in September

A Container Refund Point to fill the recycling gap left by the closure of the Re.Turn-It Express branch at Lifeline will open in Kingaroy in September.

The Kingaroy point will work in conjunction with Cherbourg's successful Containers for Change depot.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council economic development officer Sean Nicholson said the new facility would be located in the Kingaroy Industrial Estate.

A lease on the building, in Kingaroy Street, was in the process of being finalised.

Sean said the facility would make EFT refunds to customers dropping off containers (ie. not cash).

At this stage, the depot would not handle non-refundable recycling but this could become an option in future.

There will be a front entrance where people can drop in bags as well as a drive-through option at the back for bulk deliveries.

It is expected about five people will be employed at the depot.

"We will be trying to get it open from Monday to Saturday but we will judge what the demand is after we open," Sean said. "We will start small and see how it goes."

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

17-23 August 2019

Each year across Australia, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together celebrating CBCA Book Week. This year's theme has been announced as "Reading is my Super Power". This year, Children's Book Week will run from 17-23 August and South Burnett Libraries will be celebrating by hosting special story time sessions and events. South Burnett Libraries also hold a copy of each of the shortlisted titles, which can be found on the CBCA website <https://www.cbca.org.au/shortlist-2019>.



ENJOY TRIVIA?

Every Friday morning @ 10am Kingaroy Library

Join in the fun of the Kingaroy Library's Trivia Group that will happen every Friday at 10am.

The Trivia group sessions will begin on 9 August at 10am. Come along and test your trivia knowledge and join in on the discussions or be there for social interaction. Everyone is welcome.



CARD MAKING

4th Thursday of the month
9.30am - 10.30am Murgon Library

Please ring Murgon Library on 4189 9100 for further information and to make your booking.

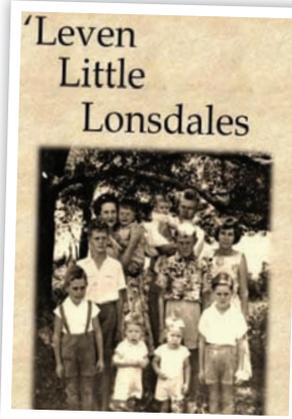
(Please note: materials are not included)

MURGON LIBRARY FIRST 5 FOREVER RHYME TIME SESSIONS

Every Tuesday morning @ 9.30am
Murgon Library

First 5 Forever is about working together as a community to spend time with our babies and children talking, reading, singing and playing.

For more information about this program or others in the South Burnett area go to www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries.



PROSTON LIBRARY - AUTHOR TALK

Thursday 29 August @ 10am

Merle Johnson will be attending the Proston Public Library on 29th August at 10.00 a.m. to introduce her recently completed family memoir called 'Leven Little Lonsdales'.

Merle is one of the "leven" children born to Doris and Ned Lonsdale who lived in Proston for many years.

This is the story of their childhood on their dairy farm at Abbey wood from the 1950's through to 1983. Five of the children attended Proston State School and many began their working lives in Proston. Merle herself was a telephonist on the manual exchange.

The morning will consist of a talk by Merle with a small "skit" to showcase the story and will end with a short book reading.

Bookings are essential. Phone Julie at the Proston Library on 4168 9103 to book your seat.

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OBITUARY – Basil Shane Pratt



As the eldest child of Bob and Grace, Basil was born 22nd August 1962, brother to Sandra deceased and Gary. Growing up in Murgon meant that Basil was part of the extended Pratt family in which he played an important part and was loved by everyone. Family members and many others who knew Basil from either school days or work days have shared their memories of him with great pride. Amongst those memories certain words and themes stand out in particular, which we will share with you today.

FAMILY Basil's love of family was evident right from when he was a youngster and continued throughout his adult life. He especially loved family get togethers, although his female cousins are convinced it was because he could give them a hard time! A lovingly hard time of course. When he moved to Biloela, he would make sure to visit mum every weekend. When he couldn't make the trip, Grace would go and see him. They were never far apart. In 1987 Sharon was working for Basil's aunts, Jan and Joy, in their Murgon gift shop. At the time, Basil had just returned from working on a cattle station in the Kimberley in Western Australia. After visiting the shop and meeting Sharon, he soon started what would become a series of regular visits. Joy of course welcomed the visits from her nephew not quite realizing that it wasn't his aunt, Basil was dropping by to see! It's not surprising Basil soon fell for Sharon and asked her to join him at a family celebration, the christening of his then baby cousin, Andrew. And so began, Basil and Sharon's lifelong love affair. They welcomed three children, Kieran, Cassandra and Keeara, who between them have a book full of memories of life with their father. Kieran's fondest memory is of working outside with his dad and being called "buddy". Cassie has inherited her love of watching State of Origin from her father, learning the ins and outs of the game, from Basil. Every year, they'd be sure to watch the State of Origin together and cheer on the Maroons. When Keeara moved to Toowoomba she remembers clearly her father's words, "never to call Toowoomba home, because Toowoomba is a place of residence" and that her home was on the farm with her dad and mum". Basil truly embodied the expression home is where the heart is.

COURAGE AND POSITIVITY. When Basil was just 11, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and received treatment that helped him to win the fight against it. His survival gave him and the family the gift of 45 years, which he would not have had without treatment as a child. While never an ill man by normal standards, Basil went on to deal with other issues that saw him spend much more time in and out of hospital than anyone deserves. But the most incredible thing about it all was his continued positivity and optimism. He would never wish for sympathy and would simply say "it is what it is and there are many worse off than me." Basil always demonstrated great strength, courage and positivity.

