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JAMIE'S MINISTRY OF FOOD MOBILE KITCHEN SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

With its first stop in Nanango, followed by Wondai, Jamie's Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen will make its new home in the South Burnett Regional Council area in January 2014 and is currently seeking volunteers from the local community to assist with the program.

Jamie's Ministry of Food will offer local residents the opportunity to access and participate in an innovative, community based cooking program built on Jamie's beliefs about cooking and the associated impact on healthy living.

Although the Mobile Kitchen comes staffed with a team of Ministry of Food trainers who will teach all of the classes, the program requires enthusiastic volunteers to assist with rolling out the courses. Very quickly a volunteer becomes an integral part of the Ministry of Food army.

Ministry of Food Volunteers help the trainers make sure that classes run smoothly. Tasks include food

preparation and supporting the trainers and participants during class. Volunteers are asked to commit to two (2) hours each week for the five (5) week cycle, during which they will build relationships with trainers and participants.

Volunteers are not required to have professional kitchen experience - anyone over the age of 16 years who has a commitment to the values and philosophies of the program and a keen interest in food and cooking are eligible.

Jamie's Ministry of Food Volunteers are required to complete a volunteer induction and information session, which also includes a cooking class before beginning their volunteering. This allows for the food trainers to give further details about the program including safe food handling.

Classes for the first of two (2) five (5) week cycles begins on Monday 13 January 2014, delivered by Jamie's Ministry of Food Australia as part of South Burnett Council's Healthy Communities Initiative.

The Mobile Kitchen program offers a five (5) week cooking course, comprising one 90-minute cooking class per week with up to 12 participants in each class. Jamie's Ministry of Food Mobile Kitchen delivers hands on classes six (6) days a week.

The Good Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation which has partnered with Jamie Oliver and The Good Guys to deliver Jamie's Ministry of Food throughout Australia.

Queensland Health has committed funding to The Good Foundation to support the delivery of the program in Queensland.

For additional information visit www.jamiesministryoffood.com

For additional information about becoming a volunteer, please contact South Burnett Regional Council:

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The donation, from Murgon Local Ambulance Committee was gratefully received by Murgon Ambulance OIC Jo Lawson. She spoke of the importance of skills maintenance for paramedics in providing high quality care. Obstetric skills were particularly important in a rural area where expectant mums may have to travel more than an hour to the nearest maternity hospital, she said. Paramedics here have been on average occasions delivering 3 babies a week.

President of the Murgon LAC, Richie O'Neill, praised the local community for its continuing generous support that had made this donation possible.

Photo L-R: OIC Jo Lawson, Greg Raeburn, Kate Ofield, Vice President Shane Sippel, President Richie O'Neill.

MAYOR'S FLOOD APPEAL FUND

Funds raised through the Mayor's Red Earth South Burnett Flood Appeal have been distributed to primary producers and businesses affected by the floods of 2013.

Over \$51,500 in South Burnett Dollars (vouchers for businesses in the South Burnett) has been dispersed to affected primary producers and businesses.

The next stage of funding is available to community groups to deliver projects which provide will community wide benefit.

"This funding is to support projects that address community health and wellbeing, education, volunteer support, resilience and communication," South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Wayne Kratzmann explained.

"Projects might include first aid or other training for a group of farmers in an area, a community event or something similar to the Bugger the Drought or Women's Pamper Days", he said.

"We want existing community groups to apply so we can support our communities in the way that suits them – each community is different and we want them to determine what will benefit their community. We will also be seeking applications from across the South Burnett, as the flood impact was widespread in our region."

Funding will be available for up to \$2000 per project, and community groups are encouraged to apply with applications for Round 1 closing on 24 January 2014. Mayor Kratzmann said flood appeal funding is still available for eligible individuals and applications are welcome.

Application forms are available from the Council website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au or by emailing floodappeal@reearth.info For any queries about eligibility and projects, please contact Louise Judge on 0438 625 710.



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GRANTS COMMISSION VISITS THE SOUTH BURNETT

South Burnett Regional Council has met with the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission today in Kingaroy. The Commission is responsible for the allocation of Federal government monies to Council.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said "We took the opportunity to explain to the Grants Commission why the current methodology used to calculate the funding does not take into account some key aspects that affect this region."

