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Government offers support to Wide Bay grandparent carers

Wide Bay grandparents who are primary carers for their grandchildren can receive financial and other support through the Liberal Nationals Government's Grandparent Adviser program.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the Government recognised many grandparents and non-parent carers faced unique challenges when caring for children, including financial strain.

"Many carers may not be aware of the financial support options available, and the Grandparent Advisers program can help them navigate the payments and services that may provide support," Mr O'Brien said.

"Advisers will discuss a grandparent or carer's circumstances, offer advice on which payments might be suitable, and help them identify support available through federal, state and community service providers."

Grandparents and non-parent carers may be eligible for a range of Australian Government financial support such as Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Benefit or Paid Parental Leave; and also supplementary payments and benefits like Rent Assistance, Health Care Cards and a lower threshold of the Medicare Safety Net.

Grandparent Advisers work alongside the department's other specialists such as social workers, Financial Information Officers and Indigenous Specialist Officers who can offer additional support.

The service answered more than 18,000 calls last year from grandparents seeking advice and met with more than 300 local organisations and grandparent advocacy groups to increase awareness of the support and services available.

Grandparent and non-parent carers can call the Grandparent Adviser Line on 1800 245 965 or see humanservices.gov.au/grandparentadvisers for advice and assistance.

Health Minister avoids questions about Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington says the Labor Government's Minister for Health, Steven Miles, has refused to answer questions about the continued and lengthy delays for the reimbursement of

Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) for people in the South Burnett.

Mrs Frecklington said the answer to her Question on Notice* asking why these unacceptable delays keep occurring has fallen on deaf ears.

"The answer from the Minister for Health is simply unacceptable, and actually quite insulting for my community," Mrs Frecklington said.

"I have been trying to get answers on this issue for nearly a year now, but this out of touch Minister clearly has no regard for the South Burnett and the frustration this is causing people who are waiting too long for their Patient Travel Subsidy reimbursement.

"He hasn't addressed three out of my five questions, in particular, why patients continue to experience these lengthy delays, and the current wait times to receive a reimbursement.

"In fact, the Minister should be apologising for this debacle, and committing to provide a better service and in the future.

"South Burnett locals ring my office every day to ask why their PTSS are taking so long to be reimbursed. Some have waited up to six months for their payments and this is just simply unacceptable.

"I don't think the Minister understands that this is not a choice for people from the South Burnett.

People must travel at least two hours to see a specialist or undergo surgery, as most specialist services are not available at the Kingaroy Public Hospital.

"The Minister has an obvious disregard for how important these payments are, and how the delay in

receiving this reimbursement seriously affects the most vulnerable members of the community,

many of whom are pensioners and are undergoing treatment for cancers and other serious conditions.



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Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade recently took delivery of a new Medium Attack Appliance (Fire Truck) as a replacement for our Light Attack Appliance (4WD Ute). The new vehicle was a pleasant surprise as we had only just started the process of having our existing vehicle upgraded. Our ability to respond to fire calls with more resources makes the new vehicle a great asset.

The new vehicle has all the latest equipment and is a credit to the designers and constructors of these units. It is designed to operate in rough environments with many user friendly features which our older vehicle lacks.

Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade was formed in 2007 and covers the areas of Barlil, Merlwood, Sunnynook, Crownthorpe, Tablelands, Oakdale, Boat Mountain, Manyung, Moondooneer, Redgate and Moffatdale. We also support other Rural Fire Brigades and Urban Fire Services from time to time.

There will be an upcoming official handover, but to celebrate the new arrival we would like to extend an invitation to all members of the Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade and residents of the areas covered by our brigade, as well as members of other Rural Fire Services and organisations which we have worked with over the years to a barbeque at the Tablelands Fire Shed located next to the Tablelands Hall on the 13th of January 2019 starting at 3.30pm.

Families with children are more than welcome as no one likes a fire truck more than kids. The barbeque will be fully catered including non-alcoholic drinks, just BYO alcoholic drinks.

RSVP for catering purposes to Col Coulson on 0447684656, or Ross Wessling on 0400697300 by the 6th of January.

The members of Tablelands Rural Fire Brigade are very proud of what has been accomplished by the group since its formation as well as the service that has been provided to the area we cover. We would also like to thank all those who have supported the group over the years and ask you to join us on the day.

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Funding for farmers and innovators in Wide Bay

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is encouraging local landholders and community groups to apply for funding in Round 2 of the Federal Government's Smart Farms Small Grants program.

"Landcare groups, NRM bodies, Indigenous organisations and community groups in the Wide Bay community can apply for grants of between \$5,000 and \$200,000," said Mr O'Brien.

"Anyone with a good idea about how to improve soils, vegetation and biodiversity should put in an application as soon as possible, and make that idea a reality. This is a chance for locals to receive funding and build on the work they've already started.

"I know there is a lot of work being done locally to support smart farming practices and to protect and improve natural resources," Mr O'Brien said.

"We are providing funding for new projects to improve our soil, biodiversity and vegetation.

"They will also help support water security and promote climate-smart farming.

"The first round of funding was highly competitive and I strongly encourage those who missed out to apply again," said Mr O'Brien.

Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud said smart farms grants could make a real difference locally.

"The future of Aussie agriculture lies in sustainable farming and land management, and we want to help kick that along."

More information is available online Visit the Community Grants Hub to apply.

Fast facts:

Smart Farms Small Grants is a competitive grant funding opportunity.

It supports projects to increase farming, forestry and fishing communities' knowledge and capacity to adopt sustainable agricultural best practice.

Almost \$5 million in funding was awarded to 77 projects from Round 1.

More than \$9 million is available for Round 2.

The National Landcare Program's 2nd phase is investing more than \$1 billion over six years to 2023, with \$134 million for the Smart Farms Program.

BIEDO - 20th year of supporting Burnett Inland communities.

As we approach our AGM, we also reflect on and celebrate 20 years of BIEDO with our team and Board members. BIEDO was established by a number of Burnett inland local governments (pre-amalgamation) with support of local communities to tackle drought. Now 20 years on, BIEDO continues to work collaboratively with North Burnett and South Burnett Regional Council and a range of organisations and agencies to support resilience and economic development in the Burnett inland.

For your regular fix of BIEDO news, don't forget to like us on Facebook and follow our Instagram feed - we will be in touch next month with the final BIEDO Burst of the year to round out our 20th year of supporting Burnett Inland communities.



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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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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2018:

Our whole community should be proud of our town and its achievements and be a part of it, and with your help continue to improve the local economy and our quality of life.

Our popular breakfast meetings during the year have been well attended, and we look forward to further input from our members.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Murgon citizens and Business Owners to become part of our family. Murgon's main concerns as always in the coming year will be to get our share of any new development, and establishing further small industry and erecting houses on our estates, and the long awaited new CBD footpaths.

Bjelke-Petersen Dam and Boondooma Dam have been major attractions during this past year and

Murgon has thrived on tourism and the fishing has been excellent which has also encouraged the many fishing comps being held. Combine this with our World class scenic views, 1st class sporting facilities, the Wine and Olive industry and the Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum, Our festivals and fun, We in Murgon have excelled in promoting these opportunities as well as our courteous and friendly nature.

We have few shops to fill and there has been a major increase in town development with new businesses being established & a major new development at Graham House in Taylor Street in early 2019.

You all need to be congratulated and we wish you lots of success.

I would like to especially thank our hard working Secretary, Margaret Long, Treasurer Stacey Perrett, all office bearers and promotional committees especially our Christmas Fair committee and our Rail Trail Festival Committee and those who presented reports to our meetings and to Stacey Perrett and Lorraine Goodchild for the updating of messages and news items on our web site murgon.net.au and our facebook page.

We also wish to thank the volunteers for their commitment to our town at the Visitor Information Centre and the Museum and those responsible for some of our major attractions that have included the magnificent Murgon Rotary Music Muster , major Festivities at the Wineries (Moffatdale Ridge Italian Festival, Dusty Hill Dusty Day Out), The Murgon High School Annual Speech Night and Senior Formal, The Murgon Men's Shed, the Murgon Rugby League sporting events, The Murgon Rail Trail Marathon & Festival, the Indigenous Golf Tournament, the Farmers Nights at Tablelands Hall, the Anzac Day celebrations, the Ladies Pink Ladies Golf Day, the Bjelke-Petersen Dam Fishing Carnival and many others including our annual local show.

Special thanks must go to Greg Griffiths and the council staff for their beautification of our central park area, and additions to the Rotary Park and skate board park area and also to the commitment shown by our area representative Deputy Mayor Councillor Kathy Duff.

