

with us. Once again our students have participated in many extra curricula activities that have allowed them access to experiences that are the envy of other schools. Herron Island, Bunya to Bay, University of Queensland Science Ambassadors, University of the Sunshine Coast writing program, Hoof and Hook and a trip to Japan To name just some.

We have worked hard to maintain the interest in our school camp program and I would like to acknowledge the funding support we get under the Rural and Remote Educational Assistance Program that allows us to reduce our bus costs by a significant amount.

Students at Murgon SHS have once again participated enthusiastically in sport with the rugby league open and under 15s sides tasting success. My challenge for next year is to ensure the netball competition has as many games as the boys teams. Wide Bay all schools touch carnival was well attended. Representation at Wide Bay, State and Australian levels has never been better.

This time last year I made a statement that indicated that planning was well underway for the move of year 7 to high school in 2015 as part of the Flying Start agenda and be rest assured that our classrooms and staff are ready for the New Year level.

To the outgoing school captains thankyou for your work over the year and I wish you well in your future. It is not often that school captains are invited to take part in a cultural delegation to another country and the trip to the Netherlands as part of the South Burnett Regional Councils delegation will long be remembered. The impact of acknowledging the sacrifices made by so many during the two world wars has been life changing to those who attended.

To year 12 keep up the good work it is not over yet.

In concluding tonight I would like to thank the entire team that work so hard to create an environment that encourages learning for students, to the outgoing P&C thankyou for efforts and time that you have given and as always anyone interested in assisting with the P&C for 2015 please see me before you leave.

To our volunteers whether it be in the tuckshop, travelling on excursions or in the archives, thankyou for your time.

To the team that has organised tonight a big thankyou. I hope everyone has a good night. I would like to acknowledge the South Burnett Regional Council and all of the sponsors for our Speech Night.

Greg Smith. Principal

It is a pity out of the 267 award winners that space in this magazine only allows the following award winners to be publicized, but congratulations to you all.

Speech Night Major Award Winners :



Photo above: Junior Dux and Rotary Best All Rounder – Rebekah Kapernick, Sportsman – Jared Sippel, Academic Excellence Yr 11 and numerous Sporting Awards – Rebecca Rynne, Academic Excellence Yr 9 – Rachael Kapernick.

Plus : Academic Excellence Yr 8 – Alexander Newton, Caltex ‘Best All Rounder’- Barwoo Fisher, ADF Long Tan Yr 10 – Ashley Brown Yr 12 – Stephanie Johnstone, Sportswoman – Courtney Sipper, Indigenous Leadership Award- Kalina Collier-Bond, Elwyn Perkins Memorial Art Award- Kelsie Smith, Excellence in Visual Arts- Kirsty

Upton, The Tamara Wolter Citizenship Award- Lions Excellence in Public Speaking Award and The Excellence in Agriculture Award goes to Geoffrey Kinsella. Gwen Kay Memorial Award for Instrumental Music- Teagan Sanderson, Alternate Education Award –Jacinta Brigg, John Goodchild Memorial School Based Trainee/Apprentice of the year- Michael Giles, The Coombes Family Award for Academic Excellence in the Science - Sarah Anderson, Raelene Clarke Memorial Bursery – Daniel Ruthenberg, Murgon SHS Gold Awards – Sandra Gibson, Riley Christoffel and Christine Bayntun.

The highlight of any school year is the Award of Dux. This year the Paul Wilding Shield School Dux is awarded to Sarah Anderson.



Photo L-R :
Principal Greg Smith,
2014 School Dux Sarah
Anderson,
Guest Speaker Ken
McLoughin.



The night concluded with the announcement of the 2015 school captains.

Principal Greg Smith reiterated as I said in my speech we had a very large number of students that applied for the leadership positions in 2015 and any of them would have been good representatives for the school.

School Captains for 2015 are Andrew Jensen and Jenna Marschall.

Congratulations to all of the applicants for the time and effort they have put into the selection process for this year.

Photo L-R back: Geoffrey Kinsella and Andrew Jensen (2015 School Captain)

Photo L-R front: Kelsie Smith, Tilly Beckett, Barwoo Fisher, Kirsten Upton, Jenna Marschall (2015 School Captain)

Aquatic Centre for Murgon Community

South Burnett Regional Council has listened to the community with construction of the new Aquatic centre for Murgon starting in the New Year.

“Council have been working with the community and as a result of extensive consultation with the major users of the Murgon pool, we will be delivering a facility that will meet the future needs of the community at the same time providing a facility our community can be proud of” Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said.

So what can the community expect from the new aquatic centre? This new facility will offer modern amenities and change rooms including outdoor showers, a specifically designed kiosk to allow clear viewing of all the pools and outdoor areas as well as a dedicated first aid room which affords privacy. It is planned that the main 50m swimming pool will also get a facelift by building the area around the pool to the same level as the pool edging. For this part of the project, Council has applied for a “Get Playing Plus Grant” to assist with the construction cost.

This new facility will significantly increase community participation as it will be clean, safe and environmentally friendly. It is proposed to construct the buildings from modern low maintenance, high durable and environmentally safe materials. New lighting will be primarily LED lights, solar hot water system for hot showers as well as solar security lighting throughout the landscaped areas.

“The aquatic centre is an excellent project for the Murgon community. Improvements to the pool will provide a safe and fun environment for children to learn to swim” said Cr Deb Palmer, Portfolio Councillor for Property/ Facilities.

Currently at the design stage working with Engineers to prepare the construction documentation, Council will be calling for tenders early 2015 for construction of the new facility.

The master concept plan will be available for viewing at the South Burnett Regional Council office/library, the Visitor Information Centre and the Pulse Sport and Recreation Centre.

Editors Comment: Whilst the building looks great and we are privileged to have such a facility being built here in Murgon it does not commit to the concerns of our local medical practitioners who require a small heated pool to service the increasing age population at Southern Cross Care “Castra” and Forestview in Wondai. Nanango is too far for these residents to be transported to enjoy physical treatment and exercise. It is a must that this sort of a facility is included before it is too late and too costly to change.

