



Over \$5,000 of Murgon Money won at this Year's Carnival

The 2013 Murgon Christmas Fair (The Best in the Burnett) attracted record crowds who enjoyed near perfect fantastic summer weather, lots of fun and over five thousand of Murgon dollars won in the Great Santa Grab promotion. The guest compare Corky from Crow FM did a fantastic job keeping the crowd entertained. The Rotary club were out with their usual Christmas raffles and the Wondai Town Band entertained the crowd during the evening. Local service clubs along with Murgon business owners and invited stall holders kept the food flowing whilst the main street was covered in many Amusement Rides and more entertainment. Children enjoyed being photographed with Santa and the Murgon Lions club were kept busy with their merry go round. Many thanks must go to the Murgon Business people for their support each year providing the necessary dollars to present this much loved annual event and our tireless voluntary workers who start setting it all up on Thursday night and then pull it all down well into the we hours of Saturday morning (including our Secretary Margaret Long who starts booking these entertainers around June). We could not operate also without the help of St Joseph's school providing the stalls and Murgon BGA providing us with approx 35 gates to erect in lanes to entertainment, plus the help of the South Burnett Regional Council and the South Burnett PCYC and Pursers Coaches and many others.

(MANY THANKS TO ALL YOU WONDERFUL PEOPLE)

What is being planned for 2014 ? It will be our 21st birthday of Christmas Carnivals, would you like to be part of it, contact Margaret Long at Murgon Real Estate, we would welcome your help

Over five thousand of Murgon dollars won in the Great Santa Grab promotion.

Attached are the winners and the amounts that they grabbed.
All lucky winners have until 28th February to spend their money.

Dileep James	\$50.00
Kim Gourlie.....	\$50.00
Janette Thorne	\$300.00
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Alex Sadler	\$50.00
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Debbie Carter	\$600.00

Many Thanks to the Winners and Everyone for Shopping in Murgon

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Have a Safe, Prosperous and Happy New Year

WIDE BAY ROADS \$3 BILLION FUNDING BOOST

Last week's Mid Year Economic Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) has confirmed the Coalition Federal Government's election commitment to support almost \$3 billion of new road projects in the Federal Electorate of Wide Bay, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport and Federal Member for Wide Bay, Warren Truss, said this week.

Mr Truss said the forward estimates commit to over \$2.2 billion worth of projects on the Bruce Highway alone, with more funding for Council roads and bridges, the elimination of road black spots and the completion of flood repair work.

Mr Truss said the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments have committed to spending a total of \$8.5 billion on the Bruce Highway over the next ten years, with the Commonwealth meeting between 80 and 100 per cent of the cost of most projects.

The Commonwealth's total funding share is \$6.7 billion.

Mr Truss said that the main element of the Bruce Highway upgrade in the electorate of Wide Bay will be the extension of the four laning to Gympie at a total cost of more than \$1.7 billion.

The Commonwealth will also contribute a further \$2.6 billion towards upgrades of the Bruce Highway and Gateway Arterial south of the electorate of Wide Bay.

When completed, these projects will deliver a motorway standard road all the way from Gympie to Brisbane and then onwards through the Gold Coast to Sydney and Melbourne.

Other new projects on the Bruce Highway in the electorate of Wide Bay include two new bridges on the approaches to Tiaro, upgrading the Saltwater Creek crossing at Aldershot and a new interchange at Tinana linking the Maryborough – Hervey Bay Road to the Bruce Highway. There will also be more passing lanes, extra rest areas, intersection improvements, and other targeted safety improvements.

Funding is also provided for planning and land acquisitions for Section D of the Cooroy to Curra four laning project which will extend the four laning to north of Curra.

Mr Truss said MYEFO also confirmed continuation of Roads to Recovery funding for local Councils. The five Shires wholly or partly within the electorate of Wide Bay can continue to expect to receive more than \$6 million a year for local road projects of their choice. Financial assistance grants to these Councils are expected to be worth at least \$33 million a year – some of which is also earmarked for roads. They will also qualify for assistance under the Coalition's new \$300 million Bridges Renewal Program.

Mr Truss said last week's fiscal outlook confirmed the commitments for what will be the biggest Commonwealth road funding plan the Wide Bay has ever seen.

