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

South Burnett Regional Council Announces Australia Day Award Winners

One of the unsung heroes of the South Burnett was rewarded for a lifetime of work by being named
South Burnett Citizen of the Year.

Joan Adams was described by compere John Carey as a mix of "Jamie Oliver, Santa, Mother Teresa and a farmer". There were 13 nominations including from our area Dr Gangeram, Pat & Alan Eagleson and Joan Adams. The winner was our very own Joan Adams from Cloyna.

Joan came to the area 24 years ago after losing her husband in a tragic farming accident. Joan managed a piggery for 16 years while raising 3 young children. She now manages a cattle property and is involved in numerous volunteer roles.



Photo (Courtesy South Burnett on Line) Last year's winner John Box, left, and South Burnett Mayor Wayne Kratzmann presented the 2015 South Burnett Citizen of the Year award to Joan Adams

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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR NEW \$476 MILLION SKILLS FUND

Businesses across Wide Bay can now apply for funding to help boost the skills of their workforce, under the Federal Government's new \$476 million Industry Skills Fund, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss announced today.

"This fund will provide up to 200,000 training places and skills advice for businesses over the next four years, as part of a raft of initiatives being implemented by the Coalition Government, to help support and promote innovation and competitiveness in Australian businesses," Mr Truss said.

"This initiative is especially important for areas such as Wide Bay, where the Government wants to help support regional businesses and grow the local economy. The Skills Fund will support eligible regional businesses to upskill or retrain their employees, so that they may take advantage of new technologies and emerging market opportunities.

"Employers in Wide Bay will be supported to determine the type of training they believe is most-needed as well as which training provider they wish to work with, to boost their business productivity and competitiveness.

"This support will particularly benefit businesses in areas such as advanced manufacturing, food and agribusiness, medical technology or natural resources, as improving the productivity of workers can help businesses to remain viable in highly competitive industries," Mr Truss said.

The Fund will primarily target Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to better position themselves for growth opportunities, including businesses in the following categories:

- Diversifying into new or emerging markets and/or;
- Adopting new or emerging technologies and/or;
- Entering export markets for the first time and/or
- Responding to significant new domestic market opportunities and/or;
- Repositioning because of market driven structural adjustment.

Businesses seeking support to train workers will be required to make a contribution to the cost of training, which will be dependent upon the number of employees, with smaller businesses receiving higher levels of support.

For further information including the eligibility guidelines for the Industry Skills Fund, visit www.business.gov.au, or contact the business support hotline on 13 28 46.

SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT AND SOCIAL GROUP

The first meeting for the New Year was held at the Orana Lutheran Complex Administration Centre 24 MacDiarmid Street, Kingaroy on Monday 9th February. It was good to catch up with everybody after our Christmas break. We look forward to another year with the hope that a cure for Parkinsons may be found.

The Murgon Group will meet at Southern Cross Care – Castra, 2 Cooper Street Murgon on Monday 23rd February commencing at 10am to 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you again as we continue to help each other to be positive about the future and hopefully a cure for Parkinsons will be found.

There are a few things happening with Parkinson's Queensland this year such as 10th April which has been set aside as 'Wear Purple for Parkinson's Day; 11th April is World Parkinson's Day; 21st February a Parkinson's Seminar will be held at Hervey Bay which would be very interesting to attend. They will be having some very good speakers which include world renowned experts in the field of Parkinson's. Learn about treatment options and ways to better manage symptoms.

A must for health professionals, students, people with Parkinson's and Carers.

For further information regarding any of the things that I have mentioned, please contact the local Co-ordinator for the Groups, Maree, on 41 636010.

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NEW RDA APPOINTMENTS HELP TO GROW STRONGER REGIONS

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Minister for Regional Development Warren Truss has announced the appointment of new Chairs and Deputy Chairs for the Wide Bay Burnett and Sunshine Coast Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees.

Mr Bill Trevor OAM of Childers, has been appointed as Chair of Wide Bay Burnett RDA, with Daniel Poacher of Hervey Bay appointed as the Deputy Chair. Mr Anthony Riddle of Alexandra Headlands was appointed Chair of Sunshine Coast RDA and Ms Feda Adra of Sippy Downs was appointed to the position of Deputy Chair.

