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



Warren Flegg won the regions Adopt a Cop.

Then at the police headquarters on Friday he and his family attended the award ceremony where the regional winners were presented their awards and then they **announced the state winner**, Senior Sergeant Warren Flegg, Officer in charge Kowanyama.

Awards were presented by the police commissioner Katerina Carroll APM and Mrs Melissa McMahon MP, member for Macalister. Warren came to Murgon in 1975 went to Murgon state School and Murgon High school and joined the police in 1987.



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We have another Murgon lady join our club Sandy we look forward to teaching Sandy the art of cake decorating.

On a sad note a dear member Ev passed away and will be missed by all. Ev was well known by the public of Murgon for her cake decorating many Wedding Cakes and Birthday cakes were made and iced in

Eve's kitchen. Ev was a foundation member of the South Burnett Cake Decorators. For more Information ring Gloria on 0437774238.

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The South Burnett Community Orchestra will be presenting their annual end of year concert at Kingaroy Town Hall this year, on 7th December, from 5.30pm. (Doors open 5pm). Thanks to support of this year's Heroes and Villains project from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, the concert itself is free!! Please invite your friends, family and neighbours, it will be a great night.

There is an optional BBQ dinner at interval, for a cost of \$15 for Adults and \$10 kids 12 and under. This includes sausage or steak burger, salads, dessert, punch, tea and coffee. Special diets can be catered for. Meal tickets do need to be pre-booked by Wednesday 4th December.

You can get meal tickets from Kingaroy Office Central on Haly street, or online at www.trybooking.com/BGIIU

We will still be having a concert at Kumbia Memorial School of Arts Hall. This year, the SBCO String Ensemble will present a concert accompanied by "High Tea". This will be held on Saturday 14th December from 3pm. Tickets are \$20 which include the concert and high tea. Tickets are available from Kingaroy Office Central or online at www.trybooking.com/BGVQP and must be booked by Wednesday 11th December.

As always, if you have any questions, call Caz 0418847067 (AH preferred). We hope to see you at one (or both) of our concerts

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AgShows grant applications now open

Show societies in Wide Bay are encouraged to apply for Australian Government Regional Agricultural Show Development Grants Program (AgShows) funding to upgrade, maintain, buy or build new showground infrastructure and attractions.

Federal Member for Wide bay, Llew O'Brien MP, said applications were now open for the \$20 million AgShows program.

Eligible local show societies and state and territory agricultural show peak bodies could receive grants of up to \$500,000 under the AgShows program.

"Agricultural shows are part of our national identity and are thriving hubs of local industry, commerce, culture and community," Mr O'Brien said.

"They showcase the animals, produce, machinery and farm equipment and share knowledge that often spans generations of tradition and know-how.

"Agricultural shows also bring communities closer together especially in times of drought and hardship."

"I encourage local councils and showground owners to support the electorate's regional agricultural show societies in their applications for grants.

"The government's \$20 million AgShows investment will reinvigorate showgrounds, helping to boost regional communities, increase local employment and purchases from local businesses," Mr O'Brien said.

"Grants could be used for repairs or upgrades of existing showground facilities such as outdoor seating, new infrastructure such as a grandstand, or attractions such as an agricultural virtual reality exhibit.

"AgShows is about ensuring our communities can continue staging their local shows—and other events such as pony clubs and farmers markets—for many years to come."

Applications close on 13 December 2019, with successful applicants expected to be announced in the first half of 2020.

For more details and to apply visit GrantConnect at www.grants.gov.au

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



On behalf of the Murgon Business and Development Association, the producers of the Murgon Moments,

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Residents urged to be prepared ahead of heightened fire conditions

South Burnett Regional Council has been advised by the Bureau of Meteorology and the State Government, that due to unstable weather conditions today, the fire rating is categorised as "Severe." As a result, the region is considered at risk of further bushfires and heatwave conditions.

Mayor Keith Campbell is calling for residents to be prepared, stay informed and check for alerts at www.qfes.qld.gov.au and <http://dashboard.southburnett.qld.gov.au/>.

A State of Fire Emergency, effective from 5pm, Saturday 9 November 2019, was declared across 42 Local Government areas, including the South Burnett region. The declaration overrides all existing permits to light fire, banned fireworks and the lighting of any outdoor cooking fires. This also gives QFES the authority to draw on private resources, such as plant and equipment, to assist in firefighting or preparation. Substantial penalties can be issued to those who breach the declaration. The declaration will be in effect until revoked.

Council is taking the unprecedented step in light of the heightened fire risk of altering its Hot Works Operations (anything that could cause sparks, flame or other ignition activities eg Grading and Slashing except where an exemption has been approved by the State Government in line with the State Fire Emergency Declaration) during this time. The Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) will continue to work closely with council and the Queensland Fire and Emergency Service (QFES). Council is making available water trucks and any resource required in preparation of fires.

Mayor Keith Campbell said, "Although the bushfires in the region are currently contained, weather conditions continue to deteriorate and have heightened the risk to the community. It is imperative that the community be vigilant and aware of their situation."

In the event of an emergency, people should follow QFES alerts and should the need arise to self-evacuate. Please make arrangements with family and friends in the first instance. Should an evacuation centre or safe location be necessary, please check the South Burnett Regional Council Disaster Dashboard for details.

The public is encouraged to drive with caution, adhere to the State of Fire Emergency declaration and be mindful of the vulnerable in the community, including those who may be older, live alone or are socially isolated. During a heatwave you should make every attempt to remain well hydrated, avoid alcohol and hot or sugary drinks. It is also recommended to limit physical activity, and stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day.

The Rural Fire Service Queensland advises you to:

- Action your Bushfire Survival Plan now.
- Monitor the fire and weather situation through your local radio station, www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au and www.bom.gov.au.
- Call 000 (Triple Zero) in an emergency.
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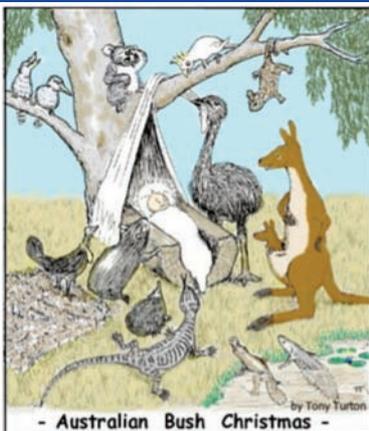
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Dob In a Dealer campaign will help clean up drugs in Wide Bay

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Murgon - 3 bedrooms 2 bedrooms have air conditioning as does the lounge. The kitchen is older style and built in extending to a dining area. There is a small room off the dining area which would make a good office. The laundry is a few steps down from the kitchen and there is a 2nd toilet here. The bathroom has a shower over the bath. Good size yard with a garage with store room to the rear. Fenced. \$120,000 Currently rented at \$190 pwk.