LOVE OF THE LAND AND RURAL LIFE Basil's love of the land and cattle started at an early life. He just loved working with cattle and as a young boy would enthusiastically join Uncle Earl to go to the local cattle sales. When Basil was 11, Bob and Grace bought him a horse which he named Rosina. She was beautiful, following Basil everywhere like a puppy. Rosina was soon joined by an actual dog, Mack, Basil's first cattle dog. They made quite the trio. Basil loved working on his property on weekends, although that wasn't without its challenges. Kieran remembers clearly the day his dad bogged the tractor and had to borrow Rex's tractor. What's worse than a bogged tractor? Two bogged tractors! It's probably fair to say Basil wasn't all too pleased to then have to borrow an excavator from Rob Zelinski to get them both out.

WORK ETHIC. As we all know, Basil's love of cattle stayed with him throughout his life. After finishing school, he worked on various farms and properties at Manumbar, Crow's Nest, Durong, the Kimberleys and Planet Downs. He also worked at his father's welding works. What was apparent to all who worked with Basil was his strong work ethic. He firmly believed in staying at work till the job was done. His commitment to his work was duly rewarded with promotions during his time with Riverina where he had worked his way up to sales management. He'd started with the company when it was South Burnett Stockfeeds and later Burnett Valley Stockfeed. The company name may have changed but Basil's loyalty remained constant. Bidding farewell to his colleges, Basil left Riverina in early 2017 to join Barry and Wendy Williams of Williams Stockfeed in Central Queensland with whom he stayed until earlier this year.

A LOVABLE AUSSIE LARRIKIN. If you were to speak to any member of Basil's extended family, you would hear tales of mischievous teenage behavior mixed with doses of adult humour. That was our Baz. His aunt and uncle, David and Diane, would tell you about the time when an adolescent Basil let down the four tyres of a police car outside the RSL and avoided capture by hiding in their house. His Cousin Paul would tell you about the time Basil provoked ex-Senator Bill O'Chee at the Ekka, only to avoid being arrested (again.) Of course he denied

having a few too many drinks but was convinced Aunt Jan had moved the front door lock while he was out given the trouble he had letting himself back in to the house! His cousin Tracy would tell you how much it drove her crazy when Basil would mess up her hair every time he gave her a hug. He thought it was hilarious, more so because it drove her nuts! And his cousin Robyn would embarrassingly tell you about the time when she was young and Basil convinced her to put her head inside a cattle head bale he was building and had to be rescued by her mum. She may have forgiven him. But only just. Sharon and the kids would all tell you lovingly, that he drove them crazy as well, stirring the pot and repeating over and over his favourite sayings. One of them was, “the blind dog said to the old man”. He found a way of adding that saying to nearly everything he said, which drove them nuts but made them laugh. Another one, he would tell his kids was, “don’t be mad, don’t be sad, just be glad, that I’m your dad.”

FAVOURITE PASSTIMES. Basil loved to read and was a budding author. His brother Gary remembers lying on his back and Basil pretending Gary’s chest was the typewriter while he wrote. Basil didn’t quite get to finish his novel but, who knows, perhaps someone else will finish the story. He played football and tennis and, not surprisingly, loved riding bulls. As teenagers, Gary helped Basil to weld handles on a 44 gallon drum as a makeshift mechanical bull. Basil would put his bull riding gear on the drum and get Gary to buck the thing around for practice. No doubt there were plenty of laughs. Basil loved watching and participating in the rodeo sport, and Grace has fond memories of him spending Sunday mornings watching Professional Bull Riding – PBR – videos. He got hurt a few times riding bulls, but that didn’t stop him. It just meant that his mum had to sometimes pick him up from the Proston Rodeo. Jan and Kel Sippel could no doubt tell you many a story of when they joined Basil at PBR events. Then again there may be stories that are best kept secret! One of the real highlights for Basil was when he and Sharon went to the USA to see some PBR in Las Vegas. Meeting some of the professional bull riders absolutely made his day. That and dwarf throwing, but that’s a story for another day.

WIDER FAMILY Basil was the first son-in-law to Trevor and Beverly, which made it an easier run for the remainder of the brother-in-laws to follow. Christmas celebrations are always a cherished time, when the Schultz side, could all get together. We all watched as Secret Santa presents were placed on the table. Everyone would try to determine which present came from Basil, knowing we had to stay away from that one. Otherwise, you could end up with socks, jocks or cleaning products. In the earlier years Basil, Glen, Wayne and Rob would end up sitting around chatting and telling some crazy stories with Glen manning the music. At this stage of the evening you knew to stay away – if you got too close, you would end up somehow being part of the joke. I’m sure everyone here today will remember Basil as the prankster, however there is another side to Basil, which is the true romantic. Sharon and Basil have shared such a perfect bond, that we all admire. Talking numerous times a day over the phone, ending every call with “I love you,” and a couple of air kisses. He was a proud father and would do anything for his family. And I would like to thank Samantha and Brett for letting us stay at their house, while Basil was in hospital. It’s fair to say the stories are endless so for now let’s just say, Basil, wherever you may be, just keep on riding.

Printed with kind permission Sharon Pratt (Basil’s wife)

BOOIE HALL

The hall located between Kingaroy and Nanango was built in late 1930 by local residents, so as to have somewhere for the local young people to go for entertainment on weekends. It was in the early days referred to as, The Tin Shed in the Bush, as it was at the time, considered too far from either town of Nanango or Kingaroy to go to at night.