We extend a very big thank you to all our Voluntary organisers, Service Clubs, Police, Ambulance, SES, Fire Services, Blaze Aid, SB PCYC and Security officers and to all concerned in promoting "Magnificent Murgon at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley, part of the Great South Burnett 2.1/2 hours from city or sea and look forward to a great 2018. Murgon has seen many thousands of dollars being spent in our community with major developments at the caravan parks especially at Barambah Bush and Yallakool. The South Burnett Rail Trail is another success story bringing many visitors to Murgon.

Congratulations to those recipients of local and Australia Day Awards and to sporting representatives who have achieved higher honours.

We are currently printing 5,000 copies, 48 pages of The Murgon Moments and have now printed 144 monthly issues since enlarging our local newspaper 12 years ago, (special thanks to our newspaper experts, script writers, the many story tellers, and committee's for backing this local news production and to Ally & Jasmin Kemp and now Hub Community Network and Darryl and Lyn Koy in delivering to the Murgon town and outlying areas). I would also like to thank our print setter Linda Urch for her understanding and help.

Once again during this past twelve months we have sadly lost some of our great community workers, volunteers and family and we extend our sympathy to all these families. It is also timely to acknowledge our local medical staff & nurses, Ambulance and the Life Flight helicopter who saved many of our young and old.

Our Christmas Fair committee has been hard at work this year organizing new entertainment and we wish to thank the business community for their valued support and I will leave our secretary Margaret tell you about the great world class entertainment that they have coming to this year's Christmas carnival.

We are appreciative of the Neighbourhood Watch organization and local police department and Government agencies for their efforts in containing crime in our area and their involvement with the SB PCYC here in Murgon and youth activities organised in Cherbourg. Remember "Lock it or Lose it"

Murgon and our surrounding districts are synonymous with tough and changing times, but the recent rain and storms in some parts of our community have set up our community for good summer crops, good cattle prices have remained. We have again worked closely with our council, to gain the best possible future for an expanding population, and a very progressive community.

I have enjoyed the last 12 years in the position but remember New blood can only help, and if you believe you would like to lead this organization now is the time to tell us.

With everyone's help and generosity we believe we will remain a major player in the promotion of a progressive and friendly Murgon.

Remember STAY AWHILE – TRY LOCAL - &- BE SURPRISED

And have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

LEO GERAGHTY – PRESIDENT

SBR Council Water Meter Reading Program

Council and/or its appointed water meter reading contractors will soon begin reading water meters throughout the region for the half year period ending 31 December 2018. This will apply to all premises connected to the water supply schemes in Blackbutt, Boondooma, Kingaroy, Kumbia, Murgon, Nanango, Proston, Proston Rural, Tingoora, Wondai and Wooroolin.

The water meter reading program will commence on Friday 30 November 2018 and is expected to continue until Friday 25 January 2019 and will be conducted between the hours of 5am and 7pm daily.

The water meter reading program collects information for the billing of water consumption that will be included on the 6 monthly rate notices to be issued in February 2019.

Meter reading personnel may be required to enter properties to gain access to and read the water meters. It is a requirement of our water meter reading personnel that soil or other material that is removed from any meter box to record a reading is returned to the meter box. This prevents drains from being blocked or ratepayer lawns being damaged by anything removed from the meter box.

For the safety of meter reading personnel, please ensure that your animals are enclosed within your property and check that garden vegetation does not obstruct access to your water meter.

Council has made some changes to water usage charges and tier limits that will apply to the February 2019 rate notice. More details about the billing of water consumption and other useful information can be found on Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

For more information, contact Council's Customer Service Centres on 4189 9100.

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Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

"Where has this year gone?" I think this is a common question asked. This year has been a busy and productive one for the volunteers and we are looking forward to a break over the Xmas New Year period. The Museum will be closed from the 24th December and will reopen on Wednesday 2nd January 2019.

With the New Year it would be great to have some new volunteers. You put into it what you want and the hours you want. As a volunteer I find it rewarding and interesting, particularly having conversations with our visitors who come from interstate and the occasional travelers from overseas.

The volunteers have had a busy November with school groups visiting from St Joesph's Murgon and St John's Lutheran College Kingaroy.

A visit to the Museum with a Barbeque lunch was enjoyed by the National Seniors as part of their Mystery Bus Tour. Once again we had the pleasure of catering for the Parkinson's Support Group for their Xmas Break up and final meeting for 2018.

The volunteers at the Museum would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the past year and look forward to 2019 with renewed enthusiasm and ideas to make the Museum a great place to visit.



Wishing everyone "A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year"

From all of the Volunteers at the Museum.

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Monday 24th December, Proston 3.00pm

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Monday 24th December, Murgon 6.30pm

Tuesday 25th December, Wondai 8.00am

Tuesday 25th December, Durong 10.30am

Christ Church, Murgon. Anglican Parish of Barambah.

Christmas Service, 23rd December, 2018 at 9.30 am.

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Proston QCWA Melbourne Cup Luncheon

If you, like me, were unable to attend the Melbourne Cup luncheon at the Proston community hall on 6 November this year, then we missed an enjoyable event. The entertainment consisted of a fashion parade by NB inspirations, and Anita, Danni, Wendy and Peter were fabulous as models. They paraded an array of stylish apparel.

RAFFLE TICKETS WERE ON SALE AND THE WINNERS WERE:

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LUCKY DOOR-GLYNS BLANCH, **BEST DRESSED FEMALE**-WENDY DAWKINS(Photo), **BEST DRESSED MALE**-PETER SIMPSON, **JOCKEY COLOURS**-ANONYMOUS (PHOTO OF LADY IN BLUE AND WHITE), **THE MELB CUP QUIZ**-JOHN PAPWORTH

A scrumptious lunch was served to 42 people attending the event, and another 11 were prepared and delivered to business folk in town, who, because of their commitments, could not attend.

Not forgetting the race!! Congratulations to all who had a win, and commiserations to all others. Better luck next year.

A lot of hard-working CWA ladies went home very weary after the day finished, but they wouldn't have it any other way??!! (says I with tongue in cheek). They are just so happy to see everyone enjoying themselves. Judith, Secretary/Publicity



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New cancer fighting medications listed on PBS

Australians fighting cancer will have access to five new medications being listed on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) from today.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the Liberal National Government's \$100 million commitment will give eligible patients with certain forms of leukaemia, advanced tumours of the intestine and pancreas, melanoma, bowel cancer and ovarian cancer access to new PBS listed medications, saving them up to \$100,000 a year.

"Once subsidised under the PBS, patients will pay \$39.50 per script or just \$6.40 a script for concessional patients.

"The Government is providing Australian patients with access to life-saving and life-changing medicines quicker than ever before, which is so important to both the people who need access to them, and their loved ones," Mr O'Brien said.

Listings include -

Rydapt® - Almost 200 patients living with acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) – a rare but aggressive cancer of the blood and bone marrow – will now be able to access the \$30,000 per year medication Rydapt® (midostaurin). AML is one of the most common acute leukaemia forms in adults with the highest incidence rates occurring in the US, Europe and Australia. It also has one of the lowest survival rates of all adult leukaemias. Rydapt is an oral, targeted therapy that interrupts a cancer cells' ability to grow and multiply and will be made available for people with AML who have a specific genetic mutation called FLT3.

The current listing of Somatuline Autogel® (lanreotide) is being extended to include patients with non-functional gastroentero-pancreatic neuroendocrine tumours, which are advanced tumours of the intestine and pancreas. **Somatuline Autogel** is used to control the growth of these advanced tumours of the intestine and pancreas. Around 760 patients per year will be able to access this medicine, which would cost \$23,000 a year without the PBS subsidy.

Opdivo® and Yervoy® (nivolumab and ipilimumab) are being listed on the PBS as a new combination treatment option for patients with unresectable malignant melanoma which are skin cancers that have spread locally and cannot be removed by surgery. The Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee considered there was a high unmet clinical need for this aggressive and debilitating condition and that combining these medicines may improve outcomes for some patients. Currently, around 800 patients per year access ipilimumab on its own for this condition. This listing will mean these patients can access the combination treatment if their doctor believes it would be a more effective treatment option for them. It would cost over \$100,000 per course of treatment without subsidy.

Lonsurf® (trifluridine with tipiracil) is being listed on the PBS as a new treatment option for patients with bowel cancer that has spread to other parts of the body. Lonsurf works by slowing down the growth and spread of cancer cells. Around 885 patients per year will be able to access this medicine, which would cost \$6,000 a year for some patients without the PBS subsidy.