The three-year appointments will provide leadership to the RDAs, so that their committees can play a key role in growing stronger regions, Mr Truss said. The committees will advise on priority activities to unlock regional economic development and improve the productivity of their region. RDA committees will provide advice to the Government on critical issues affecting each region and are an important mechanism to increase access to Australian Government programmes in their communities.

The committees will also assist local community stakeholders to develop project proposals and direct them to appropriate public and/or private funding sources – including the \$1 billion National Stronger Regions Fund.

Mr Truss said that the Wide Bay Burnett and Sunshine Coast RDAs, which have offices in Maryborough and Maroochydore respectively, will be made up of committee members from across the region.

The Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Burnett RDAs are valuable forums that draw upon the local knowledge and experience of their committee members, to help generate proposals and provide opportunities to grow and strengthen our local region, Mr Truss said.

Regional Development Australia consists of a national network of 55 committees designed to strongly focus on regional economic development and facilitate local projects that aim to make a difference in their local communities. The Chair and Deputy Chair will now move promptly to appoint a team of active local community leaders to support them.

Mr Truss thanked retiring committee Chairs and members for their service and wished the new committees well as they work to deliver stronger local regions.

More information on the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund is available at: www.infrastructure.gov.au

Information on the work currently being undertaken by the Wide Bay Burnett and Sunshine Coast RDA committees can be found at <http://www.rdawidebayburnett.org.au/> and <http://www.rdasunshinecoast.org.au/> respectively.

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Our last concert for the Bush Ballad Country Music Spectacular is to be held at the Wondai Diggers Club, for the 9th year in a row on Saturday the 7th March 2015 at the new time of 5.00pm. All proceeds again will be donated to the Queensland Cancer Funds, in particular Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge in Brisbane.

Visiting and recording artists who have performed over the past 8 years have been invited back for the night. They come from as far as Mackay, Warwick, Crows Nest, Ellesmere, Gatton, Burpengary, Gympie, Sunshine Coast and Mundubbera along with our local artists will be performing on the night.

A variety of home made goods and raffle tickets will be for sale on the night, with all proceeds being donated to the Cancer Council.

Artist include: Les Lawson, singer/songwriter. The song, The Road of Life, took him to the finals of the Australian Songwriters Salute section at the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

Jim Brown, renowned Bush Balladeer who has been associated with the Country Music industry for many years, and has received numerous awards.

Mardi Bunting, vocalist/yodeler/instrumentalist, loves to sing the old style Wilf Carter, Gordon Parsons & Les Wilson songs as well as playing out a good tune on the harmonica.

Tappin Teddy Thompson, singer/songwriter has won numerous awards at country music festivals around Australia, he has been a judge at many festivals. Also known for his humorous comedy songs.

Don Rictchings, vocal/guitarist, Don enjoys playing his bush balladeers songs to many at the nursing homes around the Caboolture area.

Slim Jones singer/song writer, Slim has won sixteen songwriter awards. The Bronze Swagman award for Bush Poetry, award of recognition for his contribution to Country Music and the Gidgee Coal Bush Ballad Award. There is no doubt Slim has a special way with words as he is one of the top songwriters in Australia today.

Pam Clarke, singer/songwriter, Pam has shared the stage with such notaries as Rick Ford, Slim Newton, Reg Poole, Terry Gordon, Barry Thornton & Stan Corster. Pam has also been a finalist at Tamworth TIARA awards & the Stan Corster Memorial Bush Ballad Awards in previous years.

Dorrie Muller, yodeler/vocalist, Dorrie loves to entertain at many of the aged people's homes in the Gympie area. She also has competed at many festivals around Queensland and has won numerous trophies.

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.

ShirleyKehl, vocalist/accordionist is a well known Bush Balladeer performer at local nursing homes and at many festivals and concerts all over Queensland.

We will have performing artists CD's for sale on the night.

The previous manager Allan Puckridge and his wife, Lorraine, of the Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge in Brisbane will be attending the concert. The current manager has also been invited.

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 the much needed funds required to maintain that care, that the concert was organised to assist this very needy cause. All proceeds from the concert night will be donated to the Charles Wanstall Apex Lodge.

