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



Mr Bill Roberts receives the South Burnett Lifetime Achievement Award and the Murgon Business and Development Association Senior Ambassador Award

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CENTENARY OF ANZAC APPLICATIONS EXTENDED TO 31 MARCH 2014

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister, Warren Truss, today extended the closing date for applications for funding from the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program to 31 March 2014.

"I encourage veterans organizations, schools and community groups to work together to plan for the Centenary of Anzac, and use the funding that is available to create a memorable event or project that honours the Anzac tradition," Mr Truss said.

"The Centenary of Anzac in 2015 will be one of the most significant national periods of commemoration in our nation's history. Up to \$125,000 is available to support Centenary of Anzac projects in the Wide Bay electorate.

"I want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to join in events and special projects that pay tribute to the men and women who served our nation, and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defence of Australia's values and beliefs," Mr Truss said.

The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program supports local projects to honour the Centenary of Anzac. Projects may



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include special services and marches of veterans, re-enactments of recruiting marches, school education programs, refurbishing of memorials and honour boards, and the establishment of new places of commemoration and reflection.

A local Anzac Centenary Community Grants Committee has been formed to provide advice and recommendations on applications which will then be submitted to the Department of Veterans' Affairs for further consideration.

"The Committee will ensure that as many people as possible in Wide Bay are able to share in the funding and experience the projects and events that are supported by the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program," Mr Truss said.

The program has been modeled on the highly-successful Australia Remembers 1945-1995 commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War Two.

Applications close on 31 March 2014. Guidelines and application forms for the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program are available from the One Stop Shop Section of my website www.warrentruss.com or by calling my office on 1300 301 968.

Further information is available from the website www.anzacentenary.gov.au/grants/.

KEEP QUEENSLAND BEAUTIFUL

After 42 years the Keep Australia Beautiful Queensland organisation is still thriving and has undergone a name change, it is now Keep Queensland Beautiful! This pro-active organisation facilitates campaigns and awards such as Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities, Clean Beaches, Cleaner Greener Schools, Adopt-a-Spot, Butt Out, and Brisbane's Spotless Suburbs. One of the Tidiest Town 2013 categories was won by Mundubbera! Mundubbera also won the 'Bush Spirit' award for their community resilience after the floods. Gayndah and Eidsvold weren't far behind, receiving 'highly commendable' for various categories.

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DROUGHT CAUSES WATER PROBLEMS

South Burnett Regional Council and Queensland Health continue to work on ways to address the water problems identified in Kingaroy.

Recently the substance Trihalomethanes (THM's) rose above recommended levels. Regular testing is ongoing to ensure the safety of the water supply.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said, "This testing has identified another naturally occurring chemical, bromide, is present and associated with a particular type of THM's. Increased bromide levels has probably been caused by the drought conditions and until the catchment receives good rains, water will be sourced from Boondooma Dam."

"Queensland Health are the lead agency and Council are working very closely with them to ensure our residents are informed and advised of any changes to these levels," said Mayor Kratzmann.

To be on the safe side Queensland Health and South Burnett Regional Council recommends the following –

- conserve water consumption
- pregnant women avoid drinking tap water

Council's portfolio representative of the Water and Wastewater, Cr Barry Green said, "Given the amount of rain the region has received so far this year, I would urge all residents to check for leaking taps. A tap dripping at one drip/second, uses 33 litres of water a day. This results in wasted water and potentially a higher water bill," said Cr Green.

To check for leaks; turn off all taps, washing machine, dishwasher and any items that use water. Take a note of what number is on your meter. Wait half an hour (without any water use) and check your meter again.

Cr Green said "In addition to the current testing that we are conducting, Council is also investigating options to have the processing of results completed quicker."

"Repairs to the Gordonbrook Treatment Plant have been completed. Thank you to those residents who conserved water whilst repairs were carried out over the last few days," said Cr Green.

Council advises that all options are being considered for different water treatment regimes, preparing a blend of safe water from both Gordonbrook and Boondooma Dams.

The result form the next round of testing will be provided to Council in the next few days. Further updates will be provided in due course.

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BUSH BALLAD COUNTRY MUSIC SPECTACULAR

On Saturday the 1st March 2014, a Bush Ballad Country Music Spectacular will be held at the Wondai Diggers Club, for the 8th year in a row, all proceeds will be given to the Queensland Cancer Fund. Visiting and recording artists from Crow's Nest, Ellesmere and Mundubbera along with local artists will be performing on the night.

One of our performers, **Les Lawson**, a singer and songwriter of many years, has recently been named the "Ellesmere Balladeer". The song on his latest album The Road of Life, took him to the finals of the Australian Songwriters Salute section at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Jim Brown also a renowned Bush Balladeer who has been associated with the Country Music Industry for many years, and who has received numerous awards, will be performing as well. Jim has released a CD and will be available for purchase on the night.

Kelvin, Errol and Glen Wiley started their music careers by performing with their parents, Des and Shirley back in the 1970's. In the years since, all boys have competed in many festivals and have reaped many awards for both singing and playing.



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Viv and Shirley Kehl from Murgon are well known Bush Balladeers and have performed at many festival and concerts all over Queensland. Viv is a competent yodeller and singer while Shirley is not to be seen without her Piano accordion. They are also well known for the amount of volunteer entertaining in aged people's homes within the South Burnett and for the concerts they organise to raise funds for different charities.

Viv and Shirley have recently released their latest album Tribute to Rick and Thel which has proved to be quite popular.