Lynparza® (olaparib) for high grade serous ovarian, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal cancer – a cancer that has very low survival rates – is being amended to also allow for subsidy of a new tablet that significantly reduces the pill burden compared to the current capsule listing. Patients will now be able to take four tablets per day instead of 16 capsules per day. Lynparza inhibits the growth and spread of cancer cells in the body and is currently used by more than 200 women per year. Without PBS subsidy this medicine would otherwise cost around \$90,000 per year..

Minister for Health, Greg Hunt said, "These new and amended PBS listings were all recommended by the independent expert Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee."

"The Committee is independent of Government by law and in practice. By law the Federal Government cannot list a new medicine without a positive recommendation from PBAC," Minister Hunt said.

"In the Budget we announced our commitment to invest \$2.4 billion in new medicines to build on our commitment to guarantee those essential services that all Australians rely on."

"Since coming into Government, the Coalition has helped improve the health of Australians by subsidising around \$10 billion worth of new medicines."

"Our commitment to the PBS is rock solid. Together with Medicare, it is a foundation of our world-class health care system," Minister Hunt said.

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Book Launch of Barbara Hartmann King

The Murgon Uniting Church Hall committee "Where Friends Meet" held their last Morning Tea for the year on Tuesday 13th November.

The Morning Tea encompassed the Book Launch of Barbara Hartmann King's latest publication "Short Story Collection – life is a journey" with Deputy Mayor, Cr Kathy Duff doing the honours.



It was a proud turn-out with many friends and wonderful food. Kathy, in her speech remarked what an opportune moment it was to launch a book full of illustrated short stories in time for the Christmas season, as it would make a wonderful gift. She also mentioned how she'd had the pleasure of launching Barbara's trilogy "The Coloured Sands Trilogy" several years ago in 2009. All Barbara's books were on display.

Barbara responded with thanks to Kathy. She read the 'preface' or introduction to the book and talked a little about her writing. The short story collection is both fact and fiction with some being a mixture of both. The author gives a glimpse into her own life in the first and last stories in the collection.

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Continued from November Edition:

We were relieved that night 3rd of Sept. From the front line came back to reserve line of the trenches .

they were trenches beside a big crater that was blown in the night of the 28th July It is fully 100 yards across and fully 100 yards deep . We were relieved from reserve lines that night of the 4th Sept went back to Birchfield the other side of Albert. We camped for the night out in the rain, with no blankets or overcoats, we got nearly drowned. Next morning we marched back to Marloy stopped there for the night. from then on we went marching day and night for about a fortnight. I can't tell you the names of the

villages we were stopped then marched through on the 6th of September Bonnaville enroute for Tezaincourt arrived there during the evening. We were billeted in a foul house and after cleaning it out.

Tea was ready the Officers said you needn't go on Parade this evening and had a rest. I went straight and made my bed, what I call a bed two waterproof sheets and a blankets and turned in . I was dog tired hadn't much sleep for Hen lice and the body lice, what we can't get rid of. Up again next morning at 6 o'clock had breakfast a slice of raw bacon and a piece of bread. After breakfast we fell in and taken out and given instructions on Gas masks we were allowed 10 sec. to get them On, then after practicing putting them on and off an hour we were taken back to our billets and dismissed on the 9th Sept. 1916. Left Sizaincourt went for Dellon embarked on train for Belgium, arrived at poperinglea disembarked from train and marched to Renninghelst camped there a few days drilling Went back for a bath and then started off to the line. Raining and terrible cold arrived at the trenches the

night 17th Sept 1916. At a place called St Lai. Was in the trenches 17th Sept until 8th Oct. 1916. Raining the whole time was relieved, marched back to Renninghelst about 6 miles., from the line after a rout marching and drill for a few days we were sent back to the Lines Arrived on the trenches at a place called Bluff Hill. The Company had only been in a couple of days when we had more reinforcements. Bob Oslean and Charlie Pinkenton was among them, bob Olsen hadn't been in more than a day when Fritz Started sending over French Mortar which Bob was stiff enough to stop one. He lobbed one right in the corner of their Trench and blew it in and buried Bob and I rushed down and got him out dressed him and put him on a stretcher and carried him down to the newest dressing station.

Relieved the night of the 19th Sept by the English troops, it was terrible cold and raining and heavy frost. The following morning we marched huts near Renninghelst Stopped for a few days then made our way back toward the Somme. We marched from Renninghelst. It's the morning of the 22nd Sept 1916 arrived at

Poddesville that night rested there for a few days, then made our way to Port Remby by train. Stopped there for a few days rest made our way route marching for two days. Stayed one night at a place Le Foil moved on the following morning to rest there for a few days and was paid there. Made our way by motor bus to Meanetz Just outside Albert we were kept there for a week. Working on a big ammunitions dump to stop bombs from setting the whole place going up if one caught alight.

We were relieved the night of the 17th Nov. Terrible heavy falls of rain during the following day.

We marched to Monta band. Pitched camp 17 to a tent, snowing all the time, could hardly get outside the tent for men. We were doing fatigues up around Longraville Building roads after putting in a few days in the tents we marched to Bozentin into huts. Raining and snowing the whole time. We were still on building roads and railways around Devills. Word was Finish doing fatigues about Christmas time. We were sent to the trenches at Le Sais, being relined the then marched back to Bozentin, rested for a day or two. Then was taken into the trenches again at Gaudiecourt the end of Jan 1917. It is still freezing and Raining.

Wondai Regional Art Gallery
December 2018-January 2019 Exhibition



TAKE 4 – Whole Gallery

ART MUST be! For the creative souls among us, the drive for self-expression is always there. An energy that flows out, in different forms, and challenges both the creator and observer.

In this exhibition, four very different personalities come together to display this energy, showing how colour, form and medium can be so very different, but always evocative.

Art comes in many forms. We speak of “the art of....”practically anything! It is diversity that makes life interesting...and fun. Who wants the “humdrum”? All artists strive to make an impact. They want to challenge you, to please you and to make you think. Art is fascinating! The icing on the cake of life. It can make something functional, beautiful, as in a bridge. Art IS a bridge between people, yet can also divide. It can be simple...and wildly complex. Yes, fascinating indeed. We hope you find something in the offerings here that grabs you. In the nicest possible way, of course!

June McCotter For many years a talented potter, her evolution into purely visual art has brought her much acclaim. Her love of the Australian bush and its people are very evident in her work.

Paul Musk A relative newcomer to the “art scene”, having been restricted, as most are, by the confines of work commitments. A photographer, painter, sculptor, collector and medal-winning chef, his artistic talents have hitherto been largely confined to the edible.

Jay Musk Cursed with an artistic Dad and an academic brother, what was a guy to do? Skateboard, of course! He has a fascination with the macabre and a skateboard makes the perfect, practical canvas. Constantly challenging, only mastered with much practice in the search for perfection.

Rhonda Pullen A self-taught artist, her love of colour gives her the inspiration to pick up a brush to start another colourful day. A lot of her work is childlike but that's the way the brush wants to go.

“Kids Korner” Wondai State School

Opening Night: Friday, 7th December 2018, from 6pm. *\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch*
Wine will be served by Clovelly Estate Winery / Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Monday, 28 January 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

Christmas Eve Celebrations in Wondai



Held on Christmas Eve (MONDAY 24th December this year) in Coronation Park in the middle of town, from 5pm onwards, there is something for everyone at the Carnival. The BBQ will be firing up with a sizzle; soft drinks, coffee and other snacks will also be available for purchase.

Every year since the end of World War II, residents in and around Wondai have gathered in the main street to celebrate Christmas Eve. The event has become a tradition which will continue this year. It is an opportunity to reconnect with friends and family and to celebrate the joys of the season.

There will be a BBQ and other food outlets. Ham and Goods wheels will be operating with \$1 & \$2 tickets.

All the prizes are sourced locally and all the ham wheel prizes have been sponsored by local businesses.

For the children there will be face painting, a jumping castle and other attractions with Santa arriving about



7.30pm to deliver a free ice block to each child.

The Wondai Town Band will be playing on the balcony of the Hotel Cecil to allow the sounds of Christmas to be heard by all.

The Carnival assists the Show Society to raise the funds which have seen hundreds of thousands of dollars poured into maintaining and improving the facility for the community.

The society wishes all the community and our fantastic sponsors a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Come along to the Arts Forum

Council will be hosting an Arts Forum in conjunction with Arts Queensland on Tuesday 11 December 2018 from 3.30pm – 6.30pm at the Kingaroy Town Hall Supper Room.