If you want to see any of these Country Music sensations that are donating their time and talent for this fundraising event, then head to the Wondai Diggers Club for our very last Bush Ballad Country Music Spectacular on the 7th March starting at 5.00pm, which promises to be a fun filled night.

See you there. Shirley Kehl.

CLEAN UP OF UNWANTED FARM CHEMICALS

ChemClear, a national industry program, partly funded by the Queensland Government and supported by the South Burnett Regional Council, is coming to the region. The program involves the collection and disposal of potentially dangerous unwanted chemicals from the community. ChemClear have advised that the funding will be used to subsidise the costs to primary producers booking in their deregistered, out of date and unknown agvet chemicals for collection and disposal.

"The program supports those agvet chemical users who have paid the 4c per litre drumMUSTER levy to dispose of chemicals at the end of their life cycle. Chemicals that display the drumMUSTER logo are eligible for free collection and disposal under the program." Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said.

Portfolio Councillor for Environment and Waste, Cr Kathy Duff, explained that local primary producers can also book in unlabelled, deregistered, out of date or mixed products by other companies and the funding will help subsidise a proportion of the costs involved in disposal. "I am really pleased that Council will once again provide ChemClear with a suitable location to set up their collection unit when they are in the region and I really encourage primary producers to take advantage of this opportunity".

Primary producers have until Friday 27th of March to take advantage of this program before the booking line closes. To register unwanted chemicals for ChemClear's next run, call the hotline on 1800 008 182 or visit www.chemclear.com.au

DANCING INTO 2015

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SOUTH BURNETT DAMS THE PLACE TO BE



Boondooma Dam and Yallakool Recreation Parks are a hub of fun and activity.

“Council understands that our dams are a significant tourism attraction for the region with over 3700 visitors staying at the parks since the 15th of December.” Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said. “Boondooma Dam has offered kids movie nights, discos and trivia nights with attendance numbers up around the 50 people a night. Santa even managed a visit on Christmas Eve much to the delight of the youngsters.”

The highlight of all the events at Boondooma Dam over this holiday period has been the New Year’s Eve fireworks. There was a 9pm display and a midnight display with reports of over 2000 visitors in the park on that evening, seeing people come from all over the region. The market stalls, jumping castle, bucking bull and live band were also a great hit with the crowds. Mayor Kratzmann explained that “Council is fully aware that this attraction has so much to offer over and above the fishing and that is why we have released 19 quality building blocks on the Boondooma Dam Lookout Road. These allotments have access to town water, sewerage, power and phone all fronting a sealed road. LJ Hooker Kingaroy has come on board to assist Council with the sale of these allotments.”



Yallakool Park on BP Dam has also had, a trivia night, numerous movie nights and kids pool parties to please the crowds. Santa also managed another drop by on his busiest night of the year.

The fishing at both parks has been especially good over the last month with some Bass and Yellow Belly being caught well over 30cms. The reports in from the waterways are that people continue to try for Red claw even though they have been much quieter this year.

PERRETT FAMILY REUNION



On Sunday, 5th October, 2014, the descendants of Sealy Albert & Ethel May Perrett, gathered at the Goomeri Hall of Memory for a family reunion.

Approximately 80 adults and children at the reunion were all direct descendants of Sealy and Ethel.

There were 10 children in the family of Sealy & Ethel. Daphne (Bourne), Reginald, Claude (Mick), Desma Maud (Pratt), Donald Henry (Digger), Mona Lillian (Blyton), Noel George (George), Robert Sealy (Bob), Oscar John, Vada Ethel (Hopkins) and Sealy Lloyd (Lloyd).

Vada Hopkins is the sole survivor of the original family and lives at Kipparing and is 87 in February 2015 and still enjoys an active life with her family and friends.

Ethel Perrett died at 39 years of age and the young family helped one another through their childhood years. Desma (Biddy Pratt) was the mainstay and help rear the younger members of the family.

Sealy Perrett was a landholder in the early days of Goomeri and had an involvement on school committees, and was also a councillor on the Kilkivan Shire Council. He was heavily involved in the timber industry with his bullock teams and had a lifelong involvement in the livestock industry which culminated with the building of cattle saleyards and operating a Stock and Station Agency trading as SA Perrett.