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Smart Farms Small Grants support big ideas

Farmers and landcare groups now have the opportunity to bring their clever sustainability ideas to reality, with grants of up to \$50,000 under the Smart Farms Small Grants program.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said up to \$5 million was available nationally under Round Three of the program, for grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000, and he encouraged Wide Bay producers to apply.

"Wide Bay's farmers and landcare groups know and care for the land better than anyone, and have plenty of bright ideas on how to help keep it in top condition for generations to come," Mr O'Brien said.

"These grants will help farmers turn innovative ideas into practical on-ground projects to ensure their land is healthy while increasing on-farm productivity.

"Producers are a significant part of the Wide Bay economy, so by providing this funding to help improve natural resource management, the environment, communities and regional economies all benefit."

A total of \$43.5 million is available for Smart Farms Small Grants across an anticipated six annual rounds (2017–18 to 2022–23).

Under Round one, 77 projects valued at \$4.75 million were approved, with another 110 projects valued at \$9.25 million approved under Round two.

Round three Smart Farms Small Grants applications are open until 19 December 2019. Projects must be completed by 30 June 2022.

For more information and to apply visit the Community Grants Hub website www.communitygrants.gov.au.

Attracting more students to Wide Bay

Six scholarships will be available to international and domestic students to study in Wide Bay next year, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

Mr O'Brien said the University of the Sunshine Coast had been provided \$297,000 to offer the scholarships through the Coalition Government's \$93.7 million Destination Australia program.

Destination Australia provides scholarships worth \$15,000 a year to students who study at a regional university or vocational education provider.

"Wide Bay is an incredible place to live, and we can be an attractive destination for international and domestic students too," Mr O'Brien said.

"Attracting more students to study in Wide Bay will be good for our community, good for local businesses and good for tourism as it showcases the best of what we have to offer.

"That's why I have worked with local providers and the Education Minister to secure these scholarships for our electorate."

International students who study in regional Australia rate their living and learning experience higher than students based in metropolitan centres, yet just three per cent of Australia's 690,000 international students were enrolled in regional areas last year.

"The Government's Destination Australia program is helping to attract more students to study in regional Australia and we can help by promoting Wide Bay as an attractive study destination because of our lifestyle, lower cost of living and smaller class sizes," Mr O'Brien said.

Students can apply directly to institutions. Successful tertiary education providers can be found at www.education.gov.au/destination-australia.

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Support for Wide Bay students sitting exams

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien wishes the best of luck to all local Year 12 students sitting their final exams.

"I wish all Wide Bay students who are sitting their final year exams the very best, and would like to remind them, their parents and carers, it's important to look after themselves during this busy and often stressful time," Mr O'Brien said.

"Leaving school and entering adult life is an exciting time in your life, and regardless of the exam results there are amazing opportunities for you, whether it be pursuing higher education, vocational education or getting a job.

"Year 12 students have many choices and decisions to make about the future and there can also be a lot of pressure around exam time, so I would encourage students to make use of the many resources to help cope and to reach your life goals.

"The Government has produced resources with information for students and parents to navigate the exam period and beyond, including the School Leavers' Guide available from my office which provides a summary of post-school options, financial assistance, employment programs, and more."

The Guide has been distributed to secondary schools in the Wide Bay electorate. It is also available for downloading from Mr O'Brien's website at www.llewobrien.com.au

Further resources for students and parents are available at:

www.learningpotential.gov.au - www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au

www.beyou.edu.au - www.headspace.org.au

Information about higher education courses and government assistance for financing tertiary study can be found at: www.courseseeker.edu.au - www.studyassist.gov.au - www.myskills.gov.au

Language program for children in Wide Bay

Llew O'Brien MP for Wide Bay is encouraging local preschools to apply to run the Government's play-based program that teaches young Australians a foreign language.

The \$27.5 million Early Learning Languages Australia (ELLA) program has already helped educate 110,000 children about foreign languages, across more than 3,500 preschools.

ELLA is a digital, play-based program that introduces young Australians to languages other than English. It can help teach 13 languages: Arabic, Mandarin, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese.

Llew O'Brien said learning a second language would give students an educational advantage and broaden their horizons.

"ELLA supports children to explore other languages and cultures, inspiring them to continue learning in years to come," Llew O'Brien said.

"Our Government is helping prepare students in Wide Bay for the future economy where having a second language will be an enormous benefit.

"Preschool educators don't need any language training experience to run the ELLA program because extensive support material, offline games, learning resources, and a responsive helpdesk are all provided.

"I encourage preschool operators in Wide Bay to apply to run the ELLA program to introduce our children to the joy and challenge of learning a second language."

The Government has already provided \$11.8 million to expand ELLA into 300 schools for grades Foundation to Year 2. Visit www.ella.edu.au for more information, including eligibility criteria, device requirements and how to apply.

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The funding is available through The Salvation Army and St Vincent de Paul Society, in all eligible Drought Communities Programme Extension Local Government Areas. Only one DCSI (Round 2) payment is allowed per household from one of the delivery organisations.

The program guidelines for the Drought Community Support Initiative Round 2 are available at <https://www.business.gov.au/assistance/drought-community-support-initiative>.

Applications should be made direct through one of the two charities.

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For further information on drought assistance see the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development website <https://www.regional.gov.au/regional/programs/drought-communities.aspx> or email dcp@infrastructure.gov.au

Source: Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development website.