Director of Orion Consulting Network, David Spearritt, presented on behalf of Council the key factors that need to be taken into account when determining the funds allocated to the region, which were –

- The cost of Cherbourg residents usage of South Burnett Regional Council's facilities
- The cost of Yarraman residents usage of South Burnett Regional Council's facilities
- The effect that the downturn in the Coal Mining Industry and its effect on the South Burnett

Mayor Kratzmann said "We also explained that we have two residential areas, Cherbourg and Yarraman, that are geographically a part of the region yet are not part of our rate base and not used to calculate funding of our



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region, yet these townships use Council's facilities due to their position."

"We have Yarraman which is only fifteen minutes to Nanango and thirty-five minutes to Kingaroy. These Toowoomba Regional Council residents often use South Burnett services and facilities rather than driving one and a half hours to their Council services in Toowoomba," said Mayor Kratzmann.

The Queensland Local Government Grants Commission is visiting Councils to listen to the unique circumstances experienced by each region and to research the effects any future changes to funding methodologies may have on regions.

Lyn McLaughlin, Chair of the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission, said "The primary role of the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission is to distribute the annual Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grant equitably among Queensland's 73 Councils. Federal funds go directly to Council and the administration costs of the Grants Commission is funded by the State government."

"Our meeting with the South Burnett Regional Council was very positive. We will be visiting Cherbourg and Gympie tomorrow," said Mrs McLaughlin.

Lyn McLaughlin was accompanied by Commission Members Brendan McNamara, John Rauber, Joy Leishman, Kevin Wormald; Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience, Bill Gilmore, Director of Finance and Funding and Michael Meehan, Principal Project Officer.

The Grants Commission will allocate \$446 million of Financial Assistance Grant monies to Queensland Council's for the 2013/14 year. This is broken into two grants.

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1st Guest Speaker: Clive Arnold. Clive grew up in South Africa, ran cattle and sugar cane farms. After a traumatic episode, he joined in fighting a war, was shot twice by insurgents and was lucky to survive. He and wife Anne migrated to Australia with practically nothing. After working as a farm hand, he and Anne took the plunge and opened a 'Safari into Africa' company which now does 15 trips per year. A competent photographer, Clive has provided shots for the National Geographic magazine and for David Attenborough. He is a committed animal conservationist.

2nd Guest Speaker. Noel Cutts was raised in the Sth Burnett, worked on a dairy farm for 1 pound per week. Noel then worked at Oakey Meatworks and the Toowoomba Foundry. Noel married Lorraine in 1969. They lost both their girls - one at 3 months, the other at 8 months. They adopted a girl and a boy. Noel has managed a piggery for the last 20 years. Their son got hooked on drugs; Lorraine had kidney failure; Noel slipped into depression and tried to commit suicide. Noel has had 3 heart attacks and 4 bypass operations. Noel will tell you how he managed to survive - his story is inspirational and every man should hear it.

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PLAN AHEAD FOR ANZAC 2015 QUOTA



Federal Member for Wide Bay, Warren Truss, today reminded Wide Bay Residents who wish to travel to Gallipoli for the Centenary of ANZAC in 2015 to nominate now to be included in the quota of visitors able to attend the ceremony.

“The Gallipoli campaign was an event of great importance to our country and the history of the Australian Military forces. The great courage and incredible resilience that Australian diggers displayed on the remote shores of Turkey earned our young nation respect and admiration.”

“Given the significance of the Centenary, Australia has agreed with the Governments of New Zealand and Turkey to limit attendance to 10,500 people, to ensure the safety and comfort of those attending.”

“8,000 places have been set aside for Australians, to be allocated by public ballot. The ballot for places to attend the ceremony in Gallipoli will close on Friday, 31 January 2014, so I would encourage people who are interested in attending to submit their applications as promptly as possible”, said Mr Truss.

Successful applicants will be provided with a maximum of two passes to attend official ANZAC Day commemorations at Gallipoli in 2015, including the Dawn Service and the Australian Memorial Service at Lone Pine.

“Whilst the majority of places will be available to the Australian public, there will also be some set aside for veterans and their families. Some preference will be given to direct descendants of those who served in the Gallipoli campaign, particularly sons and daughters of Gallipoli veterans, as well as veterans with qualifying service who have served outside Australia”

“Widows of Australian First World War veterans will not be required to participate in the ballot and will be included as part of Australia’s official representative group.”