The representatives of seven families were in Goomeri on the day of the reunion and the sharing of stories, photographs and memorabilia made for a day not to be forgotten by the relatives attending.

Some of the descendants travelled from all over Queensland as far south as Newcastle and north to Townsville.

A number of family members still live in the local area, Earl Pratt and Joy Fennell (Son and Daughter of Desma Pratt) and Lesley Davis daughter of Bob Perrett who still have local links with the Perrett name.

A special thank you to Russell Hopkins (eldest son of Vada) for the work and time that he devoted to the reunion and its success.

Photo: Vada Hopkins (Perrett) with a photo of Sealy & Ethel on their wedding day.

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STATEMENT FROM MURGON QUOTA - QUOTA BOOKFEST

For the past twenty years the Quota Club of Murgon has been holding their Annual Bookfest in September. This event has been very popular and successful for many years, providing somewhere for local people to dispose of unwanted books and for the public to purchase a supply of books at very reasonable prices, as well as providing the Quota Club with funds to assist other worthwhile causes.

Unfortunately our membership is dwindling and our members are ageing or have some health problems and we are finding the heavy lifting involved in storage, setting up and packing up is becoming too much for the members to handle.

The Quota executive committee would like to hear from any Service Club or Community Organization that may be interested in discussing the possibility of taking over this Annual event. There are a large number of books currently in storage, and we would be willing to meet with anyone interested as we would like to see the Bookfest continue in Murgon as a service to the Community.

For further information please contact Bev Garrad, phone 41681527. We would like to have discussions well under way by the end of March 2015.

CLOSURE OF CAMPBELL'S ROAD BRIDGE OVER BARAMBAH CREEK



Council advises Campbell's Road Bridge over Barambah Creek, adjacent to the Silverleaf Weir, will be closed indefinitely from Monday 12 January 2015 due to the bridge being unsafe for vehicles. This has been identified from a recent routine bridge inspection.

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TRAPPING TO ERADICATE

Wild dogs and feral pigs are being targeted in the South Burnett with financial assistance from the Queensland Government. The project will assist South Burnett landholders who are willing to participate in a coordinated trapping project.

South Burnett Regional Council, in partnership with the Kingaroy Landcare Group, South Burnett Grazing Network, South Burnett Pest Advisory Committee and Burnett Mary Regional Group will employ professional trappers to target areas of high wild dog and pig populations. "These areas will be determined and prioritised as result of feedback from landholders during the application process, so if someone has a wild dog or pig problem we are encouraging them to report these areas" Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said

Eligible landholders will need to provide access to their property and to surrender scalps taken as part of the program. Portfolio Councillor for Natural Resource Management and Parks, Cr Kathy Duff, advised that "the availability of the funding is limited so Council is encouraging landholders, who have a problem, to register their interest and apply for assistance. Landholders may not be aware that Council also have free trap hire, surveillance cameras for hire and free meat bates available for an additional coordinated Wild Dog and Pig Baiting Program in 2015."



To register interest and apply for assistance with trapping services and baiting program please call South Burnett Regional Council on (07) 4189 9122 by the 13th of April as the trapping program will commence as of the 27th of April.

\$3000 worth of door prizes on offer at control of feral animals workshop

Agforce, in partnership with South Burnett Regional Council, will be conducting a workshop in Wondai on the 11th February 2015 to highlight integrated feral control techniques currently available to landholders. There is \$3000 worth of door prizes for those who attend to assist with the control of feral animals.

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SCHOOL SAVES WOMAN'S LIFE

Kathleen Hopkins believes helping children at school is one reason she is still alive today. Kathleen was fighting cancer and had been unemployed all of her life when she entered Cherbourg State School as a Barambah Parental and Community Engagement (PaCE) mentor.

This enabled her to receive shopping vouchers in return for voluntary work she did to help children learn in the classrooms. Kathleen was given a roster of hours she nominated to work and a designated class.

She received an induction into the school's protocols and Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) training to help her cope with children's behaviours. Kathleen has not looked back.

State School student attendance officer and gives extra time for free to work with the children in the classrooms. Kathleen credits Barambah PaCE for helping her overcome many of life's difficulties, including her cancer, by creating the mentoring role for the community.