Mr Truss said those using the Bruce Highway can expect to see continuing road works for the next decade. These projects will be an important boost for the local economy and will provide thousands of jobs.

While increasing traffic will continue to place heavy demand on the Bruce Highway and the local road network, these projects will help to smooth traffic flows and make the highway safer.

The completion of these projects will also provide effective flood mitigation between the Wide Bay Region and Brisbane.

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SANDY DESERT TO THE MIGHTY FITZROY

One of the longest daytime drives in the north west of Western Australia is from Kununurra to Fitzroy Crossing (over 1,000km) via another outback centre in Hall's Creek. Because of very little monsoonal rain in January and February, pastures which normally accommodate lots of beef cattle were parched.

Halls Creek is on the northern edge of the Great Sandy Desert and in a normally wet year, the region is known as the Oasis of the Kimberley. The State's first significant gold discovery was made in the Hall's Creek area in 1885. The town is also a cultural epicentre with six art buildings throughout the district.

On reaching Fitzroy Crossing, we are confronted by the old and the new. Just near the bridge crossing is a modern hotel with all amenities including deluxe accommodation plus outdoor facilities and space for over 500 caravans. While this has been created, just 4km to the north along a dirt road is the oldest hotel in Western Australia (The Crossing Inn) which gives the large indigenous population of Fitzroy Crossing supplies at competitive prices.



The major tourist attraction for the town is the Geikie Gorge National Park and apart from the river, the area boasts a huge range of wildlife from freshwater crocodiles to elegant birds, dingoes and wallabies.

Parts of the river is home to saltwater crocodiles which can readily attack as against the placid freshwater variety.

Photo: Tourists from around Australia and abroad converge on the Geikie Gorge every day to experience the boat cruises and the massive sights of rock formations and changing colours along the Fitzroy.



Photo:The various flood lines from the normal December-January-February monsoons can be readily seen including the drought line of 2013 where parts of the river stopped flowing.

BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The last meeting for the year was held at the home of Jean Green. She has a lovely wilderness garden with wildlife throughout. As we drove in a large goanna lay beside the driveway, if it hadn't been for the tongue movement we would have thought that he was a most realistic ornament. An array of bird calls among the trees made this a beautiful setting for our meeting. As is our custom for the December we did not have a speaker. The produce competition winners for this year were announced. As usually the class winners were very close with only 2 or 3 points between first and third.



Natives:	1. Gordon Rehbein	2. Jean Green
Bulbs & Lilies:	1. Bill Kapernick	2. Gordon Rehbein
Geraniums:	1. Bill Kapernick	2. Doris Hay
Any other Flower:	1. Bill Kapernick	2. Doris Hay
Roses:	1. Doris Hay	2. Audrey Palmer & Mary Mitchell
Fruit:	1. Doris Hay	2. Jean Green
Vegetables:	1. Audrey Palmer	2. Jean Green
Root vegetables:	1. Doris Hay	

January starts a whole new year along with an array of speakers for most meetings.
Until next time *Happy Gardening*.

The best Christmas crowds we have seen for many years enjoyed the perfect weather and fishing at Bjelke-Petersen Dam and the new amenities at Yallakool Recreation Park





RecycleLinks Open

Kingaroy's newly opened recycle shop, known as RecycleLinks, officially opened for business on Saturday 14 December 2013. RecycleLinks is a partnership between Council and Links Community Services which creates a pathway for reuse for items such as furniture, children's toys, bikes, building materials and homewares, which would otherwise end up as landfill.

Since starting to receive stock in September, RecycleLinks has had a steady flow of reusable items either dropped off directly at the recycle shop, or placed at the designated area at the Kingaroy Transfer Station.

Council's Waste Portfolio chairperson, Cr Kathy Duff said, "The community reaction to the recycle shop has been very positive. We have been informed by RecycleLinks that there is such a demand for reusable items that almost as soon as the reusable items are brought into the shop, someone else comes in wanting to purchase the item."

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said, "The official opening of RecycleLinks is well timed as it offers residents the opportunity to browse through the items currently in stock and grab a bargain.

Residents who wish to donate reusable items to RecycleLinks can do so by either:

- Dropping off items directly at RecycleLinks, 15 Kingaroy Street, Kingaroy during operating hours; or
- Dropping off items at the designated drop off area at the Kingaroy Transfer Station, Luck Road, Kingaroy.