Anyone who is interested in the arts and creative industries is welcome to attend to share their views and insights on how this sector can best deliver positive social and economic outcomes for the region.

The forum will discuss the future of arts and creativity in the South Burnett and cover topics such as how the arts, cultural and creative sectors can address the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Cr Danita Potter said, “We encourage anyone who is interested in the arts to come along and share ideas about the future of arts in the South Burnett.”

Feedback collected at this meeting will inform the development of a 10 Year Roadmap, strategic action planning and Queensland Government investment in the arts, cultural and creative sector.

To RSVP to the event please contact consultation@arts.qld.gov.au



The Mason Jett Lee Laws

This month I vowed to introduce Australia’s toughest punishment for child killers if the LNP wins the next state election. I am determined to bring penalties into line with community expectations after the killer of toddler Mason Jett Lee was jailed for nine years - with a non-parole period of just six years. A future LNP Government will introduce a new offence of child manslaughter that will ensure similar crimes are punished with a mandatory 15-year jail penalty. We will also increase the minimum non-parole period for the murder of a child under 18 from 20 to 25 years. The current laws for child killers are too weak in Queensland and I’m determined to strengthen them.

Memorabilia celebrates local sporting hero



This month I presented a special piece of sporting memorabilia to Kingaroy State High School - a signed and framed Australian swimsuit uniform worn by homegrown sporting hero, Taliqua Clancy. The memorabilia was donated by Taliqua’s grandparents, Jocelyn and Robert Clancy to the South Burnett Lifelight fundraising dinner in Kingaroy and I took the opportunity to purchase it on behalf of the community so it could be hung in the school’s sporting gallery so our students can continue to be inspired by Taliqua’s accomplishments.

Weekly nurse for Kilkivan confirms real need

Finally a win for the Kilkivan community who now have better access to health care! Together with the community, I have been fighting for a health nurse for Kilkivan since the start of this year. After initially being rejected by the Health Minister, we tabled a petition with 354 signatures and kept pushing for this service. We now have confirmation that a nurse will visit the town two days per week.

This is a huge boost for the community and I’m very pleased this area will benefit from the services of the visiting nurse practitioner, Jenny Doherty. I welcome her to her new role and I know the community will greatly appreciate her experience and support. Congratulations to Mavis O’Neill, Jan Kirby and Joyce Koy who worked hard to coordinate the petition in Kilkivan and Goomeri. It goes to show that if you believe in something strongly enough, you can create change.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many Thanks to all our 2018 Christmas Fair Sponsors

the many Business Houses who participate, South Burnett Regional Council, Bendigo Bank, The South Burnett Times, Crow FM and 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 2019 New Year.

Murgon Report 20.11.2018



Murgon Agents yarded 1000 head for the fortnightly sale Tuesday. The market for Export cattle as well as feeder types remained very strong. Weaner steers and heifers were cheaper in places. Cattle were drawn from Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Mt Perry, Coringa, Biggenden, Nanango, Kingaroy, Kilkivan & locally. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.67 c/kg and \$3120.00. Bullocks topped at \$1600.00 at \$3.10 c/kg. Export heifers sold for \$1625.00 at \$2.96 c/kg. Cows over 500 kg topped at \$2.63 and \$1485.00 averaging \$2.28 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg averaged \$2.05 c/kg selling to \$2.58 c/kg. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$1.98 c/kg. 480 kg Santa steers from Redgate sold to \$3.08 c/kg to return \$1480.00. Santa steers weighing 395 kg sold to \$2.99 c/kg returning \$1185.00. 367 kg Droughtmaster cross steers from Wondai sold for \$1080.00 at \$2.94 c/kg. Simmental steers from Hivesville with a weight of 393 kg sold to \$2.90 c/kg for \$1140.00. 354 kg Charbray steers form Tansey sold for \$1025.00 also at \$2.90 c/kg.

Limousin weaner steers from Tingoorra sold for \$800.00 at \$2.81 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Eidsvold also sold to \$2.81 c/kg for \$718.00. Santa weaner steers from Coringa sold to \$3.10 c/kg and \$640.00. 270 kg Simmental weaner steers sold to \$755.00 and \$2.78 c/kg. Droughtmaster heifers with a weight of 394 kg sold to \$1120.00 at \$2.84 c/kg. Santa heifers from Moffatdale sold to \$1050.00 at \$2.84 c/kg and 368 kg. 311 kg Simmental heifers from Hivesville sold to \$270 c/kg for \$840.00. Gelviah weaner heifers weighing 2888 kg sold to \$2.60 c/kg for \$749.00. 218 kg Droughtmaster weaner heifers from Murgon sold for \$560.00 at \$2.56 c/kg. Weaner heifers were in general cheaper than the previous sale with a big percentage selling in the \$2.10 - \$2.40 bracket. Cows & Calves topped at \$1010.00. The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 4th of December at 8.00 am.

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Wide Bay kids say bonjour to language learning

Wide Bay's youngest learners will say bonjour, hola or konnichiwa to learning foreign languages, with an expansion to the Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) program.

ELLA uses a play-based digital application to teach preschool children a second language.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the expansion of the ELLA program into more preschools and primary schools will give many more local kids an opportunity to learn a new language including Indonesian, Spanish, French, Italian, Japanese and Hindi.

"Learning foreign languages equips children with skills that will help them throughout their whole lives, with studies showing kids who learn a second language perform better in literacy and numeracy during their schooling," Mr O'Brien said.

"More than 20 preschools in Wide Bay are among the almost 2,500 preschools currently participating in the program across Australia.

"I encourage all preschools and primary schools across Wide Bay to find out more information about the ELLA program and take up this opportunity to add the program to their teaching plans."

The Government has provided \$27.5 million to the ELLA program since 2014.

More information on the trial, including expressions of interest, is at education.gov.au/early-learning-languages-australia

The program will be offered through the following preschools:

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Busy Bees Child Care and Kindergarten	Noosaville
Jellybabies Childcare Centre - Sunshine Beach Kindergarten	Sunshine Beach
Kids Choice Granville	Granville
Like Home Early learning Centre	Murgon
Smarty Pants Early Learning Centre	Cooroy
Unndennoo Kindergarten	Maryborough
Cooloola Christian College Early Learning Centre	Gympie
Kilkivan Kindy	Kilkivan
Parkside ELC	Gympie
Goomboorian Playalong Activity Centre	Goomboorian
Early Learning Centre Gympie South	Gympie South
Little Gems Child Care & Early Learning Centre	Maryborough
Peregian Beach College Early Learning Centre	Peregian Beach
C&K Tewartin Community Childcare Centre	Tewartin
Goodstart Early Learning Gympie Early Learning Centre	Gympie
Maryborough Central Early Learning Centre	Maryborough
Carramar Community Kindergarten	Maryborough
Kandy Kids Child Care Centre	Murgon
Kids Bizz Early Education Centre	Gympie
Murgon Child Care & Learning Centre	Murgon

Veterans' Memorial Grants Program

The Queensland Government has established the Queensland Veterans' Memorial Grants Program to encourage and assist Queensland veterans' groups and other organisations in the creation, upkeep and conservation of monuments, memorials and public memorial sites acknowledging Queensland veterans' contributions.

Applications are now open for eligible groups and organisations to apply for grants of up to \$30 000 (excluding GST) to create or conserve a lasting legacy for future generations.

Visit the website for more information and to apply.

Council to Upgrade Nanango Library and Administration Building

Council is progressing with plans to carry out overdue work on Nanango's old Library and Administration building. The building has not had any significant money spent on it since it was first built in the 1960s and is now in need of a substantial upgrade due to failing infrastructure, safety issues and mounting maintenance costs.

The building currently houses 70 staff and is an important community hub for Council's administrative and library services in Nanango and surrounds. Council is committed to maintaining a strong presence in major townships of the South Burnett to ensure services are easily accessible by all in the community.

Murgon RSL Sub-branch raffles

Drawn 9/11/18

1st prize - Janelle Smith

2nd prize - B Kirkegard

3rd prize - G Hollands

Winners of the raffle held at the Rail Trail drawn 30/09/18

1st prize - H Walker

2nd prize - D Mann

3rd prize - C Godbaz



The Murgon RSL Sub Branch Inc.

Monthly General Meetings

1st Saturday of each month commencing at 10.00am.

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Summer heat brings our freshwater fish on the bite!



Chantel with a cracking bass from some suspended fish at Lake Boondooma.