Life skills

She said the vouchers had also taught her how to budget. "It showed me how to save and spend money," Kathleen said. I never had that growing up. It taught me how to survive.

With the work I could spend it on food and then the next week I could spend it on what I wanted.

When I was working for PaCE I bought two TVs; one for me and one for my grandson. I bought a lot of things because of PaCE. I bought things like iPads for myself and for my grandchildren in Brisbane.

"I'd like to see a lot of young people in this job because their nieces and nephews are going to school. We've got Murri children everywhere. Murgon, Wondai, Moffatdale..."

Kathleen said the Triple P Positive Parenting Program training she received through Barambah PaCE gave her skills to make children compliant and "slowed me down".

"Sometimes we'd get impatient with the children and want to give up but it taught me how to handle children," Kathleen said. I never thought I'd ever, ever work. I'm 56 years of age and in that time I never thought I'd get up and motivate myself. That's what PaCE did. The work and the children made me stronger and who I am today."

Note: Barambah PaCE is now looking for private sponsors in an effort to revive the school mentoring programme. Anybody who's interested can phone (07) 4168 2330 / 0447 400 232

Photo: Kathleen Hopkins' love of helping children to learn has helped her survive and thrive in life. She's pictured with Cherbourg State School pre-prep students and encourages other people to approach their children's school to ask if they can help within the classrooms or grounds.

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The full story 'A sense of Wonder' is available as a book and if you didn't make it to the exhibition and still want a copy of the book, you can order by ringing Kay Goring on (07) 54985885 or Robyn Dower on (07) 41685577. Editors comment, I can guarantee you Part 3 was a fabulous story to read.

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STANWELL AND MEANDU MINE COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION



Stanwell's Chief Executive Officer Richard Van Breda, together with Tarong Site Manager Dennis Franklin and Meandu Mine Site Manager Simon Ewart and other official representatives of the Power Station and Mine Site attended a Stanwell community information session at South Burnett CTC's The Gumnut Place in Murgon recently. The very informative meeting gave insight to the daily running operations of the Power Station and Mine Site and their commitment also to the local community.



The information session also highlighted the wonderful work of Gumnut Place and CTC and the opportunity to view the new heat treatment plant which was recently installed with the support of Stanwell, along with Ergon Energy, South Burnett Regional Council, and a number of local businesses. The heat treatment plant treats the timber used in pallets which are sold to Teys Australia Murgon Pty. Ltd. The pallets are used in the transport of treated hides to potential buyers.





GOOMERI LIONS CLUB

Goomeri Children were treated to a Free Movie recently, compliments of The Gympie Regional Council, who have purchased a Big Screen which can be moved to different locations. Dickinsons Park was the venue used and it was a perfect night to be sitting under the stars watching the LEGO MOVIE. About 120 people attended the evening which was organised at short notice. The Lions Club Chip van sold Hot Chips and soft drinks to the mostly children audience. It was lovely to see all the families sitting together in the cool of the evening.

The Chip vans next outing will be the Boondooma Dam Fishing Competition, which promises to be a successful event after the recent rains. The Proston, Murgon and Goomeri Shows will then follow.

Our first social night for the year will be held at Merv and Pam Brunjes home, and following tradition it will be a Baked Ham and Salad meal.

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The Museum is not hard to find – it is situated on the Gayndah Road and you will see our colourful herd of cows looking through the fence, patiently waiting to welcome our visitors. For further information please phone the Museum on 41 695001. If it is out of hours, be sure to leave a message and one of our friendly volunteers will get back to you as soon as they can.

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BIEDO Clean and Clever Energy

Top tips to save energy - eliminate stand-by power

We've said it before and we'll say it again: switch off to save! Here is a list of some power hungry devices that can be switched off at the wall to save money.

- Computers and monitors
- TV's, DVD players and stereos
- Microwaves (unless you use the display clock)
- Washing machines and dryers
- Ditch the digital alarm clock – use the alarm on your mobile phone instead
- Turn phone and device chargers off once the device has been charged
- Air-conditioners and heaters with external power plugs

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WELCOME



Welcome to the South Burnett PCYC in Murgon, Sgt Rod Gelderblom

Rod is the newly appointed Manager of the SB PCYC in Murgon and has been stationed at Augathella for the past 4 1/2 years and in the Whitsundays previously for 6 years. Rod we look forward to working with you.