Current opening hours for RecycleLinks are 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday through to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturday. For all enquiries regarding the Recycle Shop, please contact RecycleLinks on 07 41625355.

Photography – Share Your Vision

Now how do I use it? by Sherrienne Talon of Talon Digital Imaging

www.talondigitalimaging.com

Many of you would have unwrapped that exciting box on Christmas morning to find yourself the proud new owner of an amazing digital camera. You've played with the dials and buttons, you may have skimmed through the manual briefly but the pictures just aren't as good as you thought they would be. You may feel uncomfortable with all the bells and whistles that come with today's technology, or you may just look at that fancy looking object and run in the opposite direction. Well have no fear, it's just a tool and you are the master.

There are workshops you can take to help you understand your new present. There is plenty of online learning on the internet to help you out, and there's always the manual. Every camera comes with one but few people pick it up and actually read it. Too many people are afraid to touch anything for fear the camera won't work again but they are built much better than that. And the great thing about digital cameras is that almost all of them come with a default settings button (but you have to read the manual to find it). If you play with all the buttons and the camera doesn't seem to be taking pictures properly, go back to your default settings and try again.

Digital cameras can and do take wonderful pictures that will last a lifetime, but only if they are properly used. Learn how to use it and you can capture precious moments with ease. But if you don't know how to use it, it's just going to be another annoying piece of technology gathering dust on your desk.

If you've been given a camera, you've been given a wonderful gift. Contact me for workshop information and I can help you learn how to use your new camera to it's full potential. They really are a gift that keeps on giving!



Visit www.talondigitalimaging.com and click on the workshop tab for more information about upcoming workshops, online workshops or one on one classes. Please contact Sherrienne on 4168 2216 or email stalon@talondigitalimaging.com.

ORDINATION CEREMONY



An ordination ceremony for local Jenni Coombs will be held at the Murgon Uniting Church on Saturday 18th January at 2.00pm.

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, MURGON

What a busy year it has been at St. Joseph's School, Murgon.

Some highlights of each year level have been:

Prep: The children enjoyed an annual visit to the Dunn's Farm.

Year 1: Performed their nursery rhymes at the Kingaroy Eisteddford. A fun and engaging way that helps build on their self confidence.

Year 2: Ventured to Crow FM, to make their own radio commercial. We are looking forward to hearing them on air waves.

Year 3: Actively enjoyed participating and exhibiting their artwork at the Wondai Art Gallery. We have some budding artists.

Year 4: The students enjoyed visiting the Historical Village at Caboolture, in relation to their studies of the First Settlement. The class also performed a Botany Bay Play for the school and residents of Castra. They prepared for an end of year Christmas Play.

Year 5/6: Visited the Gympie Historical and Mining Museum, and enjoyed panning for gold. A couple struck it rich!

Year 7: Our leaders of the school, travelled to Bribie Island, to visit the Abbey Museum.

Other highlights and events include:

A visit from Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Celebrating our annual feast days of Marcellin Champagne, Edmund Rice and Nano Nagle, with awards being presented to the Students, The fete, The classes amazing performances presenting artwork in the Murgon and Wondai Show, and Wondai Art Gallery.

The students all enjoyed participating in the Cross Country and Athletics Carnival. Several students made it onto South Burnett, Wide Bay and Queensland Teams.



A highlight for all the children this year was the celebration of Grandparents Day. Our day commenced with a liturgy, followed by the children proudly showing off their classrooms and school work. The morning finished with morning tea in the hall with the children performing to their special guests.

WENT FISHING, CAUGHT 4 DEER

A once in the history of mankind kind of thing. The Best Day Of Fishing Ever! Some fishing stories are a little hard to believe but this guy has pictures to prove his story... I've heard of salmon jumping into boats, but never anything quite like this...

Tom Satre told the Sitka Gazette that he was out with a charter group on his 62-foot fishing vessel when four juvenile black-tailed deer swam directly toward his boat.

"Once the deer reached the boat, the four began to circle the boat, looking directly at us. We could tell right away that the young bucks were distressed. I opened up my back gate and we helped the typically skittish and absolutely wild animals onto the boat. In all my years fishing, I've never seen anything quite like it! Once on board, they collapsed with exhaustion, shivering."



