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MAYOR'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Internationally-renowned poet Rupert McCall will be the special guest speaker at the Mayor's Community Christmas Luncheon.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann launched the fundraising lunch last year to raise money for food vouchers, to enable those in the community who could not afford to put Christmas lunch on the table to do so.

"Our function is very reliant on donations from our local businesses, with all food and time donated," Mayor Kratzmann said.

Kingaroy Supa IGA has already come on board, by donating all the food for this year's event.

"The Christmas Luncheon is a fundraising lunch that celebrates 'old-fashioned Christmas spirit' with carols, a cold lunch served by the QCWA and good community company," Mayor Kratzmann said.

"It's an extraordinary community effort to enable that Christmas feeling to be shared beyond our own tables. We are very honoured to have Rupert McCall support our event."

The author of six anthologies of verse that have collectively sold more than 120,000 copies, Rupert McCall is equally at home on radio or on TV.

Loved by many as 'the poet of our generation', Rupert McCall's tributes have become highly sought after and treasured.

In 2005, he was awarded the honour of opening the *Prelude to the Dawn Service* in Gallipoli with his acclaimed and moving tribute *Ninety Years Ago*. In 2011, he recited his poem *A Firefighter's Dream* at Ground Zero for the New York Fire Department on the 10th anniversary of 9/11. Rupert has also paid tribute to legends including Roger Federer, Rod Laver, Greg Norman, Phil Hughes, Gary Ablett, John Eales, Dawn Fraser, the late Sir Don Bradman and even Black Caviar.



Rupert McCall has hosted and spoken at high profile functions including Allan Border Medal dinners, AFL Hall of Fame dinners, Olympic receptions, racing occasions from Flemington to Birdsville, Test Match Rugby functions, tributes and testimonials.

In 2013 as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours List, he received a Medal of the Order of Australia for services to the community, particularly as a poet.

The Mayor's Community Charity

Luncheon is on 11 December 2015 at the Kingaroy Town Hall, Glendon Street, Kingaroy, starting at 12:15 pm. Tickets are \$25, and all proceeds will be placed in the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund. RSVP by 4 December RSVP to Kristy Board on 07 4189 9345, or email kboard@southburnett.qld.gov.au

BREASTSCREEN QUEENSLAND MOBILE SERVICE TO VISIT KINGARROY

Local women aged 40 and over are encouraged to take full advantage of BreastScreen Queensland's state-of-the-art digital mobile service when it visits Kingarroy from 11 to 29 January 2016.

Health Promotion Officer Shenaed Bliss said the accessibility of the mobile service provided a great opportunity for local women to look after their health.

"The mobile service visits selected rural locations every two years and is always very well received," Ms Bliss said.

"It will be located at Kingarroy Hospital for three weeks, so there is plenty of time to find 30 minutes for a free breast screen.

"This is also a great opportunity to book in for that first breast screen that you've been meaning to have, or to come back for a regular two-yearly screen.

"We know that early detection of women's cancers provides the best chance of survival and quality of life, so if you haven't been keeping up-to-date with these important checks, now is the time to do so."

Ms Bliss said women aged 40 and over should have a breast screen every two years, and women aged 18 and over should have a pap smear every two years.

"In 2015 more than 15,000 Australian women will be diagnosed with breast cancer," she said. "One in eight Queensland women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and of those 90 per cent will have no family history of the illness," she said.

"That's why we encourage all women aged 40 and over to have a free breast screen every two years, and also be sure to carry out regular breast checks.

"If you find something unusual, or have any concerns about your breast health, see your GP as soon as possible."

Women aged 40 and over should phone 13 20 50 to book a free breast screen with the mobile service.

A doctor's referral is not required.

Local women can also access other women's health screening services through the DDHHS Mobile Women's Health Service. Appointments can be made by phoning Kingarroy Downtown Community Health on 4162 9200, Murgon Community Health on 4169 8203, or Nanango Hospital on 4171 6700.

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FEBRUARY 2016 BOONDOOMA DAM FISHING COMPETITION

Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition spokesman Terry Allwood says that with the lake fishing extremely well the 2016 event should set new records in both the long standing gilled and gutted section, as well as in the catch and release component. Cash and other prizes will be presented at the end of each of the three sessions as well as overall competition winners at the conclusion of the event.

Profits from the event are used to supplement fishing permit funds from the Queensland Government and to date approximately 4.5 million fingerlings have been stocked into Lake Boondooma.

The catch and release category targeting Australian Bass and Yellowbelly is open to all anglers who nominate. This category has been made possible by the generous sponsorship of Bass to Barra Outdoors and Greg Mitchell Plumbing.

The annual competition will be held on 13 and 14 February 2016. Entry costs for the February event will be \$20 for adults and \$5 for juniors aged 16 years and under.

The ongoing support of our many generous sponsors will ensure that a wide range of prizes and lucky draws are available for all competitors. Lucky draws are held at the end of each fishing session and at the Friday night briefing. All presentations and lucky draws are conducted at the event headquarters at the stocking association clubhouse.

Food and drinks stalls will be provided by local community groups over the weekend and the great camping facilities provided by the South Burnett Regional Council will be available for campers staying at the lake.

The cost of camping fees and details of accommodation options at the lake can be found at website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au or by ringing the Lake Boondooma Kiosk on (07) 4168 9694.

Additional information on the local area and past fishing competitions can be found on the Proston Online website, www.prostononline.info

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FEDERAL GRANTS TO SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NOW OPEN

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss announced today that the 2015 funding round for the Australian Government's Volunteers Grants Program is now open.

"This year \$20 million in Volunteer Grants will be made available, in recognition of the valuable work performed by volunteers in local communities across Australia," Mr Truss said.

"Volunteers contribute to our communities in Wide Bay through a broad range of activities, whether it's helping at local sporting events, fundraising, or assisting after emergencies or natural disasters.

"These grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are designed to help not-for-profit community organisations support their volunteers through the purchase of small equipment items, reimbursement for volunteers' fuel and transport costs or to offset the costs of training and background screening checks."

"These grants provide a terrific opportunity to support the good work undertaken by volunteers in our communities and I encourage local organisations to apply for funding." Mr Truss said.

The Volunteer Grants 2015 Application Pack is available from the Department of Social Services' website at www.dss.gov.au/grants, or by email at vg2015@dss.gov.au.

Alternatively, application Packs may be requested through the Volunteer Grants 2015 Hotline on 1800 183 374.

Applications for Volunteer Grants 2015 close at 2pm AEDT on Wednesday, 9 December 2015.

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**WONDAI CHRISTMAS EVE CARNIVAL, THURSDAY
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from 5.00 pm



The Wondai A P & I Society are once again holding their much loved and anticipated annual Christmas Eve Carnival. This longstanding, traditional start to the Christmas break is a wonderful chance to spend time with family and friends and celebrate the joys of the season.

There is something for everyone at the Carnival so head to Coronation Park, in

the middle of town, from 5pm onwards. The BBQ will be firing up with a sizzle; soft drinks, coffee and other snacks will be available for purchase. There will be amusements and the traditional 'merry go round' for the little ones. Wondai Town and District Band will entertain you with a selection of Christmas favourites.