The hall has been in almost constant use ever since and will celebrate its 90th Anniversary next year in the spring of 2020, exact date yet to be determined.

One of the features of the hall is the beautiful Crows Ash dance floor. It has been so well used over the years that the floor had to be replaced in the early 80s due to wear of the boards. The hall was also extended at this time and inside amenities and a larger entrance room included. At one time, it was not uncommon to have crowds of 100 to 150 and up to 200 for significant Balls.

Dances are held on the 2nd Sat night of each month with the exception of November when it will be on the 4th Sat.

Booie Hall is available for bookings by members of the public

Call Val Weaver (Booking Officer) on 0459122753 or 41635104 for dates available and further information.

SOUTH BURNETT BUSINESS EQUALS RECORD WINNING STREAK FOR COMMERCIAL GAS AWARD



James Giles Plumbing has won the Elgas Commercial Type B Gas Installation of the Year award at the 2019 Plumbing and Gas Industry Awards, held on Friday 19 July at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane.

This is a record equalling fifth consecutive year that James Giles Plumbing have taken out a top gas installation award.

This year James Giles Plumbing was engaged by Swickers Kingaroy, the largest pig processing facility in the southern hemisphere, to install and commission the new 25 Gigajoule per hour Type B gas scorchers and upgrade the existing pipe work and pressure reduction station at the Bulk LPG tank. They also had to assist in the design of the new scorchers, complete the Type B Technical submission and assist with the development of the HAZOP for the new gas system.

Spokesperson from James Giles Plumbing Pty Ltd, Justin Giles (photo above) said; "Although this project was by far not our biggest project this year, it provided a unique set of challenges for gas compliance and safety, and could only be completed in stages as the new (Slaughter Floor) was constructed.

The judges advised that the high standard of work performed by James Giles Plumbing using innovative material and best practice for the industry has made them worthy winners for this award.

Hosted by Master Plumbers' Association of Queensland (MPAQ) in partnership with Event Partner Tradelink, the Plumbing and Gas Industry Awards aim to highlight the hard work and dedication invested into the industry by apprentices, plumbers, gasfitters, hydraulic consultants and other industry individuals.



The award winning team James Giles Plumbing Pty Ltd and Lachlan Duff from Elgas

This year the sell-out awards recognised individuals and companies in 18 categories and hosted VIPs including the Minister for Housing and Public Works, Digital Technology and Sport, the Hon. Mick de Brenni MP, the Shadow Minister for Housing and Public Works, Energy, Innovation and Digital Technology, Michael Hart MP, State Secretary for the Plumbers Union Qld, Gary O'Halloran and Commissioner of the Queensland Building and Construction Commission, Brett Bassett.

For more information Please contact: James Giles: 0409 684 255 or e-mail: jamesgiles1@hotmail.com

10th Annual C&K Murgon Kindy Ladies Luncheon

The Annual Ladies Luncheon, held on Sunday 23rd June at Moffatdale Ridge Winery, was a resounding success! With over 140 prizes, donated by generous local businesses, the Parent Group raised \$4010.00. Every cent goes towards payment of wages for Inclusion Support Assistant, Mrs Toyah, who works across both groups. All children benefit from her presence. The remainder of her wages are paid through Government funding and the Kindy budget.



On the occasion of our 10th Annual Luncheon, it was only fitting to recognise previous President and award-winning local business woman, Felicity Dascombe (Pursers Travel and Cruise), who devised the concept ten years ago. Felicity's unwavering generosity and support has been demonstrated with donations of major prizes each and every year since. It was also an opportunity to celebrate Diane Gscheidle (Mrs G), as she recently reached the benchmark of 30 years service as Assistant at C&K Murgon Kindy. Mrs G has worked alongside many different teachers and spent time playing and learning alongside over one thousand local children. Unfortunately, Deb Frecklington was unable to attend due to illness, but Kathy Duff (Local Councillor and Deputy Mayor of SB Regional Council) attended and donated her usual, and coveted, prize of a hand-made silver bracelet. With her very busy schedule supporting and advocating for our local community, many have wondered how Kathy has time to make jewellery!

Gratitude and thanks were extended to the band of Kindy volunteers and families who helped make the day a success, with a big call-out to Mrs Leanne Sippel (Kindy clerical), who went above and beyond her paid hours to organise the fundraiser. As always, Moffatdale Ridge Winery provided attendees with a delicious meal, which was complimented by their enjoyable wines. Congratulations and excitement surrounded all of the prize winners, particularly Xanthe Ricketts, who won first prize of a Seaworld Holiday Package, donated by Pursers Travel and Cruise.



Another opportunity to celebrate and recognise Mrs G's 30 years of service will be held in conjunction with the annual Kindy Open Afternoon. This year it will be held on Wednesday 4th September, between 4:00 and 6:00pm, at C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten. All past, present and future families, along with any interested members of the community, are most welcome to attend. The Kindy will be set up for a casual afternoon of play and chatting.

Political activist Lyle Shelton to visit Wondai & Murgon

Wondai-born Lyle Shelton is looking forward to returning to the South Burnett to speak at a number of community events on the weekend of September 14-15.

Lyle has spent the past 20 years as a political activist in various roles from Councillor on the Toowoomba City Council to managing director of the Australian Christian Lobby.

During his time at ACL, Lyle rose to national prominence as a spokesperson for the Coalition for Marriage during the 2017 postal plebiscite.