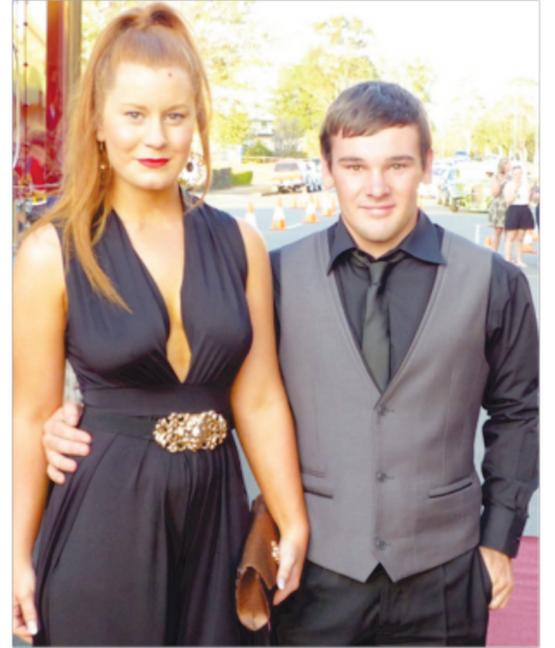


VIEW OF ENTRY FROM NORTH

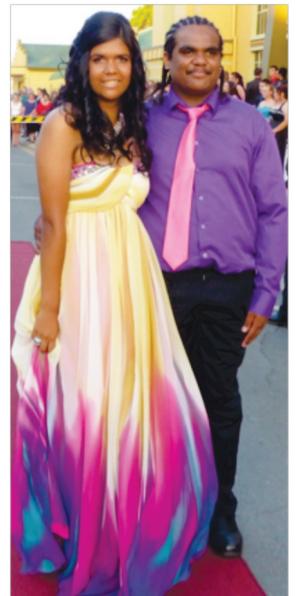


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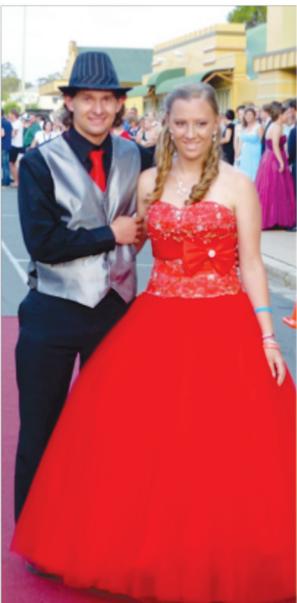
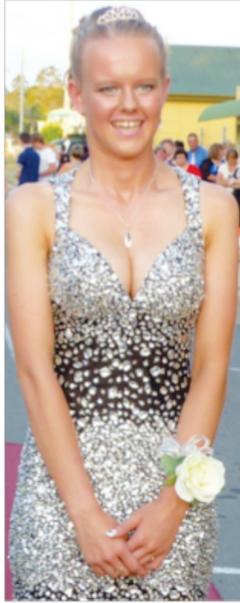
MURGON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2014



They came in all types of transport, even a tractor and a Army vehicle.



Our Graduation Day 21st November 2014



Wow Mr Smith and our loved teachers do you recognize us now?



Where did you find these rare vehicles for your Graduation Day?
2014 Goomeri State School P-10 Awards Night
 held Thursday 20th November at the Goomeri Hall of Memory



Photo top L-R :

Leanne Giles presented 2014 Sports Achievement Award to Ashley Knight.

The Richard Lord Memorial Award was presented to Elizabeth McEwan.

The 2014 Dale Graham Award for Technology was presented to Ashley Chandler by Margaret Angel.

The 2014 Junior Citizenship Award was presented to Hannah Brebner by Goomeri Lions President Bess Innes.

Leanne Giles presented Mitch Wilson the Goomeri State School 2014 Sportperson of the Year Award.

Goomeri State School P-10 2014 Dux of the School, Karla Smith with Principal Leon Doorackers.

Photo bottom: 2015 School Leaders-School Captains Meagan Clark and Ashley Knight. Vice School Captains are Michael Cantillana and Chloe Cremor (absent).

CONGRATULATIONS

Richard and Edna O'Neill 16/10/1954 – 16/10/2014



Richard and Edna O'Neill celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with a large assembly of family members close relatives and friends at a dinner time lunch and get together at Murgon's Tableland Hall on Saturday 18th October. Their original wedding party, less Richards deceased brother David who was substituted by his son, came and enjoyed once again being on the official table. A selection of original wedding photo's plus other notable silver and golden wedding photo's and family photo's were enjoyed by all.

The setting at Tableland Hall was complemented with beautiful summer day scenery and the weather on this day in 2014 was in deep contrast to their wedding day when rain poured on the Burnett.

Highly acclaimed award winning cake maker Edna made and iced their Diamond Wedding cake.

A long list of congratulatory letters were received by the O'Neills from Queen Elizabeth, Governor General Peter Cosgrove, Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss, His Excellency the Honourable Governor of Qld Paul de Jersey, Qld Premier Campbell Newman, Our Local Qld Government

representative Jeff Seeney, Councillor Kathy Duff and relatives in Ireland.

A number of speeches recognized the long list of achievements and voluntary work done by both Richard and Edna O'Neill during their 60 years of marriage. The O'Neill family have been part of the establishment of the town of Murgon for many years in so many different areas.

Daughter Wendy was able to also produce from Ireland a comprehensive O'Neill Family History Tree dating back to 1700.

INVITATION

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Murgon town Hall, 7th December 2014, From 6.30 p.m.

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GUNDOO CHANGES MAKE BIG DIFFERENCE

A \$500,000 revamp to Cherbourg's Gundoo Day Care will lead to better learning for its children

New offices, paint work, toilets, play equipment, air conditioning and other features have boosted staff's morale and children's happiness.



"It was getting a bit run down," director, Jacqui Tapau, said.

Further equipment and learning resources will now be bought and staff have new shirts with a pattern designed by local artist Barbara Stewart.

Wakka Wakka language is being taught to the children by Aunty Vanessa Fisher.

There is also a host of learning and play activities to help children with their future learning, self-esteem and social skills.

"We're teaching them to grow to be proud of being Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander," Jacqui said.

"We're giving them the skills to build upon so they can have a happy life.

"At Gundoo we stimulate the children in all areas of their development.

"Children love to learn and we provide a fun atmosphere for them to do so"

This is why many people believe children who go to day care from a young age cope with school and later life much better than those who don't.

Jacqui said she would speak to anybody and give them a tour of the centre should they be thinking of day care as an option for their children during the working week or school holidays.

Jacqui can be contacted by Ph 4168 2832.

THE WIMBLEDON TOURNAMENT REFEREE VISITS MURGON

The recent Mayors Breakfast held at the Murgon RSL was a great success with supporters coming from Wondai, Kingaroy and Nanango to an early morning start. All proceeds will be donated to the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund.

Special Guest Andrew Jarrett is the current Wimbledon Tournament Referee and former British professional tennis player. A very young referee Andrew told us about the superstars of tennis today and provided video photo's of the Wimbledon Tennis Courts, dressing sheds and some of the highlights of his career as a referee. Interesting comments about the setting up of courts, the maintenance of the lawn surface, line marking and protocol with Royal dignitaries, the difference between the furniture in Men's and Women's player dressing sheds were great to listen to. Andrew and his wife visited long time friend Carl Rackemann whilst in the South Burnett. Andrew does refereeing duties around the World at Davis Cup matches etc when invited.

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Proud Son tells **STORY** of an **ORIGINAL ANZAC**

As we approach the 100th anniversary of the landing of Australian and other British troops on the Gallipoli peninsula on April 25, 1915, my thoughts go back to my father who was an original Anzac. For my family, friends and others who may be interested, I write as accurately as possible, to the best of my knowledge, my father's experiences before, during and after his time on the Gallipoli campaign.

My father was christened Nugent William Craufurd Rees, son of an Anglican Vicar in the farming community of Pen-y-Clawdd, in southern Wales.

After attending Monmouth Grammar School he spent some time as an estate agent at Pen-y-Clawdd and then as a clerk for a gas company in Newport. He spent two years military training with the Royal Gloucester Hussars. This was a mounted force on horses. He migrated to Australia around 1907.

