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MURGON MOMENTS

Murgon...a great place to live, work & play



Dr Graham McAllister was presented with the inaugural Mayor's Award For Outstanding Service by South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto

A new award presented for 2023 was the South Burnett Mayor's Award for Outstanding Service.

Mayor Otto said this award recognised and acknowledged a member of our community who had gone above and beyond the call of duty in their field of employment, profession or business to serve the people of the region.

He said he had chosen Dr Graham McAllister on the basis he had served the South Burnett region over an extended period, at all times putting "people before profit".

Dr McAllister is described as a 'community champion' and it stems from 1979 when he first started working in Murgon. He has an incredible list of qualifications and work history to show for his outstanding career.

Dr McAllister has been a board member of many organisations; he has been a senior lecturer in rural and remote medicine and has attended local functions as a guest speaker.

Dr McAllister commented I've been in Murgon for 44 years and I was formally a intern at St Vincents and Sue (my wife) was my theatre nurse and I've never left her side since.

Dr McAllister is past retirement age but continues to support the community keeping the practice open along with his wife Sue bringing and keeping doctors in our region to provide first class health services.

Dr McAllister has gone well above and beyond the call of duty to, and for, the benefit of the people within the community, at all times. Dr McAllister also received the Murgon senior Ambassador award.

Hi

In today's world more and more transactions are completed online.

That's why it's more important than ever to be aware of the evolving tactics scammers are using, such as false billing. The greater your awareness, the better prepared you'll be to avoid any negative impacts for you or your business.

False billing scams can occur when a business is requested to pay fake invoices for administrative goods and services that they didn't order. These could include directory listings, advertising, domain name renewals or office supplies, amongst others.

In Australia so far this year, there have been more than 19,000 reports of false billing to Scamwatch, with reported losses of over \$18 million. Leading into Christmas, businesses should be even more mindful, as December

consistently ranks as one of the top months for reported losses due to false billing.

Being vigilant about scams – and encouraging your employees to be – will go a long way toward insulating your business from any adverse consequences.

Peter's story#

Peter is the president of a local swimming club that banks with Bendigo Bank. The club's treasurer received an email purporting to be from Peter, requesting the urgent payment of an invoice for an upcoming swimming event. Assuming the email was from Peter, the treasurer and the vice-president countersigned a payment authority and deposited \$15,725 into an account at another bank.

Unfortunately, Peter had never sent the email. It had come from scammers. The treasurer didn't notice the email address was slightly different from Peter's actual address. Luckily, the bank was able to recover the funds on this occasion for the club.

However, this isn't always possible and had the funds not been able to be recovered by the bank, the swimming club would have suffered a \$15,725 loss and incurred disruption in having to deal with the scam and its consequences. There is also the risk of embarrassment and reputational damage to the individuals involved.

#Name changed for privacy reasons

To minimise the chances of something similar happening to you or your business, keep in mind the following handy tips:

- When you receive invoices by email, make sure you confirm the BSB and Account Number are correct. If there is a change in these details, verify the new details verbally with the relevant business.
- Be very wary of any emails from people claiming to be in senior roles and requesting you to transfer funds to them or their business.
- If you receive an email invoice for a service you can't recall, be extra cautious. If you're unsure, contact the business directly to confirm the details of any service you may have requested.
- Train your employees to recognise scams – it will be well worthwhile.

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Obituary: Lillian Gray 1947-2023



Cherbourg's AIM Church was filled to capacity last Friday (January 20) for the funeral service of much-loved Birri Gubba Elder – and popular local singer – Auntie Lillian Gray.

Lillian Jean Gray (nee Fisher) was born in Cherbourg on December 12, 1947, but spent her early years in Wondai.

Her parents were Frank Fisher and Kitty Fisher (nee Williams).

Auntie Lil was one of 11 children.

After her mother died, she moved to Eidsvold to live with her aunt and grandfather.

She attended State Schools in Cherbourg, Wondai, Eidsvold and Rockhampton.

As a teenager, Auntie Lil got a job in Brisbane doing housework at a doctor's surgery. She later worked at Eidsvold Hospital.

She met her future husband, David "Boxy" Gray, from Quilpie, while in Eidsvold.

Over the years, Auntie Lil also lived in Gympie, Mackay, Bundaberg, Ipswich, Rockhampton and Woorabinda before moving back permanently to Cherbourg.

Her singing career began almost by accident.

The funeral service heard how Auntie Lil had always loved karaoke, and, in fact, was known as a "karaoke queen".

At a wedding in about 2000, she was asked to sing and performed what would become her theme tune, "Harper Valley PTA".

She was so good that word was passed on to Muddy Flats' musician Robert "Rocko" Langton (who also, sadly, died recently).

Auntie Lil then became a special guest singer with the Muddy Flats band for 23 years.

But there was much more to the diehard Broncos fan than just singing ...

Auntie Lil loved to ride horses, go fishing and enthusiastically supported Golden Oldies events in Brisbane and Cherbourg.

But it was her community work – much of it voluntary – that she may be most remembered for.

A long list of the organisations that Auntie Lil was involved in at Cherbourg during her later years was shared at her funeral: Jundah Women's Shelter, Barambah Aboriginal Community Care Agency (BACCA), Ny-Ku Byun, Wunjuada, Skills Development Network Workforce, Beemar Yumba, The Ration Shed, Us Mob Radio, So Fresh, CTC Diversionary & Night Patrol, Relationships Australia, Health Action Group, Queensland Women's Health Network, Growing Deadly Families, Child Safety, SPAN and the Starlight Foundation.

She was also a long-serving member of the Barambah Justice Group, as a director and then chairperson.

Along the way she studied to become a Justice of the Peace, and then a JP Magistrate so she could sit on the Murri Court.

Auntie Lil also served four years on Cherbourg Council (2004-2008).

It's a wonder that she could still fit in time to sing on stage ... which she did enthusiastically at events across the South Burnett.

Auntie Lil died on January 5.

She is survived by 10 children and one step-child, 36 grandchildren and 58 great-grandchildren.

RIP Auntie Lil, and thanks for the memories which we will always cherish.

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Rob 0406 254 674

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Letter to a bad neighbour

Dear Charlie

We've been neighbours for six tumultuous years,
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Harry



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Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

The volunteers at the Museum are back on the job after a short break. Visitor numbers have been constant since we opened. We have group bookings for March which is a positive start to 2023.

For those who may have missed seeing the results from our Xmas raffle, the winners were 1st Prize Doug Hamilton, 2nd Marylin Dionysuis, 3rd Trish Seiler, 4th Craig Curry. Thank you to everyone who supported our raffle, our volunteers who sold tickets and the businesses who donated prizes.

Looking forward to a great 2023.

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kitchen. 4 bedrooms plus office. Living and all rooms including office are air conditioned. Family bathroom with bath and separate shower. There is a covered patio at the rear and a concreted entertaining area to the front where you can enjoy some amazing sunsets and sunrises. Single carport to the side of the house plus a lock up colorbond shed. Plenty of water via tanks to the home. Contact Margaret on 0413488418. \$510,000



Good solid home with 2 large bedrooms plus a small room. Large open living. Older style build in kitchen and spacious dining. Bathroom has a shower over the bath. There are 2 toilets. On timber stumps there is plenty of storage

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G - has sold his home near Caboolture and has cash ready to invest here and settle quickly. Price guide up to \$300,000.

R - His will sell quickly but needs to secure a new home first. Looking for something low to the ground, stairs are becoming an issue. Price guide around \$250,000

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Kathy's Comments

QEII Park Murgon

The refurbishment of QEII park on the eastern side has begun. It is expected to be completed within the next few months. The work will include levelling of the area, some tree replacement, solar lighting, new shelters, and seating, along with pathways and garden upgrades. It will be funded as part of the State Government Works for Qld allocation.

Council Grants now Open

There are a number of community grant opportunities on the Council website. The regular round of community grants up to \$3000 is now open and closes at the end of February. There are also three categories in the Local Built Small Grants Category. They are Community Building, Facilities Planning and Small Events. These grants close on midnight 27 February 2023. There is also a Façade Improvement Program that closes midnight March 6th, 2023. Information for all of these can be sourced on the Council website or call into any Council Customer Service facility.

Australia Day Awards

Reflect, Respect, and celebrate was the theme for Australia Day across the nation. It was wonderful to see the number of nominations and people who attended the Council awards ceremony in Nanango on January 22nd. I would like to congratulate all of the nominees and the award recipients. Murgon had a large contingent of nominees and it was fantastic to see Cynthia Hatchett and Joy Fennell honoured with Lifetime Achievement Awards. Glenda Geraghty was also honoured for her hard work on the Fossil Museum with the South Burnett Senior Cultural award. Murgon's Local Achiever went to Aaron Stephan from Moffatdale who goes above and beyond with his work in the local wine industry. It was very special to see Dr Graham McAllister honoured with the Mayor's Award for a professional who goes above and beyond for his community. It was also nice to see Nick Blanch receive Proston's local Achiever recognised for his hard work volunteering in Proston and Barbara Hockey awarded as Hivesville's Local Achiever. I would also like to congratulate the Murgon Business and Development Association Award recipients who were acknowledged at the Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum on Australia Day. A big thank you to the volunteers at the Murgon Museum for putting on a lovely morning tea, also thank you to the Proston Scouts for hosting their event with a flag raising ceremony with cricket and damper as some of the highlights. It was also great to see a large crowd at Hivesville Memorial Park to enjoy breakfast and a flag raising ceremony. Well done everyone. Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oy, Oy Oy!!