The manager of the Charles Wanstell Apex Lodge in Brisbane will be guest speaker on the night. The Lodge provides self-contained units and accommodation for country patients who have to attend the city for cancer treatment. It is a "home away from home situation" and it was because of the excellent care provided and for the funds required to maintain that care, that the concert was organised to assist this very needy cause. All proceeds from the night will be donated to the Charles Wanstell Apex Lodge.

All artists performing on the night are donating their time and talent for this fund raising venture, which promises to be a fun filled night.

GOOMERI LIONS CONTINUE SUPPORT OF MURGON MOM

The Goomeri Lions are continuing their support of Murgon amputee mom with a "Shindig for Shona" on Saturday, March 1st 2014. This will give supporters an opportunity to meet this courageous young woman. All are invited to a 'country dance' in the Goomeri Hall of Memory at 7:30 p.m. There will be live music throughout the evening and numerous raffles as well. Keeping with the tradition of the old time country dance, this is a family event so all ages are welcome and dress is casual. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for High School students with primary kids and younger being free of charge. Finger food will be served and there will be a bar.

Shona's support group are all working hard to help her realize her goal to walk down the aisle at her sister's wedding in October - this is Goomeri Lions next effort to get her there. We hope to see you all - young and old - Mom's and Dad's - Grans and Bubs - and everyone in between.

Please contact Pam Brunjes 4168 4260 or Sandra Nesbitt 4158 4520 to reserve tables for family groups and to RSVP for catering purposes.

FACELIFT FOR THE SOUTH BURNETT PARKS

Parks, gardens and play areas across the South Burnett have seen a significant amount of works completed over the last few months.

South Burnett Regional Council's Spokesperson for Natural Resources and Parks, Cr Kathy Duff said, "Council's parks and gardens team have been busy getting works throughout the region completed over the Christmas and New Year period. Almost every town in the region has had some works conducted this year."

"In Kingaroy, we have had works completed on the River Road toilets. The climbing net footings and net have been installed and are open for use. Memorial Park play equipment is now installed and Apex Park has had a flying fox installed," said Cr Duff.

"We have also had upgrades for locals and visitors to utilise some of our natural landmarks. Coomba Falls has had hand rails and bottom steps installed for ease of access," she said.

Nanango Cemetery has also had work completed with an upgrade to the internal road and carpark entry. A shelter, internal gardens and a water feature have been completed.

Railway Park in Proston has had a BBQ shelter constructed. Toilet upgrades in Blackbutt, Scott Street carpark and Lions Park Nanango have been completed.

Wondai Cemetery and Kumbia playground have had an upgrade to their fences. Coronation Park in Wondai have had new paths completed.

Cr Duff said "In Murgon, we have completed a shade sail in Lions Park. There are also upgrades scheduled for Rotary Park in Murgon."

"Council also received a biodiversity grant from the Federal Government last year. This has allowed us to plant 2000 native trees and firebreaks have been constructed on 13 reserves and four (4) control burns completed," said Cr Duff.

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Photo's that were part of the Pratt family story that were omitted from previous issues about the Australian War Memorial receiving extensive collection from the Murgon Pratt family.

Photo L-R: Earl Pratt, Kay Pratt, Bob Pratt, and their mother Desma Pratt.

RSPCA New and Longer Opening Hours



Council's Kingaroy Animal Housing facility and the RSPCA's Kingaroy Animal Shelter opening hours will be changing from 1 February 2014. These facilities will now be open longer for the public's convenience.

The new opening hours will be 10:00am to 5:00pm seven (7) days a week. This change has been made to better serve the community after reviewing when the public most often accessed these facilities.

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'SAFARIS INTO AFRICA'



Photo: Allen and Mary Mitchell with 2 lions; Allen and Mary Mitchell went on a 'Safari into Africa' tour in Aug-Sept last year with Clive Arnold, who was a guest speaker at the recent Shed Men Night.



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Photo: Murgon Lions Club president Ray Sippel supporting Schona's I want to Walk Again Campaign.

PROSTON SHOW

The South Burnett show season is almost on us again with the first show to be held on the 8th March 2014 at Proston. Mr. Carl Rackeman will officially open our show at 1.30pm.

This year we are seeing a repeat of dry weather leading up to our show but let's hope we do not see the floods that came as well last year.

Plans are well under way with plenty for everyone to participate in and enjoy. All the usual competitions will be held such as Stud cattle, Prime trade Cattle, Ring events-Show Jumping Led Horses, Hacks and Pony Hacks. We also have the novice section for riders just wanting to start showing horses. This section is great to encourage new riders to the show. The Pavilion will have all the Handcraft, Cooking, Horticultural, Farm Products, Fine Arts, Photography and Junior sections. We hope to see plenty of teapots in and around the Pavilion this year with this being our theme for this show. We are also hopeful of having a teapot collection on display with teapots from all over the world.

Woodchops and Post ripping will be a buzz with the roar of chain saws. The Championship Dog show is growing bigger and bigger every year.

This year children will be able to enjoy unlimited rides by purchasing an arm band before the show for just \$15 from Proston News Agencies or the Secretary on 41689246 and on the day of the show for \$18. Rides available will be a Merry-Go-Round, Jumping castle, Pony rides and Aerojump. Individual tickets are also available to purchase at the show from the office. The Aerojump is suitable for all ages to enjoy from youngsters

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DO YOU SUFFER FROM ARTHRITIC PAIN?

Glucosamine & Chondroitin may NOT be all they're cracked up to be!