From about 6 o'clock, the Wheels will start spinning! The Goods Wheel will have many great items to be won including goodies for Christmas Day and those last minute gifts – and at only 50 cents a ticket why not grab a handful? Kevin Perkins, the Show Society Patron, will be doing his legendary best on the Ham Wheel. Tickets start at \$1, plus listen out for the great Super Draws and you could be bringing home the bacon this Christmas!

And the night wouldn't be complete without Santa arriving at 7.30 pm, with free Ice blocks for the children.

Come and join us on this special evening, catch up with old friends, relax and enjoy yourself.

This carnival is a fundraiser for our annual Wondai Show in August, which continues to be possible thanks to **YOUR** support and that of our local community and businesses.

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3 bedrooms 2 with built in robes. All new carpet throughout, large eat in kitchen with new vinyl and stove + separate dining, shower over bath, rear covered area, fully fenced, single garage + workshop, nice quiet area, close to schools. Priced to sell \$130,000 negotiable.

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QUOTA CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season is here. The Quota ladies celebrations began on Monday evening November 16th with their annual party.

President Heather gave a warm welcome to members and guests. The festive spirit was alive with good humour and plenty of laughter and wonderful food.

The exchange of gifts added more merriment to the joyous event.



Photo: President Heather Castle with husband Wayne accept gifts from Quota member Pam Schablon.

PETITION FOR NEW KINGAROY PUBLIC HOSPITAL

I was stunned by a recent comment by the State Minister for Health, Cameron Dick, that Kingaroy has a 'strong' public hospital. I agree that we have a 'strong' team of health professionals working at Kingaroy Hospital, but no-one would ever use that word to describe the Hospital facilities themselves. Securing funding for a new hospital has been my number one priority since taking on my role as the Local Member. Over the past eight months, I've asked the Labor Government many times why the Kingaroy Hospital wasn't on the priority list for replacement in this year's State Budget, given our former LNP Government had identified it at the top of the priority list.

We need a brand new public Hospital and we need a commitment now. To demonstrate the level of need, I've started a Parliamentary online petition calling on Minister Dick to commit funding to build a brand new Kingaroy Public Hospital. If you'd like to show your support, you can sign the e-petition at <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petitions>

Deb Frecklington, Member for Nanango



Wondai Regional Art Gallery

December 2015 / January 2016 Exhibition

"Sweethearts, Wives and Damned Whores"
by Linda Silburn

'Sweethearts and wives' were the roles

"good and obedient" women were allowed in Australian society from the earliest convict times until 'Women's Lib'.

"Damned whore" was the insult hurled at any woman who dared to 'step outside the box'.

(Well known 19th century humanitarian Caroline Chisholm, was referred to as a 'damned whore'.)

It's also the title of the latest and most exciting vintage fashion exhibition to be held at Wondai Gallery.

Come find out about the women who risked everything to follow their dreams outside social conventions, and even the law! Warriors, scientists, revolutionaries, suffragettes, doctors, farmers, politicians, sports champions, arch-criminals, investigators, entrepreneurs and artists: - get a glimpse of the lives of the women who helped make Australia.

From corsets to combat helmets, follow the sometimes dangerous, sometimes frivolous, and often outrageous, activities of Australian women in peace and war.

From rats in the hair to birdcages on the butt: go 'undercover' and find out what lies beneath those beautiful dresses and hats.

Have fun with this interactive exhibition. Try on a corset or a hat. Have a go at the trivia competition. (At which Olympics did Australian women first win gold? 'Easy Traders' were garments worn by prostitutes; what were they? Why did children in the 1860's think their mothers had no legs, but ran on wheels?)

Kids Korner Wondai State School

Opening Night: Friday 4th December 2015, from 6pm.

Vintage outfits welcomed. And feel free to dress as 'sweetheart', 'wife' or 'damned whore' in celebration of the thousands of Australian women who've pushed the boundaries and lived their dream.

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

The exhibition will remain in the Gallery throughout the months of December 2015 and January 2016. The Wondai Regional Art Gallery is open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

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Using examples from his extensive knowledge of emergency situations, trainer-paramedic, Grant Geddes, guided forty-three students through seven steps for providing Basic Life Support.

For many students, this was their first (simulated) experience of performing CPR and using a semi-automated defibrillator. Some commented that they had "learned a lot".

(Sessions were arranged through the Murgon Local Ambulance Committee.)

2016 SCHOOL TERM START DATE

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It's a hobby they can enjoy as children now ... but it's also one they can continue to enjoy throughout the rest of their lives. Many grown-ups get a great deal of pleasure in taking up the hobby again as they approach their later years. It's a hobby that can be put away or taken up at any time so it gives lasting pleasure. Better still, as one generation passes on their stamp collections to later generations, those stamps become an everlasting gift that your grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren (and so on) can get enjoyment from forever! A good stamp collection is an eternal legacy to your offspring! And there are so many aspects to stamp collecting that there will always be something they can add.

Your Kids Can Even Colour Their Own Stamps! ...

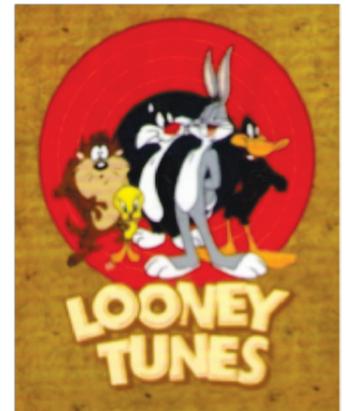


Now here's a really great idea this year! Australia Post has put out some special collectable Stamp Packs for kids. One of the best fun packs is a "Crayola Stamp Pack" that contains sets of stamps that your children can colour in for themselves – with a pack of crayons included! They can then post these stamps out to their friends or relatives; or keep them for their own collection. What a great idea! Imagine if, in three or four generations' time, one of their great-great-grandchildren were given a collection

containing stamps actually coloured in by their great-great-grandparents! **WOW!**

... Plus Cartoon Stamp Packs!

There are also packs of stamps featuring cartoon characters such as a "Looney Tunes Stamp Pack" or a "Bugs Bunny Stamp Pack". There's even an "Avengers Stamp Pack" and a "Thunderbirds Stamp Pack". These packs are all very affordable gifts so check out what's available at your local Post Office. And for those a little



older, a stamp album with a pack of world stamps always makes a great gift to get them started in a hobby that can give hours of continuous pleasure.

If you want to know more about stamps and stamp collecting, contact Nanango Stamp Club, the South Burnett Region's official stamp collecting organisation. We meet every month and visitors are most welcome. For further details, phone the Secretary (Cornelia) on 4169 0256.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS BRING GREAT JOY



Special thanks to churches and school children who participated in this year's Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection.

The Murgon and Wondai area sent 153 shoeboxes full of gifts to New Horizons Christian Church on 11th October to be prayed over before being taken to Kingaroy, where 1,521 boxes were then sent from the South Burnett to Brisbane to be checked, packed and transported to children living in poverty in South East Asia for Christmas.

Although the main reason for sending the shoe boxes is to help and bless children who are under-privileged, all the gifts placed in the boxes must have the effect of helping local business to prosper.

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An enjoyable day was had by all and some have since purchased the equipment to try this for themselves. November meeting saw us making some Christmas Decorations by Jean Johnston. Our next meeting on the 3rd December will be our Christmas breakup party.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.