"This is a picture I took of the rescued bucks on the back of my boat, the Alaska Quest. We headed for TakuHarbour. Once we reached the dock, the first buck that we had pulled from the water hopped onto the dock, looked back as if to say 'thank you' and disappeared into the forest. After a bit of prodding and assistance, two more followed, but the smallest deer needed a little more help.

My daughter, Anna, and son, Tim, helped the last buck to its feet. We didn't know how long they had been in the icy waters or if there had been others who did not survive. My daughter

later told me that the experience was something that she would never forget, and I suspect the deer felt the same way as well!"

Story from Lee Porter.

MURGON POLICE URGE YOU TO LOCK IT OR LOSE IT – IS YOUR VEHICLE SECURE?

Officers are encouraging motorists to ensure they secure their vehicles in an effort to prevent opportunistic property crime and car thefts in the **Murgon Division** and surrounding streets.

The **Lock it or Lose it** campaign aims to educate and remind members of the community and visitors to secure their homes and lock their vehicles and remove any valuables before leaving their car unattended.

Murgon Police urge people to not leave valuable items in the car if they are leaving it unattended, or at least keep the items out of sight to discourage property theft.

Police continue to discover vehicles that have been left unattended with windows down, keys in the ignition, spare car keys in the vehicle and valuables in plain view.

'**Lock-it or Lose-it messages**' left by police on vehicle windshields will serve as a reminder to motorists that many crimes against property are the result of a criminal making use of an opportunity.

Over the next few weeks vehicles throughout the community will be targeted at locations such as carparks, shopping centres and other high traffic locations as part of Operation Nexus.

For more details on crime prevention security tips, go to www.police.qld.gov.au and follow the links to Crime Prevention.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Red claw has long been a favourite at Boondooma Dam, but on a recent visit to Bjelke-Petersen Dam, Dr Joe Gangemi and his fishing mates caught 450 Red Claw which sounds a lot, but they are small. It was a good taste and they caught other fish.

The extension to the Child Care Centre opposite the Murgon State School is a memory tickler that Dr Joe was President of Murgon Apex Club when that Centre was first built.

The Murgon Family Medical Practice has expanded into a structure of comprehensive medical service. Murgon is becoming a mecca of community convenience.

Glenn Kapernick, President of Murgon Rotary Club, believes that the current Rotary project of a Bus for Castra Retirement Home will add to that variety of local availability.

Down Memory Lane trains once travelled to Murgon.

OVER EAGER REPORTER

Front Page Headlines

Croc caught near Tinana - and she may have been about to lay – page 3

Page 3 Headlines

Captured - Harpooned crocodile may have been breeding

Mary Croccins ‘pregnant’

The reporter gives a full story of the crocodile capture and how it may have prevented an increase in the croc population, as it is believed the 3.1m animal is a female and about to lay a clutch of eggs. The story covers half a page with photo and involved police and rangers and made interesting reading. It even includes a section of the belief of a local environmentalist that the crocodile caught in the Mary River yesterday should not be removed completely from the rivers ecosystem.

Some Days Later

In smaller print in same paper

Case of mistaken gender for river croc

It's not a she – it's a he. (confirmed by crocodile farm)

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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

Guy feeling terrible and goes to the doctor.

The doctor checks him over and says, 'Sorry, I have some bad news, you have Yellow 24, a really nasty virus.

It's called Yellow 24 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 24 hours to live.

There's no known cure so just go home and enjoy your final precious moments on earth..'

So he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news.

Distraught, she asks him to go to the bingo with her that evening as he's never been there with her before.

They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins \$35.

Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$320

Then he gets the full house and wins \$5000.

Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too getting \$780,000.

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says,

'Son, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full-house and the national game on the same card.

You must be the luckiest bastard on Earth!'

'Lucky?' he screamed. 'Lucky? I'll have you know I've got Yellow 24'.

'B**GER me,' says the bingo caller. 'You've won the meat raffle as well !!!

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NATIONAL SENIORS ENJOYING THEIR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT DIMITIES



The Murgon & District Branch – National Seniors Australia end of year Party was held at Dimities at Wondai on December 12th and was enjoyed by all . The winners of the raffle were 1st prize Melba Litzow, 2nd Donna Hindley, 3rd Lyn Wessling and 4th Gwen Hodge. Thanks to all who participated.