By Dee the Naturopath

For literally decades now it has been the direction of health care to recommend the use of glucosamine and chondroitin for the relief of symptoms of joint pain. However in recent studies, the benefits of these supplements have been evaluated with very mixed results. The truth is, a large portion of those who try this

combination won't get any significant relief at all from glucosamine and chondroitin. For many people suffering joint-pain supplements alone don't relieve pain any better than a placebo (dummy pill), nor is there any significant increase in cartilage that could in any way delay the progression of the arthritis.

The truth is that regular exercise, losing excess weight and tailored physical therapies are the real joint-pain solutions that many are seeking. In fact, if you lose just 2.5kgs, you're talking about the equivalent of around 9kgs (less stress) across those knees, so you can imagine how weight loss alone would make quite a

difference.

In my experience as a Naturopath, it is exercise, and the reduction of excess weight that will have the greatest impact, but a regular exercise program is crucial if you have knee or other joint pain. It is also of equal importance to have expert assessment of your joints. See your doctor and obtain x-rays to assess the extent and location of any damage. In the short term you may even benefit from pain medications. Be guided on your use of supplements by a trained practitioner, someone qualified to advise you as part of a wholistic program. Even your current diet can be contributing to pain and you'd be surprised at how much pain relief you can get simply from choosing the right foods! You should also make an appointment with a qualified chiropractor/osteopath or physiotherapist who will help you to rehabilitate the joint by utilising treatment regimens including ultrasound, interferential current and muscle strengthening exercises. Just be sure you keep moving!

There are a lot of advertising dollars behind the promotion of nutritional supplements. The reality is that many products don't deliver on their claims and promises. The media and almost every retail outlet around still promote the use (or perhaps just the sale) of pricey albeit often ineffective supplements. Having said

that there are several great formulas available for nutritional support (as part of a weight loss and exercise program) that WILL help regenerate cartilage tissue and repair the damage to joints, and as a qualified trained practitioner I can advise you which ones will be the greatest benefit to you.

BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB NEWS



Our monthly meeting was held at the home of Bill & Audrey Kapernick. I don't know how they do it but their garden is always full of flowers no matter what the weather is like. The hibiscus were beautiful along with an abundance of other flowers.

The discussion subject this month was rock minerals. It started out as a talk but soon turned into a lively and informative discussion. A speaker always knows that those present get involved making the experience more enjoyable for all present.

We will be having a variety of speakers with subjects as diverse as herbicides to native bees. If you would like to know about the next meeting please phone 41686238. Until next time *Happy Gardening*

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The renowned Susan Dowdle School of Dance which has been running for the past 14 years in Murgon has been taken over by one of her pupils Regina Sloper who has been dancing with the Susan Dowdle School of Dance for the last 10 years.

The new school of dance will have a new name and location, it will be known as:

RBS Dance Academy and it will operate from the Uniting Church Hall at 55 Gore St Murgon.

Regina said dancing allows students a place to express feelings and emotions in a safe and healthy way and it trains students in discipline, commitment, appearance, poise, drive and dedication.

Students get to experience doing workshops with different dance teachers in Murgon and Brisbane and making lifelong friends.

It also gives the students career opportunities, the students get to experience the thrill of dancing on stage in front of a crowd with mum's spending what seems to be like a second job sewing sequins, straps and feathers together for costumes.

Dance term will run on school terms running 5 days a week with Exams offered in all styles of dancing and from young ages to higher grade exam results. Regina is planning -2 concerts a year providing the town with great entertainment.

Photo: Regina at bottom forefront performing in dance.

For class bookings Phone 0477 170 395 10.00am - 6.00pm. E-Mail info.rbsdanceacademy@gmail.com

Editors Footnote: The Murgon Business & Development Assoc wishes you every success in your new business and thanks Susan Dowdle for her 14 years in business in Murgon and hopes she and her family enjoys her retirement

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Local identity Mr Bill Roberts was honoured the night before with the South Burnett Lifetime Achievement Award

Bill Roberts has spent the whole of his life advocating for his community. He is known as "Mr Murgon" and even when most people would be retired at the coast Bill is still actively working in his Accountancy Business in Lamb St in Murgon and is the current Treasurer of the Murgon Business & Development Association. He was a member of Apex for many years and when he became too old for Apex has been actively involved in Rotary and is an active Rotarian. Bill was the Mayor of Murgon for many years and last year the South Burnett Regional Council named a bridge in Lamb St in Murgon to honour him and recognise his contribution to the Community. He is known throughout the whole South Burnett as a community character and a champion for Murgon and the South Burnett. He has written and still continues to write the famous Hub Rattles for the South Burnett Times. Hub Rattles is the going on in Murgon and gets its' name from Murgon the "Hub of the Rich South Burnett" which has been Murgons' stamp on the South Burnett over many years. Bill is also a Champion of the Indigenous people and actively involves himself with the Cherbourg community and has worked closely to unite what he has named the "Twin Towns' Of Cherbourg and Murgon. He and his lovely wife Mary are inspirational to the Murgon community and to the South Burnett. Bill is patron of numerous community groups and continues to attend and be involved in numerous community organisations and events. He is a shining example to us all of a citizen with a true commitment to his community and to the South Burnett.

As former Mayor he has influenced decisions and supported Murgon as a key player in the South Burnett actively promoting Murgon as the Beef Capital of the Burnett and the Hub of the Rich South Burnett. He has helped to put Murgon and the South Burnett on the Map and is a remarkable man and a true Ambassador.