He has been a frequent media commentator including a regular guest on Sky News, has appeared twice on the ABC's Q&A program and he has written opinion pieces for The Australian.

He returned to Queensland in 2018 to take up the role of federal communications director for Cory Bernardi's Australian Conservative party and ran as a Senate candidate at the 2019 election.

Lyle will be speaking about his role as a Christian in public life and his work to preserve and promote mainstream Australian values in public policy.

He will speak at a "shed night" at John Kratzman's property at Winderra on Saturday September 14. On Sunday morning he will speak at the Wondai Baptist church and then at a combined churches gathering at the Murgon Baptist Church on Sunday Evening.

Lyle was born at Wondai near where his parents, Ian and Betty Shelton had a dairy and grain farm at Chelmsford.

His great grandfather Henry Willian Shelton pioneered a ballot block at Merlwood on the Gayndah Road at the turn of the 20th Century.

For more information, contact Bruce Wilding at bpwilding@hotmail.com.

Wild Dog and Feral Pig Baiting Program September 2019

South Burnett Regional Council in conjunction with Biosecurity Queensland will be participating in a coordinated Wild Dog and 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 2 September 2019 to 9 September 2019.

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

All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Friday 23 August 2019.

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Lucky Door Prizes

Celebrating a
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When: Wednesday 28th August 18.00hrs / 20:00hrs
Where: Clifton Motors Mitsubishi 54 Macalister Street Murgon

Queensland Police Service in partnership with Clifton Motors and Murgon Neighbourhood Watch are running an 'under the bonnet' community information event. The purpose of the sessions is to enlighten the community of ways to enhance safety and security and reduce the likelihood of danger or injury whilst travelling on the roadways. Then with the assistance of Clifton Motors staff the second half of the evening will inform and educate attendees on vehicle safety and participants will also have the opportunity to learn vital road safety skills from experienced mechanics such as changing a tyre and checking oil levels along with basic car maintenance tips.

Numbers are limited so get in quick.

Book your seat by contacting the Murgon Police on 07 4179 5222

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Sun Shines For Rail Trail Festival



Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff compered the athletic events at this year's Rail Trail Festival, and handed out custom medallions to the winners and placegetters afterwards



The weather was perfect for this year's family-friendly Murgon Rail Trail Festival on Sunday, and Murgon's community groups turned out in force to support the event.



Last year, the inaugural Festival was run during the October long weekend and had to be cut short in the early afternoon when a thunderstorm drenched the grounds.

So this year, the event was moved to July to take advantage of the (usually) fine winter weather, and organisers were rewarded with a warm, sunny day.

Last year, the bulk of the Festival also ran in the grounds around Murgon's former railway station, with a giant inflatable obstacle course at the nearby Showgrounds.

But this year, all activities were moved to the Showgrounds except for the athletic events, which used the South Burnett Rail Trail.



Many of the attractions from last year were brought back again this year, along with several new ones.

One of the innovations was from the Murgon Men's Shed, which offered \$2 rides around the grounds in their eye-catching Pumpkin Coach.

Murgon Fire Brigade showed children how a fire hose worked – and just how heavy fire-fighting gear can be.

For those with an athletic bent, the day began early with

a 13/13km team relay which left the starting blocks at 7:00am, followed by a half marathon and 10km run.

Those who preferred to sleep in on a Sunday could take part in a more leisurely 5km fun run/walk or a 3km colour run/walk organised by the South Burnett PCYC.

Cyclists could choose between a 13/13km duathlon or a 13/13km duathlon team relay.

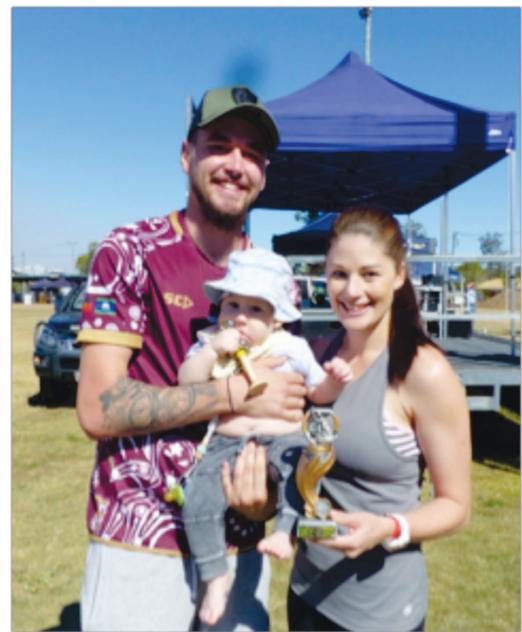
The festival was officially opened by Aunty Pattie Bond at 10:30am, and her Welcome to Country was followed by a performance by the Koolaburra dancers.

Joshua Williams took first place in the junior section of the 5km run

Elsewhere in the grounds, the comedy pig races drew good crowds and helped raise money for the PCYC's Byte Nites; many eager children scaled the multi-story inflatable obstacle course; and others took part in billy-cart races on the main oval. On a stage set up in front of the grandstand, they could enjoy live music from Amber Goldsmith and Ash Williamson.



Murgon Business and Development Association president Leo Geraghty said he was pleased with attendances at this year's event and was also happy the festival was able to help fundraise for the PCYC's Byte Nites. Meanwhile, browsers were free to peruse a ring of stalls selling everything from food to wine, and trash to treasure, that ringed the oval's perimeter; or they could watch radio in action as Corky and Chantal from CROW-FM broadcast live from the grounds.