Murgon Show & Cabaret

2023 Country Cabaret, bring back the boots is coming up February 11th. It will be in the Murgon Town Hall at 6.30pm with music, dancing and the presentation of the Murgon Showgirls and Rural Ambassadors. Tickets are available at Mark Smith's Menswear or you can book online.

Proston and Murgon Shows

Show Season starts in March with both Proston and Murgon annual shows coming up. They are always looking for more volunteers to help. Please consider helping out and volunteering at the local show or if you are between the ages of 20 and 30 you could nominate as a Rural Ambassador or for the Showgirl the ages are 18 to 28. There are also junior



categories.

Calling for Nominations for the Youth Council

The South Burnett Regional Council is calling on young people who want to have a greater say and help build a strong and inclusive community, to nominate for the 2023 South Burnett Regional Youth Council. The Youth Council will meet regularly and will advocate for the needs of the young people who live in our communities. Members will help organise youth and community events, take part in leadership forums and self-development activities. They will also get a great insight into how local government works. The Youth Council will be appointed for a one-year term after an interview and selection process. Nominations close on Friday 10 February 2023. Please go onto the Council website to nominate or call Council's Community Development Coordinator on 1300789279 or 41899100.

Boondooma Homestead is in Auburn/Hawkwood Country

The Boondooma Homestead is now included as part of Auburn Hawkwood Country rather than Wakka Wakka country after the recent Native Title land determination in the South Burnett area which was decided by the Federal Courts when they recognised the rights of the traditional custodians of more than 330ha of country between Chinchilla and Glencoe. The boundary of the Auburn Hawkwood determination area extends into the western and south-western parts of the South Burnett Regional Council area, and council was named as a respondent in the Native Title Determination. Elizabeth Law who is a Director of the Auburn Hawkwook people performed the Welcome to Country and spoke of the new ruling at the Australia Day ceremony at the Boondooma Homestead.

Contact Details

Please contact me if you wish to raise a matter or make a time to catch up.

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council.

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The FREE Music Jam is being held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, from 2 to 5pm and you are all invited. Your support is always welcome

Attendance isn't restricted to musicians. All visitors welcome and are free to come and spend the afternoon listening to local artists .

Some of our musicians also go to the Men's Shed on a Wednesday to play there. They also play at 5 other venues around the area including playing at Castra to the delight of the residents.

Another programme held at the uniting Church hall is “Rockin’ Our Abilities”. Their final concert of 2022 was a great success. This is all the good work of Sonia McMahon, who founded “Rockin’ Our Abilities” with 5 members and now they are up to 22 attending. They are looking for an extra venue for this year to start-up a similar operation in Kingaroy

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We will also have some sneaky raffles and giveaways, as well.

This year once again we will be opening pre-nominations, and you MUST register before the comp begins.

Please keep an eye on our page for updates as we get close to the time. We will be opening these registrations in the next few weeks.

To register you must complete the forms online once we have the link live for you to follow. If you message our page or email us, unfortunately you may be missed and it will not guarantee you a spot.

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The Cancer Support Group meets every Tuesday morning in the Uniting Church hall between 10 and 12.



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SOCIAL MEDIA

Eddy has given up on social media for the Year, and is trying to make friends outside of facebook while applying the same principals. Every day he walks down the street tells passers-by what he's eaten, how he feels, what he did the night before, and what he will do tomorrow. He then shows them pictures of his family, his dog, and his efforts of trying to grow a giant pumpkin for this years Ekka. He listens to their conversations, and tells them he loves them. It works. He already has three people following him – two police officers and a psychiatrist.



A charming Queenslander home in a peaceful area. Consisting of two bedrooms + a sunroom with built-ins, open spacious lounge room with a new air-conditioner, eat-in kitchen with a new electric oven and stove. Functional bathroom with a shower over bath, and toilet. Heaps of other

exciting features at this home including: Beautiful side deck, Solar system, Concreted area under the home perfect for storage, Laundry underneath, Large quarter acre block, Plenty of room for a shed. This home has good bones, beautiful timber floorboards underneath the floor coverings and has the potential to be a beautiful property.

PLEASE NOTE **This property is sold by the Seller and accepted by the Buyer on an "As Is, Where Is" basis. The buyer has relied upon their own investigations and judgement in assessing: The condition of the property; the location of the property (including but not limited to any and all encroachments and / or mis descriptions;**

MURGON PRICE: \$210,000



This solid brick home is situated in a quiet Street of Hivesville. Low maintenance 1,041m2 fully fenced allotment capturing the peace and quiet of rural living. Features include: single lock up garage, 3 bedrooms with built-ins, main with an air-conditioner, Lounge with a fireplace,

Modern bathroom with a separate toilet, Separate laundry room overlooking rural land, Galley kitchen, open dining room also with an air-conditioner and glass sliding doors opening onto the undercover entertaining area. **HIVESVILLE REDUCED \$310,000**



Very spacious 1715m2 block of land features a massive 2 bay workshop 14.5x15 with 3 extra wide roller doors, two on the front and one on the side for access. With 3 phase power, overhead lighting, concrete floor in the workshop area & a mezzanine floor for extra

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Library Lover's Day 2023

This year's Library Lovers' Day is all about you!

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local library branch. We would love to hear how libraries have been a part of your day-to-day life.

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then we encourage you to use this Library Lovers' Day on Tuesday 14 February 2023 as an opportunity to tell someone: tell your library, tell your friends, tell us!



Local Stories - Gary Morgan

Local resident Gary Morgan has recently been working on writing his family history for posterity and to pass down to the next generation. Gary will share his childhood experiences in England and how after a family emergency, they ended up in Kenya. His time in Kenya from 1948 until 1961 includes some fascinating stories and anecdotes. Join us for an interactive talk on Friday 17 February at 10am at the Kingaroy Library.

The Kingdom of Libraria

Explore your local library with South Burnett Libraries 'Kingdom of Libraria' loyalty program just for kids!

Children across the South Burnett are invited to visit their local library to collect a passport to start their journey through the Kingdom of Libraria...

Libraria is a Kingdom made up of six houses: Buttopia, Nangoonida, Kingsmoor, Wonhaven, Murloch and Prostonia and their respective townships: Blackbutt, Nanango, Kingaroy, Wondai, Murgon and Proston.

Ruled by an array of faithful subjects known as Librarians (otherwise referred to as Book Wizards), children are transported to magical world of whimsical characters, mini missions and bonus activities. Although there is no need to physically visit each of the libraries to complete the program, bonus prizes are available for those who wish to explore the South Burnett Region.

Visit your local library today to start your journey... what are you waiting for?

Wondai Book Club

Wondai Library now has a regular book club that catch up monthly to discuss their chosen title for the month and share their thoughts on other books that attendees have enjoyed recently. Spaces are available for new members to join in on this great opportunity to meet new people and connect with other readers in the community.

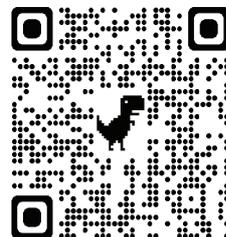
The Wondai Book Club is held on the second Thursday of each month from 10.00am.

If you'd like more information, give South Burnett Libraries a call on (07) 4189 9256.



Tech Classes in Murgon Commencing

The Murgon Library will be commencing basic Tech Help classes from late January 2023. Lessons will include an introduction to computers, email, internet, tablet, and mobile device use and much, much more.



Classes will be by appointment on Thursday afternoon so please call 4189 9256 to book your spot. Tech help is also available across the other library branches, to find out more scan the QR code.

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We sadly mourn the loss of:

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HARM, Elwyn 'Joan', Late of Wondai,

RICHARDS, Ronald Henry (Tim), Late of Kingaroy,
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Creek Road, Stalworth, Proston

BROWN, Sharon Lee, Late of Manly West, formerly of
Wondai

GRAY, Lillian Jean, Late of Cherbourg

PETERS, Neil John, Late of Goomeri

IRONS Jim, Late of Maryborough formerly of Proston

A Moment ... with Murgon

Local Ambulance Committee



Happy New Year!

Murgon LAC starts 2023 with a diminished committee! Over the past few years, employment changes, relocations and illness have taken a toll on our membership; *but we're still here!* We would, however, **appreciate at least three (3) volunteers** to join our committee – at least until the Annual Meeting in August!

"Local Ambulance Committees liaise with the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS), receiving information on issues that affect local QAS operations and raising community concerns with QAS personnel."

Murgon QAS responds to medical emergencies in communities over a wide area, including Cherbourg, Goomeri, Wondai, and surrounding rural districts. The Committee would be **delighted** to welcome **their representatives!**

In recent years, the Committee has also been involved in building **community awareness** of health issues and **capability to recognise and respond appropriately to medical emergencies**. Now that COVID restrictions have been – mostly - lifted, we plan to reintroduce these **free** community sessions, including **CPR Awareness and First Aid Hints**. Again, we would greatly appreciate **assistance from volunteers who have current First Aid and CPR training** and are willing to become "Peer Trainers", to assist in conducting occasional sessions for community groups and/or schools. (NOTE: *Working with Children Blue Card is required for those working with school groups.*)

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Wondai Regional Art Gallery, February 2023 Exhibition

“Rural Sketchers South Burnett” by Local Sketchers (First Gallery)



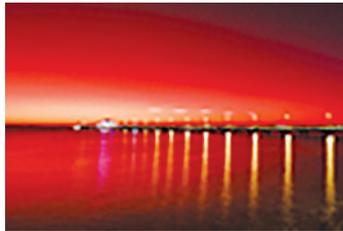
This group was started to encourage local people to enjoy sketching various locations in the South Burnett especially en plein aire/outdoors. Then, they enjoy having a cuppa and chat afterwards. This exhibition is an informal display of their sketches straight out of their sketchbooks!