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GOOMERI STATE SCHOOL P-10 2015 AWARDS NIGHT



Photo: 2015 Dux Meagan Clark with Goomeri State School Principal Leon Doorackers

Goomeri State School held its annual Awards Night on Thursday 19th November at the Goomeri Hall of Memory. School captains, Meagan Clark and Ashley Knight compered the evening celebrating and recognising the achievements of students in 2015.

School Principal, Leon Doorackers acknowledged highlights of the year in his speech including the equestrian team success achieving Champion School at both the South Burnett Cow Horse Competition and South Burnett Equestrian Competition and placing 4th out of 71 schools at the Fraser Coast Interschool Equestrian Competition.

Goomeri State School was also successful in receiving a SSS grant to build a permanent all weather roof over the current multipurpose court, costing approximately \$150000.



At the end of the evening the 2016 School Captains were announced,

they are Tyler Mills and Myles Clark. Vice School Captains are Courtney Litfin and Jacob Litfin.

Photo L-R: 2016 Vice Captains, Courtney Litfin and Jacob Litfin with School Captains Myles Clark and Tyler Mills with School Principal, Leon Doorackers



Photo L-R: Harry Wardell received the 2015 Junior Citizenship, presented by Goomeri Lions Club member Pam Brunjes, Councillor Ray Currie presented Ashley Knight the 2015 ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Team Work Award



Photo L-R: Goomeri State School P-10 Principal, Leon Doorackers with 2015 Caltex Best Allrounder Award recipient Ashley Knight,

Photo far Right: Mr David Ballin, Assistant Regional Director Darling Downs, presented the 2015 Student of the Year Award to Meagan Clark



Last year's Richard Lord Award recipient, Elizabeth McEwan presented the award for 2015 to Skye Davidson



Photo L-R: Councillor Ray Currie, Gympie Regional Council and Laura Hafey the 2015 Rotary International Best Allrounder, and Beau Hockey the winner of The 2015 Senior Citizenship Award presented by Goomeri Lions Club member Mrs Pam Brunjes.



Jasmine Kunde was presented the Dale Graham Award for 2015 by Mrs Margaret Angel



Photo L-R : Mrs Leanne Giles and Dan Hafey the 2015 Sports Achievement Award, Mrs Leanne Giles and Jacinta Rockemer the 2015 Sports person of the Year Award.



Volunteers Christmas Breakup at Moffatdale Ridge for Murgon & Wondai Visitor Information Centre Volunteers & Museums & Wondai Woodcrafters Volunteers.

NATIONAL SENIORS

End of year lunch is on Thursday 17th December at Moffatdale Ridge Winery at 11.30am is open to all Murgon & District Branch Members & 2015 Tour Passengers. A coach will be available from Kingaroy to the Winery at 10.30am. Cost is \$35 including Lunch.

Our next tour is a cruise to Bribie Island on Thursday 21st January 2016 the cost is \$68 & will be leaving Murgon at 6.30 am.

Next year's itinerary of our Tours is now available from Paula at 41683114 or Tricia at 41681604.

If you are having a transport problem coming on our coach trips or attending meetings please mention same when making a booking.

The next meeting will be held at Murgon Bowls Club on Thursday 18th February 2016.

The photo competition is Sunrise or Sunset.

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FEDERAL ASSISTANCE REACHES WIDE BAY COUNCILS

Wide Bay councils will receive \$3,867,129 in unconditional payments under the second quarter of the Federal Government's Financial Assistance Grants program, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Warren Truss said today.

The funding is part of \$2.3 billion which will be paid to local governments across Australia in 2015-16 alone and includes \$1.1 billion in advance payments that were paid on 30 June 2015.

"The FAGS programme differs to most Federal Government programmes, as it is paid directly and unconditionally, allowing councils to spend it on meeting local priorities, such as building vital local infrastructure, supporting local businesses and creating jobs in our community," Mr Truss said.

"These funds will be allocated by councils towards a variety of needs within local communities, such as roads, libraries, infrastructure as well as services like the upkeep of local parks and public spaces, animal control and waste collection and disposal."

"This arrangement is the Federal Government's way of acknowledging the special and important role that local governments play in meeting the needs of our local communities."

Councils in Wide Bay will receive the following Financial Assistance Grant funding in 2015- 16:

Council	Funding paid this quarter	Total cash payment for 2015-16
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	\$72,775	\$291,098
Fraser Coast Regional Council	\$745,148	\$2,980,590
Gympie Regional Council	\$630,144	\$2,520,575
Noosa Council	\$263,456	\$1,053,822
South Burnett Regional Council	\$857,196	\$3,428,783
Sunshine Council Regional Council	\$1,298,412	\$5,193,647
Total:	\$3,867,129	\$15,468,515

The No Bull Ball is being held at The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre – Gympie Showgrounds on New Years Eve (31st December 2015).

The event is a black tie Ball and Commences at 6:30pm.

We have secured a 5 piece band for the night and are also having a three course sit down meal as well as auctions and a mechanical bull.

Tickets can be purchased from <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=171860> for \$100 per person or a table of 10 for \$950.

Steph Perrett, 2016 Gympie Beef Showgirl entrant

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WRITERS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Writers from Wondai, Murgon, Upper Yarraman, Kingaroy and Nanango celebrated Christmas with a luncheon party at the RSL Service Club on Tuesday, December 1 in Kingaroy. It was a happy occasion with good food, competitions, the sharing of gifts and cheerful conversation.

The first meeting in the New Year will be on January 19th. The story for the month has the title: "He looked at me with Dark Eyes". The members meet twice a month at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Alford and Youngman Sts, Kingaroy. Visitors are welcome. Phone Barbara 41681675

Photo Back: Barbara Hartmann King, Gabrielle Cavanagh, Leanne Frohloff, Col Niven, Richard Treloar, Desley Missingham,

Front: Andrew Mair, Elizabeth Mair, Jessica Gossow, Nola Spring and Fay Coe.

GRANTS SUPPORT WIDE BAY'S LOCAL SPORTING CHAMPIONS

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss, has congratulated 20 young sporting representatives from across Wide Bay, who have been awarded funding under the latest round of the Australian Government's Local Sporting Champions program.

"I commend these young men and women on distinguishing themselves by participating in state and national championships. I hope that this funding assists them to take the next steps towards achieving their sporting goals," Mr Truss said.

"The Federal Government's Local Sporting Champions program supports young sportsmen and women between the ages of 12 and 18, by providing grants of \$500 to help meet the costs of participating in sporting events, including travel, equipment, uniforms and accommodation."

"These local sporting champions will continue to build our region's reputation for producing outstanding athletes and I have no doubt that they will do a fine job of representing the Wide Bay region in their sporting endeavours," Mr Truss said.

To be eligible to apply for a Local Sporting Champions grant, applicants: • must be aged 12 to 18 years (inclusive); • must be required to travel a distance of 250 kilometres or more, return. • be participating in an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed sporting competition.

The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is responsible for the management and coordination of the program, with grant recipients selected by a local panel. Applications for the grants can be made at any time throughout the year, through the Australian Sports Commission's website www.ausport.gov.au/champions. For further information contact Mr Truss' office on 1300 301 968.