“I would encourage any widows who are interested in attending the 2015 ceremony to contact my office and I will assist their inquiries” Mr Truss said.

The attendance passes to ceremonies will be free, but individuals must meet all their own costs for travel and arrange entry visas to the Republic of Turkey.

A short video about the ANZAC Day commemoration is available from the Gallipoli 2015 site at www.gallipoli2015.dva.gov.au, and individuals are encouraged watch the video before applying for the ballot, to inform themselves about the challenging environment and conditions on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

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YOUR SAY ON COALITION'S \$100 MILLION MOBILE PHONE BLACK SPOT PROGRAM DESIGN

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Warren Truss, today invited feedback from communities in Wide Bay on the new Australian Government's \$100 million regional mobile coverage programme, to improve mobile telephone coverage in under serviced areas.

"The program will have two components, an \$80 million Mobile Network Expansion Project to improve coverage along major transport routes, in small communities and in disaster-prone areas, and a \$20 million Mobile Black Spot Project to improve mobile coverage in locations with unique coverage problems," Mr Truss said.

"Inadequate mobile phone coverage is a significant concern for regional communities. Lives can depend on being able to access mobile phone networks in emergencies, so these upgrades are of real importance to these communities.

"I have long campaigned for the extension of the mobile phone network to places like Widgee in Wide Bay.

"I have written to the former communications minister, as well as the CEO of Telstra, and I have tabled a petition in the Parliament to highlight the need for Widgee to be added to the mobile phone network.

"Apart from the increased amenity that mobile phone coverage offers, Widgee has suffered from recurrent flood events and people within this community have found it impossible in extreme weather to raise alarms to alert the emergency services that help is needed.

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"I would also like to see the mobile telephone network extended to cover black spots along the Cooloola Coast Road, and to sections of the Wide Bay Highway, particularly between Gympie and Kilkivan, Kilkivan and Goomeri and Goomeri and Murgon."

"I strongly urge people in mobile phone black spot areas to engage in the discussion paper process, to ensure that our electorate receives its fair share of the funding," Mr Truss said.

A discussion paper on the new scheme is available from the Department of Communications' website at http://www.communications.gov.au/mobile_services/mobile_coverage_programme

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Des commented the human body is complex and no one modality has the sole franchise on healing. I believe that Chiropractic care is an important part of an overall health regimen and should be used in conjunction with other primary health care practitioners such as Naturopaths or medical practitioners etc. Because I am an Osteopath as well as a Chiropractor, my treatments consist of a combination of modalities including: heat, massage, mobilisation, gentle manipulation, therapeutic ultrasound, interferential current.

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"Dylan used to get frustrated in class," she said. "Now he puts his hand up and asks for help."

This has made home life better as Dylan's not as stressed about school. "Being there in the class makes me a lot less worried too," Nina said. She now urged other parents and carers to take the plunge and try their hand at mentoring. "I like it a lot," Nina said. "It keeps me busy."

"The whole family is happier." Nina's husband, Joseph snr, cares for their toddler Patrick, 3, at home.

"He likes me working," she said.

Photo: Cherbourg State School's Parent of the Month for October, Nina Hero, loves being close by to help students and her pictured daughter Dee-anna, 11, and sons Dylan, 12, and Joseph, 9.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We have just endured one of the toughest times since the early eighties, we've had droughts followed by record floods, changes in Queensland and Australian Governments and volunteers coming to the rescue. We've had our railway lines torn up and massive road maintenance required on bridges and roads from the 2013 floods.

Our Business Community and Councillors have strongly supported us during these tough times. Volunteers from Blazeaid, CTC, The Salvation Army, the Gympie Regional Council, the South Burnett Regional Council, the NAB Bank, the many Service Clubs and other support organizations have come to our aid and we cannot thank them enough. Some of the recorded figures of one of the many voluntary organizations are below.

The BLAZE AID MURGON Camp opened 18th. Feb. 2013 closed 24th. June 2013.

farmers registered for help 108, actual farms worked on 88

fences cleared 135kms, fenced repaired or replaced 134kms TOTAL = 269kms.

kilometres travelled base/farms & return approx. 28,000 kms

(our camp covered from Widgee mountain to Durong to Sexton to Nanango to Stonelands to Boobyjan and everywhere in between)

total volunteers 185, total volunteer days 1,903 (Fencing days 1,506)

evening meals prepared by volunteers from the local community approx. 2,400.