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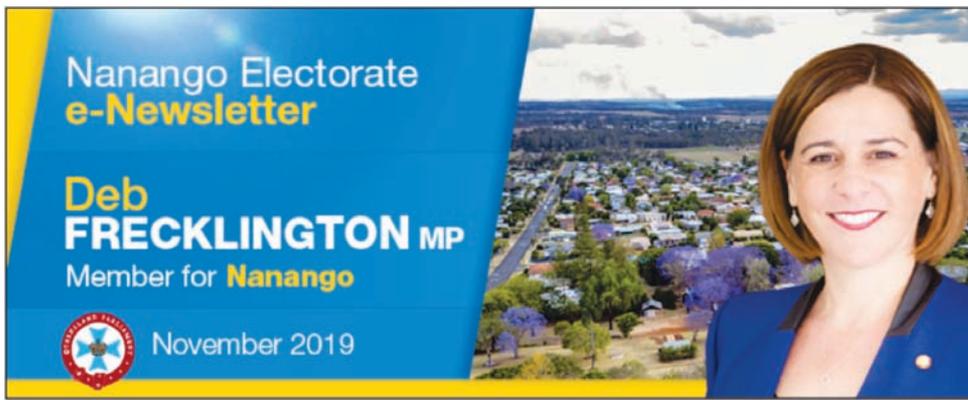
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- Rural Water Management Program - Have your say on the Labor Government's proposals for non-urban water measurement. Closes 13 Dec.
- Check to Protect - Simple car safety checks to do before driving in the school holidays
- Qld Small Business Strategy Discussion Paper - Have your say. Closes 13 Dec.
- Qld Greats Awards - Nominations open now. Closes 31 Jan 2020.
- Small Business Digital Grants Program - Matched funding up to \$10,000. Closes 10 Dec.
- Reconciliation Grants - Supporting National Reconciliation Week 2020. Closes 9 Dec.
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Murgon Music Muster - what a week. So many patrons, so busy, so tired and so beneficial to our community.



those mentioned above.

We had 355 vans and motorhomes this year and so many locals who came and supported the event and enjoyed the experience. We have a competition and collect shopping dockets from out of town patrons, which enables us to calculate the total spend in our district just from those dockets alone. It doesn't include spending around the district while some waited to come; it doesn't include dockets they didn't ask for from businesses, and any they've lost and also doesn't include amounts spent on their way out of town either. The ones we received added up to \$22,000 which is a big injection into our community for one week. On top of this, the Club spends a considerable amount locally to host the event.

From all accounts, it was a well-received event and the free kids' concert put on by us at the Town Hall on the Friday afternoon, with Amber Lawrence, who is not only an award winner singer and songwriter but a children's entertainer and supporter, was enjoyed by the school children.

Thank you again to everyone who helped us.

The Club recently received a special award from Rotary International. It is the 2018/2019 Rotary Citation – with Platinum Distinction. An amazing award to receive.

We have recently held our annual dinner to celebrate our District Governor's visit at which the Executive Committee of the Earlyact Club from Murgon State School gave a presentation on their Club's achievements for the year. Well done girls, to you and your members. As well, we were very pleased to have our District Governor, Daryl Issepi, present a Paul Harris Fellow to Jennifer Shelton for her huge support of Rotary and the many years of service to the Club running and helping to run the kitchen at the Murgon Music Muster. Thank you, Jennifer. Well deserved.

It's been a busy but rewarding year for the Club and we can't believe how quickly 2019 has gone.

We would like to wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

Barambah Garden Club

Most of our members attended the meeting on Friday November 8 at the home of Barbara Hartmann King. The delicate looking desert bird of paradise lined her driveway, a good choice for our weather.

It is amazing the amount of flowers that are brought to the competition tables despite the drought. Which brings us to the thought for this month "Bread feeds the body indeed but flowers feed the soul" (from the Koran) and isn't it true we are always uplifted when we see a beautiful garden or flower.

Barbara talked to us about her books in a lovely green oasis. Lyn Vlaanderen would like to thank everyone who visited her garden and I'm sure those of you who took the time to visit had an enjoyable experience.

Our next meeting is at Jeans a lovely bush garden at Tansey. For more information phone Ann 0438686238 or Mary 0417 98953

That's all our news. Until next time Happy Gardening



Murgon Report 26/11/2019

The market was strong for Export cattle and heavy feeders.



1500 were yarded in Murgon Tuesday. Numbers have been up in selling centres everywhere due to the ongoing weather conditions and the Christmas break looming. Export cattle and heavy feeders remained fully firm. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.81 c/kg and \$2446.00. Bullocks sold to \$2.88 per kilogram and \$1560.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms topped at \$2.43 per kilogram and \$1520.00. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$2.35 per kilogram averaging \$2.00 per kilogram. Lighter Cows under 400 kg topped at \$1.93. Export heifers sold to \$2.70 per kilogram and \$1350.00. Cattle were drawn from Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Biggenden, Durong, Kingaroy, Kilkivan, Gunalda and locally. 404 kg Charbray steers from Wondai sold for \$3.16 c/kg returning \$1277.00. Droughtmaster steers from Gayndah weighing 412 kg sold for \$1200.00 at \$2.91 c/kg. Charbray steers from Hivesville sold for \$1190.00 at \$2.87 c/kg. 323 kg Charbray steers from Glenrock sold to \$2.98 c/kg for \$965.00. Local Santa steers from Moffatdale sold for \$987.00 and \$2.80 c/kg. 358 kg Red Brangus cross steers from Gayndah sold for \$2.70 c/kg returning \$967.00. Droughtmaster cross steers from Nanango weighing 300 kg sold for \$798.00 at \$2.60 c/kg. 2 pens of Braford cross weaner steers from Mt Perry sold for \$2.55 c/kg returning \$610.00 & 559.00. Local Charbray steers weighing 250 kg sold for \$743.00 and \$2.50 per kilo. Droughtmaster cross heifers from Tansey sold for \$943.00 and \$2.37 c/kg. Local Santa heifers weighing 336 kg sold for \$795.00 at \$2.36 c/kg. 355 kg Santa heifers sold to \$834.00 and \$2.35 c/kg. Hereford heifers from Nanango sold to \$2.39 c/kg and \$702.00. Fresher weaner heifers sold mainly from \$1.90 c/kg to \$2.10 c/kg. The market for plainer conditioned heifers was very tough.

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South Burnett Regional Council supports Red Bench



The first of 15 red benches to be located in the South Burnett region was unveiled today in Haly Street, Kingaroy, highlighting Council's stance against domestic violence.

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Keith Campbell explained, "The unveiling of the first red bench was timed to coincide with White Ribbon Day, also known as the International Day for eradication of violence against women".

"The distinctive red benches are not only a permanent visual reminder to help raise community awareness against domestic and family violence, but also provide a place of support for those in need," Mayor Campbell said.

"Both the Red Bench project and White Ribbon Day highlight the fact that we should all work together to eliminate domestic violence and promote respectful relationships within our family and community."

Mayor Campbell said, "Change the ending: Let's stop domestic violence, together."