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2015 Reconciliation

Wednesday 16th December after 5.30 Mass Reconciliation will be celebrated from 6 pm to 6.30 pm at Wondai

Thursday 17th December Reconciliation will be celebrated from 6.00 to 6.30pm at Murgon

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday 22nd December Cherbourg 4 pm followed by
BBQ

Thursday 24th December Goomeri 4 pm

Thursday 24th December Wondai 6 pm

Thursday 24th December Murgon 7.30 pm

Thursday 24th December Durong 10 pm

Friday 25th December Proston 8.30 am

Saturday 26th December Murgon 6 pm

Sunday 27th December Wondai 8 am

There will be no Mass at Proston on Saturday 26th December or at Cherbourg on the 27th December.

We sadly mourn the loss of :

WESSLING, Edna Joyce, Late of Murgon

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THE 2015 MURGON RSL ANNUAL DINNER



John Strachan (Deputy president RSL QLD) responding to the RSL toast given by Councillor Keith Campbell.



Two of the oldest RSL Members who attended the Annual Dinner were L-R: Mick Purser and Harold Seng.



Photo L-R : Special Guest Speaker Rear Admiral Ken Dolan AM, wife Elaine, Murgon Services Club President Trevor Sanderson

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MURGON AND THE TOWN OF DODEWAARD IN THE NETHERLANDS ARE FOREVER LINKED BY WAR.



South Burnett Mayor Kratzmann presents a copy of Liz Caffery's book "The Cobber From Murgon" to Patrick Tiernan's nephew Bob Tiernan

November 17, 2015

The Dutch and Queensland flags flew proudly side-by-side at Murgon RSL Club on Monday afternoon to signify the special relationship which has been forged between two towns on opposite sides of the world.

Murgon and the town of Dodewaard in the Netherlands are forever linked by war.

For more than 70 years, the townsfolk of Dodewaard have been tending the graves of two Australian airmen, Patrick Tiernan and Alf Burns, shot down over their town in June 1944.

The special commemorative lunch at the Murgon RSL Club on Monday was an opportunity to say "thank you" to at least some of the people who have been keeping the two fallen Aussies in their hearts.

Three Dutch couples were the special guests at the lunch. Paul and Annelies Struik, Cees and

Monique Van Meer, and Anke and Ries Hoogakker are members of Dodewaard's "May 4 Committee" which organises the town's annual Remembrance Day commemorations.

To mark the 70th anniversary of the explosion of the Halifax bomber over Dodewaard, the May 4 Committee started to research the history of their two mystery airman.

Local mayor, Kees Veerhoek, emailed South Burnett mayor Wayne Kratzmann to ask if he knew anything about Patrick Tiernan.

Mayor Kratzmann admitted he very nearly deleted the email because at first he thought it was spam, but when he glanced further he realised the Neder-Betuwe mayor was asking about one of Murgon's best-known families.

And so began a process which led to a small delegation from Murgon, as well as representatives from the Tiernan and Burns families, heading to Dodewaard last year for a special commemoration ceremony,

The Australians were overwhelmed by the hospitality of the Dodewaard community and invited their new Dutch friends to visit Australia in return.

Paul Struik, the chairman of the May 4 Committee, said it was difficult to organise a time when Burgemeester Veerhoek could make it because of his official duties, but finally a date was set in November. Unfortunately, the mayor had to cancel his trip at the last moment because of the refugee crisis in Europe.

The three couples that did come over have been visiting with members of the Burns and Tiernan families. Their trip to Murgon was one of the last items on their agenda before their trip back home.

The Murgon RSL Club was filled with more than 100 people for the lunch, including local MPs and councillors.

Members of the Tiernan family were special guests as well as Yarraman resident Paul Tunn – another Aussie airman who flew that night back in June 1944 in a Halifax bomber. Unlike Patrick Tiernan and Alf Burns, Paul's aircraft made it back to England.

A highlight of the afternoon was "The Patrick Tiernan Story", a Powerpoint presentation by Nanango author Liz Caffery.

Copies of Liz's book "Patrick Tiernan – The Cobber From Murgon" were then presented to the Dutch visitors, members of the Tiernan family and representatives from Murgon State High School and Murgon RSL.

This is a second edition of the book.

The first version, prepared before the Australians visited Dodewaard, has been updated with information about the visit, as well as the death of Sr Philomene Tiernan, who in a tragic coincidence was killed when her aircraft was shot out of the sky over Ukraine on her way home from the Dodewaard trip.

Liz was given a standing ovation by the crowd at the end of her talk.



Mayor Kratzmann presents a copy of "The Cobber From Murgon" to 2015 Murgon State High School captain Jenna Marschall for the school's library



Cr Kathy Duff and author Liz Caffery with laminated photos of Murgon which were given to the Dodewaard guests



2014 Murgon school captain Geoffrey Kinsella, who was part of the Dodewaard delegation, with Glenda Geraghty, from Murgon



Nanango resident Hanny Mous, who was born in the Netherlands, with Dodewaard visitors Anke and Ries Hoogakker



May 4 Committee president Paul Struik and Leo Geraghty unveil a gift to the South Burnett from Neder-Betuwe Burgemeester Kees Veerhoek ... Mayor Veerhoek was forced to cancel his trip to Australia at the last moment when he was tasked with finding homes in his municipality for more than a hundred Syrian refugees.



Trying out the new bench ... Dodewaard visitors Ries Hoogakker, Cees Van Meer and Paul Struik with Mayor Wayne Kratzmann, second from right



Bob Tiernan and his daughter Ann share some anecdotes about Bob's uncle Patrick



Dodewaard visitors Cees and Monique Van Meer about to enjoy lunch



Murgon State High School principal Greg Smith with Jillian Tiernan, from Buderim



A warm welcome to Murgon from Dutch-speaking local resident, Lyn Vlaanderen, second from right, for the visitors from Dodewaard ... Paul Struik, Monique and Cees Van Meer, Ries Hoogakker and, at front, Anke Hoogakker



South Burnett mayor Wayne Kratzmann with Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington and Member for Callide Jeff Seeney



Jenny Hunt, from Brisbane, with her father, former World War II Halifax bomber crew member Paul Tunn ... Paul took part in the same bombing raid targeting a synthetic fuel plant in the Ruhr Valley as the one during which Patrick Tiernan was killed, although the two men were in different squadrons



Cherbourg Council CEO Warren Collins with former Murgon Mayor Bill Roberts ... Bill can remember the farewell party for Patrick Tiernan when he left to go to war



Murgon High School students Marcus Riddell (Year 11), Lesleigh Fisher (Year 12) and Cary Hebblewhite (Year 11) were helping out behind the scenes