Isabelle Winks, Claire Lisle, Joshua Williams and Simon Jones were all happy to accept their medals after the race



Spike Butler drove the Murgon Men's Shed's Pumpkin Wagon around the grounds for Scarlett Ivy, 6, and Rachel Ware, 9, while Rudy Broers secured the coach door

Other attractions included a show'n'shine for cars and motorcycles that drew many impressive entries and even more onlookers.



Geoff Kington's 1952 FX Holden drew many admiring glances at the show'n'shine ... the vehicle is the result of three years of hard restoration work and Geoff is its third owner



It wouldn't be a South Burnett festival without South Burnett wine, and Geoff Kinsella from Moffatdale Ridge was happy to explain the finer points to a stream of visitors



The towering inflatable obstacle course dwarfed the excited children who tried it out during the day ... in all, there were seven different obstacles to master



The SB PCYC Colour Run was a hit with the little ones



On behalf of the Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc many thanks to all the volunteers, artists, organizers, stall holders, displays, our sound people, and the many people and sponsors who made this day a great success. A very special thank you to Stacey Perrett who was the main control person that put it all together and thank you for supporting it and coming.



Get the tissues out

His cattle didn't get a bid, they were fairly bloody poor,
What was he going to do? He couldn't feed them anymore,
The dams were all but dry, hay was thirteen bucks a bale,
Last month's talk of rain was just a fairytale,
His credit had run out, no chance to pay what's owed,
Bad thoughts ran through his head as he drove down Gully Road.
"Geez, great grandad bought the place back in 1898,
"Now I'm such a useless bastard, I'll have to shut the gate.
"Can't support my wife and kids, not like dad and those before,
"Crikey, Grandma kept it going while Pop fought in the war."
With depression now his master, he abandoned what was right,
There's no place in life for failures, he'd end it all tonight.
There were still some things to do, he'd have to shoot the cattle first,
Of all the jobs he'd ever done, that would be the worst.
He'd have a shower, watch the news, then they'd all sit down for tea
Read his kids a bedtime story, watch some more TV,
Kiss his wife goodnight, say he was off to shoot some roos
Then in a paddock far away he'd blow away the blues.
But he drove in the gate and stopped – as he always had
To check the roadside mailbox – and found a letter from his Dad.
Now his dad was not a writer, Mum did all the cards and mail
But he knew the writing from the notebooks that he'd kept from cattle sales,
He sensed the nature of its contents, felt moisture in his eyes,
Just the fact his dad had written was enough to make him cry.
"Son, I know it's bloody tough, it's a cruel and twisted game,
"This life upon the land when you're screaming out for rain,
"There's no candle in the darkness, not a single speck of light
"But don't let the demon get you, you have to do what's right,
"I don't know what's in your head but push the bad thoughts well away
"See, you'll always have your family at the back end of the day
"You have to talk to someone, and yes I know I rarely did
"But you have to think about Fiona and think about the kids.
"I'm worried about you son, you haven't rung for quite a while,
"I know the road you're on 'cause I've walked every bloody mile.
"The date? December 7 back in 1983,
"Behind the shed I had the shotgun rested in the brigalow tree.
"See, I'd borrowed way too much to buy the Johnson place

"Then it didn't rain for years and we got bombed by interest rates,
"The bank was at the door, I didn't think I had a choice,
"I began to squeeze the trigger – that's when I heard your voice.
"You said 'Where are you Daddy? It's time to play our game'
"I've got Squatter all set up, we might get General Rain.'
"It really was that close, you're the one that stopped me son,
"And you're the one that taught me there's no answer in a gun.
"Just remember people love you, good friends won't let you down.
"Look, you might have to swallow pride and take that job in town,
"Just 'til things come good, son, you've always got a choice
"And when you get this letter ring me, 'cause I'd love to hear your voice."
Well he cried and laughed and shook his head then put the truck in gear,
Shut his eyes and hugged his dad in a vision that was clear,
Dropped the cattle at the yards, put the truck away
Filled the troughs the best he could and fed his last ten bales of hay.
Then he strode towards the homestead, shoulders back and head held high,
He still knew the road was tough but there was purpose in his eye.
He called his wife and children, who'd lived through all his pain,
Hugs said more than words – he'd come back to them again,
They talked of silver linings, how good times always follow bad,
Then he walked towards the phone, picked it up and rang his Dad.
And while the kids set up the Squatter, he hugged his wife again,
Then they heard the roll of thunder and they smelt the smell of rain.

Author : Murray Hartin

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The Wondai Spring Garden Expo is on again soon and we look forward to celebrating Spring with you during what will be a great weekend of gardening inspiration. It takes a community to enable an event such as this to thrive and we are thankful for all the community support which Wondai Garden Expo receives.

There will be a great variety of Nursery stalls, including some new faces, with 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.

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.

We are happy to add to our growing list of interesting Garden Speakers, and I am sure you will all enjoy Kate Wall's presentations. Kate is an experienced writer, consultant and educator with a "weed" fetish and great skills in designing and maintaining sustainable gardens for our ever-changing climate. She will help you to identify weeds, manage them and point out useful ones too! As well as lots of other tips and advice. Find Kate in the large gazebo, at 11am and 1.30pm on Saturday and 10am on Sunday.

Just want to relax? Then sit a while as Graham Jensen entertains us with a great selection of the best Country Music on both days of the Expo.