The Red Rose Foundation launched the Red Bench Project to build a permanent reminder that domestic violence occurs within all communities. The presence of a Red Bench in a public location aims to raise public awareness and provide an opportunity for this important issue to remain visible. It is their aim to have at least one Red Bench in every local government area in Queensland. Each bench will carry a plaque. There are now over 40 red benches from local government, state government and community groups. For further information on the Red Rose Foundation Red Bench project see <http://www.redrosefoundation.com.au/index.php/redbench/>

Should you have any enquiries regarding Council's 'Red Bench' project, please contact Council's Executive Services team by phone 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Christmas services

Christ Church Murgon (Barambah Anglican Parish) 6pm

St Mary's Church Wondai (Barambah Anglican Parish) 9pm

Rev'd Trevor and Sandra Butler will be visiting . This a holy communion service

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Sunday	1	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	2	SES,
Tuesday	3	Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc, Squash,
Wednesday	4	Bowls, Rotary, Murgon Men's Shed,
Thursday	5	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, Mainly Music, The classic way to dance, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers, Murgon RSL Sub Branch Community Luncheon
Friday	6	Community Bingo,
Saturday	7	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Men's Shed, Learn how to fish BP Dam, Tableland Hall District Christmas Party,
Sunday	8	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets,
Monday	9	SES, SB Parkinsons Support Group,
Tuesday	10	Cattle Sale. Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society, Squash, State School Christmas Carols, Regional Tourism Info Night Wooroolin,
Wednesday	11	Rotary, Bowls, Murgon Men's Shed,
Thursday	12	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, Ambulance, MBDA Meet, The classic way to dance, Kingaroy Christmas Carnival,
Friday	13	Murgon Christmas Carnival & Carols, Barambah Garden Club, Community Bingo, Last Day of School
Saturday	14	Catholic Mass, Nanango Stamp Club, Boogie Dance, BYTE NITE SB PCYC, Murgon Men's Shed, Proston Christmas Carnival, Burnett Flyers Fly In,
Sunday	15	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,
Monday	16	SES,
Tuesday	17	Creative Friendships,
Wednesday	18	Rotary, Bowls, Hospital Auxiliary, Steps, Murgon Men's Shed Christmas Break up,
Thursday	19	St Joseph's Bingo, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Golf, Mainly Music, Spinners & Weavers, National Seniors,
Friday	20	SB PCYC closed till Monday 6th January,
Saturday	21	4 sleeps till Christmas
Sunday	22	Bowls, Golf,
Monday	23	2 sleeps till Christmas
Tuesday	24	Christmas Eve, Murgon Museum shut for Christmas,
Wednesday	25	Christmas Day, Church Services,
Thursday	26	Boxing Day,
Friday	27	Last Friday in 2019
Saturday	28	Have you made your New Year resolutions ?
Sunday	29	Church Services,
Monday	30	2019 year is nearly done.
Tuesday	31	Goomeri New Years Eve Carnival, Rodeo & Bull Ride.
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Wednesday	1	New Years Day,
Thursday	2	Its back to work again, Murgon Museum reopens,
Friday	3	First Friday in 2019

Council Ordinary meeting dates - January to March 2020

In accordance with Section 277 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council advises that the Ordinary Meetings for the period January through to March 2020 have been scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, 15 January 2020
- Wednesday, 19 February 2020
- Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Ordinary Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month (except for the June and December meetings which will be held on the second Wednesday of the month) commencing at 9am in the Warren Truss Chamber, Glendon Street Kingaroy unless stated otherwise.

Residents are invited to attend the meeting as members of the public gallery.

For further information regarding Council meetings contact Council's Executive Services team on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Employment Opportunities with SB PCYC

Program Coordinator – Restart Program

We are currently seeking a passionate and motivated Program/Project Coordinator to build effective referral pathways and developing partnerships for our Restart Program at PCYC South Burnett Branch. If you are dedicated about helping young people, then we want you!

Community Development Officer

We are currently seeking a passionate and keen Community Development Officer/Youth Worker to join our PCYC South Burnett Branch. If you are enthusiastic and have a gusto for increasing youth involvement in programs and events, then we want you!

Both positions are Full-time, Fixed Term (12 months)

For more information or to apply please go to <https://pcycqldcareers.org.au/vacancies/>

Or pick up job details at the SB PCYC, Macalister Street, Murgon. 4605

Applications close 15 December 2019

Water Meter Reading Program scheduled to commence 30-11-19

Council wishes to advise residents that South Burnett Regional 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 2019. This will apply to all premises connected to the water supply schemes in Blackbutt, Boondooma, Kingaroy, Kumbia, Murgon, Nanango, Proston, Proston Rural, Tingooora, Wondai and Wooroolin for the purpose of recording water meter readings.

The water meter reading program will commence on Saturday 30 November 2019 and is expected to continue until Friday 31 January 2020 and will be conducted between the hours of 6.00am and 6.00pm daily.

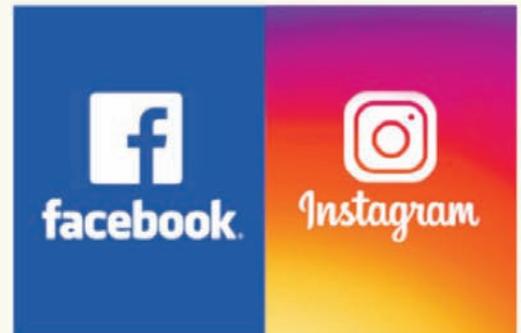
The water meter reading program collects information for the billing of water consumption that will be included on the 6 monthly rate notices to be issued in February 2020.

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.

More details about the billing of water consumption and other useful information can be found on Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Please direct any enquiries regarding water meter readings to Council's Rates team by phone 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au



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We sadly mourn the loss of:

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EULER, Elaine Ann, Late of Goomeri

LAMBORN, Michael William (Mike) Late of Johnstown West

WINTER, Heidi Rebecca Mary Hellen Late of Murgon

SAKRZEWSKI, Kenneth Max Late of Murgon

RHODES, William Thomas, Late of Kingaroy

BRADY, Emily Joyce, Late of Hivesville

South Burnett Regional Council 2019-20 Christmas Operating Hours

Council staff Christmas function

Council's administration offices, customer service centres, libraries and depots will close on Friday, 20 December 2019 at the following times for the purpose of Council employees attending the staff Christmas function: Blackbutt – 11:30am; Kingaroy – 12:30pm; Murgon – 11:15am; Nanango – 11:45am; Proston – 11:15am; Wondai – 12:00pm.

Customer service centres, libraries, and administration offices

Council's customer service centres, libraries, and administration offices will close from midday Tuesday, 24 December 2019 and re-open on Thursday, 2 January 2020.