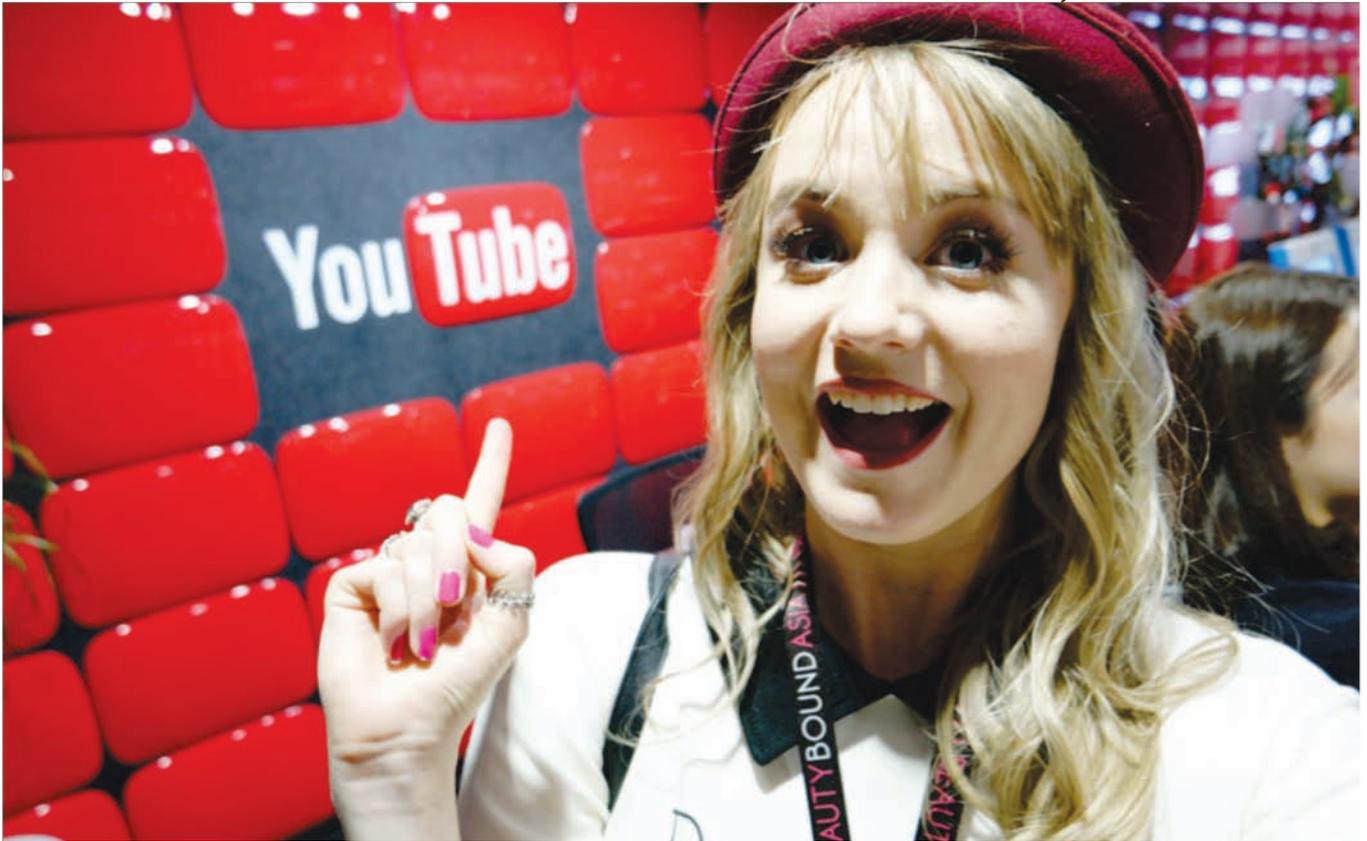
Mayor Wayne Kratzmann presented copies of “The Cobber From Murgon” to Ries Hoogakker, Paul Struik and Cees Van Meer, as well as an extra copy to take back home to Neder-Betuwe Burgemeester Kees Veerhoek



The delegation from The Netherlands placed flowers and wreaths at the Murgon War Memorial ... at back, where it all began, The Australian Hotel which was formerly owned by the Tiernan family

Many thanks for the complete story and photo's courtesy of South Burnett Online

“KAHLIA AT YOUTUBE HEADQUARTERS IN TOKYO, JAPAN”



Local makeup artist Kahlia Huddleston of Murgon was one of only two girls in Australia to make it through to the grand finals of an international competition for fashion & beauty bloggers/vloggers and content creators. When Kahlia is not doing bridal or formal makeup, she spends her time teaching her skills to the world via the internet. Kahlia's rapidly growing online brand, (A Beauty Whisperer), has expanded onto all of the popular social media platforms and reaches 30,000+ loyal viewers across the globe every month. The competition, open to some 4 billion people, sponsored by internet giant, YouTube, and high-end skincare company, SKII, called for anyone with a camera and a computer in any Asia-Pacific country, to compete in skincare/makeup and fashion related challenges for a chance to progress through the semi-finals, national-finals and regional-finals and eventually to the grand finals. The Beauty Bound Asia competition was on the hunt for the next top beauty creator. The grand-finals was held in Tokyo on the 5th November which saw the top 2 contestants from each of the countries involved (including our very own Murgon girl) battle it out on camera with makeup brushes, eye liners, mirrors and blow dryers one last time to take out the major prize. It is a monumental achievement for our South Burnett businesswoman Kahlia to have made it through to the grand event where she mingled with global superstars and industry experts as well as YouTube representatives.

Although she did not take out the top spot, we are extremely proud of Kahlia and wish her the best of luck for the future.

Kahlia can be booked for weddings, formals and any other event where you need to look your best around the South Burnett. Email her at abeautywhisperer@gmail.com or find her on www.youtube.com/abeautywhisperer.



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NEWS FROM GRAHAM HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Message from the Manager

I would like to say a very special thank you to Wondai Regional Art Gallery, Visual Image Hairdressing Salon, Wondai, House Table Home Wondai, St Joseph's Church Murgon and Raj's Cafe & Curry Takeaway Murgon for agreeing to collect Christmas gift donations for our 2015 Christmas Tree Appeal and a huge thank you to those in the community who donated these gifts to help us make Christmas brighter for disadvantaged families in the South Burnett region.

Seasons Greetings from the Management Committee & Staff of Graham

House Community Centre

Graham House Community Centre would like to extend Seasons Greetings to the community. We wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and New year. We would also like to thank the many business houses, community organisations, service providers and individuals who have supported us throughout 2015. We look forward to working with you again in 2016.

Christmas Closure

Graham House Community Centre and Transport Services will be closed for the Christmas period from Thursday 24 December 2015 and will re-open on Monday 4 January 2016 at 10.00am.

HESTA Unsung Hero Award - Community Sector Awards



Vice President of Graham House Community Centre, Col Sippel, was nominated for this award earlier in the year. This award recognises an individual working within the community sector who has made an exceptional contribution to social justice in Australia, by enhancing the wellbeing of individuals or communities experiencing disadvantage. Col was presented with his Certificate of Recognition at Graham House's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21 October 2015.