Photo: Sgt Rod Gelderblom and family (Cass, Lil and Wendy).

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The Boondooma Homestead hosted an evening event for Australia Day starting at 5:00pm with a Flag Raising Ceremony followed by a sausage sizzle and live entertainment featuring Buddy Thomson and Lynne Bennett and others. Supporting the event were Joan Adams (South Burnett Citizen of the Year), Dell Blanch (South Burnett Volunteer of the Year) and Bruce Bishop from Murgon Rotary (The Murgon Business & Development Assoc. Community Organisation of the Year).



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MURGON & DISTRICT BRANCH – NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA



The next coach tour is on Thursday 19th March to Ipswich for a guided Heritage Tour, Lunch at RSL then Railway Workshop. Cost \$70 P/P leaving Murgon at 6am.

Our first meeting for 2015 is on Thursday 19th February at 10.00am at the Murgon Bowls Club with morning tea at 9.30am. A representative from head office will attend.

Raffle winners: 1st F. Banks, 2nd A. Joyce, 3rd C. Cribb, 4th R. White, 5th M. Watts. Thanks for your support.

For further information & bookings for the tours contact Paula on (07)4168 3114 or 0438 708 885.

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Photo: Great is around the corner: Cherbourg's Gordon Davidson doing a literacy and numeracy course at Nurunderi TAFE.

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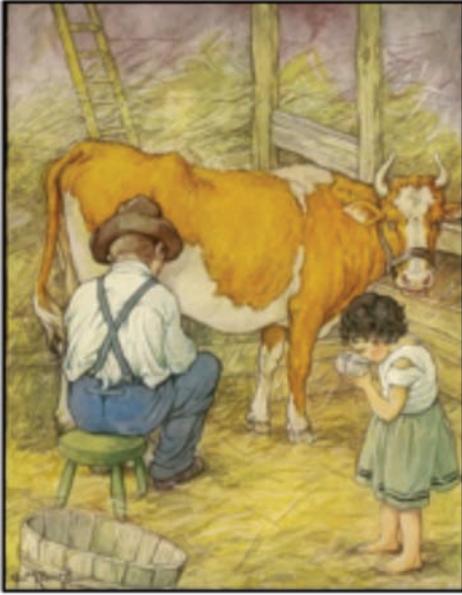
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BUS TRIP, Wine Trail of Magnificent Murgon



A bus trip to Murgon on Tuesday 24th March 2015 will **depart Hervey Bay** 7.00am, 8.45 am Kilkivan Morning Tea, 10.00 am arrive at Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum, 11.30 am Depart Museum for Lunch at local hotel, 1.00 pm Depart for Moffatdale Winery, 2.30 pm Depart for Hervey Bay, 5.15 pm Arrive back at Hervey Bay.

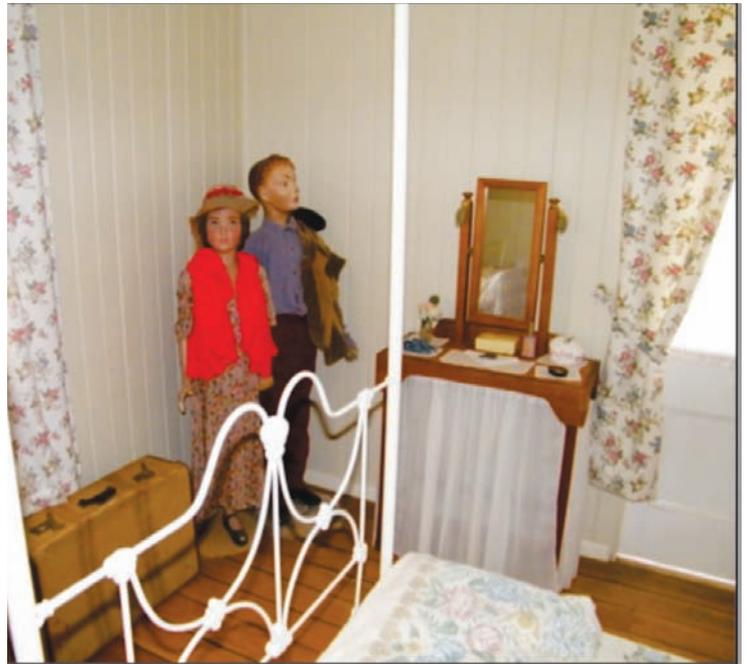
Cost \$42.00 Members \$47.00 Non Members