“Telling Tales with Line and Colour” by Sue Warry (Main Gallery)



Sue is primarily a watercolour artist who lives in the Wondai area. This is her third solo exhibition and she has put together artworks which show that the possibilities of capturing a moment in time are endless. Come and explore the options of different colourways, styles and techniques in this exhibition of the world as we see it and as we imagine it.

“Local Photography/Art” by Liz Barratt and Joy Thomson (Third Gallery)



This exhibition is a combination of photography and art. Liz Barratt is a local landscape photographer who enjoys capturing local scenery. Joy Thomson is a local artist who creates paintings and sketches in a variety of mediums and scenes.

“Kidz Korner” Tingoora State School



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2023 South Burnett Regional Youth Council

South Burnett Regional Council is calling on young people who want to have a greater say and help build a strong and inclusive community, to nominate for the 2023 South Burnett Regional Youth Council.

The Youth Council will be a diverse group of up to 20 motivated young people aged between 14 and 24 years old who live in the South Burnett or Cherbourg.

The Youth Council will meet regularly and will advocate for the needs of the young people who live in our communities. Members will help organise youth and community events, take part in leadership forms and self-development activities. They will also get a great insight into how local government works.

South Burnett Regional Youth Council Membership

Nominations will close on Friday 10 February 2023. Youth Council Nomination forms are available on Council's website.

For further information regarding the South Burnett Youth Council please contact Council's Executive Services team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrcc.qld.gov.au.

Dog Registration Renewals - Reminder

South Burnett Regional Council advises that dog registration renewals were issued on 1 December 2022.

Residents are reminded the current registration period is from December 2022 to 30 November 2023, with registration renewal payments due by 20 January 2023.

If you have not paid your dog registration, please contact Council by this date to make payment or update any details, including change of ownership, moved out of the area, or if your dog has sadly passed away.

Please note under the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 Section 54 it is the animal owner's responsibility to notify Council within 7 days of any changed information. Penalties apply for failing to update details.

Council would prefer your cooperation to resolve this matter in complying with the Act to avoid enforcement action being taken which may include Infringement Notices being issued.

Should you require any further information or assistance, please contact Council on (07) 4189 9100 or email info@sbrcc.qld.gov.au.

RESERVE FORCES DAY

Some good news it is my pleasure to announce that the Principal Military Guest and Speaker for RFD 2023 is to be Commander Donald Forbes who in the parlance of the Navy was known as a 'Schoolie' - school teachers were part of ships establishments since the days of Queen Victoria and Commander Forbes has seen his share of diverse postings so he's bound to have a few tales to tell.

And so we press on, trying to stay well and certainly cheerful,
Regards, Noel Selway

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Lochlan Wiley came from a family of generational farmers, working with his grandparents Barry & Jan Bischoff and on a Dairy farm on school holidays, where Lochlan's passion for farming and cattle started, Lochlan was born, raised, and schooled in Murgon.

Lochlan started off as a clean-up kid at the Top of the Town butcher shop at just 14 years old, so did his two brothers Jacob and Brock. Brock also did his apprenticeship butcher trade at Top of the Town completing it in 2021. Lochlan then went onto completing a butchering apprenticeship with Jim Ryan at Ryan's butcher in Wondai in 2019. He has taught me so much in the Butchering industry, here Lochlan fell in love with the trade and learnt many valuable skills which lead him into participating in the 2019 Axial training world skills competitions. Sense then he has spent 12 months working at Sun Pork, improving his skills and experience, then he went back to Ryan's butchery in 2021, working with Clint Stretton who recently took over Ryan's Butchery and has helped and inspired him to take the next step in starting his own business, Wiley's Butchery. will provide our customers with local and quality meat, making smallgoods, ham, bacon, pies, easy meals and much more.

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General and Recycling Bin Collection Times

We would like to thank the community for their efforts with the new recycling service!

Residents are reminded to place your bins on the kerbside before 6.00am on your collection day. Whilst the collection contractor endeavours to service bins on a consistent frequency there are times when collection times do vary, whether this be due to breakdowns, road closures etc. Having your wheelie bins placed out for collection by 6:00am will ensure that they will be serviced on your nominated collection day.

For more information about the waste service within the South Burnett Region, please download Council's Recyclopedia App. Visit Council's website at <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/environment-health-waste/waste-services> for more details.

Record number of new doctors tee off careers at Darling Downs Health

Fifty-four medical interns will begin work across Darling Downs Health's hospitals this month, marking the largest cohort of interns that have started since the program commenced and will be providing care for our community in the coming weeks.

With a diverse range of locations and work environments, the interns will experience the demands of urban, rural and remote medicine.

Chief Executive of Darling Downs Health, Annette Scott PSM said the large number of medical interns will play an important role in ensuring Darling Downs Health continues to provide an excellent experience for patients and their families.

Enrol now for Fee-Free TAFE in 2023

Recent school leavers and Queenslanders looking to upskill or change careers are being encouraged to enrol in one of the 37,000 Fee-Free TAFE places available in 2023.

Federal Minister for Skills and Training, Brendan O'Connor encouraged Queenslanders to make 2023 their year.

"If you've been thinking about studying something new, or upskilling, now is the time as Fee-Free TAFE and vocational education and training courses in Queensland are open for enrolments," Mr O'Connor said.



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18th January

Nevil Wran had just been elected when the Granville smash occurred and in a you bet ya life moment, the now opposition blamed this incoming government for the smash owing to the condition of the track over which the train passed. It should be borne in mind that the rail union had been after the outgoing government for years to invest more money in track maintenance but of course that never happened so when the train passed the signal before the Bold Street Bridge at Granville Junction it derailed and hit the bridge causing it to collapse.

My cousin was one of the duty coppers at Granville and was one of the first people on the scene. He had also been on the Mountains during the fires so he'd seen plenty by that time.

Afterwards whilst on mail delivery rounds across the Mountains, it was always when you least expect it, that you came across widows of the victims of the smash. In one street there were seven and in my own street there was one nearby. Always distressing and something that you didn't shake off.

So for a lot of us the 18th of January isn't exactly a very cheerful day

Submitted by sad and genuine respondent.

QEII Park, Murgon Refurbishment Begins

The refurbishment of QEII Park Murgon is set to begin the week of 23 January.

The first week will see the erection of safety fencing and disconnection of power to the park. Over the coming weeks, works will include the removal of the concrete slabs and paths, lighting and table settings.

When completed the park will have new solar lighting, shelters and seating, along with pathways with gardens and trees throughout.

This refurbishment will give longevity to the park and provide Murgon with a great community park for residents and visitors to enjoy.

It is expected that works will be completed by the end of April, weather permitting.

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2023 Australia Day Message

On the 26th of January 2023 we mark Australia Day, a day where we acknowledge our country's past, recognise our achievements, and look forward to the future.

On our nation's national day, right around the country new Australians are welcomed at citizenship ceremonies, the Australia Day Honours List of Australians who have achieved great things for their community is announced, barbecues are fired up, and rubbish bins become cricket stumps as we come together to enjoy the company of family, friends, and neighbours.

Australia Day is not just another public holiday. It is our nation's biggest annual civic event. It's a day to reflect on our history, a day to respect the origins, experiences, stories, and contributions of our fellow Australians, to celebrate our strong and diverse community and honour this great nation, our achievements, and the people who have helped shape the Australia we have become.

While we all have different views, backgrounds, and experiences, Australia Day is a day to respect and share the stories, histories, and contributions of every Australian - like the ones people throughout Wide Bay have made, and continue to make, to our nation.

Thanks to the sacrifices, the hard work of those who have gone before us, and those who have served and continue to serve to secure our freedom, Australia is one of the safest, most economically stable countries in the world, with many opportunities ahead.

Australia's success today is built upon the uniquely Aussie characteristics for which we are known throughout the world, of our courage, tenacity, mateship, and our unwavering optimism. The Australian spirit we share is known for its inclusiveness, compassion, and the sheer hard work that has gone towards making Australia strong.

As Australians, we know that our country is what we make of it, and that is why for most of my life I have worked to make our communities and our nation even better. I have seen the good and bad in society, and I acknowledge the work we must continue to do to keep our communities safe, our borders secure, and protect our Australian way of life.

I will keep up my fight to build a better Wide Bay, and to ensure that our nation's future holds prosperity and growth for all.

Whether you plan to celebrate with loved ones and friends at a public ceremony, or if you choose to commemorate the occasion at home, I hope you fly the Aussie flag with pride, stay safe and enjoy the day with your fellow Australians.

Llew O'Brien MP, Federal Member for Wide Bay

South Burnett Regional Council - 2023 Australia Day Awards Rowena Is Our Citizen Of The Year!



Rowena Dionysius is the South Burnett Regional Council's 2023 Citizen Of The Year

South Burnett Relay For Life chair Rowena Dionysius is the South Burnett's 2023 Citizen Of The Year!