LIFESTYLE KIDS FISHING DAY

A free kids fishing day organized by the Bjelke-Petersen Dam Fish Stocking Organization will be held on Sunday 2nd March between 8.00am – 11.00am. There are limited positions available and bookings can be made by phoning Shona on 4168 4746. Children should be aged between 5 and 16, and any children under 6 must have a parent, carer or guardian with them at all times. There will be a free gift to each child and a free sausage sizzle will be held at the conclusion of the fish lesson. Children will be taught how to bait, cast and fish and hats and sunscreen are advised. The Lifestyle Fishing Day will be held at the Bjelke – Petersen Dam public day park but remember you must book by phoning Shona 4168 4746.

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AMBER'S POINT OF VIEW

I recently started to volunteer at the Murgon Dairy and Heritage Museum. Being 14 years old, you would think that I would not be interested in this, but I am. The people you meet and the things you see and learn, I will remember forever.

These are some of what I found interesting.-Trinity Homestead, Castra, The Chapel, The Bank of New South Wales, Sippel's Hut and much more.

Sippel's Hut - there is a story behind this Hut – Col Sippel was the owner with his family, who used the Hut when they cut timber, but no one ever lived there.



A guy named Billy Meade who said on his death bed that he was Steve Hart who was part of the Kelly gang who escaped the fire at Glenrowan also had a property at Moondooner – he was a horse trader and he took these to Manumbar to trade. Many believed they were stolen because he used to escape to the bush for months on end to return with mobs of horses. He lived next door to the Goodchilds. Sometimes he had dinner with them. He taught Hazel, Bill, Doug and Henley to play cards (five hundred or other games of that time.) Col Sippel and Bill Roberts as young children remember meeting him and seeing him in town.

Then you have Trinity Homestead with the history of the Maudsley family, and the musket

holes so if the women were left by themselves, they could defend themselves. Mrs Maudsley was buried on the original site of Trinity Homestead. Her and Mr Maudsley had 9 children – 7 sons and 2 daughters. Thomas Maudsley and Elizabeth Maudsley got married in Ipswich in 1880 then they settled on an 80 acre farm with the large family of sons. Thomas Maudsley ended up with 1280 acres. Trinity was sold out of the Maudsley family in the early 1920's. Not long after that, a new dwelling was built nearby and in ensuing years, the old home became a storage area. By 1990, Trinity's original old home was looking worse for wear, and it was decided to move it to its present site in 1990 by the Murgon Lions Club. It has now become a point for the Maudsley reunions where family members from around the world gather on the verandahs, just as the Maudsley's did so many years ago.

Then there are the trunks that travelled from London.



Then Castra – it was the first house in Murgon and the first built by George Nutt where his family lived. There you will see their history.

The Museum Chapel was from Hivesville and the pews inside come from the United Church in Murgon.

The Bank of New South Wales building with the history of the



Dairy produce and the equipment that was used and also gem stones from the area which are displayed inside the building and are well worth a look.

The Museum is located on the Gayndah Road - just look for the big cow with

lots of little cows on the fence and of course Castra. If you have any enquiries, please phone 41 695001. If out of hours, please leave a message and we will get back to you.

AMBER SPICER – Guest writer for the Museum this month. (Thank you Amber for the interest and support shown by you and your family towards the Museum – we appreciate it.)

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QCWA (Queensland Country Women's Association) PROSTON BRANCH

Our first meeting for 2014 was held on Monday 3rd February 2014, and it was well attended.

Congratulations to the winners of our Christmas Raffle:

1st Hamper of Food John Smoothery

2nd Decorated Fabric Christmas Stocking filled with toys June Kelly

The Scratty Tree which was raffled at the Proston Christmas Carnival on 21 December 2013 was won by Ann Harold. We thank everyone who supported these raffles.

At present we are selling tickets for our latest raffle: to be drawn at the Proston Show on 8th March 2014.

1st Hand embroidered cot quilt

2nd Embroidered Towels

Our Country of Study this year is Vietnam, so we are busy preparing our presentation of this country.

At our first Craft Day, on Monday 10th February, we worked on decorating calico panels, ready to attach and sew into calico carry bags. We had tons of fun doing this; and I'm sure that these bags will have a multitude of valuable uses.

With the Proston Show looming, all members are encouraged to enter their handiwork; as well as help to assemble our pavilion display. We will again have a stall on Show Day.

Charity Craft items are ready for delivery; or soon will be. The coffers of craft items for sale are well stocked, so stay tuned for advice on forthcoming stalls.

Our contribution to "5000 POPPIES: A tribute of Respect and Remembrance" for display in Melbourne on ANZAC Day 2015, is progressing well. To date we have contributed approx. 150 crocheted poppies.

Let's hope that this year we can make a difference in our community, and have heaps of fun at the same time.

For more information on our Proston Branch, please contact a member of our executive: viz.

President: Val Klein 4168 9391, Secretary: Eileen Vos 0429 856 770

We would love to tell you what we are all about, and maybe welcome you as a new member. The stigma that CWA is just for "old ducks" is far from true, as we have a diverse agenda and would love to "Bridge the Gap" by having the input of younger members. Our rooms are well appointed with up to date kitchen facilities and wheelchair friendly access and toilet. This makes it a great venue for many community functions. Judith Marek (Publicity Officer) QCWA Proston 41689540.

Wondai Fundraising Afternoon 2014

Theme – Fruit & Nuts

Monday 3rd March 2014
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Musical Programme starts 1:30pm

Coin voting display:
Bring any article pertaining to Fruit & Nuts
All entries to be in by 1:00pm

Floral Art Competition

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Recently the Apex Club of Murgon inducted 2 new members into their Club. Chris Murray & Shona Muckert (who is the first official female member) are now officially active participants of this small but dynamic group.

Robbie & Michelle Radel from the Apex Club of Biggenden attended to perform the formalities. The Apex Club of Murgon meets once a fortnight on a Thursday night for a dinner meeting and they are always seeking new members. If you are looking for a group to invest your time and skills into on a voluntary basis please get in touch. Members need to be under the age of 45.