The Cost of Trip includes Morning Tea, entry into the Museum & Lunch

All other attractions are free, If you have a special meal requirement please advise Kate or Kendall, **Pick up only from Dan 'Dinna House,**

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Our first Murgon Neighbourhood Watch Meeting for the year is on Monday 16th February at 5:30pm at the Diggers Room.

Our new NHW Police Officer is Danielle Gordon. Our guest Speaker is Patrice from Admin. at the Murgon Police Station. We believe the topic is about all aspects of Drivers Licences.

THE SOUTH BURNETT NOW EASIER TO FIND?



Four chances and eventually its right. First it was put on the opposite side of the road then this area as shown with 800m, then it was changed to 10km as shown.

The sign has now been placed in its correct place near the Goomeri Show Grounds with the original signage of 800metres to the Nanango turn off.

There is still a sign on the Goomeri Murgon road with its highway number changed from 49 to A3.

A3 is past Barambah station which is parallel to the Murgon Goomeri road but with a different final destination. Please get it right and put the signs where they should be.

KERB AND CHANNEL UPGRADE FOR HIVESVILLE

South Burnett Regional Council has programmed to commence a kerb and channel upgrade in Main Street, Hivesville on Monday 16th February 2015.

Portfolio Councillor Damien Tessmann said "The project will include the reconstruction of kerb and channel, installation of subsoil drainage and pavement repairs on the north eastern side of Main St from the public toilet to the CWA hall. Council expects the work will take approximately three (3) weeks."

During construction, roadwork signage will be in place and work will be carried out with minimal disruption to traffic. For local properties some access restriction will occur and residents with concerns during construction are requested to contact the onsite supervisor.

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South Burnett Regional Council Announces Australia Day Award Winners

The South Burnett Regional Council announced its 2015 Australia Day Award Winners at the region's official awards ceremony held on the eve of Australia Day, Sunday 25 January, at the Kingaroy Town Hall from 6.30pm.

The ceremony kicked off with a flag raising ceremony conducted by the 135 Army Cadet Unit followed by the official opening and welcome by MC John Carey. This was followed by an address from Mayor Wayne Kratzmann and a Citizenship Ceremony. The Australian National Anthem was then sung by Sue Dowideit-Reiger.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said "Having your name put forward for one of these awards is a great honour and shows great recognition and appreciation from your local community. I hope that both our winners and our nominees are very proud of their achievements and I want to sincerely thank our community for their support."

South Burnett Region 2015 Australia Day Award winners are as follows:- **Award**

Joan Adams

South Burnett Citizen of the Year

Lachlan Hughes

South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year

South Burnett Speedway Club

South Burnett Community Organisation

Greg Hunter

South Burnett Lifetime Achievement

Del Blanch

South Burnett Volunteer of the Year

South Burnett Chorale

South Burnett Cultural Award

Tori Somers

South Burnett Cultural Award (Junior)

Noel Cheshire

South Burnett Sportsperson of the Year

Jared Sippel

South Burnett Junior Sportsperson of the Year

**Paul Clegg
Administrator)**

South Burnett Sportsperson (Coach/Official or

Wendy Zerbst

Local Achiever Award - Nanango

Liane Kerr

Local Achiever Award - Maidenwell/Bunya Mountains

Rowena Dionysius

Local Achiever Award - Kingaroy

Paul Pfeffer

Local Achiever Award - Murgon

Zig & Sharon Zoldak

Local Achiever Award - Hivesville/Proston

Elaine Madill

Local Achiever Award – Wondai/Tingoorra

There were record nominations from right around our region for volunteers to be recognised through the Australia Day Awards. Among those nominated were a number of Murgon Locals who were acknowledged and honoured. This is our opportunity to again show our appreciation to our volunteers who help to make our community strong.