The hot weather and afternoon storm buildups bring on some awesome opportunities for big bass and yellowbelly. With the onset of summer, this weather pattern is quite common and it really brings the native fish on the bite. If you're an avid troller, from now through to February is the best time to dust off those deep divers and head to the South Burnetts dams to get amongst some great native trolling action.

Boondooma

When the warmer months arrive and its hot, the yellowbelly and bass like to position themselves in a zone called the Thermocline, or comfortable water, which is generally a depth of 18 to 25 feet. This zone or column of water is the water that the fish find the most comfortable, where the temperature is just right to sit in while its hot upstairs and is full of the little critters that they love to gorge themselves on. With the majority of the fish sitting in this zone throughout the dam, it opens up the doors for some fanstastic fishing opportunities.

If I want to target bass, the first places I'll look are the deep water off any prominent points. I'll use my sounder to sound the fish sitting in that optimal depth. When I'm happy that I've found a good concentration of fish, I will pull up and begin casting 3" to 4" soft plastics rigged with a 1/2 ounce or 5/8 ounce head. With a big long cast over the areas that I found the fish, I will let the jig head sink 7 to 10 seconds and begin a slow retrieve back to the boat with a couple of twitches mixed in. The same can be done with a 12 or 18 gram Norries spoon. Continue this technique until you start to feel a few taps on the plastic or spoon, when you feel a tap its important to keep that slow wind going until you feel weight on the line, slowly lift the rod tip until you feel the weight of the fish. At this point the fish will know its hooked and make some great runs back down into the deeper water. Keep your drag fairly loose so that the hook doesn't pull on the way back to the boat. Using this method over the holiday period will account for some big bass on Boondooma.

The timbered arms are holding good numbers of bass and yellow belly as well. In the arms they are holding very close to structure and you'll need to get your lures in as close as you can to get a bite. Look for spindly timber, or big trees out in the middle of the arms. Lures of choice for this scenario are, 5/8 or 3/8 Bassman Spinner baits, 1/2 ounce jig head rigged with a 3" soft plastic and any sinking lipless Crank bait. Give your lure up to 5 seconds to sink down and start a slow wind. It's important to make sure that you have a lure retriever with you as you WILL

get snagged on the trees occasionally but if you're getting snagged you know you're in the thick of it.

Fishing close to structure, I use 14 to 20 pound leaders so I have a chance if a fish rubs the line through trees. Otherwise, if I'm in open water I'll decrease my leader size to 6 to 10 pound as I'm less concerned about a fish dragging me through trees or any structure.

Trollers are picking up some great bass and yellow belly trolling around the deeper sections of the dam, targeting those suspended fish. Make sure to have plenty of deep divers handy, and some 5/8 Bassman Spinnerbaits or any lures that dive 15 to 20 feet will be the ones that get you onto consistent fish.

Bait fisherman are consistently getting amongst a mixed bag of fish up in the timbered arms of the dam using worms and fresh shrimp. It may even pay to move to the main basin and let your bait suspend under the boat in that 15 to 25 foot range. Drifting with the wind is a great way to cover water with your bait under the boat. Eventually it will cross paths with a hungry fish or two.

Red claw numbers are also starting to pick up with the hot weather, so make sure you pack the opera houses if you're coming out for a day or two.

Lake Barambah

With a similar pattern to that of Boondooma, Lake Barambah is producing some great fishing as well. The fish are sitting in that 15 to 20 foot range and are very willing to take anything that is placed in front of them. Because Barambah is a shallower dam you can target more areas and use a bigger variety of lures to catch a few natives. The Bass are responding well to 3" soft plastics, 1/4 blades and 3/8 and 5/8 spinnerbaits. Some likely areas to target is the large flat area in front of the main dam wall, the Quarry and wide off Bass point.

On a recent fishing charter, we targeted the lakes bass with a 1/2 jig head rigged with a 3' soft plastic and caught dozens of bass and yellow belly. We targeted areas that were 15 to 20 feet and had rocky edges or a drop offs adjacent to them. I found that the bigger fish were tight to the drop-offs, and waiting for bait to swim over. Areas like this are prime ambush positions for native fish so don't forget to give areas like this a go next time you're out.



Trollers are catching some nice bass and yellow belly trolling over the quarry towards the dam wall as well as adjacent to the steep rock wall on the left of the dam just before bass point.

Bait fisherman are consistently catching good numbers of yellow belly and bass anchoring along the steeper edges of the dam. Best baits have been fresh shrimp and worms.

Red claw are patchy but I have heard of some good numbers coming from the dam.

Stocking News

The fish stocking for both dams is still very much alive and well with another massive stock of bass put into Bjelke-Petersen dam this weekend. 46,000 Australian bass were released into BP dam. Boondooma Stocking Association also released 80,000 bass into Boondooma a couple weeks ago, so it's a great boost for fishing in the South Burnett. It's great to see our stocking associations working hard to make this happen because without them we don't get to catch the fish that we really love chasing.

Photo: Members of the BP stocking group and a group of eager young helpers release Australian Bass into BP.

Fishing Charters

The fishing of late at BP and Boondooma has been fantastic with most sessions producing numbers of fish and some great quality. BP dam is fishing well for anyone wanting to learn how to fish suspended fish with soft plastics. Boondooma has been producing a great mixed bag of species, so if you'd like to

learn more about targeting a particular species, all you have to do is ask and make a booking. Don't forget that you can book a fishing charter with me on BP and Boondooma dams. If you'd like a great day out and all the info and knowledge to catch Bass, Yellow belly or Saratoga in our great dams make sure you give me a call on 0408658592 and I'll be happy to take you out for a great days fishing. You can also check out our website on www.australianfreshwaterfishing.com

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

Council adopts the 2017/18 Annual Report

At a special meeting held on Wednesday 7 November, the 2017/18 South Burnett Regional Council Annual Report was presented and adopted.

The Annual Report 2017/18 is Council's report card to our community and stakeholders on our performance, achievements and planned outcomes. It reveals Council's strategic and financial positions, and it summarises Council's performance in meeting the strategic priorities outlined in Council's Corporate Plan.

The theme of 'Stability and Sustainability' continues to be the focus for Council for this term of office.

"Our Annual Report describes what we have done over the past year and how we have managed our resources to drive positive outcomes for the community", Mayor Campbell said.

A printed copy of the report will be available at all Customer Service Centres, Libraries and an electronic copy is available on Council's website.



Photo L-R: Mayor Keith Campbell, Cr Roz Frohloff, Cr Terry Fleischfresser, Cr Gavin Jones, Cr Kathy Duff and South Burnett Regional Council CEO Mark Pitt with the 2017/18 Annual Report

Proston Christmas Carnival

Christmas is the season for families and friends to gather together and relax and a perfect way to celebrate will be found at the Proston Lions Community Christmas Carnival.

The Carnival will be held in the Proston Railway Park on Saturday 15th December and all the fun of a traditional country fair will ensure a very pleasant evening for people of all ages.

Many of Proston's community organizations will have a hand in providing food and entertainment and will include: Proston Show Society: BBQ Stall and Children's Kite decorating, Proston Lions: Licensed Bar, Proston Scout Group: Cold drinks, Relay For Life: Hot Chips, Proston Bowls Club: Lucky Ticket wheel loaded with lots of Christmas goodies, Proston P & C Chocolate Toss to raise funds for the 2019 Year 6 trip to Canberra

Many other attractions will provide free children's entertainment, including Viv White's lovely Pet Parade, Marie's imaginative Face Painting, Proston Men's Shed with free Ice-creams and lollies and the Jumping Castle, and the Proston C.W.A Christmas Tree.

Other stalls of interest will be present including Cheeseworld, Mondee Coffee and Rocket Roadshow plus many other craft and gift stalls. Christmas raffles will also be drawn on the night, so hurry up and get your tickets in these beforehand. Of course no Christmas would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus – how will he arrive? Be there and find out!

Some main street businesses will be open for those wishing to do a little night time browsing and shopping, with plenty of parking available. The Carnival will be open from 5pm until 9pm.

For more details and stall applications, contact Lion Del Blanch on 0428 689 329 or Lion Secretary Jan on 4168 9198

GOOMERI NEW YEARS EVE RODEO ---- \$1000 Open Bull Ride



Goomeri will again bring in the New Year with some bone jarring action with its annual New Years Eve Rodeo. Once again it is a fully NRA Affiliated Rodeo that will see a full Rodeo Program including a \$1000 Open Bull Ride, Rough Stock and all Timed Events. After the Rodeo action concludes the crowd will be entertained with live music performed by Muddy Flats. A fully licensed Bar & BBQ will be operating and everyone is invited to use the free non powered camping that is available on the night. It will be held at the Goomeri Showgrounds which is on the Burnett Highway and gates will be opened from 6 am, as a precursor to the main event a Junior Rodeo will be held in the morning.