Waste management facilities and kerbside collection

Waste management facilities located at Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Wattlecamp and Wondai will be closed on Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25 December 2019.

Kerbside wheelie bin collections will take place on normal pickup days, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

All Council Waste management facilities will resume regular opening hours from Thursday, 26 December 2019.

Coolabunia Saleyards

Coolabunia Saleyards will be closed from Thursday, 19 December 2019 and re-open on Thursday, 2 January 2020.

Visitor Information Centres

Visitor Information Centres will be closed for public holidays on Christmas Day - Wednesday 25 December 2019, Boxing Day – Thursday 26 December 2019 and New Year's Day – Wednesday, 1 January 2020.

Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas.

For any Council emergency, please call 4189 9100 where you will be put through to Council's after hours call centre. In a life threatening emergency, please call triple zero '000'.

Please direct any enquiries regarding Council's Christmas closures to Council's Customer Service team by phone 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.



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In conjunction with Qld Sportfishers (ANSA Qld), members of Kingaroy Sportfishing Club (KSFC) will be conducting an **Free Open Day** consisting of 2 Fishing Clinics.

When: Saturday, 7th December 2019, Time: 8:30am till 11pm (followed by a free sausage sizzle lunch)

Where: Bjelke-Peterson Dam Age: Minimum age is 8yrs with those under 18yrs to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Clinic 1 - Will cater for beginners, information will be delivered in a small group setting, with assistance provided to all participants and fishing gear provided. This clinic will cover the basics of fishing including fish identification, safe handling of fish, basic tackle set up and use of bait & lures. A shore-based fishing session with practical assistance will conclude the instruction clinic.

Clinic 2 - Will cater for people wanting to improve on their basic skills. Participants in this clinic will divide into smaller groups according to their needs. Topics will include advanced knot tying, lure selection and retrieval methods as well as local fish habits.

All: After completing the clinics and free sausage sizzle, those participants who are interested in joining the club are invited to participate in a social fishing comp that afternoon with some boat seats available.

Places are limited to 15 participants per clinic; nominations should be made by contacting us via Facebook, email Shaun dannishaun@gmail.com or call Keith 0428 274 325 or Nathan Ph 0455 552 018 before 22nd November.

There's Always Care in A Teddy Bear

Members of the Murgon Red Cross would like to suggest that our Trauma Teddy knitters, particularly new ones, call in to our monthly meeting at 10 am on 19th November. This is held at the Church of Christ, Thorn Street Murgon. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee, pick up some wool if needed and have a chat.

Hope to see you then.

MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH

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Negotiable at \$249,000!! Reduced now to \$230,000, the owners are Serious! Set on a large 1393SQM block is this fully renovated home with a lovely in ground swimming pool. The renovations have captured the uniqueness of the home. Lovely timber features throughout from the polished timber floors, classic bathroom & a solid timber kitchen built for entertaining. There is a fireplace & air conditioner in the centre of the home. Three bedrooms two with built-ins plus a sleepout/office that could also be suitable for an extra bedroom. Relax around the pool or watch the kids playing in the huge back yard with a cubby house & sandpit. **MURGON \$230,000**



Neatly renovated 3 bedroom home + office on 1012SQM, with separate kitchen, dining & lounge, with a front verandah to sit back and take in the views. Featuring polished floors & security screens throughout, fans in the bedrooms & the lounge area, air conditioning in the living areas & the main. Established gardens with a peaceful paved courtyard out the back, green house, garden shed as well as 2 tanks and a grey water system. **MOFFATDALE \$195,000**



Tidy modern 3 bedroom brick home features open plan kitchen, dining & lounge with an air conditioner & serving bench in the kitchen to the dining area. Bedrooms all have built ins & ceiling fans. Bathroom has a large corner shower with vanity & toilet. Ceiling fans, security screens, blinds, wood look vinyl flooring throughout the living areas, tiles in the kitchen & bathroom. Front patio area to take in the views & back patio for entertaining, 2 tanks, garden shed, shade house, fully fenced & established gardens & fruit trees. **HIVESVILLE \$270,000**



A well set up comfortable property that could run a few head of cattle. Situated on a hill, this three bedroom home has views to die for. Fully re-painted inside with a nice back deck & spacious entertaining area in one of the sheds at the back of the house. Divided into three paddocks with a set of steel yards, a shed for storage, dam, bore fitted with a new generation pump. There are flood sensor lights fitted to the home for night time use. It's an incredible property not to be missed. **GOOMERI \$369,000**

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SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP



There was an abundance of colour and a vibrant atmosphere when members and friends met at the *Wondai Diggers' Club* for our end of year Christmas party. Our special THANKS goes to Ann (catering etc) and Neil(bar) for their work in accommodating our needs.

Visitors included Gloria, Gay, Daphne, Phenella, Annette and Deputy Mayor Kathy.

This year entertainment was provided by the group with poems and jokes by Merrilyn, Dell, Annette and Carmen.

Lots of Christmas prizes were awarded including one for a lucky spot (Wanda), a lucky number (Jean) and one for guessing what was in the box (Gay). A new game involved guessing Santa's current whereabouts and this was won by Peg, as judged by Kathy. Six other prizes were given for Christmas attire and preparation. This again was judged by Kathy who could not separate Wanda and Annette with their choice of red Christmas shoes. Ancy won hands down for looking the most "merry and bright".

To finish off the day *Secret Santa's* were randomly distributed by playing *Pass The Parcel*. Much creativity was apparent with the \$3 present limit producing a wide range of items.

There were lots of positive comments about the day. The group will take a break until 24 February 2020. Any inquiries can still be made to Darryl 4168 3116 or Carmen 5486 1268.

Wondai Christmas Eve Carnival - Tuesday, 24th December 2019



The Wondai AP & I (Show) Society are once again holding their much loved and anticipated Christmas Eve Carnival. Now in its 73rd year, 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.

Held on Christmas Eve (Tuesday, 24th December) in Coronation Park in the middle of Wondai, from 5pm onwards, there is something for everyone. The BBQ will be firing up with a sizzle; soft drinks, coffee & other snacks will also be available for purchase. There will be face painting & other amusements for the kids and Wondai Town & District Band will entertain with a selection of Christmas favourites. From about 6pm the Wheels will start spinning. The Goods Wheel, still only 50 cents per ticket, has heaps of prizes to be won, including goodies for Christmas Day and those last minute gifts.