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Wondai Regional Art Gallery February 2014 Exhibition

Main Gallery: 'Art for Art Sake'

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Front Gallery: Lyn Mangan

Nanango artist and local award winner, Lyn Mangan will display her works in the front gallery. Lyn works with a variety of mediums.

Third Gallery: 'Bites of the Burnett'

'Bites of the Burnett' is an exhibition of watercolour on canvas by Mundubbera artist Sue Lederhose. Sue is well known in the North and South Burnett areas. Sue loves to teach and help others on their own creative journey.

Kidz Corner: Tingoora State School

The exhibition will remain in the Gallery throughout the month of February 2014

The Wondai Regional Art Gallery is open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

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

MURGON STATE HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday the 11th February Murgon High Swimming Carnival was held at the Murgon Pool. The day was a great success with excellent numbers of participants.

The results of the day were: 1st Hayden 846 Points, 2nd Perkins 709 Points, 3rd Freeman 570 Points.

Perkins house were also winners on the day, taking out the house spirit title with 96 Points.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to race school staff in our male and female egg and spoon races. Well done to the teachers who took out both titles (with some questionable egg and spoon techniques).

The age champions were:

| | BOYS | GIRLS |
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| 13 | Zac Hetherington | Naomi Sippel |
| 14 | Brock Kingston | Karlie Steinhardt |
| 15 | Nat Zerner | Amanda Hadley |
| 16 | Stephen Beddows | Rebecca Rynne |
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BOONDOOMA DAM YELLOWBELLY FISHING COMPETITION RESULTS

11 February 2014



There was a great turnout for the twenty fourth Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition that was held on 8th and 9th February 2014. A total of 658 competitors including 145 juniors weighed in 430 fish. Another 84 Australian Bass were caught and released in the new catch and release section.

Fishing conditions were perfect and anglers weighed in some quality fish. The biggest Yellowbelly in the history of the event was weighed in at 3.095kg. The water level in the lake was at 85% which together with the good weather conditions set the scene for a great weekend of camping, fishing and family activities.

Hanwood Fish Hatchery champion junior anglers were Joz McNamara of Jimbour who weighed-in a 2.180kg Yellowbelly and Shane Carter of Speedwell who weighed in a 1.375kg Australian Bass.

Adult angler Dudley Schif of Maclagan took out the heaviest Yellowbelly with a record fish for the event at 3.095kg. Dudley won a trophy and prize money with a value of \$300 that was sponsored by Corey and Nikki of the Lake Boondooma Kiosk.

Adult angler Steven Brooker of Hervey Bay took out the 'Wondai Accounting and Tax Services' heaviest Australian Bass at 1.360kg. Steven won a trophy and prize money with a value of \$250 that was sponsored by Neil and Elizabeth Smith of Wondai Accounting and Tax Services.

Adult angler Dan Bauer of Pittsworth took out the 'Wondai Hardware and Trade Centre' heaviest Jew at 1.455kg. Dan won a trophy for the heaviest adult Jew of the weekend.

In the new catch and release section for Australian Bass, Clifford Brauer of Tara netted the trophy and \$230 for the biggest Bass overall measuring 494mm to the fork. David Bullard of Camira took home a trophy and \$100 prize money for best bag overall with six Australian Bass. This section of the competition was well supported and sponsored by Bass to Barra and Greg Mitchell Plumbing.

The great double agent Kayak sponsored by Freak Sports Australia was won by Russell Hackett of Inala. Freak Sports are a new sponsor.

The major raffle results were:

BBQ Pack sponsored by Kingaroy Plumbing – Bevan Askew of Kingaroy

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Pod Coffee machine sponsored by Don Errington Homes – Joy Mackay of Kingaroy

The Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking and Management Association Inc would like to thank our generous sponsors and committed anglers who continue to make this event an outstanding success.

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BILLINUDGEL'S "NUDGE BILLY"



If you have never been to Billinudgel on the far north coast of N.S.W. – go there. Call in at the pub, for many years run by an incredible old lady affectionately known as “Ma Ring”. She passed away many years ago as Australia’s oldest publican – she held her licence at 100 years plus. Covering the walls of the pub are all types of memorabilia and Australiana – this poem was inspired by one such piece and a challenge issued by close friend Harry Plumridge to put into verse about it.

‘When heading north you drive across the bridge at Brunswick Heads,

Then turn left to Billinudgel’, the brief directions read,

There you’ll see a tiny town that time has left behind, A shop, a pub, and not much else, is all there is to find’. So, next time through I turned off to the Billinudgel pub, I could have gone to “Ocean Shores” with air-conditioned club; But never one for modern things – a simple bloke at heart, Though close they lay these places are a hundred years apart. Inside the pub, and curious, I took a look around, The photo of a pacer, hanging on the wall, I found; His name was “Nudgel Billy”, the printed caption read,

“Would you like to hear his story? a voice behind me said. I turned to see an old bloke; he was eighty if a day, I told him I was interested in what he had to say;

“Well, buy a bloke a whisky and a beer to chase it down And I’ll tell you all about this horse – the idol of the town”.

The old man had a problem – the whisky glass to hold! And he downed another three of four before the yarn was told; So it’s pretty hard to guarantee that all he said was true, But as he told it, word for word, I’ll tell it now to you.