Rowena was presented with her award by South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto during a ceremony hosted by the South Burnett Regional Council at Nanango Showgrounds on Sunday afternoon.

She has been chair of the South Burnett Relay For Life committee for 11 years.

During that time the committee has raised more than \$1.7 million for Cancer Council Queensland.

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A new award presented for 2023 was the South Burnett Mayor's Award for Outstanding Service.

Mayor Otto said this award recognised and acknowledged a member of our community who had gone above and beyond the call of duty in their field of employment, profession or business to serve the people of the region.

He said he had chosen Dr Graham McAllister on the basis he had served the South Burnett region over an extended period, at all times putting "people before profit".



Dr Graham McAllister was presented with the inaugural Mayor's Award For Outstanding Service by South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto

The award presentations were held at Nanango Showgrounds as part of the town's 175th Anniversary celebrations.

Guest speakers were Australia Day Ambassadors Daniel Clarke and Jerry Coleby-Williams.

Daniel, a former Queensland Young Australian of the Year, spoke about his work saving endangered orangutans in the wild in Borneo and Sumatra.

He is an advocate for people with disability and urged the community and organisations to foster inclusiveness.

Jerry, who is well-known through his gardening shows on ABC Radio and ABC-TV, spoke about his passion for gardening and shared how he had found a type of lettuce – now extinct in the UK – growing in Australia, a descendant of plants probably first brought to Australia in 1788 and nurtured by home gardeners across the generations.

Seeds carefully collected in Australia have now been returned to the United Kingdom.

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Mayor Brett Otto congratulated Nanango for reaching its 175th anniversary, an achievement that only three other towns in Queensland have accomplished.

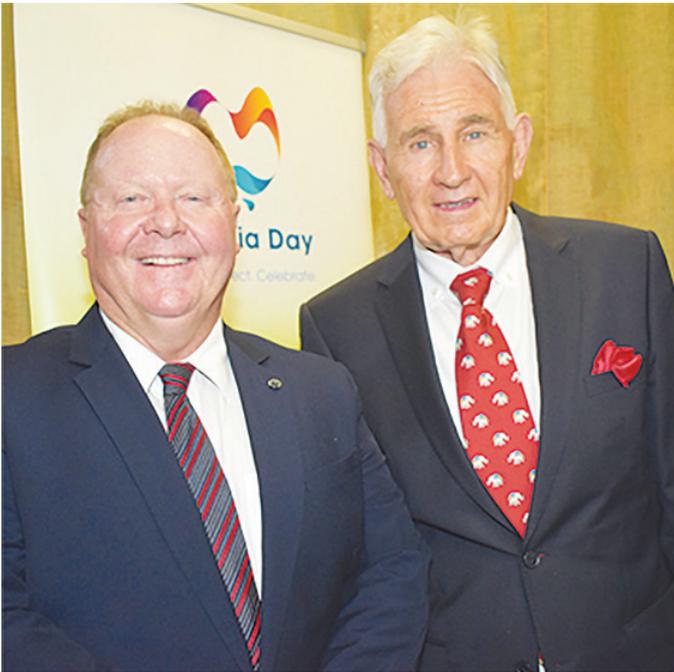
He said Australia Day was an opportunity to recognise and honour the achievements of outstanding individuals in the local community.

“It is a chance to celebrate the human qualities, traits of humility, service and selfless generosity that characterise so many brave Australians,” Mayor Otto said.

“Today we have come together to share in the pleasure of acknowledging our own great Australians in our own local community.”



Mayor Otto, centre, with Australia Day Ambassadors and guest speakers Daniel Clarke and Jerry Coleby-Williams ... the Mayor presented each man with a lapel pin to mark the occasion



Mayor Otto with compere, Nanango businessman Rod Morgan



Members of 177 ACU march in with the flags at the start of the ceremony



Juliana Evangelista sang the National Anthem after the audience took part in a Citizenship Affirmation ceremony

Award Nominations

Citizen Of The Year

This award recognises a South Burnett resident who has made a valuable contribution to their community and or given outstanding service over a number of years:

WINNER:

Rowena Dionysius

Rowena has made a significant contribution to the South Burnett by heading the ambitious and successful Relay for Life events year after year.

The South Burnett Relay for Life raised more than \$116,000 for cancer research in 2022 through multiple co-ordinated events such as Cricket 4 Life, Cattle for a Cure and Ride 4 Relay.

Each year, Rowena ensures there are opportunities to celebrate those who have survived and to remember those who we've lost.

Rowena has shown immense dedication and drive for these well-needed annual events.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Dr Graham McAllister

Dr McAllister has been described as a “community champion”, stemming from 1979 when he first started working in Murgon.

He has an incredible list of qualifications and work history to show for his outstanding career. Dr McAllister has been a board member of organisations; a senior lecturer in rural and remote medicine and has attended local functions as a guest speaker.

Dr McAllister is past retirement age but continues to support the community, keeping the practice open with his

wife Sue and bringing doctors to our region to provide first-class health services.

Valerie Hodson

Val has volunteered at numerous events supporting the Rotary Club of Murgon. Some of these include the Murgon Music Muster, Wondai Community Transport fundraisers and Drought Angels in Chinchilla.

She also volunteers at dances around the South Burnett.

Val is committed to the growth and well-being of our region; she is always thinking of others and inspires others to succeed.

Susan Dowideit-Reiger

Susan is being appreciated for her dedication and her commitment to students who are passionate about dance and singing.

She is heavily involved in all different types of art and performance groups on all levels such as co-ordinating, teaching, conducting, inspiring and even performing in showcase events.

Susan is an outstanding member of the community who contributes so much in the areas of the arts to the whole region and is well-looked up to as a role model.

Donald Davey

Donald has led an adventure-filled life, with many personal achievements. Just to name a few ... Vietnam Veteran, working with South Burnett Legacy, RSL Welfare advocate and heavily involved in Freemasonry.

Donald has had countless achievements during his lifetime and during the past year or two, his achievements have reached a pinnacle including the successful opening and operation of the Veteran Centre at 73 Kingaroy Street and his efforts to provide additional residential facilities in Kingaroy.



Sienna Spencer is the South Burnett Regional Council's 2023 Young Citizen Of The Year ... she was presented with her award by Australia Day Ambassador Jerry Coleby-Williams

Young Citizen Of The Year

This award recognises an individual under 25 years of age at January 22, 2023, who displays ongoing excellence in their field and in the community, demonstrating leadership and innovation whilst contributing to the development of the South Burnett region:

WINNER:

Sienna Spencer

Sienna has achieved very high academic results throughout her schooling and has been involved in numerous community events, sporting, and cultural activities.

During the past three years she has been involved in a large variety of activities outside of school, including being an ambassador for the STEM Girls Power Initiative, and being involved in the ConocoPhillips Science Experience.

Sienna is always looking for opportunities to participate. She was a member of the 2022 South Burnett Youth Council, the Nanango member of the Queensland Youth Advisory Council, the Ministerial Student Advisory Council, the Darling Downs Southwest Region Advisory Council and a member of the Youth Mental Health oversight committee for the South Burnett.

Sienna is an active member of her community in Maidenwell, always assisting in the local festivities and has been a strong voice representing the youth of the South Burnett at many levels of government.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Josh Steinhardt

Josh is a member of Interact. His involvement includes putting forward suggestions and proposals as well as helping in fundraisers or barbecues. Every time Interact has a fundraiser, you will always see Josh helping in some way with the till or drinks or manning the barbecue.

He has also represented Murgon State High School in cattle events and gets involved in various community shows.

Josh recently was selected as school captain for 2023 by staff and students. He is an outstanding young ambassador for his community and the whole of the South Burnett.

Jerem Hinchliff

Jerem has worked hard to contribute to his local community over a number of years and was an active member of the 2022 South Burnett Youth Council.

Not only has Jerem been an active member in many groups, but he has also been a mentor in the school's peer support program, providing support and guidance to younger students.

He has completed many achievements such as a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

In addition to his local commitments, Jerem has been an active member of the Student Ambassador Program with Youth UN in 2021 and 2022 and attended the State Conference as a delegate in 2022. He also attended the Youth UN National Conference in 2021.

Jerem is committed to working within the community in 2023 as he transitions to the next phase of his studies.

Bridie Prendergast

Bridie is one of Kingaroy State High School's 2022 Vice-Captains and is the secretary of the Student Council where she has received an Encouragement Award.

She also received a Gold Award for rugby league, silver for Cross Country, bronze for athletics and touch and was part of the U18 Girls 2022 Touch Team which were awarded the Team of the Year Award.

Her achievements didn't stop there. While attending Kingaroy State High School, Bridie has demonstrated that she is an outstanding/all-round student, highly respected by staff and her student cohort.

Last year, she signed up as part of the 2022 South Burnett Regional Youth Council.



Young Citizen Of The Year nominees with guest speaker Jerry Coleby-Williams ... from left, Josh Steinhardt, Sienna Spencer, Jerem Hinchliff and Bridie Prendergast



South Burnett parkruns (Wondai, Nanango & Proston) were named Community Organisation Of The Year ... from left, Mick Freeman, Anita Blanch, Therese Woodward, Ros Heit and Winston Burrows; they were presented with their award by Australia Day Ambassador Daniel Clarke, at front

Community Organisation of the Year

This award recognises an outstanding achievement by a group, club or organisation that has made a notable contribution to the community during 2022:

WINNER:

South Burnett Park Runs (Wondai, Nanango & Proston)

The three parkruns provide a huge physical, mental, and social contribution to the wellbeing of the region's residents as well as attracting tourists to the South Burnett.