For further inquires contact 41684177.

Wondai and District Garden Club

Neatly clipped Bougainvillea hedges, colourful Hibiscus and Daisies and bountiful red roses greeted Wondai and District Garden Club members as they entered the Andresen garden in Wondai for the November general meeting.

Inside the walled garden many other floral displays set off by lush green lawns delighted the senses. Bright gladioli, paper daisies, more bougainvillea and a lovely collection of Roses adorned the beds. A well-planned vegie patch, Grevilleas and larger shrubs and small trees provided shaded areas planted with hardy perennials. On the patio some beautiful Begonias and ferns filled corners with their exotic foliage.

Jan and Norm were thanked for their hospitality, and those with special celebrations were remembered.

A donation from Cleggs Masonry was gratefully received, and a special thank you was sent to Col and Noela Ardrey for all the many Club bus trips.

Member Cath Routledge has been nominated for a Garden Clubs of Australia award.

Plans for the Christmas break-up meeting were discussed, and awards to the winners of the monthly competitions will receive their prizes.

Member Helen then gave a talk on how to achieve a colourful and healthy Summer garden in time for Christmas.

The monthly raffle was won by Cath Routledge.

Flower Competition: Roses, Helen Young 1st and 2nd. Large Flowers, 1st large Gladiolus Jan Andresen, 2nd Gladiolus Helen Young, Small Flowers, 1st Petrea Di Scully, 2nd Dianthus Helen Young, Produce, 1st Beetroot Denise Steinhardt, 2nd Carrots Denise Steinhardt

The next meeting will be the Christmas break-up and lunch to be held in the RSL Hall Wondai on the 14th December, starting at 10am. Thank you, Helen Young, Publicity.

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“Postcards from the South Burnett”, designed and built by Ina Patterson and her son Liam, was the winning sculpture South Burnett Award in 2017 and is permanently located outside the Kingaroy Town Hall.

The **South Burnett Award of \$2000 cash, acquisitive prize** is open to artists who live within the South Burnett geographical area, including the South Burnett Regional Council area, Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and adjacent Yarraman and Goomeri districts. This prize will be awarded to the artist whose artwork is judged to embody, comment on, or celebrate our history, our heroes, our lifestyle and/or our achievements that are and have been at the centre of development and growth in the towns of the South Burnett.

All entries are eligible for the **Open Award of \$7000 cash, acquisitive prize and the Encouragement Award, of \$1000 cash, non-acquisitive prize.**

This event occurs every two years and is sponsored by South Burnett Regional Council and Kingaroy Art Team Inc. Entries close on 28th Feb 2019.

Entry forms for this competition can be obtained by emailing: sculptureprize@kingaroyart.com.au or visiting the website: www.kingaroyart.com.au or dropping into the Kingaroy Regional Art Gallery, 126 Haly Street, Kingaroy. Opening hours: Mon – Fri 10am – 4pm Weekends and Public Holidays 9am – 1pm

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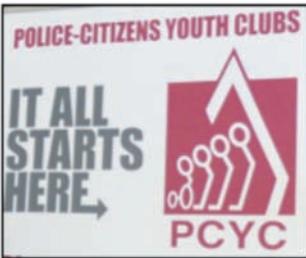


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MUSTER NEWS : How lucky we are to have such a wonderful, supportive business and volunteer community in Murgon, Wondai and district. The Rotary Club thanks the businesses who were able to support our recent Murgon Music Muster; the volunteers who came from near and far to help; and the many locals who came to enjoy the music and atmosphere. It was a very successful event.

The Club collects shopping docketts at the Muster and we know that the hundreds of visiting patrons spent thousands of dollars in our town and surrounding district during the week with many staying on in the surrounding area afterwards.

Thanks to you all, we will be able to make donations to Blue Care South Burnett; Castra Retirement Home and the Royal Flying Doctor Service, who were nominated as our major recipients from the Muster this year.

OTHER NEWS : Members and volunteers were happy to be able to help with the recent barbecue for National Agricultural Day held at Maroske's Tyre Service and were also assisted by our Rotary District Governor and Assistant District Governor, who were visiting for a special dinner event, but who rolled up their sleeves and buttered bread and buns and helped with the cooking and serving. At the time of submission of this article, the Club will be hosting a barbecue for the Barambah Ministers' Association for their Carols in the Park on 1st December and the Murgon State School's Carols by Candlelight on 11th December; and selling tickets in the traditional ham and chook wheel at the Murgon Christmas Fair on 14th December. Hope to see you there. We wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas season.

Students Salute End Of School - November 18, 2018

Students attending this year's Murgon State High School formal arrived in wide variety of vehicles, including John Kratzmann's beautifully restored 1939 BSA motorbike and sidecar



Cheers and applause erupted from the crowd of spectators lining Gore Street on Friday evening as students from Murgon State High School paraded along the red carpet for this year's Year 12 formal.

The hour-long parade of vehicles wended their way through the late afternoon sunlight to deposit their elegantly dressed charges for a night most will remember for the rest of their lives – the night they finished high school.

Spectators packed both sides of the road and the Royal Hotel's balcony to patiently watch the annual spectacle, with occasional relatives pushing to the front to snap photos of their own on phones.

As usual, the cars that brought the (now former) students to the Town Hall provoked almost as much interest as the gowns and suits their occupants were wearing.

There were old favourites, such as Harvy Dascombe's 1928 Buick, as well as an array of classic Falcons, Mustangs, Holdens and even a World War II-era BSA motorbike, and we can't forget the teachers.





Crowds lined the footpath outside the Royal Hotel to watch the students arrive, and those who wanted a more elevated view packed the balcony ...

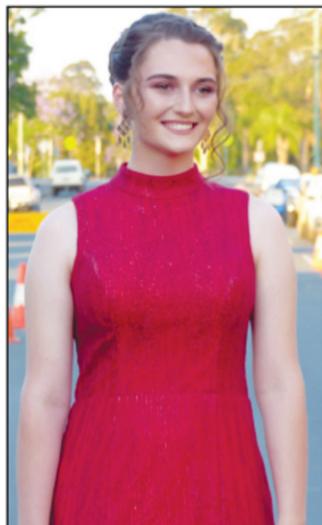
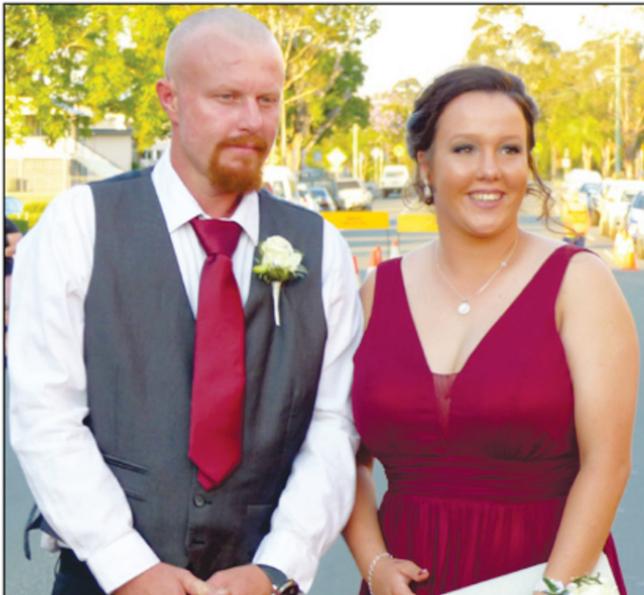


and on the opposite side of the road, and even more densely packed crowd waited outside Murgon's beautifully restored art deco Town Hall.















The Class of 2018 then gathered together later outside the Town Hall for a final group photo.



Inside the hall, they enjoyed a meal and a night of festivities and fun.

We Sadly mourn the loss of:

OGDEN, Patricia Anne (Pat), Late of Wondai

WEIER, Vincent Neville, Late of 'Forest View' Wondai and formerly of Goomeri

ISZLAUB, Alison, Late of Wondai

Updates from the Briz Brain & Spine team



Recently, Prof. David Walker, Neurosurgeon, along with our, Neurosurgical Nurse Practitioner, Vivien Biggs, performed a unique procedure called an Awake Craniotomy for Brain Tumour Removal.