After working as a deliveryman with horses for Marchants Softdrinks in Sydney, he then worked at the Fairymead Sugar Mill in Bundaberg. From here he took a pioneering life living in a tent on his selection at Hivesville in the Wondai/Proston area of SE Queensland. This meant cutting scrub and planting pastures of Rhodes grass for cattle and his horses. After the war Craufurd Rees as he was more commonly known purchased land at Merlwood in 1922 and farmed there till his death in 1959.

When war broke out in August 1914, he was quick to travel to Brisbane to enlist at the Enoggera Army barracks. Because of his training with horses he became No 116 of the 2nd Light Horse Regiment of the 1st Brigade. He enlisted August 24th 1914 along with a number of others from Wondai/Proston.

I understand he went back to his property to tidy up his affairs and to encourage others to enlist. A total of 27 enlisted from this district,

The Light Horse left Brisbane from Pinkenba on September 24, 1914 on the ship Omrah. They travelled south to Melbourne where they spent some weeks in camp training, while a convoy was being organised. This convoy included ships from New Zealand. I remember him saying that while in Melbourne they were being trained in drill etc. but with insufficient rifles, many used broomsticks for drill practice, "sloping arms, etc."

The convoy eventually left Australia from **Albany WA on November 1, 1914. Omrah was the HQ ship.**

I remember my father saying that whilst in the Indian Ocean near Cocos Island they could see the smoke over the horizon where the Sydney was in battle and eventually sank the Emden. This was a great prize for the Australian Navy. The Emden had already sunk or captured more than 20 merchant ships, mostly colliers. During the battle the Sydney had suffered minor damage with 16 casualties while the Emden had 132 survivors with hundreds lost when it sank. Thirty-four survivors were taken prisoners of war on the Omrah and taken to the Middle East.

As well as horses and Light Horsemen the Omrah carried army nurses. The nurses had their first encounters with war wounded when the German sailors needed shell shrapnel removed from wounds.

The Australian troops were expected to go to a base camp in England to assist British troops on the Western Front in France. However Harry Chauvel who was at this time a regular soldier and in charge of the Australian Light Horse, had them go to Egypt, the climate being more suitable for the Australians.

In 1914/15 Russia was an ally and the British and French navies had been defeated by the Turks when they attempted to gain control of the Strait of the Dardanelles so that supplies could be shifted to Russia via the south. After the naval defeats Winston Churchill persuaded the Triple Entente to send in land armies of British and French troops to take control of these straits – hence the Gallipoli campaign. Troops commenced landing at dawn on the April 25, 1915.

My father and the 2nd Light Horse landed at Anzac Cove on May 8, 1915. When the Australians pulled out of Gallipoli in December 1915 many of the Light Horsemen went to fight in the Middle East. Many however, including my father, went to France to fight in places like the Somme. Horse-drawn wagons were the main form of transport and my father was probably largely involved. My father spoke little of action during the war.

I did hear of the smoke seen over the horizon when the Sydney sank the Emden in the Indian Ocean, the riots in Cairo where a British officer pulled out his revolver and shot an Australian soldier who attempted to cut the fire hoses of the local fire brigade trying to put out a fire at a house of ill repute, the Pyramids, the leaving of Gallipoli, and when in France of the rum issues which he used on his feet to prevent trench feet, the lice, mud and shell holes. With all of this I never heard where he had been involved in serious action.

He died in 1959 and it is only since then that I have learnt so much more. All the family knew that his occasional screaming nightmares and rare quite explosive temper were related to his war experiences.

Many years after his death when discussing this with my mother she said that he had to bayonet a German in the stomach and in his dream the German was coming back to get him.

A local schoolteacher also said that it was rumoured that he had killed a German with a shovel.

Recently a builder friend whose grandfather fought on the Western Front was told that the Australians did sharpen shovels and use them as weapons. They were much easier to wield in the trenches than a bayonet.

My mother said however, the thing that seemed to affect him most was the death of his CO on Gallipoli, Major Tom Logan. She said they could not get him off the barbed wire. This was a vital piece of evidence that would pinpoint one of the actions in which he was involved. Oddly enough, when Tom Logan was killed, he had a number of children back home, and one aged about seven, Beatrice (Trix) later married Charles (Bon) Whitehouse. Bon Whitehouse was my wife Gilruth's Uncle.

Their son Peter Whitehouse, grandson of Tom Logan was able to provide more information. I discovered that Major Logan was killed on August 7, 1915. This was the date of the massacre at the Nek – shown in film and also Lone Pine. Was my father there?

FROM GALLIPOLI TO FRENCH TRENCHES – (Part 2)



At the time the British were landing reinforcements at Suvla Bay, a good distance north of Anzac Cove, serious action was being taken on many fronts to keep the Turks busy. When I told Peter Whitehouse (my wife's cousin) that his grandfather had been my father's major, he informed me that Tom Logan had been killed at Quinn's Post. This must have been the action in which my father had been involved.

I discovered in a book written by Joan Star, called *From the Saddlebags of War*, a detailed description of what happened at Quinn's Post. She reported from the detailed diary of the Church of England padre at Quinn's Post, the Reverend George Green, that at 4am that morning, 64 men including three officers moved towards the line to 'bomb' them (throw hand grenades).

The Turks opened fire with machine guns and all except three were either killed or wounded. My father was called Bill in his pioneering days, and Major Logan's words recorded by Rev Green in his diary were "keep going Billy – I am done for". As my father was one of the three not wounded it could be that he was possibly "Billy." My father may have spent the rest of his life with the guilt – 'could he have done more for his major?'

When the Australians arrived in France, my father was photographed with a French mademoiselle lighting his cigarette at a railway station in Paris. I was told this photo was published on the front page of a French newspaper announcing the arrival of the Australians in France. The Australians were highly regarded as a fighting force by not only other British infantry, but also by the French citizens.

I remember my father saying that when the Australian soldiers arrived in an area, those who had been forced out of their villages by the Germans would turn around and return, following the Australians. They were apparently confident the Germans would be pushed back. This respect for Australians is reinforced in the day-to-day diary of the First World War, written by Archie Barwick. His diaries are held in the Mitchell Library in Sydney. A recent publication of them is titled *In Great Spirits*. We found this respect for Australians was still evident when we visited.

In mid-1918 John Monash was in charge of Australian troops and became famous as a tactician, showing other allied forces how to wage the war. His skills were supremely illustrated at the Battle of Hamel, to such an extent that the King, George V, knighted him in the field, the first time in hundreds of years that an English monarch had done this. Then on August 7, Monash sent a message to the Australian troops asking them to put every effort into the next big push to end the war as quickly as possible. My father souvenired a carbon copy of this order, probably from a field noticeboard. The family holds this copy. As Archie Barwick describes in his diary, units that showed a high level of ability and success were given the more difficult tasks and more work.

There was a general feeling in Australia that Australian troops in France were doing more than their fair share. The Australian Prime Minister at the time, Billy Hughes, was a feisty Welsh immigrant. He asked Monash to ease back on the workload of the Australians. Monash did not want to do this as he felt hardened troops would not slacken off. He did however make a concession. All those still on the front who had enlisted at the beginning in 1914 would be given leave to go home. On August 5, Archie Barwick wrote "Great rumour flying around that the 1914 men are all going home shortly.