RACGP's Jess Daly says there is a large body of evidence supporting the benefits of exercise in the prevention and treatment of a wide variety of health issues.

"Social prescribing is more than just exercise. People of any age can gain benefits through attending parkrun because simply attending each week or volunteering has wide benefits, such as reducing social isolation, and it helps build a sense of community," she said.

Each parkrun is run solely by volunteers – at least six for each parkrun each week.

The tasks are not onerous but are relaxed and enjoyable and allow adults and children to reap the many rewards of volunteering in a comfortable fun setting.

OTHER NOMINEES:

The Kingaroy Men's Shed

Nominee ... Kingaroy Men's Shed

The members of the Kingaroy Men's Shed work tirelessly to bring together the community.

They have assisted the community throughout various projects.

Their primary goal as an organisation is to bring men together from around the region to support mental health.

One of the major projects during 2022 was a Dinner Under the Stars which raised just over \$8500 for the LifeFlight Foundation.

Murgon Music Muster (Rotary Club of Murgon)

For the past 10 years, the Rotary Club of Murgon has run the Murgon Music Muster that attracts people from across Australia.

All the funds raised from the event are distributed to local and national charities such as Beyond Blue, Heart Kids, LifeFlight and more.

The event also supports various local businesses and organisations as it brings in about 900 attendees for the long weekend.

Their efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Murgon Hospital Auxiliary

The Murgon Hospital Auxiliary consists of a committed team of volunteers who work tirelessly raising funds to support Murgon Hospital.

They have achieved a lot this year, including providing the hospital with a Welch Allyn vital signs monitor, a portable bladder ultrasound and a CuroCell air mattress for the Palliative Care Unit.

They are currently working to raise funds for a Helipad retrieval trolley valued at \$37,500 and a Washington Single sofa bed valued at \$5700 to allow a patient's family member to stay the night at the hospital.

CROW-FM 90.7

Community Radio of Wondai, better known as CROW-FM 90.7, has provided an outstanding contribution to the South Burnett over many years, and particularly in 2022.

Its primary purpose is to serve the community and encourage development and progress within the region.

CROW-FM 90.7 has supported a number of charities including Relay For Life and Dinner With The Captains and assists in local initiatives by promoting and attending events across the region.

Nanango Theatre Company has gained the reputation of being the best provincial theatre company outside the metropolitan area in Queensland.

One of their biggest achievements has been partnering with the South-East Queensland Circuit of Repertory Companies to put on “PLAYfest”.

This event attracted theatre companies from Dalby, Caboolture, Toowoomba and Brisbane and gave local audiences a feast of plays to enjoy.

Kingaroy Netball Association

The Kingaroy Netball Association provides a family-orientated, well-organised and enjoyable environment.

The committee has invested much time and dedication to ensuring the smooth running of the association and continues to make improvements.

The organising committee is a credit to themselves and their hard work to grow and develop the sport within our region.

Kumbia and District Memorial School of Arts – Kumbia Country Festival

The Kumbia and District Memorial School of Arts celebrated an incredible 100 years in 2022.

It was built in 1922 to honour the men and women who served in World War I and those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

One of the celebrations that was held was the Kumbia Country Festival.

This involved many attractions such as chainsaw demonstrations, an auction, cow milking, whip cracking and market stalls.

Nanango & District Netball Association

The club provides an uplifting environment, increases community pride and brings the community together through events.

The club has achieved a lot of success in 2022, including an incredible growth in member numbers and receiving Netball Queensland’s award for NetSetGO Centre of the year.

It now has incredible plans for 2023.

BIEDO

BIEDO works tirelessly as a not-for-profit organisation to build resilience and capacity within the region. It links individuals, businesses, organisations, services and all levels of government with no hidden agenda, just to support, connect and help.

Some of the work that BIEDO has achieved over the past year includes: Flood Recovery sessions, Rural Mental Health advocacy, grant updates, workshops and operating The Platform.

BIEDO has been a consistent support in our region since 1996, through floods, drought, unchosen changes and challenges.

Junior Cultural Award

Presented to an individual aged 17 and under at January 22, 2023, who is making a significant contribution to the cultural life of the South Burnett:

WINNER:

Mitchell Howlett, Kingaroy

Mitchell has been an integral member of the South Burnett community who has taken on the role of learning the different technical aspects of stage production, including sound engineering, stage lighting and video production as a volunteer.

Mitchell’s commitment to this role has been above and beyond his learning at the school, leading to his peers and teachers acknowledging him through awards at the Kingaroy State High School speech night in 2021. Mitchell has become a person to rely upon when experience and knowledge is called for the school’s theatre productions, concerts, weekly parades, and special occasions such as Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and speech night.

Mitchell's character of being a mature young gentlemen is evident in the respect he has gained from the school and the community.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Jerem Hinchliff, Wattle Camp

Jerem has been an active member of Nanango State High School's concert band and instrumental music program since starting high school in 2017.

He has been involved in the South Burnett Community Orchestra, a mentor in the school's music program and was the recipient of the instrumental music award at the school's 2022 awards night.

Jerem also works in the background of many school-based cultural events, volunteering his time to operate the sound and lighting systems. He has also used this skill to support local dance schools in their end-of-year productions.

Kaylah Bligh, Murgon

Kaylah is a dedicated and committed member of Murgon State High School's Taring Wangun dance group.

Her dedication and leadership in this group is inspiring and a pleasure to see. Kaylah is a role model to students younger than her in this group and in her school community.

Her dedication to practicing contemporary Indigenous dance inspires her team mates to do the same.

Kaylah was awarded the Year 10 2022 ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award at the Murgon State High School awards night.



Senior Cultural Award

Presented to a nominee aged over 18 at January 22, 2023, who is making a significant contribution to the cultural life of the South Burnett:

WINNER:

Glenda Geraghty, Murgon

Glenda is an active member of the Creative Country Association which recently obtained a grant from the Federal Government to build a fossil museum and art gallery for Murgon.

Glenda has spent hours not only applying for funding but also researching the history of Murgon fossils. She has been passionate about this project for many years and her belief and commitment will see this dream become a reality with the facility opening planned for early 2023. This will be a major tourist attraction for Murgon and the South Burnett.

She was also treasurer at the Murgon Dairy and Heritage Museum for 15 years and did a lot of research for them, including gathering background information on Steve Hart and the Kelly Gang.

Glenda's heart for community is second to none and her passion for her community is a driving force behind her achievements.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Julee-anne Bell, Kingaroy

Julee-anne is a devoted singer and songwriter and known for her performance on "The Voice". Julee-anne's audition performance on YouTube has been viewed a massive 340,000 times along with her impromptu duet with Guy Sebastian. She even made the international news by receiving a standing ovation from the judges.

Julee-anne also donates her time to charity events, she teaches privately, has formed a sextet "Six Appeal" and

performs with both the South Burnett Chorale and several other musical groups as either a singer or vocal director. She has also donated her services to many not-for-profit groups to assist their fundraising efforts.

She has achieved so much despite being born blind. What an inspiration to our community!

Jon Fearnley, Nanango

Jon has been a part of the Nanango theatre scene for many years but since retiring has been able to commit more time to his love of theatre.

Each year, across south-east Queensland, theatre groups select a one-act play to present at One-Act Play Festivals.

Jon headed a team which worked to bring this festival to Nanango in 2021 but unfortunately it had to be cancelled at the last minute due to COVID.

However, Jon's enthusiasm encouraged his team again with the result of last year's very successful PlayFest held in September, which gave local residents a feast of plays to enjoy.

Senior Cultural Award nominees Glenda Geraghty and Jon Fearnley with Cr Kathy Duff and Cr Danita Potter; missing Julee-anne Bell

Volunteer Of The Year

Presented to a volunteer community member who has made a valuable contribution to their community, club or organisation and or given outstanding service over a number of years:

WINNER:

Donald Davey, Kingaroy

Donald is a former Australian Army Warrant Officer. He is a Vietnam Veteran, having served as a member of 2nd Battalion RAR from 1970-71. After leaving the Army, he later served for many years as a senior officer within the Victorian and Queensland prison services.

He retired to Kingaroy nearly 20 years ago, however his "retirement" was more a "relocation" as he has worked six days every week for the betterment of his community – especially the veteran community – since he has been here.

Over the years Don has sponsored various organisations and has proven on many occasions that he is a valuable volunteer who gives his time tirelessly to the local community. He is an inspiration to our community.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Damien & Sharon Sippel, Murgon

Over the past 20-plus years, Damien and Sharon have undertaken several volunteer roles in the local community and sporting groups.

Their most recent achievement is helping the Barambah United Football Club get back on its feet after COVID, floods and a lack of volunteers nearly led to the closure of the club.

Not only do they volunteer their time in multiple sporting groups, they are also advocate for youth mental health and have contributed their time and sponsorship to bring valuable programs and courses for our youth into the region.

They are quiet achievers who volunteer in many aspects of our community and the community absolutely appreciates all the efforts they give.

Dianne Reed, Kingaroy

Dianne is the "mainstay" of the Kingaroy Bowls Club which she joined nearly 40 years ago.

She was elected to the board in 2011 and has remained a valuable member ever since.

Dianne has volunteered an uncountable number of hours to the club and always lends a hand where she can.