The next tour is on Thursday 16th January 2014 to Gatton where we will be visiting Polmann's Nursery & the Transport Museum at the Cultural Centre. The cost is \$60 p/p leaving Murgon at 6AM. For further information & bookings for the tour please contact Paula on (07) 41683114 or 0438708885. Check out our 2014 Tours Itinerary.



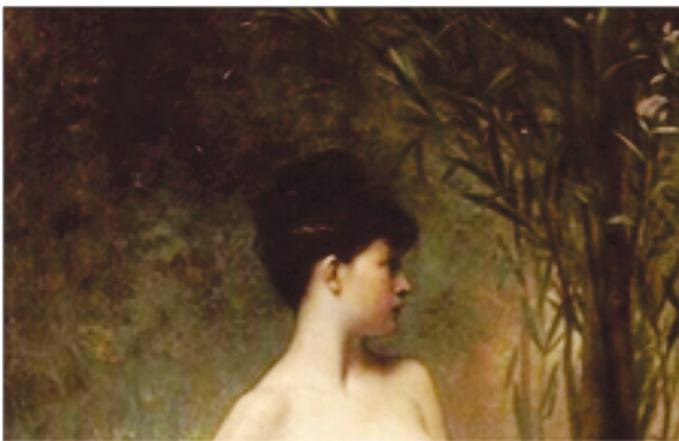
We have a great time at SC Care Castra. Theme Day "Rainbow." age is not a barrier.

TANSEY BOWLING CLUB



Over the 9 years of editing the Murgon Moments you are presented with many stories and booklets to read but the last one relating to the 60th Anniversary of the Tansey Bowling Club is a beauty. The history précis of the club over the 60 odd years is beautifully outlined and complemented with photographs. Interesting Snippets from the minutes since 1958 are full of the life and decisions made by executives of the club. The good times and the bad times from flood damage that would surely have finished most clubs shows the spirit of the members and families that have built this Club over the many years. The extensions to the club house and resurfacing of the green are a credit to both the Men's and Ladies Clubs that have been the pillar of this club. The names and photographs of some of its members has been something that was a pleasure to reconnect with after years of absence. Congratulations and well done.

BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER



Chloe is coming to Wondai. Not in the original painting long associated with its presence in a leading Melbourne Hotel, but in a realistic painted segment.

The painting of Chloe was synonymous with Melbourne's armed services presence during World War Two and the visit to the Chloe chamber was militarily mandatory and the memory memorable and perpetuating.

She has graced magazine covers, had wine named after her and poems written to her. She has experienced fame and adoration and has won high acclaim from critics. Her career began, like the many models after her, in Paris. The abridged artistry will hang in the Wondai Hotel, Wondai, where it will enjoy Melbourne majesty.

What's in a name? Bill Shorten's wife is Chloe. It's a name of character and beauty.

In the Book of Quotations there is a single reference to Beauty submitted by Lew Wallace in 1880 'Beauty is altogether in the eye of the beholder.'

Jessica Boehm is proprietor of the Wondai Hotel in partnership with her husband and she is delighted with the prospect.

MURGON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS



Drawn by Councillor Kathy Duff

1st prize R Watson Blue ticket A63, 2nd prize C Hatchmann Orange ticket B21, 3rd prize G Sempf Blue ticket F24, 4th prize C Hatchett Black ticket C69. Many Thanks for all your support.

RADF Funding Round 3

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a partnership between South Burnett Regional Council (SBRC) and Arts Queensland in support of professional artists, emerging artists and arts practitioners living in regional Queensland.

The South Burnett RADF Committee encourages applications under Round 3 of the 2013/2014 RADF Program. The current round of funding opens on Monday 2 December 2013 and closes on Friday 24 January 2014. The results of the applications will be available as of Friday 21 February 2014.

Application forms and information packs can be obtained from SBRC Art Galleries and Libraries or may be downloaded from Council's website at www.southburnett.qld.gov.au.

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Come and join Murgon Neighbourhood Watch in 2014, next meeting Monday 17th February 2014.

EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A MURGON COUPLE

John & Irene Flegg from Murgon have received an early Christmas Gift after winning a month worth of meet from



Bronel Natural Foods. Simone Greer, co-owner of Bronel Natural Foods said "It was such a pleasure to present Irene and John with their prize."