The Official Opening will take place at the main seating area at 12 noon on Saturday with special guests including representatives from our major sponsors Wondai Electrical Services and South Burnett Regional Council..



Our Committee is working on further ground improvements and if all goes according to plan we will have the new power head and water tap installations in place in time for this Expo. We are really thankful to have such great suppliers as Wondai Electrical Services and Munroe's Plumbing on our side, as they understand the concepts and importance of this great event and are doing all in their power to assist us through this difficult re-organization. The end result will be well worth the effort and the displays at Wondai Garden Expo will look better than ever!

We look forward to seeing you all! For more information, ask info@wondaigardenexpo.com , phone 4168 9297 or find us on Facebook.

Murgon State School News...

During the last week of Term 2, the Murgon State School students, staff and community members celebrated NAIDOC Day. The day began with a Welcome to Country delivered by Nan Vera Sullivan, Tyessa Fisher (Year 5) and Sharlece Fisher (Year 6), which was then followed by an amazing corroboree performance by a large number of Prep to Year 6 boys.

These boys had been practising with Tyrone Murray every afternoon during the last weeks of Term to ensure a polished performance on the day. We were fortunate enough to have a wonderful group of volunteers, who conducted activities throughout the entire day for the students to enjoy and participate in. Uncle Ty Murray ran dance workshops, Mr Searles on cultural games, Aunty Robyn Langton with beading, Uncle Robert Langton mini canvas painting and Nana Venus storytelling. Students, staff and volunteers enjoyed a fantastic day!

If you are looking for something to do during the month of August, Miss Trish Corneal our talented Murgon State School Teacher Aide and Mrs Patricia van Kempen will be displaying their artwork at the Wondai Art Gallery. Their collection of Art is titled 'Relations'.



China Is Rising!

This article, though aimed at a U.S. audience, gives a scary insight into China's growing economic power.

A Little Known Reality:

In future China will employ millions of American workers and dominate thousands of small communities all over the United States.

Chinese acquisition of U.S. businesses set a new all-time record last year, and it is on pace to shatter that record this year. (Why try to conquer a country, if you can simply buy it.)

The Smithfield Foods acquisition is an example.

Smithfield Foods is the largest pork producer and processor in the world.

It has facilities in 26 U.S. States and it employs tens of thousands of Americans.

It directly owns 460 farms and has contracts with approximately 2,100 others.

But now a Chinese company has bought it for US\$4.7 billion, and that means that the Chinese will now be the most important employer in dozens of rural communities all over America.

Thanks in part to the USA massively bloated trade deficit with China, the Chinese have trillions of dollars to spend.

They are only just starting to exercise their economic muscle.

It is important to keep in mind that there is often not much of a difference between "the Chinese government" and "Chinese corporations".

In 2011, 43 per cent of all profits in China were produced by companies where the Chinese government had a controlling interest.

Last year a Chinese company spent \$2.6 billion to purchase AMC entertainment - one of the largest movie theatre chains in the United States.

Now that Chinese company controls more movie ticket sales than anyone else in the world.

But China is not just relying on acquisitions to expand its economic power.

"Economic beachheads" are being established all over America.

For example, Golden Dragon Precise Copper Tube Group, Inc. recently broke ground on a \$100 million plant in Thomasville, Alabama.

Many of the residents of Thomasville, Alabama will be glad to have jobs,

but it will also become yet another community that will now be heavily dependent on communist China.

And guess where else Chinese companies are putting down roots?

Detroit. Chinese-owned companies are investing in American businesses and new vehicle technology, selling everything from seat belts to shock absorbers in retail stores,

and hiring experienced engineers and designers in an effort to soak up the talent and expertise of domestic automakers and their suppliers.

If you recently purchased an "American-made" vehicle, there is a really good chance that it has a number of Chinese parts in it. Industry analysts are hard-pressed to put a number on the Chinese suppliers operating in the United States.

China seems particularly interested in acquiring energy resources in the United States.

For example, China is actually mining for coal in the mountains of Tennessee.

Guizhou Gouchuang Energy Holdings Group spent \$616 million dollars to acquire Triple H Coal Co. in

Jacksboro, Tennessee. At the time, that acquisition really didn't make much news, but now a group of conservatives in Tennessee is trying to stop the Chinese from blowing up their mountains and taking their coal.

And pretty soon China may want to build entire cities in the United States just like they have been doing in other countries.

Right now China is actually building a city larger than Manhattan just outside Minsk, the capital of Belarus.

Are you starting to get the picture?

China is on the rise.

If you doubt this, just read the following:

When you total up all imports and exports, China is now the number one trading nation on the entire planet.

Overall, the U.S. has run a trade deficit with China over the past decade that comes to more than 2.3 trillion dollars.

China has more foreign currency reserves than anyone else on the planet.

China now has the largest new car market in the entire world.

China now produces more than twice as many automobiles as the United States does.

After being bailed out by U.S. taxpayers, GM is involved in 11 joint ventures with Chinese companies.

China is the number one gold producer in the world.

The uniforms for the U.S. Olympic team were made in China.

85% of all artificial Christmas trees the world over are made in China.

The new World Trade Center tower in New York is going to include glass imported from China.

China now consumes more energy than the United States does.

China is now in aggregate the leading manufacturer of goods in the entire world.

China uses more cement than the rest of the world combined.

China is now the number one producer of wind and solar power on the entire globe.

China produces 3 times as much coal and 11 times as much steel as the United States does.

China produces more than 90 percent of the global supply of rare earth elements.