Without her dedicated and constant hard work, the Kingaroy Bowls Club would not be where it is today.

Hayley McAnally, Kingaroy

Hayley is being recognised for her ongoing commitment and dedication to the Kingaroy Netball Association where she is president.

She is a full-time teacher but still finds time to ensure the smooth and successful running of the netball association. If you don't see her teaching or running the netball club, you will see her assisting in working bees or at weekend fundraisers.

The community is very thankful for all that Hayley contributes and her astounding efforts.

Jae Clarke, Nanango

Jae is a dedicated and motivated member of the Nanango community and has demonstrated this in so many ways.

His list of achievements is many and varied across the organisations to which he has devoted himself.

In 2017, Jae was awarded the Inaugural Junior NaTDA Founders Day Award which indicates how strongly the community agrees that he is an outstanding member of the town and a role model for Nanango's young people.

If there is anyone who needs help, Jae is always there to give it.

Lee Powell, Nanango

Lee is a young man who has grown up in the Nanango area and is involved with various community activities, service clubs and sports associations.

He has many achievements, there is one very exciting and amazing achievement.

The South Burnett Equestrian Group, where Lee volunteers, has obtained a wheelchair-friendly carriage that takes community members for horse and carriage rides around the local district.

It also works with Arundel Park Riding for the Disabled to provide this service in other Queensland districts.

Lee is a keen supporter of this project and is involved heavily in delivering carriage rides to these people.

He epitomises the Lions' motto, "We Serve" and is an example of the next generation stepping up to serve their community.

Scott Prendergast, Tingoora

Despite working long hours as a detective in the Queensland Police Service, Scott has always held remarkable volunteer roles within a range of sports in the South Burnett.

Scott's nomination forms show a long list of all the sporting club and organisations that he is heavily involved in and dedicates his time to. Not only does he get involved in sporting events and programs, but he has also assisted in advocating against domestic violence through sport, an amazing initiative.

Scott has made a huge impact within in his community and continues to volunteer where he can without needing recognition.

Leanne Rea, Murgon

Leanne started volunteering with Meals on Wheels more than 20 years ago. She also volunteers at Castra and is an active member of the Murgon Business and Development Association.

Leanne thoroughly enjoys helping the older citizens in the community and brightening up their days.

She is always ready to lend a hand wherever she can and always does so without hesitation. She is very much the quiet achiever.

Dennis Wolter, Moffatdale

Dennis has volunteered for the Murgon Rotary Club for many years. He has assisted in events such as the Murgon Music Muster, Christmas ham wheel, golf day fundraisers, and the hay donation to Tamworth.

He is always there to help and never hesitates to put his hand up making him a valuable member of the club and of the community.

Lynda Steele, Murgon

Lynda has been nominated as she graciously volunteers at various organisations and groups such as the Murgon Scouts, SES, The Dairy Museum, Meals on Wheels and the Anglican Church and Parish.

She has also contributed 26 years' service to the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary.

Lynda's efforts through her church involvement are mirrored in equal devotion to many other aspects of organisations in Murgon.

She is a very determined, warm, and overly generous in the giving of herself and well-respected by the community.

Junior Sportsperson of the Year

Presented to a nominee aged 17 and under at January 22, 2023, who has made a notable achievement in sporting endeavours; the Junior Sportsperson will also receive a \$1000 bursary cheque:

WINNER:

Sarah Kidman, Maidenwell

Sarah has been an active member of many school sporting teams. She has been a member of the Human Powered Vehicle school team for the past three years and was the captain of this team in 2022.

Sarah has been part of the Vicki Wilson netball team and was the vice-captain in 2021 and captain in 2022.

She was also named Netballer Of The Year and Sportswoman Of The Year at the 2022 Nanango State High School awards night.

Sarah has represented the South Burnett in netball, athletics and volleyball in 2021 and 2022 and was also selected to attend a netball tour in the United Kingdom with Wanderers Australia in December.

Sarah shows great sportsmanship both on and off the field and always puts in 100 per cent at training and during games. She is a great role model for future sportspeople and is admired by her peers.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Bridie Prendergast, Tingooora

Bridie has volunteered her time to many sporting clubs throughout the South Burnett and for this she was awarded Female Club Person of the Year for Murgon Junior Rugby League in 2018 and Maximum Effort Award by Kingaroy Speedway for the 2021-2022 season.

She also represented Wide Bay Bulls in the U16 Girls team in 2019 and selected for the U17 Girls team in 2021. Also in 2021, she was selected for the U19 Girls team and was invited to the High-Performance Unit as a match official.

Bridie was also selected as a match official in the QRL State competition and for both the Open men's and women's 47th Battalion carnival.

Kyle Snow, Nanango

Kyle has been an active member of many school sporting teams throughout his school life and he was sports captain in 2022.

In 2022, Kyle was age champion for swimming and cross country and was awarded the Russell Wendt Memorial Trophy for Open Male Swimmer and Sportsman Of The Year at the Nanango State High School awards night.

He represented the South Burnett in athletics and cross country in 2022 and Wide Bay in athletics and cross country at State carnivals.

Kyle is passionate about his sport, and is always willing to help others and assist in the training of the teams he is involved in. He is a fantastic role model for the younger students and is well-respected in the sporting field by his peers.

Taine Strong, Kingaroy

Taine is a young man who is dedicated to his passion of sport and athletics and has set himself the goal to compete in the 2032 Olympics.

Taine has represented Wide Bay at the Queensland Track and Field Championships. He was the only 11-year-old boy representing the South Burnett where he ran a new personal best time.

He also competed in a Little Athletics Carnival and won his 1500m event.

Taine inspires others and runs every week in the Wondai parkrun, challenging himself with improving his time and encouraging others along the way.

Bella Barrett, Murgon

Bella loves anything sporty, particularly rugby league, and her role model is Cathy Freeman.

Bella won the Junior Sports Award at Murgon State High School and received half colours in athletics on the awards night for both the 100m and the 200m.

She was her age group cross country champion, and was also the athletics champion for her age group in the 14 years category.



Junior Sportsperson nominees with Cr Scott Henschen and Deputy Mayor Gavin Jones ... from left, Bridie Prendergast, Sarah Kidman, Kyle Snow, Taine Strong and Bella Barrett

Senior Sportsperson Of The Year



Presented to a nominee aged 18 years and over at January 22, 2023, who has achieved significant recognition in sport:

WINNER:

Brenna Prendergast, Tingoorra

In 2021 and 2022, Brenna was selected to compete in many rugby league teams, including the U19 Girls Wide Bay Bulls team.

She was also invited to be a match official in many competitions including the QRL's State-wide competition. From here she was selected to go to Gladstone as a match official for the Open Men's and Women's 47th Battalion carnival. This led to Brenna being a match official for the Open Women's Grand finals.

Brenna was also selected as standby match official for the inaugural U18 Girls State of Origin (Qld v NSW/ACT) . This was certainly a huge achievement, and her selection success didn't stop there. She has been recognised by her peers and the Queensland sporting hierarchy as a person who has achieved significant recognition in sport.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Troy Dennien, Murgon

Troy was in Queensland's winning team against NSW in Over 50s cricket.

He also played for Queensland in Brisbane against South Australia in the Stenhouse-Sargent Shield. In November 2022, Troy headed to Adelaide where he represented Queensland in the National Over 50s against all other States.

Troy mostly keeps wicket and sometimes opens the batting for the Queensland team.

Gaven Whitmore, Wondai

Gaven and his team (Team Gavarni) have been travelling Australia representing the South Burnett in motorsport.

He is mainly involved with go kart racing. He had competed interstate at places including Port Melbourne, Seymour, Albury-Wodonga, Bolivar and Tailem Bend as well as numerous other places in Queensland and NSW.

Gaven was crowned TAG Heavy Champion for the 4th consecutive year and TAG Restricted Heavy for the 3rd year in a row.

In July, Team Gavarni travelled to Warwick for the Queensland State Championships, where Gaven was crowned TAG Restricted Masters Queensland State Champion.

Gaven is a highly respected member of the karting community and has become an unofficial ambassador for the South Burnett region.

Sportsperson Of The Year (Coach, Official or Administrator)

Presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to sport and / or the community as a coach, official or administrator:

WINNER:

Scott Prendergast

As mentioned in another category, despite Scott working long hours in the Queensland Police Service, he has always had remarkable volunteer roles within a range of sports in the South Burnett.

His accomplishments and achievements started from 1999 and he continues to keep kicking goals.

He has been heavily involved with the establishment of groups, current sporting groups, coaching, mentoring, seeking grant funds and assisting wherever he can.

Scott received the Maximum Effort award presented by the South Burnett Speedway for the 2017-2018 season and again in 2021-2022. This award neatly encapsulates the achievements of Scott as a volunteer sports administrator, coach and official.

OTHER NOMINEES:

Brenna Prendergast

Brenna has not only competed in many sporting events, but she has also volunteered her time to many clubs throughout the South Burnett.

She has also been selected many times to be a part of the match officials at major sporting events, including the inaugural U18 Girls State of Origin.

Brenna has achieved so much in such a short time, showing dedication and hard work pays off.

Wayne Gscheidle

Wayne has been heavily involved in the Murgon Junior Rugby League Club as a volunteer since returning home to live and teach in his home town in 2019.

This role has involved countless hours of Wayne's time, organising club days, maintaining, and preparing the football grounds and facilities as well as officiating and coaching juniors through the week and on game days.