My father left France near the end of September 1918, about seven weeks before the war ended officially on November 11, 1918. His army record simply says '1914 leave'.

When he arrived back in Australia, he among others were quarantined at Wallangarra on the Queensland/New South Wales border. The Spanish flu was killing millions around the world and they were being checked out before mixing with the general public in Australia. He thought the authorities illustrated some ridiculous behaviour. For instance, a bucket of stew from the cook house would be passed over the fence to them at the end of a stick to avoid contact (another example from Liston as the border was closed there too. Church services had an altar placed on the NSW side while the service was conducted from the Queensland side).

When my father did arrive back in Wondai he was met at the station by the mother of one of the soldiers who had been killed, and had been encouraged by my father to go to war with him. He was accused of being responsible for her son's death. When he arrived at his selection, he found it in chaos. Fences were down, fence wire had been taken and his rain water tank was on the pig sty of a German settler who thought he would never survive the war.

In the late 1940's at the Sunday dinner table, he made the comment that he had seen the funeral notice of the German settler and added almost with an element of triumph that he had outlived him.

From Wallangarra he and another First World War veteran went to Casino in northern New South Wales where he bought AIS cattle for his property.

The pair on horseback drove to the Proston area. There were no cattle trucks then, stock movements were along Travelling Stock Routes (TSR) overnighting in stock reserves.

They probably drove the cattle initially up the Clarence River. He was still in the army until 1919 and so would have been in army uniform.

I remember him saying the station people along the way could not do enough for them. At one place they were given a shower with clean white towels. They were not game to use the towels for fear of dirtying them but wet them so as not to offend their hosts. At another station, turmoil erupted. The young wife of a soldier who had been killed probably near the end of the war, broke down emotionally at their presence in their uniforms.

Our father had brought back with him a number of fascinating souvenirs. One was an inkwell made at Gallipoli from the timing mechanism on the base of a shell. Also he brought a couple of German bullets a couple of photos from a dead German and a small revolver I thought were for French ladies.

As children we used to play with it, and once he said I believe jokingly, he had to use it to recover his stolen property on his return.

Something I see as stark contrast between peace and war is in the story of my father's axe. He left it in a tree before he left to go to war, its blade deeply embedded in the trunk. On his return more than four years later it was exactly as he had left it.

What a difference between the serenity of the bush surrounding the axe on that pioneering block and the tumultuous experiences its owner had gone through.

Story supplied by Elizabeth (Betty) Taylor Murgon on behalf of her brother Mackworth (Mack) Rees,

Betty who lives in Taylor St Murgon is the daughter of Nugent William Craufurd Rees and sister of Mackworth (Mack) Rees. Betty and Jim (deceased) owned a motor dealership in Lamb St Murgon.

“We can truly say that the whole circuit of the earth is girdled with the graves of our dead. In the course of my pilgrimage, I have many times asked myself whether there can be more potent advocates of peace upon earth through the years to come, than this massed multitude of silent witnesses to the desolation of war.”

KING GEORGE V, TYN COT CEMETERY, 11 MAY 1922

Remembrance Day 2014

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister, Warren Truss, encouraged Wide Bay residents to observe the traditional Remembrance Day one minute's silence to honour those who lost their lives while serving Australia in wars, conflicts and peace-keeping operations.

“Remembrance Day is held on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, which ended World War 1, ninety six years ago,” Mr Truss said.

This year, we particularly remember the 30,000 troops who would become the first Anzacs. In November 1914, they departed from Albany, Western Australia on a convoy of ships from the Royal Australian Navy, New Zealand, Britain and Japan, bound for service in the First World War. En-route, the Royal Australian Navy secured its first victory at sea, when HMAS Sydney forced the German raider Emden to ground at North Keeling Island, allowing the convoy safe passage through the Indian Ocean.

“All Australians should take a moment to observe the traditional one minute's silence on Remembrance Day, and reflect upon the sacrifice made by more than 102,000 Australians, who have died for our nation in wartime,” Mr Truss said.

“For the family and friends left behind, Remembrance Day is a day of sadness, reflection and remembrance for their loved ones who served our nation and made the ultimate sacrifice.

“During the minute's silence at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we remember people of all nations who have lost their lives through war, and we honour those who have, and those who continue to serve in the defence of Australia.”

The Flanders poppy first became popular in Australia in 1921 to symbolise the end of World War I and the rebuilding of life. It was among the first plants that grew after the devastation on the battle fields in Northern France and Belgium.

“I urge all Australians to continue the spirit and tradition of Remembrance Day, by wearing a red Flanders poppy and pausing for one minute's silence at 11am on Tuesday, 11th November.”

For more information and materials on Remembrance Day, including Centenary of Anzac commemorative posters, visit the Department of Veterans' Affairs website, at www.dva.gov.au.

SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Remember you don't need to have Parkinsons to come along, perhaps you may know of someone who does though and you want to find out things about Parkinsons yourself by asking questions or just listening to how other people try to cope with Parkinsons each day for yourself. We look forward to seeing you. Be a part of our Christmas party plans as Christmas will be here before we know it.

Kingaroy group continues to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Orana Lutheran Complex, 24 MacDiarmid Street from 10am to 12 noon. Why not come along one month – we have a lot of fun and you get to meet lots of nice folk.

For further enquiries re the Murgon group and/or the Kingaroy group, phone the Co-ordinator, Maree on 41 636010.

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MURGON POST OFFICE 100 YEARS OLD



Proud Owner Wendy Mobbs celebrates with customers at the 100 year celebration of the Murgon Post Office. Local Radio station Crow FM provided live broadcast from the front of the building. A notable supporter of the Murgon Post Office for many years was George Ansell who delivered mail and goods to Proston through floods and droughts. George could give you the correct weather conditions of the Bye flats and beyond, the back roads to take or just stay home. Inside the Post Office, the walls are decorated with beautiful old photo's of the town



of Murgon plus a great display of craft, envelopes, packages, Jewellery, Handbags, Scarves & Giftware and lots more for sale. The Post office has changed over the years from providing telegrams and stamps etc to a business where you can pay nearly any bill you get, plus the normal postal delivery.

SUPPORT FOR THE NEW BUS FOR CASTRA RESIDENTS

The community of Murgon and surrounding areas have been most generous in their support towards raising funds for the Southern Cross Care Castra Bus. Many functions have been held and the money has been presented to the Members of Rotary who are co-ordinating the fundraising. Have you or your family thought of assisting Castra fund raising by purchasing Pavers, a single, double or hand drawn paver, for \$50, or \$100. The paver will be a permanent record of your valued support, and will be installed in the grounds of Castra.

Our thanks to the Murgon R.S.L. Sub Branch who kindly donating \$10,000.00, The Castra Residents are now much closer to the final amount needed for the new bus, and say thanks for your donation.

A very successful Cent Auction, BBQ together with Vintage car rides was held at Castra recently, everyone enjoyed the day, and the funds are now \$7,000.00 closer to the target. Approximately \$95,000 has been raised with a little more to come. The new bus is one step closer to becoming a reality and able to be enjoyed by the

Castra Residents.

If you have a order form or would like one to order pavers with the funds going to the Bus, please collect and return to the following business houses. Alicia's Spa and Hair Works Lamb Street, Murgon. Murgon Tyre and Auto'Cnr Lamb & Krebs Street. Murgon. Clifton Motors Macalister Street Murgon.