This town of Billinudgel, back in nineteen sixty three, Had a chance to stamp its name in sporting history;

This local bloke competed in a foot-race down the coast, He led from start to finish – to be beaten on the post. But then we got a second chance – cost of sixteen hands, Nothing flashes to look at – awkward when he ran; He was out of Murphy’s chestnut mare – the sire? No one can say, It could have been old Smithy’s horse or Harry Jackson’s bay, It was in the hills, behind the pub, this fellow learned his art,

Dragging cans of cream aboard a heavy wooden cart; So quiet he was, the farmers’ kids could use him as a hack, And, on weekends, they’d ride him up to Burringbar and back. It seemed a strange relationship – this pacing horse and Ted, Who ran a fishing trawler working out of Brunswick Heads?

But in his blood the racing urge soon prompted him to buy. This horse and all the other gear, to give the game a try. Ted knew the colt was pretty fast – he’d clocked him on the fly. From Jackson’s gate to where the stack of railway sleepers lie; Years ago, they’d measured it at half a mile apart,

This horse could break a minute – and pull the wooden cart! Ted’s mother made his racing silks from scraps of this and that, A patchwork style of jacket and a multi-coloured cap; All ready now to name the horse – ah, what could his breeding be?

Not sure of it, Ted registered a ‘bodgie’ pedigree. He put it on his drinking mates to come up with a name

To suit this horse, he knew would bring their Billinudgel fame; Old ‘Ma Ring’ suggested that they turn the town around And call him “Nudgel Billy” – that’s how the name was found.

Ted and his mates were drinking in the pub one Sat’dy night, When through the door a joker walked – all suddenly went quiet; You could tell he was a city bloke and knew he had a quid, By his clobber, and the way he talked, and little things he did. The talk got round to racing, and fate would have it so, This loud-mouth, from the city, had a champion in tow; For in his trailer, out the front, pulled by a silver ‘Rolls’,

Stood a legend: “Fighting Spirit” – with his driver, Paddy Knowles.

This big black horse and Paddy were regarded as the best, From Harold Park in Sydney to Gloucester in the west; There wasn’t much they hadn’t won, and every time he ran They’d break two minutes, easily – from the mobile or the stand. The night work on, they argued – ‘Ma’ tapped another keg, So drunk he got, Ted found his horse and grown another leg! ‘Cause he told the city bloke he’d back his colt against the black,

To run the beach from Brunswick Heads to Byron Bay and back!

Ted and his mates produced a ‘grand’ and threw it on the bar, The city bloke then matched it – the stakes were held by ‘Ma’; Nine o’clock next morning was the time agreed to start, Where the ocean meets the river – the famous Brunswick bar. Early Sunday morning, just as the sun was rising, A seedy Ted took out his champ for

warm-up exercising; To loosen up the muscles and to mobilise the bones, He jogged him up to Mullen., then turned and sprinted home. Paddy Knowles was well turned out – so prim and neatly dressed,

His flashy silver racing gig had everyone impressed; But Ted had lent his sulky to a mate in at the ‘Park’

So “Nudgel Billy” had to pull – the heavy wooden cart! Ted’s silks were in the wash at mum’s – no chance of wearing those, But, by the rules, he had to wear identifying clothes; So a set of togs he borrowed from the Reverend Father Hunt, A jacket, black and shiny, with the collar back to front!

Nine o’clock – the crowd all tense – then “Go!”. The starter cried, “Fighting Spirit”, nostrils flared, was quickly into stride; But “Nudgel Billy” faltered – then gave a mighty jump, As he felt the heavy stock-whip lash across his bony rump. Fast along the shore-line, where the going was the best, The spray and sand wet flying as the horses raced abreast; The pippies heard them coming and were nowhere to be found,

The beach worms, in their thousands, slithered further underground. The local ladies’ man was out, improving on his tan, Long hair, moustache and naked, he lay face-up on the sand;

His tattooed lucky horse-shoe, well positioned to impress, Now complimented by the four imprinted on his chest! In half an hour they’d disappeared-completely out of sight, Both striving hard to be the first to reach the Byron light; There, they’d turn the horses sharp around the marker peg’ All hoped that Ted could be in front to start the second leg. Anxiously, they waited-the first one to appear The big black horse and Paddy Knowles- but Ted was nowhere near; The loud-mouth, from the city, laughed and went to claim his bet,

Then someone yelled: “Just hang on, mate-our bloke’s not beaten yet!”

Through the shimmering haze appeared the sight they longed to see, Their “Nudgel-Billy” in full flight and closing rapidly; In the cart, Ted standing, with stock whip ringing loud As he steered the local champion towards the waiting crowd. Paddy Knowles reached for the whip to quicken up the pace, He still led by a hundred yards with half a mile to race: The big black, like a champion, giving all that he could find To get himself and Paddy first across the finish line. A furlong out, the gallant pair were not a head apart, When suddenly the wheels fell off the heavy wooden cart! A brilliant piece of horsemanship and Ted was on his neck, Riding hard with hands and heels-ah, they hadn’t licked him yet! Across the finish line they flashed with not a breath between them, “Oh, the greatest thrill I ever got-I wish you could’ve seen’em!”

A roar went up from everyone when ‘Ma’ the winner crowned, It was Ted and “Nudgel Billy”, from Billinudgel town.

Though all the blokes, from up the pub, were happy for their mate, They couldn’t understand why Ted had left his run so late; And when they put it to him, they were stunned by his reply, Was what he said fair dinkum? (He’d been known to tell a lie!). “Near Byron Bay his shoes worked loose-hangin’ from his feet,

It was lucky that me shoein’ gear was underneath the seat! Then, three miles down I noticed there was choppin’ in the swell, So I rigged up for the tailor-ah, I thought I might as well!”. “Catch, any, Ted?” his mates all cried-he turned and, with a grin, Produced a dozen tailor and a three pound silver bream;

“And I reckon I’d a got some more, but I couldn’t stay”, he said, “I didn’t want that other bloke to get too far ahead!”. The old man, now, had had enough-his head dropped to the bar, I winked at “Nudgel Billy”, said goodbye to ‘Ma’;

I drove up to the highway, then stopped and looked around To fondly give a parting wave to Billinudgel town.