He has completed courses through the National Rugby League and has shown immense leadership in each role he has undertaken.

Jared Hinds

Jared has been a part of many sporting groups as a co-ordinator, coach and committee member.

Not only has he achieved the growth of clubs, taking teams to major events, and promoting junior rugby in the community, he has mentored players into growing their confidence and their skills.

His nomination shows just how hard he works to ensure the community has opportunities and accessibility to sport.

Sandra Brunner

Sandra has been the Kumbia Hack and Pony Club secretary for the past nine years.

Each year she has organised and ran the annual gymkhana, fundraisers and sought grants that not only help the club but also the Kumbia Sports Reserve.

She has volunteered her time at many horse sports events and judged at events such as the PCQ State Masters championships.

Sandra has also expanded her instructor accreditation to incorporate show jumping to allow members the ability to train.

Her commitment to the Kumbia Hack and Pony Club has allowed the club to grow and succeed through many trying times.

Hayley McAnally

Hayley took on the role of president of the Kingaroy Netball Association in 2018 and has ensured the association survived during COVID and continued to thrive.

Under Hayley's leadership this year, the club has had an increase of more than 30 per cent juniors.

She has ensured the association is a part of carnivals, provided opportunities and also started a social junior mixed competition.

Hayley is ensuring that the association is planning for the future and allows for continual growth.

Katie Mangan

The Nanango & District Netball Association and its community have benefited tremendously from having Katie as a member.

The countless hours and sheer dedication that she gives has pulled a struggling club with no registered members in 2021 to 110 members in 2022.

Katie has achieved numerous goals for the club. She was recently announced as the winner of Netball Queensland's 2022 "Spirit of Netball" award and was a finalist in the 2022 Queensland Sports Volunteer of the Year awards.

Her contributions are not only being acknowledged in the community but throughout the region and State.

Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to residents over 60 years of age in recognition of their outstanding achievements, displaying ongoing excellence in their field and in the community, demonstrating leadership and innovation whilst contributing towards the South Burnett region:

NOMINEES:

Joy Fennell

Joy has contributed to the Murgon community in many ways over the past 50 years.

She has held committee positions, volunteered, supported people, assisted in fundraising and helped bring initiatives to life.

A few organisations she has been a part of are the Murgon Dairy Museum, Murgon Girl Guides, Murgon Show Society and Murgon schools.

Joy has been a proud local resident all her life and is passionate about her community.

In retirement, Joy continues to contribute to the community with her involvement in local fundraisers and volunteering at the Dairy Museum.

Michael Bishop

Michael has been a member of the South Burnett community for decades.

In 2022, he rebooted the South Burnett Thrashers as a way to help young men who had relocated to the South Burnett.

He has created a team of young men who feel valued and respected, driving players to matches, finding sponsors, sourcing jerseys, organising transport, being a coach and mentor and creating a unified and effective team.

It would have been easy at this stage of Mike's life to sit back but instead he regenerated grassroots rugby union in our community.

The flow on has been amazing for the players and the supporters.

Mick has worked selflessly with little or no fanfare or fuss but he has given so much of himself for the benefit of so many and his community.

Cynthia Hatchett

Over the past 37 years, Cynthia has been a member of many groups, and at times quite a few at one time.

She has always given her all to every committee or club.

She has accomplished many achievements and at present is part of six committees. No matter what is required, from office bearer or just working behind the scenes, Cynthia is ready to assist wherever possible.

It is the community that has benefited by the contribution Cynthia has given over a long period: meetings attended, fundraising activities, food preparation for stalls or functions, decorations for the function, floral arrangements and preparing floats for parades.

She also made the Murgon Shire Australia Day trophies for six years.

The panel has decided to award all nominees a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Local Achiever Awards

Presented to residents in recognition of their outstanding achievements / contributions and displays of ongoing excellence in their community:

PROSTON

Winner – Nicholas Blanch

As a born-and-bred Proston resident, Nick has always been an active member of the community.

Nicholas was nominated for his "can do" attitude and his commitment to the town of Proston, where he advocates, participates, and follows through with any task or project that is asked of him without praise or recognition.

The community of Proston feels that they are a richer community because of his participation.

HIVESVILLE

Winner – Barbara Hockey

Barbara was nominated by more than one community member for her persistence and dedication in caring and attending to the Hivesville/Proston communities.

She is an outstanding ambassador and has worked consistently, putting all her efforts in volunteering to make the community a stronger place to live and visit.

MURGON

Winner – Aaron Stephan

Aaron was nominated for his commitment to his home of Moffatdale.

He has been recognised for his many projects over the years and his assistance in promoting local primary producers' products in the South Burnett.

His passion and his ideas moulded together have allowed Aaron to achieve wonderful outcomes in his endeavours.

Other Nominee – Amy Henderson

Amy is being recognised for her sterling efforts in her attendance at Murgon State High School where she was Captain and was awarded Dux and received other well-achieved awards.

Amy is an outstanding community member and a wonderful local achiever for the Murgon community.

KINGAROY

Winner – Karmen Cleveland

Karmen has given a lot of contributions to the local area, whether it be through her P&C presidency at the Kingaroy State School, advocating long-term benefits for the community, planting and maintaining gardens, showing immense leadership, and continually looking for ways to improve and develop the learning environment for the students at the school.

She has been described as a local hero and her community has expressed their admiration, praise and encouragement for all the work Karmen has achieved.

Other Nominee – Donald Davey

Don spends his days devoting his time assisting the residents in a wide range of areas.

He has an incredible background of committees, commitments and projects he has dedicated his time to.

People like Don play an integral role towards our children's future. The imprint he has created will not be forgotten.

WOOROOLIN / MEMERAMBI

Winner – Peter Wingfield

Peter is a strong member of the Wooroolin/Memerambi community and has been a part of the Wooroolin Lions Club for many years.

Peter is a quiet achiever but his community appreciates all his efforts and his kindness.

Other Nominee – Marabelle Kerkow

Marabelle is being recognised for being an active member of her community for many years and for being the warden of St Andrews Anglican Church.

Her efforts helping with celebrations and luncheons and donating floral arrangements is greatly appreciated.

KUMBIA

Winner – Stephanie Stevens

Stephanie has contributed her time to many organisations and events such as the Birds of a Feather group, Daffodil Day, Josie's Biggest Morning Tea, raising funds for breast cancer research and many more.

Her dedication to helping her community and other people is inspiring and if she hears of someone who needs help in any way she will endeavour to do so.

Other Nominee – Todd Armstrong

Todd is a hard-working and dedicated community member who always puts in the best possible efforts.

In his role as OIC Kumbia Police, Todd displays exemplary attributes and has assisted in creating and maintaining a safe and harmonious community.

He has achieved many things in his role and the community can see through his vision that he has instilled a spirit of co-operation in the Kumbia community.

The community supports him and cannot wait to see more of his initiatives come to life.

His honest, friendly, and considerate nature are qualities that make him a natural leader.

BLACKBUTT / BENARKIN

Winner – Emeric Charles

Emeric is a dedicated and motivated member of the community.

His list of achievements is many and varied across the Blackbutt and Benarkin community.

He has been instrumental in assisting and volunteering at many projects, events and is a person of many talents and attributes.

He has a charitable and thoughtful nature and the community consider themselves lucky to have Emeric.

NANANGO

Winner – Brenda Fleming

Nanango Local Achiever winner Brenda Fleming with Cr Potter and Deputy Mayor Jones

Brenda has spent all her life in the area, marrying another all-time resident in 1955.

She dedicated her time with all groups involving her children which then escalated to her involvement in all parts of the community.

Brenda's efforts have not gone unrecognised, and her community are thankful for all she has achieved.

Her comments in "Pioneering Into The Future" in 1988 are as valid today as then: "The world of today has need of the youth of today to work together for peace and love, so include them in the community service, listen to their ideas, and support their participation and help them as they help us."

WONDAI / TINGOORA

Winner – Karen Chambers

The dedication, the motivation and the enthusiasm with which Karen has fulfilled her duties as a Lions Club Member have been outstanding.

Her dedication and involvement are beyond the average participation, and she motivates the club to achieve amazing things.

Her efforts have touched many people within the local and broader community.

Other Nominee

Chantal Harth

Chantal is being recognised for her dedication and passion towards the community.

She has been described as going above and beyond and gives a lot of her time to support charitable events.

She has provided an outstanding contribution to Wondai and the wider South Burnett region.



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Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc 2003 Australia Day Awards



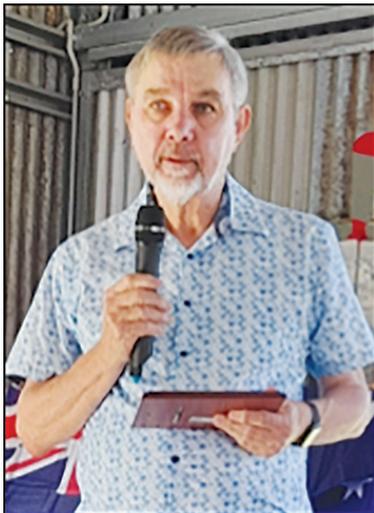
Senior Ambassador

Dr McAllister is described as a 'community champion' and it stems from 1979 when he first started working in Murgon. He has an incredible list of qualifications and work history to show for his outstanding career. Dr McAllister has been a board member of many organisations; he has been a senior lecturer in rural and remote medicine and has attended local functions as a guest speaker.