"They have lived in the area for 39 years and have never won a local prize in anything. So they were absolutely thrilled and so were we," said Mrs Greer.

Bronel Natural Foods gave away meat to the value of \$400 as part of it's opening of new premises at 76 Macalister St, Murgon. Mrs Greer said "The feedback from customers to our competition has been that they thought we were crazy or there was some sort of catch. We simply wanted to thank our customers for their support by giving them the chance to win."

"We have had to expand our services as we had people wanting deliveries to outside the Murgon area. We now do deliveries to Brisbane, Wondai, Kingaroy, Nanango Sunshine Coast and Goomeri. There is certainly a niche of people who really appreciate the benefits of eating preservative-free grass fed beef," she said.

"We have found people who appreciate grass fed beef are also wanting free-range pork and chicken. Our preservative free sausages have been very popular with families with young children."

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Photo: Bronel Natural Foods' butcher Adrian Ansell, 'A Month Worth of Meat' winners John & Irene Flegg & Bronel Natural Foods' co-owners Brett & Simone Greer

COUNCIL HELPS GIVE HOPE



South Burnett Regional Council have given a few more needy families some help this Christmas thanks to the generosity of donations from Council staff and South Burnett residents.

Throughout December, South Burnett Regional Council collected non-perishable food and gift vouchers to support the Salvation Army Christmas campaign "Give Hope This Christmas & Help Change Lives".

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said, "The community and Council's staff have really supported this cause. I congratulate all for getting behind the Salvation Army's appeal again this year."

"The Salvation Army and many of our other charitable organisations do a fantastic job to ensure a little bit of hope is given to families in need," said Mayor Kratzmann.

"The amount of donations that have been collected this year shows the South Burnett's community spirit. We have had a tough year with recovering from the floods in January and February, yet still our community pulls together to help each other," he said.

Each year the Salvation Army seeks assistance by asking for donations of non-perishable food items. This includes plum puddings, Christmas cakes, tins of ham, cans of vegetables, or packet foods. These items are packaged and handed to families/individuals who are unable to buy these items.

"The Salvation Army and other charities in the region will still happily accept donations after Christmas to help families who are in need of ongoing assistance," said Mr Hunter.

Donations can be dropped into the Salvation Army Office over the Christmas and New Year break.

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Invitation to the Buck to Bronco Coaching Clinic

There are 4 different pictures to colour in. These are available at the school office.

Competition Closes Thursday 13 March 2014 - Winner Drawn Friday 14 March 2014

Plenty of reasons why "It's deadly cool to go to School".

Story and Photo: courteous Murgon State School Campus Newsletter.

Kathy's Comments

Looking Forward

May I wish you all the very best of everything in 2014. Don't forget to join in the South Burnett Australia Day Awards night that will be held this year at the Wondai Town Hall on the eve of Australia Day January 25th 2014. The Qld Dairy and Heritage Museum will be hosting a breakfast on Australia Day. There will be an afternoon of billy tea and damper with the Proston Scouts and an evening function not to be missed at Boondooma Homestead. This year in Council the focus will again be on roads as they continue to be our number one priority. The Thompson St Bridge in Murgon will be completed along with the kerbing and channelling in Cooper and Nutt Streets. The intersection of Middle Road and Beresford St in Proston will be made safer and the flood recovery work in Division 5 and Division 6 will be a priority on the rural roads. The plans to beautify the Proston Cemetery are completed and will be available in the Proston library for feedback for work to commence this year.

Looking Back

January- The South Burnett Australia Day Awards were held in the Blackbutt Town Hall. Leo Geraghty was honoured with the South Burnett Lifetime Achievement Award, Nev Kratzmann received the South Burnett Senior Sports Award and Sylvia Hiltunen was presented with the Murgon Local Achiever Award. Irene McDonald was awarded the Local Achiever for the Proston/Hivesville area. The floods that followed caused devastation across our region with farmers suffering huge damage and losses to income. 250 people were stranded at Manar Tourist Park. SES and Emergency Services, Crowfm, Council staff and volunteers across the region worked around the clock to help flood victims. A huge slip on Levers Road forced its closure.

February- BlazeAid came to Murgon to help our Farmers. Council organised a series of Flood Recovery Gatherings. The Mayors Flood Appeal was launched and a radiothon was organised through Crowfm to raise funds.