China is now the number one supplier of components that are critical to the operation of any national defence system.

In published scientific research articles China is expected to become number one in the world in the near future.

And what we have seen so far may just be the tip of the iceberg.

For now, I will just leave you with one piece of advice - learn to speak Chinese.

You are going to need it!

My Father Ron Woodall Snr, passed away last Tuesday. He was 96 years young.

I'm not sure if the Murgon Bowlers know, as Dad played with them as well as Gaythorne, they used to have a weekend where Murgon would come to Gaythorne & vice versa.

The funeral is being held at the Garden Chapel Albany Creek Memorial Park at 10.30 Thurs 8th Aug. followed by a graveside farewell, followed by refreshments at the restaurant on site.

I hope you are able to advise anyone that wishes to come.

Thanking You... Ruth.

****Ron and his wife Eileen celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary on the 14th of June this year.***

Ron was the Senior Constable in Murgon from 1961-1966. Eileen worked on the Telephone Exchange at the same time.

Ruth Smith who is the daughter of Ron Woodall Snr.



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Kathy's Comments

Murgon Rail Trail Festival

Congratulations to Stacey Perrett, Leo Geraghty, Robin Hallelwell, Greg Mitchell and Rick and Barb from Barambah Bush Caravan Park for putting on an awesome event for Murgon. It was a big effort to change the venue and the date and still make it a success. I have had a lot of positive feedback about how much the runners enjoyed the event and particularly the duathlon. Thanks to Amber Goldsmith and Ash Williamson for the beautiful music throughout the day and to Andrew Beckert for the sound. There was a great display at the Show and Shine, exciting pig races and the unique obstakool with well over 100 participants throughout the day. Thanks to all of the stall holders and Spike Butler, David Mollenhauer and the Murgon Men's Shed for the horse and buggy rides. The Colour Run was a lot of fun thanks to the PCYC. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and that the event will grow into the future.

Scots in the Bush

The annual Scots in the Bush starts on Thursday the 15th of August and finishes on Sunday the 18th of August. The main day is usually Saturday with lots of fun events including tossing the caber and the haggis and sack races and foot races for the young and the young at heart. Please put it in your diary and bring your caravan to camp or come for one of the days. It is a great tribute to the Scottish Heritage of the Homestead and continues to grow in popularity every year.

Council's Grant Round now Open

August is the month to get applications in for Council Grants. This round closes at the end of August. There are a number of categories to apply for funding including up to \$3000 for one off events or projects. Check it out on the Council website, visit a Council Office for an application form or contact me and I can help you to get an application form.

Council Listening Tours

We will be starting another series of Listening Tours soon. The date and time for Murgon is 5.30pm on Oct 11th. Wondai is on the same day at 12.30pm and Proston is on the 8th of October at 12.30pm with Durong on the same day in the evening at 5.30pm. These tours are your opportunity to provide feedback to the Councillors on what you would like to see happen into the future.

Waste Management taken to LGAQ Conference

The Mayor and I are travelling to Cairns to the Local Government Conference in October. We will be using the opportunity to put a number of resolutions to the Conference to try to influence change in some areas. One of the resolutions will be asking the State Government to improve the current situation with waste including trying to have a fairer fee structure. Currently under the State Government deeming table, the supervisor has to charge for a full load of commercial waste even if the truck or ute is only half full. There are lots of issues surrounding waste at the moment and we will be raising our concerns at the Local Government Conference in Cairns.

Dunga Derby Rally for a Cause at Boondooma Dam

The Dunga Derby Rally for a Cause came into our region and visited Boondooma Dam. They came with a bang bringing almost 200 people with rally cars and an amazing community spirit. This group of people, mainly from the Coast, raise money



for people who have a severe medical condition or personal tragedy. They have raised just over one million dollars and helped over 90 families since they began. They spent the night at Boondooma Dam and put the hat around for someone in our community raising around \$1000 in the blink of an eye. Thanks to this amazing group for what you do to support communities.

Prayers for Rain and Cattle on the Road

I was overwhelmed to see the large crowd of people who gathered in the Wondai Town Hall for community prayers for rain. Thanks to the Barambah Ministers Association and the Kingaroy and District Ministers Association for working with our Council to support this event. There is a great need for assistance with cattle travelling through our region from other areas, Bjelke Petersen Dam at 5% and Boondooma Dam at 29%. We have irrigators that have been cut off from their water allocation. Every sector of our community is affected because our region relies on agriculture as our life blood. Mental Health is a major concern and the continuing drought puts increasing pressure on families, farmers, small business owners and our community in general. I urge everyone in our community to continue the prayers and have faith that we will be blessed with bountiful rain.

Contact Details

As always I am working on following up jobs and concerns that have been brought to my attention. Please contact me if you have an issue or wish to make an appointment.

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council (Deputy Mayor)

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Fish moving with changing water levels.

Since the start of winter, the fishing has changed considerably in the South Burnett Region. With a little bit of patience and some searching you can find some cracking catches of our native fish. No matter what type of angler you are, there's always some great options when targeting fish in Boondooma and BP dams.

Boondooma

Over the past few months the fish have been sitting considerably deep in Lake Boondooma. Generally, this time of year, you'll see the fish up along the rocky edges or feeding up shallow in amongst the weed. This season its totally different, the fish have been up a little shallower in the morning in 20 ft but as the day warms they seem to be moving out into the 30 to 60 ft range. The reason for the fish sitting so deep though is the bait. The bass are feeding on very small shrimp, red claw and huge amounts of bony bream. The large percentage of this forage for the fish is moving along the bottom out in those deeper zones of the dam.