During this past year in spite of the tragedies we have again worked closely with our council, attending a significant number of meetings to gain the best possible future for an expanding population, and a very progressive community. Our whole community should be proud of our town and its achievements and be a part of it, and with your help continue to improve the local economy and our quality of life.

Most attendances at our meetings during the year have been quite low and we look forward to greater input from our members in the coming months, together we can do great things.

We have the best Christmas Fair in South East Queensland, and December 2013 is going to be our 20th.

We have some of the best tourism with Bjelke-Petersen Dam, Boondooma Dam, World class scenic views, 1st class sporting facilities, the Wine and Olive industry and the Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum, constant cattle sales plus the special yearly weaner sales. We in Murgon excel in promoting these opportunities as well as our courteous and friendly nature.

Our 5 Promotional Blocks (sub committees) namely (1) Promotions & traineeships (2) Tourism (3) Real Estate & Housing (4) New Business (5) Police Liaison, whilst not actively functioning as blocks have seen several members attend many meetings of the above. We will continue to e-mail information to our members. We are the major player in ongoing communications with our Police and Council.

Although we have some shops to fill there has still been an increase in Town and Rural development, new businesses, New houses being constructed on the new estates, Major road works, the major sports complex at the South Burnett PCYC which has been a great success story, the new Castra, and many new extensions at the Museum and Schools. Extensions to the local Tannery are in the initial stages and should happen in 2014.

Once again during this past twelve months we have sadly lost some of our great community workers, volunteers and family and we extend our sympathy to all these families.

We are currently printing a minimum of 3,300 copies, 56 pages and have now printed 91 monthly issues since enlarging your local newspaper, The Murgon Moments (& with now a major part in colour), it is our job to ensure it continues (special thanks to our newspaper experts, script writers, Bill Roberts, Sherrienne Talon, Lyn Koy and the many story tellers, and committee's for backing this and to Mick Kemp in delivering to the Murgon town area).

I would like to especially thank our hard working Secretary Margaret Long, and all office bearers and promotional committees especially our Christmas Fair committee and all those who presented reports to our meetings and look forward to further working with you. Special thank you must go to Mrs Lyn Koy and husband Darryl for their great effort they give to Margaret and with typing for the Murgon Moments and help in delivering. With everyone's help and generosity we believe we will remain a major player in the promotion of a progressive and friendly Murgon.

We also wish to thank the volunteers for their commitment to our town at the Visitor Information

Centre and the Museum and those responsible for some of our major attractions that have included The Murgon Rotary Music Muster, major Festivities at the Wineries, The Bjelke-Petersen Dam Family Fishing Classic, The Susan Dowdle School of Dance Concert, The Murgon High School Annual Speech Night, South Burnett and Cherbourg on Show (to be held annually on the long weekend in October), the combined Show Society and SB PCYC Art Show, the new Skate Park and many others.

Special thanks must go to Greg Griffiths and the council staff and the CTC for their beautification of our central park area, and in the resealing of our main street and also to the commitment shown by our area representative Councillor Kathy Duff.

We extend a very big thank you to all our Voluntary organisers, Service Clubs, Police and Security officers and to all concerned in promoting "Murgon at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley part of the Great South Burnett 2.1/2 hours from city or sea and look forward to a great 2014. We would also like to congratulate all our Australia Day Award winners.

A major new promotion saw us go live on the net with murgon.net.au and to all those wonderful people who created it and update it, Murgon is very grateful. Angelfield has once again been an enjoyable place for the newly formed Burnett Flyers with an average of 25 to 30 planes a month landing there.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Murgon citizens to become part of our family.

Murgon's main concerns in the coming year will be to get our share of new development, the maintenance of all our facilities and the further promotion of tourism at Bjelke-Petersen Dam and establishing further small industry and putting houses on our estates.

I have enjoyed the time in the position and wish to continue, but if you believe we are heading in the wrong direction or you would like to lead this organization now is the time to tell us. New blood can only help.