We would appreciate all orders to be received by the end of November.

Welcome to Murgon's new web site

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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

The rain was pouring and there was a big puddle in front of the pub.

A ragged old man was standing there with a rod and hanging a string into the puddle.

A tipsy-looking, curious gentleman came over to him and asked what he was doing.

'Fishing,' the old man said simply.

'Poor old fool,' the gentleman thought and he invited the ragged old man for a drink in the pub.

As he felt he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked,

'And how many have you caught?'

'You're the eighth,' the old man answered.

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CLOYNA HEADS TO COLUMBOOLA

For two days in November, Cloyna State School students travelled to Columboola Environmental Education Centre near Miles for two days of yabbing, canoeing, photo trailing, archery, bunyip hunting and challenging our gross motor skills on the low ropes course. Each year, Cloyna State School students attend a two day whole school camp. It is a great opportunity for team building, leadership challenges and skill based learning experiences.



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Kathy's Comments

Congratulations Earl Pratt & Murgon Tyre & Auto

Murgon has done us proud in the Business Excellence Awards for the South Burnett with Earl Pratt receiving the Distinguished Business Award and Murgon Tyre & Auto taking out the Murgon Business of the Year. It was a great night and it was good to see so many businesses from around the whole South Burnett participating in the event.

Murgon Public Meeting

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Community Meeting that the Mayor and I organised to give everyone an opportunity to share in an update on the state of the region and ask questions about why we do what we do in Council. I am hoping to have more meetings where everyone can provide their feedback and ask questions about Council matters.

Murgon Pool Update

I apologise to everyone for the inconvenience of missing out on using the pool particularly during the holiday period. Council has put in a funding application to Sport and Rec Queensland to help to fund the pool upgrade. The funding has to be matched dollar for dollar but it will be fantastic if we can get some additional money so that we can make it a much better facility. As Murgon has a 50 metre pool and most other pools around the region are only 25 metres, with the new kiosk, canteen and amenities it will be a state of the art pool for our region. Council is aiming to have it completed by the start of next season. There have been requests for a hydrotherapy pool but they are very expensive to put in and we don't have enough money. There is space provided if funds become available.

Road Bus Tour with Councillors

Councillors and road staff were out and about recently looking at future capital projects for the towns and the rural areas for budgets into the future. The projects that I have suggested for Murgon are to modify the triangular area across from the Primary School for improved parking and to scope out the cost of the CBD Footpath upgrade. The other suggestions are the kerbing and channelling in Watt St to help with flood issues and the joining up of the footpath in Nutt St near the Hospital. In Proston we particularly looked at Beatty St sealing the gap, the road to the Transfer Station, and a footpath in Beresford St. In Hivesville a future project is the Johnson St sealing.

An Evening for the Farmers and 26 fruit cakes!!

A tremendous thank you to Joan Adams who toiled for hours to make 26 Christmas cakes and give one to every farming family at the Tablelands Hall. Joan also did all of the deserts and organised the whole function. It was a great night and I know that the farmers really appreciated it.

Gordon Buchanan Lookout

It was great to honour one of the pioneers and ambassadors from Proston, Gordon Buchanan, by revamping the signage and tidying up the area that was named in his honour. The Gordon Buchanan Lookout is on the road between Proston and Wondai and was named to honour Gordon for his work in the community, as a Council employee and also as a former Wondai Shire Councillor.

Hivesville Anniversary Markets

The bumble bee is the symbol of the Hivesville Market committee and they were out in force to celebrate six years of



monthly markets. The whole community of Hivesville comes alive on the fourth Sunday of every month and it is great that the stall holders continue to support the committee.

Goodbye and Good luck to Doreen Campos

The wonderful Doreen Campos has left Murgon after giving tirelessly to Murgon. Through her work with the Salvation Army and other organisations Doreen has made an amazing contribution to this community particularly during the flood disasters. Thank you Doreen on behalf of the whole community for your amazing and fantastic contribution to this community.

Murgon Music Muster

Congratulations again to Rotary for another successful Music Muster. It is a great boost to the economy of Murgon and gives lots of travellers a chance to see what a safe and wonderful place that we have. It was great to catch up with the Castra crew after the opening and I know that they really enjoyed the country music and the afternoon tea shared together.

Road Grading

Roads continue to be our major priority in Council and we are trying to get as many unsealed roads graded as possible. If you have concerns with a particular road you can contact our Council Customer Service Centre on 41899100 or let me know and I can follow it up for you.

Best Wishes for the Christmas Season

I hope that you all have a happy, holy and great festive season with just the right amount of rain!! Please feel free to contact me at any time. I am keen to hear your concerns and to work closely with you.

Councillor 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
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THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Friday December 12th

Look for the CARMEN MIRANDA LADY, to find the FRUIT SALAD STALL.

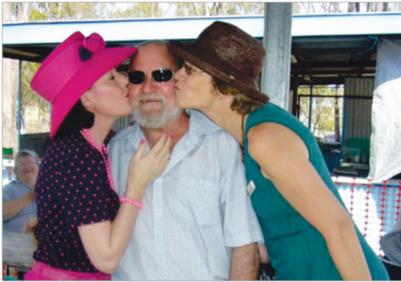
It is THAT time of year again! Murgon Quota Ladies are quite famous for their delicious blend of Fruit Salad that they sell at the Christmas Fair. It has been a tradition for the past twenty years.

The ladies gather together the evening before armed with knives and boards to dice and slice, chop and blend a huge range of seasonal fruit for a wonderful result. Many hands make light work and each scrumptious cupful is topped with a dollop of whipped cream. There is never a spoonful left over with all profits going to good causes. Come and see the QUOTA LADIES at the Christmas Fair. We welcome new members phone Barbara 07 41681675.

Welcome to the HIVESville Country Market

For the past six years the ladies from QCWA Proston have **BEE**n there to serve tea, coffee, biscuits and slices to stall holders and patrons. Their "**BEE** Cosy Corner" has helped many visitors to **BEE** Happy.

When Ken Seng initiated these markets; Lyn Reynolds, Lyn Ramscar, Val Klein and Coral Graham, together with Lyn's husband Bernie Reynolds, braved many a frosty early morning to set up our stall. As these markets are held on fourth Sunday of every month; this amounts to a lot of Sundays. On one



occasion, the ladies accepted a "Dare to Wear" challenge (for a donation) by donning some crazy colourful hats.

Every October the market celebrates its birthday. This year was its 6th birthday and Ken Seng was invited to cut the specially made cake to mark the occasion. He was very ably assisted by two beautiful ladies; Councillors Kathy Duff and Ros Heit. QCWA Proston provided the morning tea for the VIPs who attended.

Written by Judith Marek, Publicity Officer, QCWA Proston Branch, Ph 4168940

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MURGON JUDO CLUB INC

Murgon judo Clubs annual Mini Modified Ne-waza was held on Saturday 15th November 2014.

While this tournament was originally developed for AASC Judo the last few years it has been open to all JFA payers as well and will continue in its current format (fun fun fun).