The 2015 South Burnett Citizen of the Year : Joan Adams is the Secretary of Porcletts, Vice President of the Murgon Show Society, President of the Tablelands Hall Committee and organises the Tablelands Markets. In spite of her own farming challenges Joan and has put herself out to help other farmers. She has applied for grants and organised a number of what she has tagged Eat and Enjoy Dinners for the farmers. These have been really well attended and at one Dinner just before Christmas she made 26 Christmas cakes and gave them out personally to every farming family. As a result of these functions Joan has been given names of people who are doing it tough and at 70 years of age has taken it upon herself to visit and help these farming families. She really is walking the talk and is an inspiration to us all. Congratulations Joan Adams on this fantastic honour and title of South Burnett Citizen of the Year.

The South Burnett Sportsperson of the Year : had a number of nominations and 3 were from Murgon including Carol Watters, Ray Frahm and Noel Cheshire.



Our very own Noel Cheshire was awarded South Burnett Sportsperson of the Year.

Over the past 60 years Noel has been playing tennis and has managed to juggle a highly successful tennis career with running a large property at Windaera. Noel has not only played representative tennis at Local, State and National level he has also managed to contribute to the local school sharing his experience and love of sport. He has represented Queensland in every State in Australia and has competed in New Zealand and Ireland. His highest ranking score in double's in Australia is 3 and 7 in singles. He has done us proud representing this area in the sport of tennis. Congratulations Noel Cheshire.

Photo (Courtesy South Burnett on Line)

South Burnett Junior Sportsperson:



Murgon again did us proud with Jared Sippel taking out the award. There were 18 nominations in the category including from Murgon Courtney & Jared Sippel, Neil Collard, Floyd (Cookie) Aubrey & Clare Adcock from Murgon and the award went to Jared Sippel.

Jared was selected to represent Qld in the U 15 cricket team and was the youngest member of the team. He was also selected in the U16 Australian Team and toured Sri Lanka in May last year. Jared has also excelled in touch football but he is committed to cricket and has hopes of becoming a professional cricketer. He is not only a great cricketer but he also assists his fellow team mates and is a fantastic young ambassador for our region. Jared also won the Matthew Hayden Bursary award. Congratulations Jared Sippel on the honour of South Burnett Young Sportsperson of the Year. Photo (Courtesy South Burnett on Line)

South Burnett Local Achiever for Murgon: was Paul Pfeffer.



Paul has been a volunteer for the Qld Dairy & Heritage Museum for 5 years. He works in the VIC 2 days a week and also drives for Graham House. His biggest personal goal and one that he really championed for was the Opening of the Murgon Men's Shed in October last year. Paul is the current President of the Murgon Men's Shed and never tires of working out ways to improve it for everyone. He is passionate for his community and is a fantastic volunteer for our community. Paul is from a rural property and understands the issues with mental health. He inspires others with his enthusiasm for promoting Murgon, helping others in need and volunteering his time to work for the good of others. Congratulations Paul on your achievement of South Burnett Local Achiever.

Murgon also had nominations in :

South Burnett Young Citizen of the Year - Geoffrey Kinsella,

South Burnett Junior Cultural category- Kirsten Upton,

Sportscoach, Administrator or Official category- Sarah VanderKolk

South Burnett Community Organisation of the Year -the South Burnett Orchid Society led by Beryl Waldron was nominated. Congratulations to those very worthy nominees.

Special Awards

Three former South Burnett mayors – Bill Roberts (Murgon), Percy Iszlaub (Wondai) and Reg McCallum (Nanango) – received special recognition at the awards ceremony.

“It's time that we honoured three great Australians, three great Queenslanders and three great South Burnett civic leaders who have between them, as mayors and councillors, served a total of 108 years,” Mayor Kratzmann said.

Bill Roberts, who could not be present, was represented by his son Scott.

Cr Kratzmann said Bill was an “icon of Murgon”, while Reg McCallum was still known as the Mayor of Nanango.

Percy Iszlaub was an outstanding citizen who had worked behind the scenes “to bridge divides” in the community and was his “great mentor”.

The three men were given special plaques and received a standing ovation from the audience.