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

LEO GERAGHTY – PRESIDENT

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TUESDAY 07 Jan OPEN SB PCYC	TUESDAY 14 Jan OPEN Excursion Day Sunshine Coast - Beach 13 – 17 yrs only SB PCYC	TUESDAY 21 Jan OPEN Excursion Day Ten Pin Bowling Kingaroy 13 – 17 yrs only SB PCYC
WEDNESDAY 08 Jan OPEN SB PCYC	WEDNESDAY 15 Jan OPEN SB PCYC	WEDNESDAY 22 Jan OPEN SB PCYC
THURSDAY 09 Jan OPEN SB PCYC	THURSDAY 16 Jan OPEN SB PCYC	THURSDAY 23 Jan OPEN SB PCYC
FRIDAY 10 Jan OPEN SB PCYC	FRIDAY 17 Jan OPEN Excursion Day Top Shots Fun Park 13 – 17 yrs only SB PCYC	FRIDAY 24 Jan OPEN Excursion Day Sunshine Plaza 13 – 17 yrs only SB PCYC
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Priority land uses protected

Last week I introduced landmark reforms to regional planning in Queensland that will protect our state’s prime agricultural land.

Introducing the Regional Planning Interests Bill 2013 in the final parliamentary sitting of the year was a major milestone for me. For years I had watched haphazard hodge-podge legislation to try and manage land uses. I had seen landholders burdened by vegetation management laws, limited by Wild Rivers declarations and stressed by land use conflicts with the resources sector.

The Regional Planning Interests Bill defines and protects priority agricultural areas (PAAs), priority living areas, strategic environmental areas and strategic cropping areas. And rather than having protections for these land uses in different legislation, administered by different Ministers – it has now been streamlined into this single Bill.

You can have your say on the Bill until 17 January 2014. For more information visit www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-committees/committees/SDIIC/inquiries/current-inquiries/14-RegPlanInterests or phone 3406 7230.

Vegetation management reforms hit the road

A Queensland-wide road show starting Monday 2 December will give landholders the latest information about the Newman Government’s vegetation management reforms.

Minister for Natural Resources and Mines Andrew Cripps said the series of public information sessions would provide landholders with a comprehensive understanding of the vegetation management reforms that will come into effect on 2 December 2013.

“The Newman Government is building a four pillar economy, with the new vegetation management reforms helping to strengthen the important agriculture pillar,” Mr Cripps said.

Dates and locations for the vegetation management public information sessions are available at <http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au/land/vegetation-management/public-information-sessions>

Community grants commemorate ANZAC Centenary

The Newman Government has announced \$13.5 million for a community grants program, as part of \$49.3 million in overall funding for events and activities to commemorate the centenary of the First World War starting next year.

Minister Assisting the Premier on Veterans Affairs Glen Elmes said funding would be available for communities across the state to commemorate Anzac centenary events of local significance.

“The Queensland Anzac Centenary grants program will provide funding of up to \$80,000 for approved local commemorative events,” Mr Elmes said.

“The grants will help communities stage events and commemorations with particular local relevance such as exhibitions, community education activities and the restoration or enhancement of memorials and honour boards.

Mr Elmes said that the remainder of the \$49.3 million total funding consists of \$26.4 million for Anzac legacy projects, and \$9.4 million for key commemorative events.

Details of the grants program – including availability, amounts and application guidelines – are available from the Centenary of Anzac website: www.qld.gov.au/anzac100.

Applications for the first round of grants will close in March 2014.

Voting revolution for Queensland

Voting will be revolutionised at the next state election under electoral reforms introduced in Parliament this week.

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Jarrod Bleijie said Queensland’s electoral system would be modernised and simplified but also better protected.

“By thinking outside of the ballot box, Queensland will lead the way with its electoral system,” Mr Bleijie said.

“Voting will enter the digital age at the next state election with electronic voting to be made available for voters with disabilities.

“Blind and vision impaired voters will be able to phone in their vote via an electronic assisted voting (EAV) system and physically disadvantaged electors will also be able to cast their vote electronically at selected polling booths.

“These reforms follow extensive public consultation, and more than 250 submissions were received in response to a discussion paper,” Mr Bleijie said.

“These reforms will ensure Queensland has an electoral system that meets high standards of integrity and accountability and promotes participation in our democracy through political representation and voting.”