We have one shield for the winning school and medallions for the members of that team, quite often we have had to mix teams up to make things fair but if a player had to play for another team and his/her school won he/she would still get a medallion and if he/she was on another team and they won he/she would get a medallion.

This year was a nail biter with the lead changing a few times the final score was Goomeri State School 12, Murgon State School 10 and Windera State School 10.

Weather conditions were very hot even though we had eight wall mounted fans and one very large fan going so after the 3rd round we closed the tournament for the safety of the children and everyone agreed.

Goomeri were presented with the shield and medallions for team members, they will keep the shield until next November when it will be up for grabs again.

Big thanks to Gin Gin Judo Club for coming down to enjoy the fun.

Each year we present a shield and medallion in memory of a great man / teacher and friend, The Anthony Meikle Award. This man would do anything for a child and was always there to give a hand so each year we look for a person that shows similar ethics. Usually an older child but this year it has gone to the Sensei of Gin Gin Judo club Ivan Hills. The information that was given to me about Ivan brought back memories of Anthony and they were all great memories.

We then had our club presentation. We gave our Senior Judoka of the year to Brock Wiley, Courtney Litfin got the Junior Judoka of the year.

Then there were heaps of presents from Kingaroy Westpac, J.F.A. and AASC.

Finally a big thank you to Murgon I.G.A. Ree's Café and all our supporters during the year and not forgetting the Salvation Army who supply us with this facility. Thank you to South Burnett Reginald Council for free overnight camping at the Murgon Caravan Park. Our visitors from Gin Gin were so happy with the facilities there.

Then it was off to the Goomeri Pool which was a great success with a BBQ to finish of a great day

Murgon Judo Club Inc. would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to the New Year, with old players coming back and hopefully seeing some fresh faces as well

Regards, Sensei Stan.



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MANY THANKS DOREEN CAMPOS



How do you start to write about a great person, a very close friend and someone that has helped numerous people during her time with us in Murgon. Accolades flowed from all parts of our community at the send off for our prize possession Sunday 9th November at New Horizons Christian Church. As leader of the Murgon Salvation Army Corps for the past 14 years, Doreen has contributed to community life in a large way. Apart from being very active in church life, Emmaus Walks, Bible Study and support for others, Doreen has thrown herself into many situations where help was needed. She has led Mainly Music, a program for young children and their parents, and has been involved in many community organisations and events, serving in Rotary and the SES. A trailer designed and built for relief work has recently been given to the community by Doreen. You may see this where SES workers are fighting fires and helping with community emergencies.

Doreen was the General behind the 2011 floods the 2013 floods and the Blazeaid camps. She helped run the Evacuation Centres set up at the SB PCYC in 2011 and again 3 times in 2013. She organized the feeding of 28 stranded people at Moffatdale School in 2013 as well as those stranded in Murgon. After the floods had subsided and the clean up was about to begin Doreen was the first at the table in setting up our Murgon Blazeaid camp, she said no worries we did it at Ficks Crossing after the 2011 floods. Doreen is a very humble honest soldier of God and has done some amazing volunteer work all over the World. Doreen I'm going to leave it at that because I could write a book about you but we all know that is not your style, we will cherish the memories, the e-mails you sent in time of need and your unending strength you gave to this community. We wish you lots of love as you enter the next paragraph.

SENDING LOVE IN A SHOEBOX

Thank you to all who helped fill 174 shoeboxes with gifts for children less fortunate this Christmas with Samaritans Purse Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal.

Boxes were collected from several churches and community members and brought to New Horizons Christian Church where they were prayed over before being taken to Kingaroy.

Kingaroy added our boxes to theirs which made a total of 1,276 boxes from the South Burnett.

For many communities living in extreme poverty, shoeboxes are the first step to a better life.

Operation Christmas Child began in the late 1990's when Welshman, Dave Cooke, felt compelled to do something about the plight of children in Rumanian Orphanages. He planned to take one truckload of supplies, and after advertising the need, he ended up with 7 semi-trailers loaded with more than \$1,000,000 worth of aid and gifts, \$125,000 in cash and 3,000 gift-filled shoeboxes. And so Operation Christmas Child was born.

The shoeboxes are door-openers, and at 6 Mile settlement near Port Moresby, where 35,000 people from 8 tribes settled in a 10 square mile area, the shoeboxes opened doors for a school and a church to be established, and the tribal fighting stopped!

This is a practical reminder of the true spirit of Christmas in that it is more blessed to give than to receive.



On Thursday 20th November St Joseph's Murgon School celebrated the 'Feast of Nano Nagle' and presented their awards. It was a significant occasion as Nano Nagle founded the Presentation Sisters. The Presentation Sisters founded our school in 1937 and have played a vital part in our school community.

We were lucky enough to have both Presentation Sisters, Sister Carmel and Sister Vianney, return to celebrate with us on the day. The sisters presented the Nano Nagle awards to these deserving students.

Prep. Ella Petersen, Year 1 Jamie McEffer, Year 2 Lucy Hobbs, Year 3 Jasmyne McEffer, Year 4 Jayler Purcell, Year 5 James Olbes, Year 6 Dawn Druery, Year 7 Francis Hobbs.

ROUND 2 OF GREEN ARMY NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS IN WIDE BAY

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss, has encouraged environmental organisations in Wide Bay to nominate their local conservation projects for a new round of Green Army grants.

"This new round of funding for Green Army projects in Wide Bay will build upon the valuable conservation work that has already been undertaken earlier this year. I encourage local councils, Landcare and conservation groups within Wide Bay, to put forward new project proposals, to help continue the improvement of natural environments in our region," Mr Truss said.

"Green Army projects are focused on restoring and protecting native habitat, removing invasive weed species, planting vegetation, cleaning up creeks and rivers, preventing erosion and conserving heritage places.

"The Wide Bay electorate has a diverse landscape. Whether it is the Mary Valley, inland parks and reserves, or coastal areas, the local environment can always use a helping hand," Mr Truss said.

Applications for projects under round two of the Program will close at 2pm on 9 December 2014. To be eligible for the second round of the Programme, projects must be ready to start between 1 January 2015 and 30 June 2015.

Project guidelines, along with sample application forms to assist with planning project ideas, are available at www.environment.gov.au/green-army.

THE SOUTH BURNETT HARD TO FIND?



Three chances and eventually its right. First it was put on the opposite side of the road, next it had 800m where it now has 10km. If you turned left in 800m you would end up in the farmers paddock which can be seen in the distance.

Then there was this sign in Nanango coming in from Brisbane or Toowoomba. If you follow the arrow to Goomeri you would end up in the Forestry going to Kilcoy. The old saying is don't believe everything you see but it's just a shame that some Main Roads / Tourist organization who put up these beautiful signs can't get it right the first time.

We don't usually like to criticize but Yes we do care about Tourism in our area!

Another Concerned Resident (name supplied)

Page 34 of Murgon Moments, issue 102 (shown above) has a story about tourist signs showing Australia's Country Way finally being correct .However this is only 50% correct. The top sign should have been placed near the Goomeri Show Grounds with the original chainage of 800metres to the Nanango turn off. As the sign now reads it is saying that the Barambah Rd through Moffitdale is Highway A3 which it isn't. It is confusing to tourists. If you look to the top of the hill (reference to photo) where the truck is another sign that had its highway number changed from 49 to A3 and just to add more confusion the next sign further up the road has 49. Get it right put the sign where it should be.