The patient, Jared Graves, 36 year old male, was awake during the procedure so that his movement in his left hand could be assessed whilst the tumour near the motor cortex on the right side of the brain was being removed. The aim of the procedure is to reduce the risk of weakness postsurgery. The operation went well and took a little over 2 hours.

Prof David Walker has a special clinical interest in brain tumours and is actively involved in conducting research to help find a cure for this disease. To read further case studies from Prof. Walker,

Walk4BrainCancer 2018, what a success!

Walk4BrainCancer is the biggest mobilisation of the brain cancer community, taking place across Australia from September to December every year.

Walk4BrainCancer Brisbane was held on Sunday, 28 October 2018, at 7th Brigade Park, Chermside. This was an emotional and ultimately uplifting event where people could share their stories, remember loved ones, and come together with people who share similar journeys.

This year, Brisbane supporters came together to raise an amazing \$79,700.00 to assist with brain cancer awareness and brain cancer research.

We are proud to support our partners the Newro Foundation & Cure Brain Cancer in their effort to help find a cure for this disease.



NATIONAL SENIORS

Thursday 17th January 2019 is a Mystery Coach Tour leaving Murgon at 6.30am & the cost is \$75.00 per person.

Our next General Meeting is on Thursday 21st February 2019 at the Murgon Bowls Club at 10.00am, after Morning Tea at 9.30am. A guest speaker will be present.

Our 2019 Tours Itinerary is available now. The Coach Tours are for the 50+ Seniors - members & Non-Members.

For further information contact Paula (President) on (07) 4168 3114 or Trish (Publicity) on 4168 1604.

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Manager, Linda O'Hare and GH Committee would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to the support the Staff, Business Houses and Community have given Graham House Community Centre throughout 2018. Your continued support enables us to help families in our community doing it tough. We would also like to extend our gratitude and thanks to all our dedicated Volunteers for their help with our many programs throughout the year. Your time and effort is invaluable and appreciated.

Christmas Appeal: Gifts for the children and Festive Food Hampers for the families will be delivered the week before Christmas. It will give vulnerable families the opportunity to share the joy at Christmas. Thank you to Murgon Target, Uniting Care, Wondai Art Gallery, Murgon Shire Council and Soul Pattinson Chemist for your help in making this a magical Christmas in the South Burnett Community.



STH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP : CHRISTMAS PARTY



Christmas parties at the Parkinson's group are always full of fun, and this year was no exception. Twenty-two people enjoyed a hearty 2 course meal which was catered for by the **Murgon Heritage and Dairy Museum** ladies. The nibbles were quickly consumed and the punch kept our thirsts quenched before the main meal was served. Neville kept all entertained with his piano accordion playing a variety of songs. There were many prizes with guessing bottles, lucky spots, lucky numbers and a **Trivia Game** like no other. **Trivia** was judged by Deputy Mayor Kathy who was suitably impressed by the creative answers including Shirley's which said that one of the Wise Men was called FRANK (for frankincense).

After lunch the entertainment continued with the "never seen before" trio of Merrilyn, Wanda and Peg - **The Merry Wonders** - singing **The Slimmers Christmas Carol** (Tune: Santa Claus Is Coming To Town). Everyone was given the words to encourage group participation. For further fun, Merrilyn supplied jokes to share.

Presents of lollies and choc filled glasses/bowls and a Christmas placemat were given to each person in attendance. In order to gain these treats each member had to sing a little tune nominated by Kathy. The day was filled with smiles and happy conversation. It was also special as the group was able to celebrate Gary's 60th with him for the second time. Thanks to Cynthia for making the birthday cake.

Contact: Darryl **4168 3116** or Carmen **5486 1268** for further information on next year's events.

Photo: Gary and Margaret Long of **Murgon Real Estate** who subsidised each person's meal for the second year in a row. Shown with their appreciation gift.



Murgon Home Décor and Gifts

Welcome Peter and Pam Ricketts.

We started business as P & P Electrical in March 2004 after doing my apprenticeship with Dennis Electrical with whom we still have a great friendship today.

The concept of the new shop Murgon Home Décor and Gifts came about by looking at what the area did not have and try to fill those gaps, so far, we have had an awesome response from the community and have had many suggestions about what to stock and are following up on this. We are keeping our prices as low as we can so as we can constantly turn over the stock and have new displays and new products to sell.

We are stocking only good high quality products, no cheap throw outs.

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Wednesday 19 December 2018

Blackbutt @ 10am

Proston @ 10am

Thursday 20 December 2018

Kingaroy @ 10am and 2.30pm

Murgon @ 10am

South Burnett Libraries will be getting in to the festive spirit with Christmas craft sessions held at each of our branches. For more information about these events and to book, please contact your local library. Bookings are essential.



SUMMER READING CLUB

15 December 2018 to 25 January 2019 @ South Burnett Libraries

Held each year over the summer holidays in partnership with the State Library of Queensland, the Summer Reading Club program connects children, young people and their families in fun, creative and educational ways. The club will run from Saturday 15 December 2018 to Friday 25 January 2019 with the theme of **Curious Creatures**. Registration for this program is FREE and participants who register at the library will receive a Summer Reading Club pack. South Burnett Libraries will also be hosting school holiday activity sessions to compliment this theme.

For further details please ask at your local library or go to www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries



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Creativity was unleashed at the Wondai and Murgon Libraries when participants learnt how to design and create their own greeting cards.



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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Libraries across the region will close at 12noon on Monday 24 December 2018 and reopen on Wednesday 2 January 2019. To keep our customers fully stocked over the break, patrons will have the opportunity to borrow double the usual limit, with 20 loans per customer permitted.

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Members of the Murgon Neighbourhood Watch came together to celebrate their Christmas break up at the Murgon Services Club

Council Receives \$2 Million Towards Water Infrastructure Feasibility Study

Council is pleased to announce that the Federal Government has committed \$2 million towards a joint South Burnett/North Burnett Regional Council feasibility study to investigate new infrastructure options for increased water supply and water security into the Burnett region.

Mayor Keith Campbell has welcomed the announcement which forms part of an expansion of the Federal Governments National Water Infrastructure Development Fund. The funds will enable both Councils to

collaboratively undertake a detailed planning analysis of future water infrastructure needs and mount a business case for additional water infrastructure investment into the region.

Mayor Campbell said, "There is no doubt that increasing the water supply into the Burnett will drive social and economic growth by providing significant opportunities for new industries to establish in the region. This will consequently result in positive flow on effects to the community."

"The decision by the Federal Government to allocate this funding is a significant win for the South Burnett as it enables Council the means to investigate, demonstrate and advance the need for future water infrastructure investment," he added.

Since the announcement, Council has already held two meetings to progress the study and will soon engage water experts, irrigators, local water user groups, agronomists and industry for further consultation.



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Colonoscopy Journal:

On the subject of Colonoscopies...

Colonoscopies are no joke, but these comments during the exam were quite humorous. A physician claimed that the following are actual comments made by his patients (predominately male) while he was performing their colonoscopies:

1. Take it easy Doc. You're boldly going where no man has gone before.
 2. 'Find Amelia Earhart yet?'
 3. 'Can you hear me NOW?'
 4. 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet?'
 5. 'You know, in Arkansas, we're now legally married.'
 6. 'Any sign of the trapped miners, Chief?'
- And the best one of all:
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Kathy's Comments

Fantastic News Finally a new Footpath for Murgon!!

The dream of a new footpath to replace the old cracked one in Murgon is now close to reality. It has been one of the wishes of the Murgon Business community not just because it looks untidy but because of the trip hazards and safety concerns. The piece in front of Mitre 10 is being funded from W4Q funding and the remainder is being funded from Council and the next round of W4Q. We are in the planning stages and have some patterns and ideas for the community to provide feedback on. The main thing that we need to ensure is that business is not unduly impacted when we do the work. It has been identified that we can't just put a new surface because the underneath is beyond repair. It will be major works and will involve removing the existing concrete. The piece in front of Mitre 10 should be done in this financial year and the remaining work will start after June 2019.

Fly Away Proston Bats and Don't Come Back!!

The flying foxes in Proston have been identified as the little red ones. They are known to be temporary ones and so they should leave when their food source runs out. We have noticed that this is happening and I know everyone will be excited to see them gone. We have had health experts meet with the community and the main message is not to touch them. Their saliva spreads disease so it is dangerous to handle them. If anyone has concerns with flying foxes, they need to contact Council on 41899100.

Rural Ag Network Meetings

I was pleased to be the Guest Speaker at the recent Ag Network Meeting in Maidenwell. These meetings are organised by BIEDO and I think they are a very valuable way for the rural people in our region to share ideas and gather information. I would like to congratulate Kristy Frahm for leading this initiative. I am pleased to have the Rural Portfolio and I look forward to a continued close working relationship with primary producers across our region.