Photo: From L-R: Dellese Heit, Linda O'Hare, Col Sippel, Enid Barford and Kathy Baker

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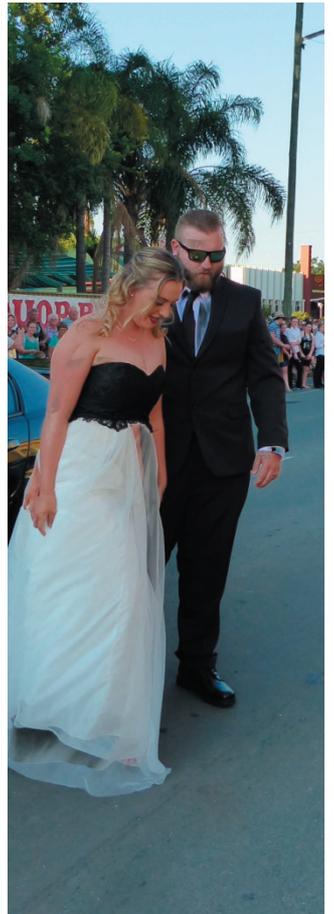
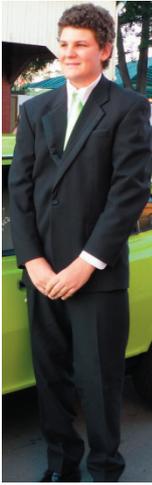
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WHAT'S ON AT OUR LIBRARIES

Kingaroy Library Author Talk

At 10 am Thursday 3 December Queensland author Graham Braddock will introduce his new book, "Operation Gravelrash" at Kingaroy Library. Set on a cattle property in Central Queensland this thriller sees Superintendent Parry and his team fit together the jigsaw puzzle of clues involving a series of incidents that threaten Australia's economy and national security.

Blackbutt Library Storytime Christmas Party

Blackbutt library is having a special Storytime Christmas Party on Wednesday 9 December at 11 am for the littlies. Bookings would be appreciated, phone 4189 9343.

Summer Reading Club

South Burnett Libraries Summer Reading Club program starts Monday 14 December 2015 and finishes 22 January 2016. This year's theme is "Lost Worlds" with libraries across the South Burnett holding activities and competitions relating to this theme. The program is a fun interactive way to support the ongoing development of language, literacy and digital literacy skills in children and young people.

Register either online using the club's website or by visiting your local library. All registered club members will receive a free activity packs available from 14 December.

For online activities, games, book reviews visit the club's interactive literacy website www.summerreadingclub.org.au. Children under 13 years have to have parental consent to take part in the online activities.

Holiday Activities

Planning for the up-and-coming children's school holiday activities are well underway. These are a few of the events planned for the holiday period:

Wondai Library:

10 -11am Wednesday 16 December - Christmas tree decorations

Nanango Library:

10:30 -11:30 am Wed 16 December — Christmas crafts

Kingaroy Library:

9:30 – 10:30 am Thursday 17 December – Reindeer-themed Christmas crafts

Murgon Library:

10 -11 am Thursday 17 December – 3D reindeer ornaments, reindeer food and carry bag

Proston and Blackbutt Libraries – please contact these libraries for details

Places are limited. Contact your local library to book.

First 5 Forever Professional Development Training

What your child learns in the first 5 years will last forever.

Last week, along with our library representatives, 43 participants from more than 20 South Burnett community organisations attended the First 5 Forever training provided by State Library of Queensland.

Many of the educators present showed great enthusiasm for developing partnerships in order to get the First 5 Forever messages out to parents, primary caregivers and into the community.

As 90% of a child's brain development happens in the first 5 years, spending time talking, playing and reading with our children is invaluable to ensure their growing brains get what they need. Children learn best from the important people in their lives. It is never too early to talk, read and tell stories.

It is planned that early in 2016, libraries and community organisations will partner to deliver programs that utilize the full potential of strategies learnt at the training. Watch this space!

Nanango Library Display

For December, artist Rosemarie Matthews-Fredrick has her 'Tole'd in Paper' art work on display at Nanango Library. Rosemarie began Paper Tole in 1999 and enjoyed developing her skill so much; she began to teach others and even learnt to frame her works. Take a look at Rosemarie's work when you next visit Nanango Library. Nanango Library is interested to talk with other artists who would like to display their work in the library

ONE IN THREE AUSTRALIAN HOMES CONTAINED ASBESTOS PRODUCTS IN SOME FORM.

The South Burnett Regional Council is on a mission to ensure residents stay safe.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said a conservative estimate was that one in three Australian homes contained asbestos products in some form.

However, the figure could be even higher in rural areas like the South Burnett, where many farm buildings were constructed from the asbestos cement sheet product known as "Super Six", as a cost-effective way of housing equipment and stock.

Asbestos-containing materials were also used to build sleep-out additions to farmhouses, workers' accommodation, and community housing.

Council's Manager of Environment and Waste Services Craig Patch said asbestos was widely used in homes which were built or renovated before 1987.

"Even if you live in a brick, weatherboard or clad home, asbestos can be found in eaves, bathrooms, sheds, under floor coverings, around hot water systems, and even dog kennels," Mr Patch said.

"While asbestos is perfectly safe when undisturbed, the danger is when people decide to renovate, homes are demolished, there are fires, or other damage to the home, and the asbestos is exposed."

If asbestos fibres are released into the air and inhaled, this can lead to asbestosis, lung cancer, and mesothelioma, an incurable cancer which affects the lining of the lung.

While the use of asbestos has been banned in Australia since 2003, scientific studies show that current exposure is directly linked to the current DIY craze, with many victims being homeowners and families exposed during renovations or maintenance.

"There have been cases where homeowners, wanting to save cash by doing work themselves, have unknowingly exposed their children or neighbours to asbestos fibres," Mr Patch said.

"Symptoms of asbestos-related diseases do not appear until many years later. For example, mesothelioma develops between 20-50 years after inhaling the fibres, and the average survival time after diagnosis is 10-12 months. We don't want this to happen to our residents."

Council's message is that if your home has been built before 1987, regardless of the building material, be wary of carrying out DIY renovations.

If you are renovating and you find asbestos, do not play 'renovation roulette', Mr Patch said. '

"Don't cut it! Don't drill it! Don't drop it! Don't sand it! Don't saw it! Don't scrape it! Don't scrub it! Don't dismantle it! Don't tip it! Don't waterblast it! Don't demolish it! And whatever you do... Don't dump it!" For Media Enquires Contact: *Bronwyn Marquardt, Communications Officer* Telephone • 07 4189 9539 Email: bmarquardt@southburnett.qld.gov.au Page 2 of 2

Licensed asbestos removalists should be contacted to deal with asbestos materials. Details are available here: <https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/injury-prevention-safety/asbestos/asbestos-removal-and-licensing/which-businesses-are-licensed-to-remove-asbestos-in-queensland>

Alternatively, if you find asbestos materials in your home, and they are in good condition, paint them, and then leave them alone.

Council accepts some types of regulated waste (such as asbestos) for disposal at its Kingaroy and Nanango Waste Facilities, provided that the following conditions are met:

- Material must be double wrapped and effectively sealed in black plastic.
- 48 hours' notice is required. This is to ensure that the burial area has been prepared in advance & that the waste material delivered to Landfill can be covered immediately. People needing to disposal of asbestos containing materials are encouraged to contact Council's Waste Services section on 07 4189 9128 to make the necessary disposal arrangements.
- Commercial clients must provide a Waste Transport Certificate.

There is a fee to cover the disposal of the asbestos, which must be paid prior to disposal unless the user has a monthly waste account.

NATIVE BEE HIVES

The native bee hive box is a project of the Murgon Men's Shed and are available for sale with or without bees. Great for the garden.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



Many Thanks to all our 2015 Christmas Fair Sponsors

the many Business Houses who participate, Crow FM, the numerous volunteers, Schools, Clubs and Organizations.

On behalf of the Murgon Business and Development Association, the producers of the Murgon Moments, may we thank the many story writers for their help during the year and we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous 2016 New Year.