Kevin Perkins, the Show Society Patron, will be doing his legendary best on the Ham Wheel. Tickets there start at \$1.00, plus listen out for the great Super Draws, and you could be bringing home the bacon this Christmas! Of course, the night wouldn't be complete without Santa arriving at 7.30pm with free ice blocks for the children.

This Carnival is the major fundraiser for the annual Wondai Show and this year all proceeds will be used for free entertainment for the children at the 2020 show. The Show Society invites all South Burnett residents and visiting friends and family to, "join us on this special evening, catch up with old friends, relax and enjoy yourselves."

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A local Child Health Nurse also attends these sessions each fortnight to answer any questions.

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



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CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

All South Burnett Libraries branches will close early on Friday 20 December 2019: Blackbutt 11.30am | Kingaroy 12.30pm | Murgon 11.15am | Nanango 11.45am | Proston 11.15am | Wondai 12.00pm

Regular opening hours will resume until all branches close from midday Tuesday 24 December 2019 and reopen on Thursday 2 January 2020.

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 from 1 December 2020.

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Goomeri State School P-10 Awards Night



Photo L-R: Student of the Year was presented to Joshua Falkenhagen by Proston State School Principal, Mrs Samantha Skerritt. The Great Horse Ride Bursary was presented by Councillor Hilary Smerdon to Taylor Cunningham and the award of DUX was presented by Principal, Mr Leon Doorackers to Taylor Cunningham.



Photo L-R: Mr Brendan Dyson presented the Sportsman of the Year Award for 2019 to Ryan Brunjes, and the Proston Principal, Mrs Samantha Skerritt presented Olivia Field the Caltex Best All Rounder Award for 2019.



Photo L-R: Ebony Wessling was the recipient of the Senior Citizenship Award and Banjo Winnacott the Junior Citizenship Award presented by Goomeri Lions Representative, Mr Nev Holden



Photo L-R: Murgon RSL sub branch Goomeri chapter member, Mr Archie Pointon presented Harry Wardell the ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award for 2019. Harry Wardell also received the Deb Frecklington Achievement Award and the Northern Agriservices Agricultural Science Student of the Year Award. Nathaniel Cantillana was presented the Dale Graham Award by Mrs Margaret Angel



Photo L-R: Maddison Richards received the Rotary Best All-Rounder Award for 2019, presented by Mr Archie Pointon on behalf of the Murgon RSL Sub branch Goomeri Chapter. Zhia Powell was the recipient of the 2019 Sports Achievement Award presented by Brendan Dyson. Principal, Mr Leon Doorackers presented the Richard Lord Award to Wyatt Hutchins.

GOOMERI NEW YEARS EVE RODEO ---- & Open Bull Ride



Goomeri will again bring in the New Year with some bone jarring action with its annual New Years Eve Rodeo. After the Rodeo action concludes the crowd will be entertained with live music. 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 For further inquires contact 41684177.



South Burnett residents invited to light up their homes for Christmas...

Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus, coming down Santa Claus Lane...and in preparation for the festive season, South Burnett residents are urged to band together and light up their homes for Christmas!

As an incentive for neighbours to work together to demonstrate their Christmas spirit, Council will be presenting the inaugural CEO's 'Santa Claus Lane' award for the street which best embodies Christmas and cooperation, with the winning street receiving a 'Santa Claus Lane' street sign to display on their street permanently!

South Burnett Regional Council's Chief Executive Officer Mark Pitt said, "This is a great way for residents to demonstrate their community spirit, work with their family, friends and neighbours, and provide some Christmas cheer for other community members. In addition, the community will be able to recognise this festive spirit throughout the year."



"The 'Santa Claus Lane' street sign will be a perpetual award to continue each Christmas season and will recognize the winning street's participation in the Christmas Lights display."

If you are lighting up for Christmas let Council know, simply complete a registration form so your display can be featured on the map of entries. This map will be displayed on Council's website and in the South Burnett Times on Friday, 6 December 2019.

Registrations can be completed online via Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au, or via an entry form which can be collected at any of Council's Customer Service Centres. Registrations close 4:30pm Friday, 29 November 2019.

Please have your lights on for judging of Santa Claus Lane from 7pm through to 10pm Monday 2nd to Monday, 9 December 2019.

For further information regarding the 'Santa Claus Lane' award, contact Council's Executive Services team on 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.

Merry Masks Muster In Murgon



Ready to enjoy the evening ... Alex Klibbe, Murgon; Amanda Weber, Murgon; Sheree Mickan, Brisbane; Tahlia Weber, Wondai and Polly Mickan, Brisbane

November 25, 2019

Hordes of masked people were spotted in Murgon on Saturday night ... and more than a few of them were police officers.

The black tie Murgon Police Charity Masquerade Ball event attracted more than 120 people to the South Burnett PCYC hall to enjoy dinner and a night of dancing.

Host for the evening, Murgon Police officer-in-charge Senior Sergeant Steven Stewart, told southburnett.com.au the evening had gone “really, really well”.

“We don’t know how much we have raised yet but we should know early next week,” he said.

Profits from the night will go to the South Burnett PCYC to help them keep running the successful BYTE Nites which are providing an outlet for young people on Saturday nights.

(Saturday’s BYTE Nite was moved to Murgon Pool for the evening to make way for the masked mayhem).

Snr Sgt Stewart said the auctions and raffles had been successful, and there had been “a lot” of dancing.

He wanted to thank the sponsors for the evening – the South Burnett Regional Council, Meandu Mine, Murgon Florists and CROW-FM – as well as the more than 60 individuals and businesses who donated prizes for the raffles and auction.



Murgon Police officer-in-charge Senior Sergeant Steven Stewart, with his wife Lisa



Kingaroy officer-in-charge Senior Sergeant Dave Tierney with Sahn Ryder and Melissa Venn, from Kingaroy



Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff with Mayor Keith Campbell (who remembered his mask too late, he said ...)



Superintendent Michael Sawrey and his wife Joanne ... Supt Sawrey is the District Officer for the South-West District



Greg and Amanda Palmer and Bree and Josh Retschlag, all from Wondai



Glenda and Leo Geraghty, from Murgon



"Alex The Frenchman" provided live music



Robyn and Tim Halliwell, from Murgon



Stacey Christensen and Diane Hedges, Murgon

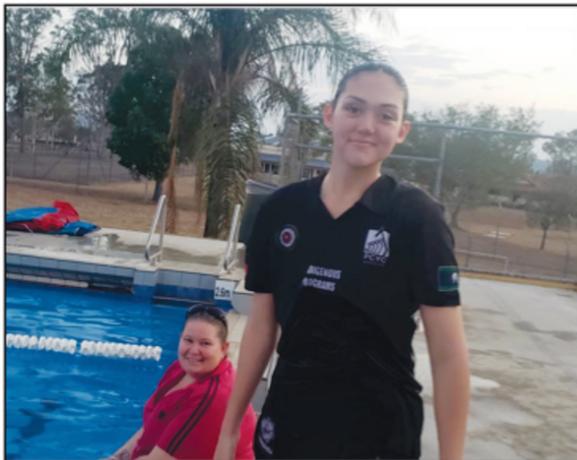


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What is BYTE Nite ?