When next you’re heading north across the bridge at Brunswick Heads, Turn left to Billinudgel pub and check what I have said; See “Nudgel Billy’s” photo-ah, it’s a gem of equine splendour, Beside him: mighty “Phar Lap”-two champions together.

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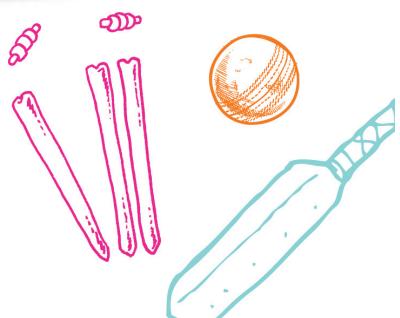
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Mr Smith joined the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade (QATB) in 1957 as an Honorary Officer at Proston and commenced permanent employment in 1961 at Murgon as a Driver Bearer.

Keith was a keen member of the Murgon Lions Club.

He received a Distinguished Service Medal from the Queensland Ambulance Service in 2004 and was Patient Transport Officer of the Year in the same year.

He is currently a Patient Transport Officer at the Buderim Ambulance Station.

Photo L-R: Peter Angel, Cheryl Kuss and Keith Smith at the opening of the New Ambulance Station in Murgon in December 2008.

Stocking of Fingerlings at Lake Boondooma and Gordonbrook Dam

The Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking and Management Association Inc released 80 000 Yellowbelly, 100 000 Australian Bass and 10 000 Silver Perch fingerlings into Lake Boondooma and 25 000 Australian Bass into Gordonbrook Dam during November and December 2013. Stocking conditions were exceptional due to good water levels and the ready availability of weed beds that provide protection from predators for the fingerlings.

The Association has now released approximately 4.142 million fingerlings in Lake Boondooma since 1984. Included in the total are approximately 1.454 million Australian Bass, 2.387 million Golden Perch or Yellow Belly and 237,620 Silver Perch.

This season 25 000 Australian Bass were also released into Gordonbrook Dam. Stocking at Gordonbrook recommenced in 2011 and a total of 83 000 Bass have now been stocked into this local fishery.

Funding for the majority of the fingerlings comes from the Stocked Impoundment Permit Scheme fishing permits that anglers purchase to fish at Lake Boondooma, Gordonbrook and other stocked impoundments. Other funding sources include South Burnett Regional Council, Lake Boondooma Kiosk and profits from the annual Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly Fishing Competition.

The 2014 fishing competition will be held on the 8 and 9 February 2014. Nominations for the event will commence at noon on Friday 7 February at the competition headquarters at Lake Boondooma.

For more information please contact Terry Allwood on mobile 0400 860122.

**The Uniting Church in Australia
Presbytery of Mary Burnett
Ordination of
Jennifer Maree Coombes
as
The Minister of the Word**

Was held on Saturday 18th of January 2014 at the Uniting Church in Australia, Murgon, Queensland.

Mrs Margaret Angel announced and called the congregation to worship as the service leaders entered the church during the singing of the HYMN: "The Power of your Love". Rev Bob Harriman carried out the Acknowledgement of Country and Land we share and welcomed the congregation to the ordination of Jennifer Maree Coombes.

The Service Of The Word was then read by Margaret Angel and Estelle Charlish. Rev Bronwyn Elvery formerly in Murgon but now of Port Headland West Australia delivered the Preaching of the Word.

Rev Dr Sue Algaté delivered "THE CHARGE" after which Rev Bob Harriman asked the Questions of the Ordinand before the Ordination.

Revs Sue Algaté and Leonie Gaffel and Mrs Margaret Sakrzewski and Heather Castle came forward to lay their hands on the ordinand when asked. Numerous prayers and Hymns are performed during the ordination before it is announced that Jennifer Maree Coombes is now a Minister of the Word in the Church of God.

Jenny then received her bible and red ministerial stole after which The Galilee Song was sung by the congregation. Prayers of the People were then delivered by Rev Sue Algaté, Mrs Maree Watson and Mrs Colleen Hansen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then presided over by the Rev Jenny Coombes.



Laying of the hands by Revs Bob Harriman, Revs Sue Algaté and Leonie Gaffel and Mrs Margaret Sakrzewski and Heather Castle



Rev Jenny Coombes is ordained and delivers The Sacrement of the Lord's Supper.



Revs Bob Harriman congratulates Rev Jennifer Coombes on her ordination 18th January 2014 and wishes her well in her ministry at Longreach.



South Burnett Local Achievement Award - Murgon and the Murgon Lifetime Achievement Award - Ritchie O'Neill



Post high school, President Murgon Junior Farmers club and represented Queensland Sydney Royal National. Supported his children, becoming President of P & C and Assisted establishing school bus run. Life time involvement with Murgon Show Society. Won Young Judges competitions, Chief steward bacon, trotting & industrial space sections. Elected Vice President then President for 18 years, currently Treasurer of Society & organizer of monthly markets. Elected South Burnett representative on Board Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies 1983. Current representative - Secretary of Showgirl Awards Committee for 9 years. Elected Treasurer, Junior Vice President, Senior Vice President then President for 5 years. Assisted in introducing Rural Ambassador Award for Queensland. Instigated move for Q.C.A.S. to be independent organisation outside of the Royal National Association. Currently co-ordinator of Show dates for Queensland, dark rich fruit cake competition, ute muster competition, Promotion stand at Ekka.