Temporary Road Closure of Lamb Street, Murgon

Between Gore Street & Krebs Street, Murgon between the hours of 2pm on Friday 11th December 2015 and 2am on Saturday 12th December 2015 for the purposes of the Murgon Christmas Fair,



Remembrance Day, Murgon, 11th November 2015



Photo L-R: Regina Sloper, Gabriella & Annabelle Dennien at the Regina Sloper Dance Academy night.

WONDAI WATER

Wondai water is safe to drink, despite some discolouration due to run-off of soil into the water supply following recent storms.

Council's Manager Water and Waste Water Nerida Airs explained that water for Wondai is sourced from Barambah Creek, and treated at the Wondai Water Treatment Plant.

The severe storm activity has resulted in debris and soil flowing into the creek, making the water extremely dirty.

"Because of the run-off, the turbidity of the water in Barambah Creek is high, which is causing some discolouration to get through the treatment system," Ms Airs said.

"Water to Wondai will be discoloured for some time until the sediment drops in Barambah Creek.

"The water is still safe to drink, although some residents may notice an earthy taste and be put off by the discolouration."

Residents with any concerns should contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 07 4189 9100.

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BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY



It doesn't seem that long ago that we had our first meeting as a newly formed garden club. Yet here we are celebrating our 10th anniversary.

We still have seven members who were at the first meeting.

Back row- Lawrence & Doris Hay, Des & Audrey Palmer, Jan Doris

Ann Rehbein, Olga Mosey, Gordon Rehbein & John Doris in front

So much has happened over the years and although we are not a large club we are a warm and friendly one. Most meetings have a guest speaker or one of our members shares their gardening knowledge with us.

Last Friday we met with some past members at the Ration Shed Cherbourg. A great venue for us to get



together and catch up. Unfortunately many past members could not come because of ill health but they sent their best wishes. Yurri Muntha Café provided a large tasty lunch.

SOUTH BURNETT PRIVATE HOSPITAL LATEST UPDATE

Negotiations are continuing in the search for a provider to run and operate the South Burnett Private Hospital.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann was advised of an interested party last week, and met with the operators in Brisbane on Friday.

He has accepted the operators' offer to visit Kingaroy and tour the hospital facility in the near future.

Due to this development, Council will not make a decision on the hospital's future until further discussions have been held with the operators about their interest in running the hospital.

"It is certainly Council's preferred option to have a major player in the health field to run the South Burnett Private Hospital," Mayor Kratzmann said.

"Over the last six months I have been working to find a company to take over the management of the hospital. I refuse to give up, and while there is some interest I will continue to do everything I can to see it come to fruition."

The due diligence report from consultants Ernst & Young has also been received, and has been distributed to Councillors and senior staff for their perusal and input.

A Council decision is now likely in January.

Kathy's Comments

Council Volunteers Thanked & Rewarded.

Council said thank you to some of our local volunteers from our Visitor Information Centres and Museums at an amazing Tuscan Feast at Moffatdale Ridge Winery. We handed out some gifts to some of our retiring volunteers including Lyn Koy and Happy Ditchman from Murgon and Gloria Navrital from Wondai. Lyn Koy was also given a service award for 15 years and Dianne Scully from Wondai for 5 years. Volunteers are the backbone of our communities and we really appreciate the wonderful support that we get from community members individually and as groups right across our whole region.

Christmas Events in our Community

The Murgon Christmas Fair is on Friday the 11th of December and will be a fantastic night as always and this year there will be special prizes for dressing in Christmas theme. Proston is on the 5th and will be held in the Main Street with loads of activities. Hivesville is on the 18 Dec with Carols and fun in the park. Boondooma Homestead is always a great bush Christmas night and will be held on Saturday the 12th of December. Tablelands Hall Committee will also be hosting a Farmer's Dinner and Christmas night on the 12th which will be another special event for our farming families. The Mayor is hosting a Christmas Luncheon in Kingaroy on the 11th of December and everyone is welcome to attend.

Car Park for Murgon will be completed in the New Year

The proposed car park adjacent to the Murgon State School is in the planning stages and will be completed before the 30th of June next year. It is being funded through a joint project between the State Government and our Council. The goal is to provide more long term parking in the new area and have some limited times for some of the bays in front of the school for dropping off and picking up. Into the future there is also support from the community to extend the car park at the back of the town hall to alleviate some of the congestion at the Post Office and nearby shops.

Christmas Closure

All Customer Service Centres and Libraries will be closed at 12 noon Thursday the 24th of December and will re-open 8.30am on Monday January 4th 2016. Council's Visitor Information Centres will be closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Council Waste Facilities will be closed on Christmas Day. Wheelie bin collections will take place on normal pickup days including Christmas Day. All Council facilities will resume regular opening hours from Monday 4 January 2016. To contact Council for an emergency outside hours dial the regular Council number on 41899100 and follow the prompts.

Hivesville Happenings

I am really pleased that after a number of years, Johnson Street in Hivesville has been returned to bitumen. It has been one of my goals to fix this ongoing issue and to restore the street. The drainage work in front of the QCWA and the cement path to the wheelchair ramp are also recent upgrades. I was pleased to chair the Hivesville Market Committee Annual General Meeting recently and congratulate the whole committee on keeping these markets going to support the local community.

Australia Day Events in our local Areas

The South Burnett Regional Council Australia Day Awards Night for the whole region will be in Proston next year on the eve of Australia Day. This will be a really big event for Proston with award recipients travelling from all over the South Burnett to attend. The Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum will be hosting a breakfast on Australia Day with the Murgon Business Awards being presented. There will also be a breakfast in Hivesville, afternoon tea with



the Scouts in Proston and the traditional evening event being celebrated at the historic Boondooma Homestead. The South Burnett Awards will be re-presented to local award recipients at these events, so please mark the 26th of January in your Calendar in 2016.

Campbell's Bridge Finally Happening

It is exciting for me after a long struggle to finally see the work being done on this bridge. The reopening of Campbell's bridge will not only help to alleviate the traffic congestion past the Wheatland's School but particularly it will support our local farming businesses who have struggled with the extra kilometres of travel to work their farms.

Great Authors in Our Community

I had the amazing honour of launching two new local books. Errol Bishop from Wondai has written a book called Ghost Galleon and Graham Braddock from Hivesville has written a book called Operation Gravelrash. I hope everyone thinks about purchasing a book as they would make great Christmas presents.

Christmas Wishes

Thank you for the privilege of working with you as your local Councillor again this year. May I wish everyone a Happy, Holy and safe Christmas and a wonderful 2016.

Contact Details and Meeting Opportunities

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 to meet at your place or at the Murgon Council Office.

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council
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or email kduff@southburnett.qld.gov.au

\$5 MILLION TO IMPROVE REEF WATER QUALITY

Up to \$5 million in grants will be allocated to manage the impact of soil erosion from gullies in the Great Barrier Reef catchments, through the Australian Government's \$140 million Reef Trust.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss encouraged Groups in Wide Bay to apply for funding for new projects by 26 November 2015, under phase two investments of the Reef Trust.

"Projects to manage soil erosion and sediment runoff are part of practical steps that the Coalition Government is taking through the Reef Trust to improve water quality on the Reef," Mr Truss said.