The Queensland Plan: a 30-year vision for Queensland – our working draft has been released for public review from Sunday 8 December 2013 until 7 March 2014.

This working draft brings together the collective ideas and aspirations voiced by more than 78,000 Queenslanders during the largest engagement process ever undertaken in Queensland and the outcomes from the Brisbane Summit held on 9 and 10 October 2013.

This is your opportunity to tell us if the working draft reflects Queenslanders’ feedback to date. In providing your feedback, you may wish to consider if there are points missing, or if certain points have been given unwarranted prominence.

Feedback on our working draft will be used to refine the final plan, which will be released mid-2014.

Tell us what you want for council elections

The Newman Government is calling for your opinion on possible changes to how council elections should be held after concerns were raised following the last council polls.

A discussion paper on the Local Government Electoral Act had been released to get the ball rolling.

The discussion paper can be found at www.dlgcr.qld.gov.au/haveyoursay. Submissions close on Friday, 17 January 2014.

Full contents of above news items can be viewed on Jeff Seeney’s website

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'RAINBOW MOUNTAINS LOCATED IN CHINA'

There are some unbelievable natural formations located all around the globe. Due to distances involved, many of us never have the chance to visit these sites.

The following photos display a mountain range called "Rainbow Mountain" located in China.

The mountains are part of the Zhangye Danxia Landform Geological Park in China.

Layers of different colored sandstone and minerals were pressed together over 24 million years and then buckled up by tectonic plates.



TABLELAND HALL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all who bought tickets. Thank you to Tubby and Sandy Ward for supplying the pig and "Top of the Town" butcher for curing the meat. Due to the size of the pig we were able to award four more prizes. Thank you also to the businesses who sold tickets for us.

The winning tickets were: Judy Angel, Richie O'Neill, Tricia, Diane Thornton, Anne Perkins, Ken Slatter, Currin, Sharon, Sue Kenward, A Harch.

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RESERVE FORCES DAY , WONDAI, Sunday 6th July 2014

The South Burnett Reserve Forces Day Committee wishes to invite you to attend and/or participate in the Reserve Forces Day Parade and Recognition Service to be conducted at Wondai on Sunday 6th July 2014.

The South Burnett theme is the work of the Royal Australian Navy in South Pacific waters on the outbreak of World War One and the action taken by the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force to take possession of the German Territories of New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland and the Outer Islands.

The objective of the Navy set by the Admiralty was to destroy the German East Asian Squadron. That meant locating the German Squadron in the vast expanse of the Pacific. The Australian Admiral was certain the Germans would head for South America which is what happened after the detachment of the cruiser Emden to commence cruiser war against merchant shipping in the Indian Ocean.

The AN&MEF was formed from six companies of the Naval Reserve, and infantry battalion with attached troops under the command of Colonel William Holmes. It departed Sydney for Rabaul on the 19th August and landed unopposed on the 11th of September. It wasn't unopposed for long and the first casualties of the war were three officers and seven men of the Naval Reserve.

On the outbreak of the war the Royal Australian Naval Reserve numbered 1,646 officers and men besides a further 3,092 cadets in training. The Reserve was the police force of the Australian coastline and its various duties included manning the Port War Signal Stations; man the Examination Service; man the vessels used for coastal patrols and for harbours, the naval transport service, minesweepers as well as providing guards for the wireless stations. There were many other duties. Over 200 officers and men went to sea in warships.

Preparations are already underway to ensure that Wondai makes the best presentation possible in what is for it, a Navy year.

Noel Selway, Secretary, South Burnett Reserve Forces Day Committee, Wondai. Q 4606



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MEMORIES OF THE BARK HUT OF FRASER ISLAND

One of the treasures on Fraser Island is the 'Bark Hut' at Yidney Rocks. Built by Mel Jensen of Pialba following World War Two from driftwood and furnished with fittings from the beached Maheno the 'Bark Hut' had some Japanese mementos.

Following World War Two the 'Bark Hut' was a base for Murgon fishing parties. High on the tucker list was Wong Soup, the recipe of Keppel Richardson – Richo to his mates from Murgon. Wong was the native name for the sea shelled Yuguri found under the Fraser Island Beach. It was delicious!

Lloyd Smyth of Murgon heritage provided the motor launch for the conveyance of the fishing party. The shower for the fishing party was a nearby gentle rock waterfall with a very convenient ledge for the soap.