2015 Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition



Date Claimer

Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition spokesman Terry Allwood says that with dam levels estimated to be around 70% in early February the annual competition to be held on 7th and 8th February 2015 should provide great weekend of fishing and family activities. Fishing conditions at Lake Boondooma will be at their best, the water quality should be good and significant weed beds have now formed.

For more information on the competition please contact Terry Allwood on 0400 860122 or boondoomastocking@gmail.com

REMEMBER ME, YES I'M BACK HOME IN MURGON

The gun which was purchased by Mr Harold Seng and has adored many places in Murgon including the Lions Park has returned to Murgon.

Murgon RSL didn't stop fighting for the return of the gun which was on vacation in another part of the South Burnett.

It made a bold statement up the main Lamb Street of Murgon to its permanent resting place at the front of the Murgon Returned Services Club.

Photo L-R: Bruce Sommerfeld, Jim Kingston, Councillor Kathy Duff, and Bryan Zelinski.



Welcome Home 25 Pounder.



1943 World War II Chub Artillery Gun



The Cherbourg Ration Shed Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary on Friday 31st October they've come a long way from the small Museum they once were in 2004. Over the years they have worked hard to become the cultural and historical heart of Cherbourg. The Ration Shed Museum has become a leader in driving positive change in Cherbourg and a role model of a thriving predominantly Indigenous-run organisation.

Their success is demonstrated in the strength of the community's involvement and the many people that use the precinct. Thousands of visitors come to the Ration Shed to hear from community Elders and to experience part of the Aboriginal story for themselves. Numerous former Cherbourg residents have returned to the Ration Shed to engage in programs of healing and re-connection to people, country and their pasts. They've worked hard to promote reconciliation in the region and there has been noticeable strengthening of community ties.

These and other achievements are cause for celebration. We are optimistic about the future and have big plans for the next 10 years. Editors footnote, congratulations well done.

EARLYACT CATERING SUCCESS

On Wednesday 15th October 2014, 20 Earlyact Club members came along to 'The Shed' to serve up an unforgettable meal to the members of the Rotary Club of Murgon. The evening was a great success – being the major fundraiser for our 2014 schedule. Proceeds from our 2014 fundraising will be going to the Community Castra Bus Appeal being co-ordinated by Murgon Rotary. Our Earlyact members once again did an outstanding job and two members of our Executive, Bailee Hall and Bridey Wessling, gave an enlightening powerpoint presentation about the Castra Pals Program that our club is involved in each fortnight. Rotary Club and Earlyact Club members had a fantastic night!



Earlyact members ready to serve!



Bailee and Bridey making presentation to meeting.



Triston presenting raffle prize to Mrs Roberts



Rex Shelton (Vice-President of Rotary) chairing the meeting.

An elderly couple had just learned how to send text messages on their mobile phones. The wife was a romantic type and the husband was more of a no-nonsense guy. One afternoon the wife went out to meet a friend for coffee. She decided to send her husband a romantic text message and she wrote:

“If you are sleeping, send me your dreams. If you are laughing, send me your smile. If you are eating, send me a bite. If you are drinking, send me a sip. If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you.”

The husband texted back to her:
“I’m on the toilet. Please advise.”

OUR BELOVED TEN POUND POM, THE LATE DORIS PARKER

Our late friend and legacy widow of Barambah, Doris Parker, was born in England in 1926 to a humble home. She never knew her father. Her stepfather was a drunkard with an aversion to work. Her Mum died when Doris was 16. By this time Doris was working in a mill.

At the age of 18, Doris became a pen pal to her future husband Roy Parker, whom she married at the age of 18. A week after the honeymoon Roy returned to his parachute regiment. It was 2 years before her beloved Roy returned. At 19 Doris's first son Kenneth was born. Soon after Roy's return, Doris and her son moved to an army barrack with her husband and later her son Ray was born.

With Roy demobilized and back at work in a coal mine, and at last with regular pay, the family were able to establish a comfortable home. The birth of son David brought more happiness to Doris, but Roy hated the mine and wanted better for his sons. In 1960 the Parker family set sail for Australia as 10 pound Poms. In many ways it was sad for Doris as she could only bring a limited amount of the beloved possessions she had accumulated.

The trip to Australia was wonderful on board boat but only a softener for what lay ahead. Welcome to a Migrant Hostel, Sydney. They were introduced to their half of a Nissen hut, with communal showers and toilets, and a communal dining hall. From here you could get a bus to the employment agency. There they heard of a great opportunity to buy land in a wonderful place called Caboolture, Queensland. Big Mistake!!! Home was a 4 berth caravan, sleeping 5, and 5 naive white skinned poms getting sunburnt every time they slipped out the door. Six weeks later, going broke fast, and unable to meet payments on the land, Roy heard of jobs on the Melbourne railways. Melbourne was soon their next home. However, a week later "Sorry Mr Parker, you have been diagnosed with colour blindness, so no job." Poor Doris, only 8 weeks in Australia and all these catastrophes.

Doris believed we are responsible for the decisions we make, the actions we take and the ensuing consequences. A series of jobs followed and finally 18 months later Roy and Doris had jobs as cleaner and bar steward at a Golf Club. They moved into a new housing commission house. In time came the car. The Parkers settled but then began to discover this wonderful country "Australia" in a Combie van set up for 12 people.

Roy was still unsettled, but at last found a place called Murgon. Was it near Caboolture? No! Was it in Queensland, good. Yes! Good! What could they afford? Maybe they could find a place 25 minutes from town, needing to be done up, and fix it!

At last Roy and Doris had found their perfect niche and were soon part of the community.

Sadly, and suddenly, Roy passed away in 1991. Sometime later Doris moved into an independent living unit at Tickle Place, attached to Castra, the local retirement home. Those close to Doris soon learned not to visit if the football was on TV, and she remained an avid barracker for the Poms in all sport.

Health took its toll on Doris, and in time she moved into Castra for extra care. Here she was well cared for until her passing a few months later.

Friends and neighbours of Tickle Place, Murgon, still affectionately remember and recall happy times with our Ten Pound Pom. (Story by kind favour Legacy Newsletter)

CROWDFUNDING PLAN TO SAVE TINANA KOALA HABITAT

New hope for the embattled Tinana koala population emerged today, as Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss, called upon the community to assist in efforts to save koala habitat at Tinana.

"A \$200,000 crowd-sourced fundraising campaign has been launched to purchase koala habitat in the Henderson Park estate," Mr Truss said.

"Three uncleared allotments in the estate will be quarantined from future development and held by the Fraser Coast Regional Council as an environmental reserve, if we are able to raise the funds to secure them," Mr Truss said.

"The developer has made the land available and the Council has agreed to maintain and manage the site."

Mr Truss said it is now up to us to demonstrate our care and appreciation for these very precious animals and support efforts to save their habitat.

"Our local koala population faces many threats from disease, vehicles and development. In the last year more than 100 sick and injured Tinana koalas were rescued and this campaign provides the community with a practical opportunity to help koalas by conserving their habitat," Mr Truss said.

"I believe that with the community, conservationists and the Council working together, we can all play our part to secure the future of our local koala population."