BlazeAid and Farmer's Functions

Thank you to BlazeAid again for the amazing job you did for our farmers particularly around Coolabunia, Nanango and Kumbia. BlazeAid have moved on after we enjoyed a farewell Dinner together. While they were in our region they worked on 52 properties and cleared 45 kms of fences and repaired 41kms. They cleared 82 acres of land and the hours worked by the volunteers mounted up to the equivalent of 503 days. The local groups who helped cater were led by the Kingaroy Men's Shed and 14 groups provided 589 meals for the workers. Thank you to the Kingaroy Vintage Machinery Club for providing a great venue and to everyone who helped in any way.

Hopefully a Standpipe for Hivesville

Our region has been promised 1 million dollars for approved projects because we are drought declared. One of the projects we have put forward is a standpipe for Hivesville. This is badly needed as one half of Hivesville doesn't have access to the rural water so I am hoping that this project gets a tick of approval.

Remembrance Day



It has been a really special time to honour our soldiers after 100 years since the end of the war. I attended a beautiful service at the Proston State School. The Dinner in Murgon was a memorable occasion with a very special Guest Speaker Major Hunyh Phan telling his story to a large audience. The service the next day in Murgon was a wonderful tribute. I couldn't make it to Boondooma but the Mayor and CEO said it was a wonderful ceremony and a beautiful tribute to the 100 year anniversary.

Walk and Talk and Stride for Stroke

Iris Ferguson from Graham House has started an amazing walking group. I joined in for the launch and would like to encourage everyone to get involved. Iris said if you can't talk while you walk you are going too fast. It is all about keeping fit and meeting new people or getting to know your friends better. I would also like to congratulate Leisa Petersen on the Stride for Stroke fundraiser on the Rail Trail. It was a great morning and the money was raised for a good cause

Christmas Blessings

I would like to thank everyone for your fantastic support throughout 2018. I hope that we have some good seasons for our farmers and a great 2019. I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Holy and Safe Christmas. I hope to catch up with you all at one of the Christmas functions or around the ridges somewhere. I am looking forward to working with you all in 2019.

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.

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Blaze AID Dinner for storm-affected farmers and Volunteers



BlazeAid camp co-ordinator John Lillico on behalf of BlazeAid hosted a dinner for storm-affected farmers and clean up volunteers at Kingaroy's Vintage Machinery Club on Saturday, November 17.

BlazeAid camp co-ordinator John Lillico said the dinner was a perfect way to acknowledge the volunteers and celebrate their achievements.

"John Lillico said that the devastation in our region was the worst he has seen at any BlazeAid camp and that this community is the best community he has ever worked with," Cr Duff said.

Each of the farming families assisted by BlazeAid received an Aldi voucher from a South Burnett church.

South Burnett Regional Council is thankful for the support BlazeAid volunteers gave to those affected by October's severe storms. Mayor Keith Campbell and Councillor Kathy Duff handed out hampers at a thank you dinner on November 17 to show their appreciation to the volunteers.

"I think this whole effort has really given our farmers a tremendous help along and I would like to say another huge thank you to everyone involved," Cr Duff said.

BlazeAid worked on 53 properties, cleared 45km of fences and repaired 41km of fences.

They cleared debris on 82 acres of land and proved a total of 503 days of volunteer labour.

South Burnett residents provided 14 teams of caterers to feed the workers and these teams provided 589 meals during the volunteers' stay.

The councillors presented South Burnett BlazeAid coordinator John Lillico with two bottles of wine donated from Kingsley Grove, and his assistant Lynne Walters was presented with flowers.

Photo L-R: BlazeAid camp co-ordinator John Lillico, BlazeAid committee member Leo Geraghty, Mayor Keith Campbell, and later in the night John showed his talent by singing with the Semp family who provided fantastic dance music and had everyone enjoying the night.

Editors comment: Many thanks John and everyone who volunteered, have a safe & merry Christmas.

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\$100 million to support type 1 diabetes patients in Wide Bay

Children, pregnant women and more adults with type 1 diabetes in Wide Bay will save up to \$7000 a year and enjoy improved well-being, with the Liberal Nationals Government's announcement it will expand free access to glucose monitoring devices.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien welcomed the \$100 million announcement and said the investment guarantees certainty and improved quality of life people with diabetes.

"More than 770 people in Wide Bay are living with type 1 diabetes, and this additional funding for free glucose monitoring devices helps reduce stress and anxiety for them and their families," Mr O'Brien said.

"Importantly, it also ensures they can more easily monitor their glucose levels, which will reduce the number of emergency visits to the hospital, bringing greater peace of mind and safety."

The devices will be available to more than 37,000 eligible people with type 1 diabetes across Australia.

From March 1, 2019 eligibility for fully subsidised continuous glucose monitoring devices will be expanded under the National Diabetes Services Scheme to include:

women with type 1 diabetes who are pregnant, breastfeeding or actively planning pregnancy

people with type 1 diabetes aged 21 years or older who have concessional status, and who have a high clinical need such as experiencing recurrent severe hypoglycaemic events

children and young people with conditions similar to type 1 diabetes who require insulin. This includes a range of conditions such as cystic fibrosis related diabetes or neonatal diabetes.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease that attacks a person's ability to produce insulin. People with this condition must be able to monitor their glucose levels day and night.

Continuous glucose monitoring devices continually monitor a person's glucose levels and provides alerts if glucose levels drop too low.

It involves a sensor, usually attached to the stomach, that monitors the glucose levels and has an alarm that can alert people or their carer if the levels drop to low.

The Coalition Government also plans to add the new the *FreeStyle Libre* flash glucose monitoring system to the scheme for these people with type 1 diabetes. This will provide patients with more choice in how they manage their diabetes through this important program.

The *FreeStyle Libre* device involves a sensor on the arm that monitors glucose levels and sends readings to a user's mobile phone or diabetes management device. When a patient passes their phone or device past the sensor it provides a reading of their glucose levels.

Minister for Health Greg Hunt said the Government will work with Diabetes Australia and key diabetes experts to implement the expanded scheme and finalise the clinical criteria.

In line with a commitment made during the 2016 federal election, the Coalition Government has already made access to glucose monitoring products available to eligible children and young people aged under 21 years with type 1 diabetes - nearly 9,500 young Australians - through the National Diabetes Services Scheme have already taken up the free devices.



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The future of the South Burnett Rail Trail looks very bright according to the newly formed South Burnett Rail Trail Users Association (SBRTUA).

The group held its first public meeting on Tuesday night at the Wondai Regional Art Gallery's Studio.

It was attended by representatives from the Murgon Business and Development Association, the Murgon Rail Trail Festival, Heritage Bank Nanango, the South Burnett Mountain Bike Club, South Burnett RSPCA, the Wondai Country Running Festival, South Burnett Woodcrafters, the Murgon Men's Shed, Bunya Valley Landcare and the Covert Creek Development Association, as well as Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff and members of the public.

They discussed the growth in the Rail Trail's visitor traffic since it opened last October; how the SBRTUA hoped to work with the South Burnett Regional Council's own Rail Trail Management Advisory Committee; and possible ways the trail could be enhanced or extended in future especially to Proston.

"The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail Users Association (BVRTUA) has done a fantastic job developing the BVRT over many years, and we hope to work closely with them in future," Mr Martindale said.

"If we can link the two trails, we can create one continuous trail from Wulkuraka to Kilkivan that would be about 280km long.

"That would be the longest trail in Australia and it would put the BVRT and SBRT right at the top of every enthusiast's bucket list."

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MURGON LIONS CLUB ENTERS CONTAINER FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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The registered number is C10002824.

Lions will continue to pick up "Aluminum Cans" from our current customers who are still willing to continue with their generous donation. Also, the Murgon Lions Shed will continue to be opened on Saturday mornings between 8.00am and 10.00am for donation of cans. Crushing of cans is no longer required. The club will package the containers and deliver to Cherbourg Recycling Centre which is a Refund Point for the area under the new system.

Lions are also in the process of establishing methods for the collection of other containers e.g. plastic and glass and community will be advised when the systems are in place. In the meantime, should you wish to donate your containers to the Lions Club you can do so by taking the containers to the Refund Point and quoting the above registered number for the donation.

Murgon Lions Club members would like to thank the community for their support over the last 38 years and for their continuing support under the new system.

Frank Purcell, Murgon Lions Club.





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