The fishing was good!

MIRANDA KNOWS A GREAT FUTURE LIES AHEAD



Miranda Fisher is glad her parents refused to buckle when she cried and begged for them to collect her from St Saviours College boarding school in Toowoomba.

Miranda had been there a fortnight when a deep seated homesickness set in.

“I missed being around my family; my brothers, my parents, everything; sitting around yarning, having a good time...,” she said.

But mum Rosetta and dad George told her to see out the term.

When Miranda, then aged 13, returned to Cherbourg she realised the grass wasn’t greener on that side of the paddock.

Too many young people her age had no dreams or ambitions.

“I realised it had become natural for me to go back to school,” she said on Monday (25th November).

“It had to be done to succeed and show all those other young, little kids they can be whatever they want to be.”

It’s what her Year-6 teacher, Eric Law and his wife Shirley, at St Joseph’s school, Murgon, had told her.

The talks they gave students made Miranda realise she wanted a career that would have her help other people to have an easier life.

She graduated on November 15 and is about to embark on a community services course in Brisbane.

“Youth justice is the way I want to go because of family and all these other young kids,” Miranda said.

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“I want them to see there’s a better future for them than doing nothing.

“It’s not easy. They have to want it too. You can’t force them to do it.

“I want it and I want them to have a better future too.”

Picture caption: Miranda Fisher knows there’s a good live over her Cherbourg fence and has been inspired to help other people by family members such as (left) her uncle Greg and (right) Nan Dorreen.

GOOMERI NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION 2013





Huge crowds journeyed to Goomeri this year to enjoy the 2013 Goomeri New Years Eve Rodeo and ute show. The night even included a wedding. Perfect weather and a top line of bucking horse's, steers and bulls for the rodeo made the night very entertaining.

LADIES NIGHT

All ladies, young, old, or in between are invited to come and hear Anne Arnold talk about the exciting life she leads with her husband Clive.

Anne and Clive take Australians on wild life Safaris to South Africa, where they both originally hailed from. Below is some info on Clive, much of which applies to Anne.

Clive Arnold. Clive grew up in South Africa, ran cattle and sugar cane farms. After a traumatic episode, he joined in fighting a war, was shot twice by insurgents and was lucky to survive. He and wife Anne migrated to Australia with practically nothing. After working as a farm hand, he and Anne took the plunge and opened a 'Safari into Africa' company which now does 15 trips per year. A competent photographer, Clive has provided shots for the National Geographic magazine and for David Attenborough. He and Anne are committed animal conservationist.

COST: Nil. Time. From 7pm - 9pm at the latest!

DATE: Saturday 11th January 2014. **RSVP:** For attendance Wed. 8th January 2014.

To Mary Mitchell Tel 41 681664. Ladies please bring a plate for supper.

Mary (and Allen) live at 12 Arnell Street Murgon.

(But Allen won't be there! He will be at the Shed Men meeting. Remind your husband to book in!!)

Coming from Wondai into Murgon, cross the railway line (or where it used to be) and take the next turn left (after the Post Office). Follow Macallister St for about 600 meters, then turn right into Davidson St. Take the second turn left into Arnell Street - Mitchells house is second on the right.

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FLYERS FLOCK TO ANGELFIELD AT MURGON



The December fly into Angelfield saw 42 aircraft arrive for the monthly breakfast and this was a record number to fly into the airstrip in one day. The weather always plays a part in whether the planes come in their droves or not. Planes were parked nearly from one end of the airstrip to the other. It was a wonderful sight and many people enjoyed watching the arrival of many different aircraft.



Over the last few months members and flyers have bought and flew in presents for the underprivileged kids in our district. 5 boxes were presented to the local representative Doreen Campos from the Salvation Army. Lets hope these kids had a wonderful Christmas and it brightened up their lives somewhat. We would like to do this again next Christmas for the needy kids.

Friday night before the fly in many planes came to camp over night and enjoyed a combined BBQ and were playing guitar, harmonica, bongos and singing Karaoke under the verandah. The winner of this who received 100% rating was Bennie Markwell. The rest of us need to go home and practice in the shower.