BYTE Nite which stands for (Barambah Youth Together Evening) is a program of sport and games organized by SB PCYC designated to remove youth off the streets at night time and show them someone does care about them in a family atmosphere, (At meal time no one leaves the table till everybody is finished.) We hope by interacting with these youth that it will decrease crime in our area which we believe along with other programs has been successful. We know it won't happen overnight and are prepared for the long haul. They are given free entry, free dinner and free fruit and are delivered home either by CTC or SB PCYC at the end of the night. We have strong rules and guidelines and it is for all youth up to 16 years of age and it runs from 6.00pm till 9.00 pm on a Saturday night. We have about 15 volunteers that have committed to help with the program. Parents and cares are welcome to stay with the children if they wish. The last two BYTE Nites evenings have been held at the Murgon Swimming Pool and the next one is set down for 14th December, any donations or food is readily accepted. It makes you very happy when some young person comes up to you in the street and asks is BYTE Nite on this Saturday night?

Leo Geraghty SB PCYC Supporters Chairperson.



Some of our highly valued Volunteers

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

Every year when I write my Xmas letters I always seem to start with "Where has this year gone?" The year 2019 is almost over and the volunteers at the Museum are looking forward to a break over the Xmas period. We have had another successful year and look forward to 2020.

We will once again commence the New Year with our Australia Day breakfast on the 26th January, followed by the awards ceremony, details to come.

On behalf of the volunteers I would like to wish everyone a "Merry Xmas" and a "Happy Wet New Year". A special thank you to everyone who has supported The Museum during 2019.



The Museum will be closed from December 24th and re-open on Tuesday 2nd January 2020.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"



Goomeri State School P-10 Principal announced the 2020 School Leaders at the recent Awards Night. They are (left to right) Olivia Zelinski (Vice Captain), Bianka Hood and Ebony Wessling (School Captains) and Hannah Nothdurft (Vice Captain).

Regional Tourism Information Night – Wooroolin Hall

Would you like to know what direction our regional tourism is headed in 2020?

Discover South Burnett will be hosting a Regional Tourism Information Night on Tuesday, 10 December 2019 at the Wooroolin Hall, Wooroolin commencing 5:30pm.

Interested businesses, tourism operators, community members, community groups and organisations are invited to attend the information night where the 2018-19 Destination Marketing Report and Draft 2020 Regional Marketing Plan will be presented.

The information night will also provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of Discover South Burnett, South Burnett Tourism Advisory Committee, Visit South Burnett (Local Tourism Organisation – LTO) and South Burnett Touring Guide.

Coffee and tea available. All are welcome to attend.

Please direct any enquiries regarding the Regional Tourism Information Night to Council's Economic Development team by phone 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.



SB PCYC

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Bushfires - Thank-you Emergency Services

Deb Frecklington MP said it has been a privilege to thank our incredible emergency service workers and volunteers who have fought so hard to protect communities across the Nanango Electorate and right across Queensland. They have gone to extraordinary lengths, sometimes risking their lives to protect us. In Kingaroy, Acting Inspector Bruce Groer showed Deb where the fires had been, and the amazing job crews did to protect local properties and infrastructure. In the southern part of the Electorate, more than 20,000 hectares have burned across Crows Nest and the Somerset region, where fireies worked so hard saving more than 1400 homes. Deb said her thoughts are with the handful of property owners who lost homes in the Somerset. Crews have also battled difficult conditions near Kilkivan at Blacksnake, near Jimna, Kilcoy, Villeneuve, Monsildale and Kinbombi. On behalf of the community, Deb wanted to express our sincere thanks for their diligence, professionalism and determination to fight these fires. She urged everyone to please continue to stay safe & Let's hope our region sees rain soon.



Hello fellow Murgon Men's Shed members,
 The Murgon Men's Shed are having our Christmas Breakup on Wednesday 18.12.19.
 All members and their wives or partners are invited to come and have a BBQ lunch with us.
 During this time the Christmas Raffle will be drawn.
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 Regards, John Armstrong on behalf of our President David Mollenhauer.

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Kathy's Comments

Murgon Lions Park Upgrade

I am excited to see the large amount of work that Council is doing to upgrade the play equipment, the fence and the soft fall at Lions Park in Murgon. This park is highly utilised and is a great asset for our region. Thank you to Leo Geraghty for his tireless work watering the gardens in Lions Park and to Youth Justice for helping with the planting and watering. The weather is not helping but hopefully we can get some rain soon to brighten up everyone's spirits.

Red Rose Seats Across the Region

Our Council has joined other Councils and communities in the fight against domestic violence. The Red Rose Foundation is a not for profit organisation working to end domestic violence related deaths. To support this project our Council will paint a seat red in every town and village across our region. The seat will be bright red and will have a plaque with a strong message against domestic violence.

Mental Health Update

Thanks sincerely to John Whitten and the Gladstone Rotary Club for an amazing effort supporting our community. The club has provided two Safetalk workshops for our community free of charge. They are also providing a two-day training workshop for 14 handpicked people from Murgon and Cherbourg in the ASSIST program. I cannot thank the Gladstone Rotary Club enough for their generous support. This idea was initiated by Heath Sanders and the Murgon Rotary Club working together for the benefit of our community. They are also working with the Wesley Mission to bring more support to our community around mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

Masquerade Ball & BYTE Nite

Congratulations to the Murgon Police on a fantastic night at the PCYC. The Masquerade Ball raised a lot of money for the Barambah Youth Together Evenings but it was also a fun packed night for everyone to enjoy. I hope that we can make it an annual event, as we need more nights like that for everyone to gather and simply have some fun as well as raising money for a good cause.