"This programme addresses factors that have the ability to impact greatly on the Great Barrier Reef and the Government is looking for local partners to deliver this important work from 2015 to 2018."

"The Government recognises that a large part of the progress that has been made thus far, is a result of the contributions, knowledge and involvement by regional communities, farmers and landholders.

"I look forward to seeing local groups deliver continued progress on improving water quality through the involvement of farmers and local communities throughout Wide Bay," Mr Truss said.

The Department of the Environment is working closely with prominent gully erosion scientists from CSIRO to ensure the design and implementation of the programme is based on the best technical and scientific advice. This

team of experts from the CSIRO, led by Dr Scott Wilkinson, brings the latest scientific knowledge and experience in gully remediation techniques to the delivery team.

The programme will target areas of high-density gullies in the Burnett Mary, Fitzroy, Burdekin and Cape York natural resource management regions.

Mr Truss said that funding under the Reef Trust, would be available for activities aimed at reducing gully erosion, through measures such as revegetation, installation of fencing and building minor structures to protect key areas and prevent sediment runoff.

Further information on applying for funding under the Reef Trust is available online at: <http://www.environment.gov.au/marine/gbr/reef-trust/gully-erosion-control>.

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GENEROUS GRANT FROM BENDIGO BANK

As the saying goes, all good things come to those who wait.

Well, it must go without saying that there are some very special people in Goomeri.

After several years of blood, sweat and tears the upgrades to Goomeri and District Showgrounds are getting closer to completion. The extension to the canteen and bar area now means that local celebrations will be able to take place in any weather conditions and offering protection from the western sun each afternoon.

The extension was only possible thanks to a generous grant from Bendigo Bank and had become essential after the Australia Day Floods of 2011 severely damaged the existing building. Then in 2013, a severe wind storm lifted a large section of the roof rendering the building totally unsafe.

It was at this stage the show grounds committee commenced planning a new building. The new Show Pavilion is now located on higher ground, out of flood level and was officially opened last year 2014 by life member, Pam Brunjes.

“Earlier this year we were able to construct our new pavilion after a long time of dreaming about one. It’s such a wonderful asset for our community, was completed just before our Annual Show and was opened on Show Day,” Pam said.

“It was a momentous day, as not only did we open the pavilion but we also celebrated our 90th birthday and 75th Show. The fully covered extension means that no matter what the weather conditions guests will be able to escape the elements. The new building is also very suitable for private functions,” Pam added.

Pam added the show grounds are already popular with the caravanning community with several caravans and motorhomes will be seen on the grounds on any given day.

“The New Year’s Eve Rodeo has developed into a major event for our community with people travelling great distances for the night, and an all-day programme commencing at 8.00am is being planned. The Goomeri Show will be mid-March and a Camp Draft is also in the pipeline with a date yet to be confirmed.

Our committee is very grateful to Bendigo Bank for enabling us to make the improvements that are needed for the betterment of all who live here,” Pam added.

Those sentiments were echoed by Bendigo Bank area manager, Anne Woodrow.

“I’m so proud our Nanango Community Bank branch has been able to assist the show society on this project. Our branch was born from the dream of our community wanting its own bank. We look forward to more projects in the future as more locals realise that by banking with us the more we can give back, giving our communities a real say in their own future.

“Our Community Banking model is simple – bank with us and everybody benefits,” Anne said.

If you would like more information about the Goomeri and District Show Society, hiring the new pavilion or some of the upcoming events, call 4168 4177



Photo: Bendigo Bank area manager Anne Woodrow is joined by Life Member Pam Brunjes (front), Trish McArthur, Sasha Ross and Lyle Hasselbach



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Tuesday	1	Squash, Cattle Sale, Queensland Rural Women's Network Inc, Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships,
Wednesday	2	Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls,
Thursday	3	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Golf, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers, South Burnett Sugar Craft,
Friday	4	Community Bingo, Shab's, SB PCYC Friday Night Live, Bare Foot Bowls,
Saturday	5	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club, Proston Christmas Carnival,
Sunday	6	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass, Barambah Valley Markets, Family Christmas Carols,
Monday	7	SES, QUOTA
Tuesday	8	Squash, Art classes Graham House, Murgon Show Soc, Creative Friendships, Lions,
Wednesday	9	Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls,
Thursday	10	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Golf, Ambulance meet, Murgon Business & Development Assoc meet,
Friday	11	Murgon Christmas Carnival, Community Bingo, Shab's,
Saturday	12	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Murgon Judo Club,
Sunday	13	Bowls, Golf, Church Services,
Monday	14	SES,
Tuesday	15	Squash, Art classes Graham House, Cattle Sale,
Wednesday	16	Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Rotary, Bowls,
Thursday	17	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Guides, Golf,
Friday	18	Bare Foot Bowls,
Saturday	19	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men,
Sunday	20	Bowls, Golf, Church Services,
Monday	21	SES,
Tuesday	22	4 days before Christmas,
Wednesday	23	Murgon Shed Men,
Thursday	24	Wondai Christmas Carnival, Catholic Mass,
Friday	25	Christmas Day, Church Services, Catholic Mass Proston,
Saturday	26	Boxing Day, Catholic Mass,
Sunday	27	Bowls, Golf, Church Services,
Monday	28	SES,
Tuesday	29	Nearing the end of the year- last chance to honour our promises made in 2015
Wednesday	30	Murgon Shed Men,
Thursday	31	St Joseph's Bingo, Goomeri Rodeo & Bull Ride
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Friday	1	New Years Day,
Saturday	2	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men,
Sunday	3	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Barambah Valley Markets,
Monday	4	SES, Graham House reopens, South Burnett Regional Council reopens,
Tuesday	5	Art classes Graham House,
Wednesday	6	Murgon Judo Club, Murgon Shed Men,
Thursday	7	St Joseph's Bingo,
Friday	8	Bare Foot Bowls, SB PCYC Friday Night Live,
Saturday	9	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men,
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Queensland Sport's 'Night of the Year'

The Queensland golf industry enjoyed an exceptional night at the Queensland Sport Awards, held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre last night.

Golf was successful in two categories, with Max Whitten taking home the Sport Volunteer of the Year Award while Jason Day won the coveted Sport Star of the Year Award.

Winner's background:

Max Whitten has been the driving force behind the establishment of the Maleny Golf Club, Sunshine Coast, commencing play late June which has seen him fittingly earn the award for Volunteer of the Year. The course was 15 years in development and it was only Max's efforts in the early years and during construction that made the course and club possible.

Max's leadership, commitment, drive and enterprise has facilitated the construction of the course to meet an unmet demand for golf in the area.

Jason Day has had a stellar year, becoming the youngest and only the third Australian to hold the World Number 1 ranking.

In winning his very first major in August, Jason made history for the most shots under par in a major (20-under) with his record-breaking win at the BMW Championship catapulting him to the World Number 1 title.

In terms of his year so far, Day has lived up to his early promise he made as a junior Beaudesert Golf Club member; exclaiming "I want to take down Tiger." Nine years later, Day's resume for 2015 is impressive, but it's more representative of a long, steady build-up where he has built his game to be unmatched when it's on song.

His five PGA tour wins, including his first major at the PGA Championship, and nine top-10 finishes was gold of the most consistent calibre. Congratulations to all the winners and finalists.



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