Our Christmas raffle was drawn with Fiona Davis winning first prize, 2nd went to Bennie Markwell and 3rd to Barry Pinwill. We would like to thank Jenny Grieve and the Little Mountain Quilters for donating these lovely prizes as we all know making quilts can take a lot of time and patience. All money raised by the club is spent on upgrading Angelfield.

The pizza oven is finished with only a few minor details to touch up. The late Christmas lunch saw 6 very large pizzas been cooked for the first time in the outdoor oven. They were cooked to perfection and in the near future we hope to serve pizzas to pilots and their passengers. There was a very large Christmas cake donated by 2 locals near Wondai and it was totally delicious, and yes there are still quite a few people out there who know how to make excellent fruit cakes.

The most popular aircraft type for the fly in was the Savannah, a record 13 turned up for the event. These sort of planes (short take off & landing) are suited to short strips or even paddocks. They & the Zenith are becoming very popular with aircraft owners in Australia.

The Angelfield Brekkie Fly-in event is becoming a major attraction for SEQ where many use Angelfield as a meeting point to catch up with old friends or make new friends.

As one member from Brisbane wrote "I believe this club will be a corner stone in the revival of true ultralight flying" This is what our club is all about promoting aviation and we do have many wonderful members who donate



their valuable time and money to make this club a success. Many of our members have been inactive in the aviation side but since joining our club now are proud owners of aircraft, some still need a little work before they



soar over Angelfield but they are not far from completing their projects.

The kids that turned up for the chocolates were given rides by members over Murgon. This made their day and lets hope they never forget how exciting flying in a small aircraft can be.

One member spent a lot of time creating calendars made up with a different aircraft featured on every page that flew into Angelfield. There are about a dozen or more of the \$10 calendars left and only a few of the \$20 calendars left. Any interested persons can contact us on 41686248. We are already working on the 2015 calendar which



always features aircraft that fly into Angelfield. Deb Percy flew her recently purchased Savannah into the December fly in for the first time where she could catch up with many other Savannah owners on hints on how to get the best out of her aircraft. We encourage anyone out there with a passion for flying please come and join our morning breakfast held once a month on the second Saturday of every month. We also have a flying instructor on hand at our fly ins so you can take your first lesson from Angelfield. Contact phone number is 41686248 for more info or look up the Burnett Flyers newly upgraded website –burnettflyers.org

CAFE HAS CHERBOURG COOKING WITH SUCCESS

The key to a successful gathering is to start with everybody feeling happy. Yurri Muntha Café will soon enable people to do this by expanding its premises to accommodate a growing clientele.

The Cherbourg eatery will enlarge its deck and build a designed room to host exhibitions and professional meetings. The brilliant staff will get added training and a mentor will be hired to enable a growing amount of school children to do work experience. Yurri Muntha has been running for a year and manager Sheree Strauss said it made sense to expand the business.

“The new meeting room will host about a dozen people and we’ll be on hand to provide up-to-the-minute catering,” Ms Strauss said. “The room will also cater for the latest technology in an easy going atmosphere.

“People will come here and feel relaxed by knowing everything will be taken care of.

“They can then concentrate on their project to hand.”



Art and photo exhibitions will also be hosted in the room for patrons and tourists to view.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Warren Collins said the Yurri Muntha extensions will add to the town’s character. He was grateful for the Queensland Government grant that will make them possible.

Work is expected to be completed by the middle of next year and Mr Collins said the café had earned it stripes by “going pretty good. “This grant will take it to a new level,” he said.

“We hope people from the wider community support it because we’re trying to build something special in Cherbourg and things are moving ahead.”

Photo: Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Warren Collins is happy that its Yurri Muntha Café manager, Sheree Strauss, is moving the business ahead with great food, service and the selling of bush tucker like this Native Pepperleaf Honey Mustard.

JOKE OF THE YEAR

Two women were sitting together, quietly.



Earyact students with Council foreman Ray Hope, teacher Mrs Barbara Quinn and Councillor Kathy Duff during the painting of the climbing wall in Gore St Murgon.



A good attendance appreciated and enjoyed the night of music and song organized by Dean Perrett and the group seen here performing in the Murgon Town Hall.

The professional group donated their time to raise money for the family who lost their home in a fire at Cloyna. (Congratulations on a fine night)



Another group of volunteers enjoying themselves at the 2013 Proston Christmas Carnival.

THE MURGON CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