Tax deductible donations to purchase the land can be made through the Queensland Trust for Nature.

For more information and to donate to the campaign visit the website <http://www.chuffed.org/project/save-koala-habitat-in-tinana-qld>

CUTTING-EDGE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT FOR SOUTH BURNETT

Kingaroy residents will have the benefit of more efficient sewage treatment and improved environmental outcomes following an agreement to install a state-of-the-art sewage treatment plant.

The contract to deliver the largest project undertaken by the South Burnett Regional Council was signed recently at an official ceremony.

The project delivered through the Queensland Government's Royalties for the Regions program in partnership with Council, is expected to be completed by September 2016 and will provide the Kingaroy community with Class A recycled water which can be used to irrigate sporting grounds and schools in the area. It will also significantly improve the quality of effluent released from the site, benefitting the local environment.



Ipswich-based company Aquatec Maxcon has been awarded the contract which will see the South Burnett Regional Council as the first in Australia to use the new 'Nereda' technology – hailed as a cost-effective, sustainable and simple solution for sanitation. It offers vastly improved sewage treatment capabilities for a significantly lower investment and running costs.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said, “the project would deliver significant benefits for more than 9,000 residents and businesses across Kingaroy, allowing for projected population growth over the next 20 years”.

“The new plant will utilise Australian-first technology to minimise environmental impacts while delivering high-quality wastewater with reduced operating costs compared to other systems”, said Mr Kratzmann.

“We’re proud to be working with Aquatec Maxcon which has sought to make use of as many local materials and labour as possible, providing a valuable financial boost to the region”, said Mayor Kratzmann.

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington was pleased to be at the signing ceremony and said, “This is a significant project for Kingaroy, and the South Burnett Region, and has been made possible by a \$10 million grant through the State Government’s Royalty for the Regions Program.”

Aquatec Maxcon has also been awarded the contract to upgrade the Gordonbrook Water Treatment Plant which will improve town water quality for all Kingaroy residents and reduce operating costs.

CALL TO CONSERVE WATER

Cr Barry Green, portfolio Councillor for Water and Waste Water this week is calling on South Burnett residents to conserve town water supplies in the South Burnett region. “The South Burnett region is currently drought declared and with forward range forecasts predicting low rainfall for the forthcoming summer, Council will be considering implementing level 2 water restrictions across the South Burnett region at the November General Council Meeting next week.”

At a recent Portfolio briefing on the matter, Councillors agreed that it would be prudent to begin to implement demand management of the South Burnett town water supplies. Cr Green said “It is important for Council to carefully manage the water supply on behalf of the region so that if required, moving to harsher restrictions will be a gradual process.” Information on how to manage water usage in and around the home is available at Council’s website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

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Friday	28	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Australia Day Awards Nom close,
Saturday	29	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men Charity Auction, SB PCYC Garage Sale,
Sunday	30	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass,

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Monday	1	SES, QUOTA, Murgon Neighbourhood Watch, December in Murgon - Try Local - Be Surprised promotion Starts,
Tuesday	2	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc,
Wednesday	3	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's, Murgon Business & Development Association AGM, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Murgon Shed Men,
Thursday	4	Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers,
Friday	5	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, 'A Sense of Wonder' Wondai Art Gallery, SB PCYC Friday Night Live,
Saturday	6	Bowls, Golf, Dance Lessons Tablelands, Murgon Shed Men,
Sunday	7	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Christmas Carols by Candlelight, Catholic Mass,
Monday	8	SES, Murgon Judo Club, SB&C on Show meet,
Tuesday	9	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Cattle Sale, Lions, Murgon Show Society,
Wednesday	10	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Murgon Shed Men, Hospital Auxiliary,
Thursday	11	Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club), Ambulance Meet,
Friday	12	Murgon Christmas Carnival and great Prize Draws, Graham House last Transport, Barambah Garden Club, Last Day of School, Community Bingo,
Saturday	13	Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass, Anglican Mothers Union, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Murgon Shed Men,
Sunday	14	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Markets
Monday	15	SES,
Tuesday	16	SBRC Rates Dis Close, Art classes Graham House,
Wednesday	17	Bowls, Cards (6.30pm Mondure Hall), Murgon Shed Men,
Thursday	18	National Seniors End of Year Lunch, Cards (9.30am Bowls Club),
Friday	19	SB PCYC close till 5th Jan,
Saturday	20	Bowls, Golf, Windaera Bush Kids Christmas Carnival, Murgon Moments Deadline, Dairy Museum Meet, Murgon Shed Men,
Sunday	21	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Start of Christmas Church Services, Catholic Mass, Buffalo Lodge, Longest Day of the Year,
Monday	22	SES,
Tuesday	23	Two More Days Till Christmas,
Wednesday	24	Christmas Eve, Wondai Christmas Carnival, "December in Murgon" Try Local - Be Surprised Prize Holiday Draw, Graham House Office Closes till 5th Jan.
Thursday	25	Christmas Day,
Friday	26	Boxing Day Holiday,
Saturday	27	Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass,
Sunday	28	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	29	SES,
Tuesday	30	Second Last Day of the Year,
Wednesday	31	Last Day of 2014, New Years Eve,

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Thursday	1	New Years Day Holiday,
Friday	2	Social Tennis,
Saturday	3	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Shed Men, Dance Lessons Tablelands,

LIONS MAKE DONATION TO MURGON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Murgon Lions through the Lions Hearing Dogs Incorporated have arranged for a Front Row Active Learning System to be presented to the Murgon Primary School. The system allows for all students in a classroom to equally hear the lesson being delivered by the Teacher.

A similar system was presented to Cherbourg Primary School a few years ago and has been well received.

"This is just another example of the ongoing commitment by Lions to the education of our youth", Murgon Lions President Mr Bill Kearney said.

Lions International supports the education of our youth with two initiatives "the Lions Youth Exchange and Lions Youth of the Year Competition," he said.

The sound system will be used in a class with identified students with hearing impairment.

We sadly mourn the loss of :

HARDING, Kathleen Muriel, Late of Murgon

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Barambah Garden Club News

Our October meeting was held at the home of Bill and Audrey Kapernick. Their garden at Tablelands always has flowers no matter how dry the soil may seem. This was a perfect location to have a talk about soil construction and density along with oil microbes.

November saw us at the home of Allen and Mary Mitchell in Murgon. Trisha and Jim McMorris travelled from Brisbane to visit us on Friday November 14. Trisha is the garden club ambassador for 2014. She told us some interesting information about being the ambassador along with some information about herself and the gardening journey. I am constantly amazed at the amount of flowers along with fruit and vegetables that make their appearance on the monthly competition table.

If you want to know where our next meeting is please phone Ann on 41686238. Until next time happy gardening!

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NEWS:

The South Burnett PCYC will close for the Christmas break from 19th December 2014 till 5th January 2015.

There will be a Garage Sale on Saturday 29th November at the PCYC building and will include excess goods from Doreen Campos.

Our new Manager Sgt Rod Gelderblom from Augathella will take over duties in January 2015 from Sgt Michael Eadie who is returning to Lang Park PCYC.

Our Sporting Club coordinator Paula Nunan finishes on the 12th December 2014 and returns to her Teaching career.

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