Brad Maloney with a cracking yellow belly caught at Pelican point at Lake Boondooma

Areas to target are the Boyne river up in the timber and Pelican point, early in the morning when it's cold. Small 1/4 blades and Ice Jigs seem to be the best way to catch a few Yellow belly and Bass in 18 to 25 ft. Fish these lures vertically with small sharp hops off the bottom in amongst the timber pockets.

The afternoon has been the pick of the times to be on the water, as the fish are responding well to the warmer afternoons. Once that water has been getting above 16 degrees, the deeper sections along the Barbour's Pole area has been fishing very well in 30 to 60 ft. Fishing water this deep is still quite

easy using 1/2 ounce blades, 20 gram spoons, Tail spinners and 1/2 ounce rigged plastics fished along the bottom.

Bait fisherman have been getting good catches of yellow belly in the Boyne arm of the dam fishing close to trees and the Boyne rocks. Most have been using saltwater yabbies, shrimps and worms. It's a good idea to use smaller sinkers as the bite is hard to detect if you're using huge ball sinkers. Simply tie up to a tree drop your bait to the bottom and slowly move the bait up and down off the bottom. It won't be long until you get a bite.

Trollers have been getting a few Yellow belly but they have to work hard for them. Make sure you take a tackle retriever with you as you're bound to get a snag or two whilst trolling.

Redclaw are still coming in but you'll have to work for them around the shallow rocky edges, soft fruits and vegetables have been the best bait during the winter months.

Lake Barambah

Typically, in winter, BP dam's fish move in closer to the edge and can be caught using a few methods. Lately, the best edge fishing methods have been Eco gear ZX blades, Skirted Jigs and Jerk baits cast up shallow. Slower moving baits like the ones suggested are dynamite in winter, the key is small hops off the bottom near the edge with the ZX blades and long pauses near the edge with the jerk baits.



The deeper flats have also been producing some fish be it bass or yellow belly. Jigging blades has been the best method. Most anglers have been sounding fish in about 20ft and sitting on top of them, Eco gear ZX blades have been the real standout as they have two small stinger hooks attached. Drop them down to the bottom and hop them with small sharp hops, a fish only needs to touch them and the stinger hooks will grab them very quickly. Best spots have been the big flat out from the main dam wall.

The Bass are keen for Bony bream so don't be afraid to try bigger lures if your small offerings don't work.

It's valuable to remember that most fish in the dam are gorging themselves on bony bream so it's a great idea to throw anything that looks like a small bait fish. Look for steeper banks that hold some timber or rocks as this is a likely place that fish will be looking for bait up shallow. Out deeper try to find flats that are close to significant drop offs or the main submerged creek line.

Bait fisherman have been getting a ton of nice fish from BP dam. Most have been fishing along the edge and fishing yabbies, worms and shrimps.

Trollers are catching the odd fish trolling around the main lake points, small deep diving hard bodies are the best. Redclaw have gone very quiet and should start popping back up as the water gets warmer.

Until next time, tight line and bent rods. Matthew Langford. Ph 0408658592.



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Works are planned to commence mid-August 2019 and may result in temporary interruptions to the water supply. Property and parking access may also be reduced, however affected residents and businesses will be notified prior to commencement of works.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this work may cause and thank you in advance for your patience.

Please direct any enquiries to Council's Water and Wastewater section by phoning 4189 9100 or by email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

NATIONAL SENIORS

National Seniors Australia Membership Renewals can now be paid at the Murgon Post Office or at any Post Office. New Members are welcomed to join through the Murgon & District Branch Inc or through Head Office on 1300 76 50 50. On Thursday 15th August 2019 is the AGM of the Murgon & District Branch Inc of National Seniors Australia. This AGM will be held at the Murgon Bowls Club at 10.00am with morning tea from 9.30am. The Raffle will be drawn during the Meeting. The Photo Competition is

"Mother & Baby". The October Branch Meeting will be held on Thursday 17th October 2019 at the Murgon Bowls Club at 10.00am.

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Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

The July School Holidays saw an increase in visitor numbers, particularly families with children. The feedback from these visitors was very encouraging, especially from the younger generation.

The residents from Castra enjoyed a Butter Making demonstration and guided tour of The Museum on the 18th July. They enjoyed their morning tea in The Barn and reminisced about old times.

Tingoora S.S visited The Museum at the end of term, Wooroolin S.S are booked in for Monday 29th July and St John's Lutheran School on 9th August. Visits from local schools are increasing giving the students the opportunity to experience what life was like in early days.

Volunteers from South Burnett Information Centres have been invited to join in a roadshow which will include a visit to The Museum on 6th August. This visit will be a part of South Burnett Unpacked organised by SBRCouncil. Great to see that we are being promoted in this way.

The month of August is looking positive with the first week a visit from St John's School, a visit from Volunteers from SB Info Centres and our Chapel the venue for a wedding on Saturday 10th August.

SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER. The Museum is holding a "Country Fair" as our major fundraiser for 2019. There will be a variety of market stalls, food stalls, buskers, spinning

demonstrations on veranda of "Trinity", Horse and cart rides. Children can decorate a cup cake, decorate a milk bottle and participate in some fun activities.

Devonshire Tea will be served in The Barn.

Local Schools have been invited to enter in a Scarecrow Competition. These will be on display and judged on the day by Councillor Kathy Duff.

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