Proston Pinking Above Its Weight

Congratulations to the whole Proston community on the wonderful way that everyone came on board to support pinking up our region to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer. I know when Brad Marcellos from ABC Wide Bay came to Proston to do a story on the shops he was amazed to see the pink town and the spirit of the whole community. It was wonderful to see the rural properties also involved with some pinking up their mailboxes and gateways. Congratulations to the Proston Golf Club on raising \$9400, which was a huge effort for a small committee. The Pinknic in the Park & Movie Night was also a great evening. Jenny & Mark at the Royal in Murgon also put on a wonderful High Tea. It was also great to see the way Goomeri came on board. There was \$19500 raised across the whole region. We were excited by the success of the event and we are planning to hold it again next year, possibly in October.

Launch of MAVIS at Murgon Men's Shed

Congratulations to the Murgon Men's Shed on the launch of MAVIS their Landrover. Mavis stands for Mental Awareness Vehicle Information Service. The vehicle was kindly donated to the men. They were successful in applying for Council funding to help towards the cost of doing it up and the concept began. There was a lot of work put into restoring MAVIS to her original



glory. The landrover is a traditional farm vehicle and that attracts a lot of interest. MAVIS is carefully fitted out with lots of pamphlets and information on mental health and inspirational quotes to help create a positive image. MAVIS is taken to shows, festivals and other places to help raise awareness and address mental health issues particularly for our men.

Reconciliation Fun Run

We have started a new committee to run the Fun Run and we would welcome anyone who wants to help out. Eric Laws chairs the committee and we are in the planning stage for next year.

Bugger the Droughts

I was pleased to be part of the BIEDO Board who provided three events across the region. I attended the Mondure one and it was great to see over 100 people pack the hall for an informative night and an opportunity for our farmers to simply take a break from the drought. Thank you particularly to Karen Seiler for driving these events.

Christmas Greetings

Thank you to everyone for your support throughout the year. I love serving this wonderful community. I would like to wish everyone a Happy, Holy & Wet Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Contact Details

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

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

Phone 07 41680225 or 0437020705 or email kduff@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Earlyact students help community



The Murgon State School Rotary Earlyact club recently invited Deb Frecklington MP along to speak to their group and hear about their work in their community. Deb was so impressed with these young students who carry out projects which benefit the school, local and global communities. What a great way to encourage our future leaders and build strong community involvement Deb said.

Tips for the festive season



Christmas is almost upon us, but what is expected to be a season of fun and frivolity can often be a challenging time if you're caring for someone. Limited services, tight budgets and family tensions are just some of the reasons why many carers often find themselves feeling stressed over the festive period. With this in mind, here are a few tips to help you enjoy the festive season as best as you can.

1. Make sure you get the emergency contact details for your GP, hospital and service providers. Also find out the opening and closing times so you know when they are available.
2. Presents don't always have to cost money. Everyone appreciated the time and thought that goes into homemade gifts (your favourite cookies or slice is always a great option!). Another idea is to organise a Secret Santa with family or friends, so you only have to buy one gift.
3. If the family are coming around to dinner share the workload. Ask one person to do a starter, you can do the turkey, one person can do the vegetables and another person can do the pudding.
4. Plan your 'me time' this Christmas, and make sure you take it, even if it is as simple as watching a film or going for a walk.
5. Lower your expectations. The reality is that the 'perfect' Christmas only exists in movies. Caring for someone means it can be very difficult to stick to a routine of any sort.

With a balance of relaxation and joy let's make Christmas 2019 one to enjoy!

South Burnett's 2020 show holiday confirmed

Pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983, the Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations has appointed:

- Monday, 10 August 2020 a holiday for the South Burnett Region for the purpose of the Royal Queensland Show.

Please direct any enquiries to Council's Executive Services team by phone 4189 9100 or email info@southburnett.qld.gov.au.



Wondai Regional Art Gallery

December 2019-January 2020 Exhibition

Pastel Society of Australia Members Exhibition

(Whole Gallery)

The Pastel Society of Australia Inc is a not for profit art society devoted to the education of member artists and promotion of the use of soft pastels as a fine art medium. Soft pastels are pure pigment in a stick form. Members are predominantly based in South East Queensland but also have many country, interstate and international members. Many members are gaining worldwide recognition for their talent and the trend seems to be exponentially expanding. Soft pastels are gaining worldwide popularity even in China where it is an integral part of the art curriculum in education from preschool onwards.



The Wondai exhibition is open to all members to showcase the wide variety of subjects and styles that can be created using this medium. All styles may be represented and may include examples of photographic realism, impressionistic realism, representational realism to even abstract. It is hoped that the general public viewing these works will appreciate the versatility and luminosity of soft pastel as a medium and may even purchase a painting to enjoy forever.

Further information can be found at either website www.ozpastels.com.au ,

<https://www.australianpastelexpo.com.au/> or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OzPastels/>).

“Kids Korner” Wondai State School

Opening Night: Friday, 6th December 2019, from 6pm.

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch

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The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Sunday, 2nd February 2020.

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Comments from the students;

Tiffany Williamson On the last day we did archery. We shot palm sized balled from around 10m away – Gabriel Mollenhauer My favourite was the giant swing. I was brave and went up 18 metres.

It was so fun when some people flipped their canoe in the lake. – Savannah Thurgood

My favourite thing at year 3 camp was body boarding and canoeing. – Philamone Mosby Langton

We went to the beach to body board. There was a big sweep but it was still super fun. Miss Keehn and Miss Kay went swimming too. – Sophie Adams

We went on body boards and I got hit in the head a million times – Felipe Shaw

The big swing was so fun and scary but I really liked it. – Alice Smith

We went on the giant swing and it was really fun. Lots of people went to the top. – Dallas Cooper

I like going canoeing and body boarding even though it was really windy. – Eamon Jolley

My favourite activity was when we went canoeing and we flipped the boat.

– Xavier Frahm

It was so fun on the big swing. My friends went to the top but I didn't.

– Mackenzie Cluff

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NATIONAL SENIORS

The December Meeting is on Thursday 19th at the Murgon Bowls Club. This short Meeting will commence at 9.00am. After the Meeting a free coach will depart Murgon from our usual pick-up point at 10.45am for Kingaroy, departing Kingaroy at 11.20am for Wondai Diggers Club for our End of Year lunch.

The cost of our Lunch is \$20.00p/p. The invitation is open to Members who have attended meetings & our coach trips & those passengers who have travelled with us in 2019. The first Branch Meeting for 2020 is on Thursday 20th February at the Murgon Bowls Club at 10.00am.

There will not be a coach tour in January 2020, the first one will be in March 2020. The 2020 itinerary will be available from the end of November 2019. The Photo Competition for the December Meeting is "Important Milestones in your Life".

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