Dr McAllister commented I've been in Murgon for 44 years and I was formally a intern at St Vincents and Sue (my wife) was my theatre nurse and I've never left her side since.

Dr McAllister is past retirement age but continues to support the community keeping the practice open along with his wife Sue bringing and keeping doctors in our region to provide first class health services.

Dr McAllister has gone well above and beyond the call of duty to, and for, the benefit of the people within the community, at all times putting 'people before profit'.



Junior Ambassador

Josh Steinhardt, Josh has been part of groups such as Interact, and his involvement includes putting forward suggestions and proposals in addition to helping in fundraisers or barbecues. Every time Interact has a fundraiser, you will always see Josh helping in some way with the till or drinks or manning the barbecue when needed. He has also represented the school in cattle events and gets involved in various community shows. Josh recently was selected as school captain for 2023 by staff and students, with him setting realistic goals on what he would like to do for the school. Josh is an outstanding young ambassador for his community and the whole of the South Burnett.





Sports Administration/ Coach/ Official

Wayne Gscheidle. Since returning home to live and teach in his hometown in 2019, Wayne has been heavily involved in the Murgon Junior Rugby League Club as a volunteer and along with other sporting groups. This role has involved countless hours of Wayne's time organising club days, maintaining, and preparing the football grounds and facilities as well as officiating and coaching juniors through the week and on game days. He has completed courses through the National Rugby League and has shown immense leadership in each and every role he has undertaken.

Community Organization of the Year

The Murgon Hospital Auxiliary are a committed team of volunteers who work tirelessly raising funds to support the Murgon Hospital.

They have achieved a lot this year and to name only a few achievements; this year alone they have provided the hospital with a Welch Allwyn 4400 spot vital signs monitor, a portable ultrasound for bladders worth \$17,000 and a curocell air mattress for the Palliative Care Unit. They are currently working to raise funds for a Helipad Retrieval Trolley valued at \$37,500 and a Washington Single Sofa Bed valued at \$5700 for patient's family members to be able to stay the night at the hospital.



Lifetime Achievement

Cynthia Hatchett, Over the past thirty-seven years Cynthia has been a member of many groups and at times quite a few at one time, but has always given her all, to each and every committee or club. She has accomplished many achievements and at present is part of 6 committees. No matter what is required, from office bearer or just working behind the scenes, Cynthia is ready to assist wherever possible.

It is the community that has benefited by the contribution Cynthia has given over a long period - meetings attended, fundraising activities, food preparation for stalls or functions, decorations for the function, floral arrangements, preparing floats for parades and has made Murgon Shire Australia Day Trophies for 6 years.



Junior Sportsperson

Bella Barrett, Bella loves anything sporty and particularly rugby league and her role model is Kathy Freeman.

To list a few of Bella's achievements:

She was nominated and won the Murgon High School for the Junior Sports Award

She received half colours in athletics on the awards night for both the 100m and the 200m and Bella was her age group cross country champion, and she was also the athletics champion for her age group in the 14 yrs. category.



Senior Sportsperson

Troy Dennien, Troy was in the QLD Murgon's winning team at the two-day Gympie cricket competition where he played against NSW over 50's. Troy also played in Brisbane against South Australia in the Stenhouse Sergeant Shield that QLD won. In November 2022, he headed to Adelaide where he represented QLD for the National Over 50's against all the other states. Troy mostly wicket keeps and sometimes opens the batting for the QLD team – what an achievement.



Senior Cultural Award

Glenda Geraghty, Glenda is an active member of the Creative Country Association who have recently obtained a grant from the Federal Government through Llew O'Brien to build a fossil museum and art gallery for Murgon. Glenda has spent hours upon hours not only applying for funding but also researching the history of the Murgon fossils. Glenda has been passionate about this project for many years and her belief and commitment will see this dream become a reality with the facility opening planned for early 2023. This will be a major tourist attraction for Murgon and the South Burnett.

Glenda was also Treasurer at the Murgon Dairy and Heritage Museum for 15 years and did a lot of research for them including some background on Steve Hart and the Kelly Gang who have connections with Murgon.

Glenda's heart for community is second to none and her passion for her community is a driving force behind her achievements.

Junior Cultural Award

Kaylah Bligh, Kaylah is a dedicated and committed member of the Murgon State High School, Train Wangun dance group. Her dedication and leadership in this group is inspiring and a pleasure to see. Kaylah is a role model to students younger than her in this group and in her school community. Her dedication to practicing contemporary Indigenous dance inspires her team mates to do the same. Kaylah was awarded the Year 10 2022 ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award at the Murgon High School awards night.



Volunteer of the Year

Leanne Rea, Leanne started volunteering with Meals on Wheels over 20 years ago – how impressive is that. Not only does she volunteer with Meals on Wheels, but she also volunteers at Castra and is an active member of the Murgon Business Association.

Leanne thoroughly enjoys helping the older citizens in the community and brightening up their days. She is always ready to lend a hand wherever she can and always does so without hesitation. She is very much the quiet achiever.

Local Achiever

Amy Henderson, Amy is being recognised for her sterling efforts in her attendance at Murgon State High School where she was Captain and was awarded Dux and received other well-achieved awards. Amy is an outstanding community member and a wonderful local achiever for the Murgon community.

Councillor Kathy Duff commented you would need a garden trolley to carry home all the School awards Amy was awarded at the Murgon High School awards night





On behalf of the Murgon Business & Development Association I would like to congratulate all the winners of the awards and thank all our volunteers award winners and others for their commitment in making Murgon such a lovely place to live and enjoy. We wish to thank Councillor Kathy Duff for helping with the award presentation and the Murgon Dairy and Heritage Museum for the venue and their greatly appreciated help. We also

thank our guest speaker Peter Long and the Goomeri Chrome Bumpers for their display, Mr Trevor Sanderson from the RSL and Mr Glen Vonhoff for the Australia Day Blessing and our MC Cynthia Hatchett. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the day.

Leo Geraghty OAM, President, Murgon Business & Development Association.

MURGON ANCIENT SONGBIRD CENTRE

Proposed opening Saturday 20th May 2023. We proudly announce the appointment of Angela Pude as the Art Gallery and Workshop coordinator. Contact details for painting display bookings and workshops can be made by phoning Angela Ph 0490 137 691 or e-mailing: lynettepude1957@gmail.com

It has been just over 4 years of hard work by a small band of committee volunteers but the interior fit out of the Prehistoric Garden, Fossil Museum and gift shop are nearing completion and we assure you it will be a professional tourist attraction sought after for Queensland and the South Burnett.

Leo Geraghty Secretary.



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Murgon Cattle Sale Report 17/01/2023

650 were yarded in Murgon Tuesday for the first sale for 2023. The market for all descriptions was cheaper on last year's rates. No good lines of feeders or weaners were yarded with the quality being very mixed. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.93 per kilogram and \$2625.00. Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$3.16 per kilogram and \$1840.00 averaging \$2.98. Cows 400 to 500 kg topped at \$3.34 per kilogram for \$1620.00. Cows under 400 kg sold to \$2.48. Export heifers sold to \$3.55 per kilogram and \$1950.00. Cattle were consigned from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Kingaroy, Nanango, Kilkivan & local areas. Droughtmaster cross steers from Kingaroy sold for \$4.20 c/kg weighing 411 kg & \$1730.00. Hereford cross steers ex Proston sold for \$1740.00 and \$4.10 c/kg. Santa steers from Nanango weighing 350 kg sold to \$4.66 c/kg and \$1640.00. Local Red Angus steers 336 kg sold for \$1500.00 at \$4.47 c/kg. 450 kg Droughtmaster steers from Wondai sold for \$3.99 c/kg returning \$1800.00. Droughtmaster cross steers from Nanango sold for \$5.10 c/kg & \$1440.00. Local Santa steers sold for \$5.00 c/kg to return \$1460.00. Droughtmaster weaner steers from Manumbar sold for \$1370.00 at \$4.80 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross weaner steers from Murgon sold to \$5.46 c/kg for \$1400.00. Brangus heifers from Gayndah sold to \$4.46 c/kg & \$1560.00. Local Charbray heifers 360 kg sold for \$1490.00 at \$4.14 c/kg. Angus cross heifers from Goomeri sold for \$1330.00 and \$4.00 c/kg. Charbray weaner heifers sold to \$1310.00 at \$4.56 c/kg. Santa heifers 300 kg returned \$1350.00 at \$4.50 c/kg. Local Droughtmaster cross weaner heifers sold to \$4.90 c/kg for \$1220.00. Brahman Cows & calves sold to \$1950.00.

The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 31st of January at 8.00 am.

NATIONAL SENIORS

The Murgon & District Branch Inc of National Seniors Australia invites current NSA Members and 60+ Non-Members to our fortnightly Friday lunches at the Australian Hotel from 11.30am. Our lunch dates for February are Friday 10th and Friday 24th. The March dates are Friday 10th and Friday 24th. For further information and bookings, please contact Paula (President) on 4168 3114 or 0497 324 376.

Trish Seiler, Publicity Officer

Recycling and General Waste Bin Placement

The recycling bin collections commenced on the 2 January 2022. Everything has been going smoothly and we would like to thank the Community for their efforts!

Just a reminder that the bins need to be a minimum of 1 metre apart in order for the trucks to collect the bins.

If you have any questions, please contact Council on 4189 9100 or via email, info@sbrc.qld.gov.au

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