Member Murgon Ambulance Committee 1971, Vice President 1988, currently President for past 15 years. Elected Wide Bay representative to Queensland Local Ambulance Committee Advisory Board. Instigated Rural Road Numbering system for Queensland. Main raffle ticket seller for Ambulance.

Post World War 11 enlisted Citizens Military Force for 2 years, became Corporal. Currently member Anzac Day Committee. MC for parade and ceremony. Murgon Shire Councilor for 10 years till Amalgamation. Assisted in establishment of Murgon Moments. Do periodic voluntary work at Murgon Information Centre. Member of Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum. Currently President.

Has always worked with the betterment of the community in mind. His integrity and knowledge is well respected within the community.

To sit day after day, week after week selling raffle tickets for the ambulance in support of people in time of need that he doesn't even know, has to be an inspiration to us all. His achievements throughout his lifetime is a role model for us all, to which we should all aspire to become.

His commitment to the Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum as builder, photo framer tireless worker for anything requiring to be done has inspired all our volunteers to follow his example. This flows on to tourism which then benefits the whole community. Richard is very committed to the community in which he lives and will not turn down an opportunity to see it thrive.

Junior Ambassador Award- Amy Atkinson



Amy this year received Murgon State High School Academic award for Physical Education, Recreational Studies, English, Agricultural Science,

Plus

Girls open cross country, The Caltex Best All Rounder Award, The Excellence in Agriculture Award

And was one of the hosts that presented the Murgon State High School 55th Annual Speech Night

To accomplish the volume of achievements for one so young takes a great deal of self control and determination, a remarkable role model for Murgon High School Students to follow.

A fantastic young Murgon citizen.

Senior Sportsperson- Mathew Mott



Mathew has had to travel to competitions all over Australia to achieve his goal of number 1 in Australia.

ABT Boondooma, ST CLAIRE (NSW),) Borumba Dam, Boondooma Dam, Lake Glenbawn, Somerset Dam, Hervey Bay Game Tournament

Has held fishing day classes for the youth of the region and

The highlight being the No1 ranking for both myself and my son (a dream come true). Once again thank you for all your support, without this, it would remain just that "A DREAM", So Thank you.

A True Sporting Champion

Junior Sportsperson - Izzy Williams



Izzy was the sportswoman of the year at Murgon High for 2013

she won girls 16yrs cross country, girls 16yrs swimming, girls 16yrs athletics.

Izzy is such a diverse athlete

ROLE MODEL FOR HER FELLOW STUDENTS WITH SPORT

Sports Coach, Official or Administrator Award- Shona Divljak



Shona was the chief organizer of Bjelke-Petersen Dam family fishing classic

Organized the Bjelke Petersen Dam Inland Fishing Classic and Promoted the sport of fishing for the last 2 years.

Shona oversaw 315 entries in the fishing classic.

Was one of the major organizers of prizes and family fishing fun weekend.

Shona and Husband Peter welcome everyone to stay at Bjelke-Petersen Dam and look forward to seeing the photo's of the fish being caught there by young and old.

Arts & Cultural Award-Senior - Lee Porter



Lee Porter was invited to exhibit her works of 22 fantastic paintings in Gallery 360, Florence, Italy from 20th July to 8th August 2013. Lee originally from the Sunshine Coast has been painting for over 30 years and will be taking 22 fantastic paintings to Italy.

Local photo framer Neil Smith has had a great time working with Lee and supplying the photo frames. Many of her works have featured Boots, Burns and Faces and now Animals.

Lee says she takes great pleasure in fully researching the product before painting begins, which when finished gives her a great fulfilling feeling and Animals are great posers. Lee said you have to be full of confidence and now I can't wait to break out and let go in my next lot of paintings.

Lee has been training other artists at the Wondai Art Gallery. Lee has set the South Burnett on the world stage for art.

Arts & Cultural Award-Junior - Anquon Sandow



Transforming the Dining Room at the South Burnett PCYC headquarters into an Art Gallery on 15th February 2013.

The indigenous art on display was superb and created by local artists including Anquon under the tutelage of contemporary artist Roger 'Bushfire' Saunders.

The local artwork was varied and of indigenous representation and character. The proof in the pudding was the large attendance.

Further proof of the demand for indigenous art is the national demand where 50 percent of export art sales is of indigenous origin. Anquon showed great flair for painting and sold two of his paintings for \$200 each.

We look forward to many more pieces of art from this very talented young artist

Community Event of the Year- Blazeaid Camp Murgon



Paul & Alison Mortensen, Terance Lear, Ron (SPUD) Murphy some of the 185 volunteers of Blazeaid.

Paul & Alison Mortenson ran the Murgon Blazeaid camp

Organized the cleanup and restoration of 85 farms, 400 kms of fencing over a 4 month period with 185 volunteers (Fencing days 1,506)

A completely voluntary organization, including the accountant. 2011 and 2013. The Award was accepted by Terance Lear.

Outstanding Contribution to the Murgon Community by a Citizen or a Group - Barbara & Marie Newson major volunteers of Blazeaid



Barbara Newson and Marie Newson

Organized 2,400 meals for the Murgon Blazeaid camp every night for a period of 4 months.

Fantastic Effort

Both Barbara and Marie thanked the many individuals and service clubs who helped supply the Hot Meals, Cakes and Desert every night and made their job so much easier.