March – Proston and Murgon Shows went ahead in spite of the extra pressure on the rural areas due to the devastating flood. A huge lobbying effort was put in by everyone to get our farmers Category C & D to enable them access to more flood support funding.

April- The Boondooma Homestead Heritage Music Muster was a great success. The Anzac Day Services were extremely well attended with three schools represented at the Hivesville Dawn Service.

May- Clean Up Farmers Day was held with volunteers finishing up at Wooroolin Hotel for a thankyou BBQ hosted by the Mayor. Kerry and Steve Dunn and Graham House were successful in a funding application to bring the inspirational speaker Amanda Gore to Murgon where hundreds packed the hall.

June –The Mayor's Ball was held with all money going to the Mayor's Flood Appeal. A Thanksgiving Function was organised to say goodbye to BlazeAid. 185 volunteers worked on 88 farms and repaired or replaced just over 400kms of fences. Barbara and Maree Newson coordinated 2400 meals which the community prepared during their stay.

July- Council handed down a budget surplus with the focus on fixing up our road network. There was additional money allocated to roads through a road levy. Shaftesbury Centre leased Ficks Crossing from Council and began setting up to



provide unique learning opportunities for struggling students.

August – The Murgon Skate Park was officially opened by Leah Purcell. The Boondooma Homestead hosted their 4th Scots in the Bush which was the biggest so far.

September – The magnificent Castra upgrade was opened and all the Councillors were able to attend the ceremony as they were in and around Murgon on a road tour. Murgon launched its new website Murgon.net.au. A thank you BBQ was held for the CTC workers who helped clean up and repair fences for farmers across the region.

October -The Hon Jeff Seeney MP handed 10 million dollars to our Council to help with the Kingaroy Waste Water Treatment Plant. Proston Railway Park was officially opened and South Burnett and Cherbourg on Show was a huge success with visitors travelling to our region to attend over 40 events as part of a promotion for the new long week-end.

November – Rotary hosted a fantastic Murgon Music Muster. Hivesville held their very successful Anniversary Markets and Wheatland's School celebrated 100 years. Council approved a Boondooma Homestead Caravan Park. The first meeting of the newly formed South Burnett Pest Advisory Committee was held.

December – The PCYC Squash Court extension was officially opened by the Hon Jeff Seeney MP. Rotary Earlyact students did a fantastic job planting grass seeds at the Murgon skate park area and began painting the Climbing Wall.

These are just a few snippets of what I felt was a successful but challenging 2013. Thank you to everyone for the support you have given me in my role as a Councillor and I look forward to working with you all again during 2014.

As always I am working on following up jobs and concerns that have been brought to my attention. Please contact me if you have an issue or wish to make an appointment

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AUSTRALIA DAY



The South Burnett Australia Day Awards night will be held this year at the Wondai Town Hall on the eve of Australia Day January 25th 2014. **The Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum Murgon Inc. will be hosting a breakfast on Australia Day 26th January 2014.** Come along and celebrate the day set aside for our great nation. The breakfast is always yummy, enjoy the poetry delivered by the renowned Harry Pickering and listen to our guest speaker who will be Brett Heading, a very accomplished speaker. Our local Australia Day awards will also be handed out to our very deserving recipients, so come along and support our Australia Day awardees and have a great morning amongst family and friends.

Aussies let us sing our songs, throw a prawn on the barbie, the rellies from the big smoke have rocked Sunday arvie. The fellas are watching footie, the esky's in the ute, we reckon this great land of ours is really pretty beaut.

We've crocs as big as Mallee bulls and joey's jumping free., we've a bonza rock out in the center and billabongs by the sea. If you go out back of Bourke, you can make a quid or two, but don't forget the blowies, by crikey they'll get you.

You can learn the dinky di lingo and read the local rag, maybe try some Aussie tucker and go off the main drag. Tho there's droughts and floods and fires, cyclones and stormy thunder, let's raise a glass to OZ, the wide brown land down-under

Author Unknown

DEARER CATTLE PRICES AND HIGHER PRODUCTION IN 2013-14 – ABARES

According to the latest ABARES Agricultural commodities: December quarter 2013 outlook, the Australian beef cattle weighted average saleyard price in 2013-14 forecast remains unchanged, averaging 3% higher year-on-year, at 305¢/kg cwt.

The bureau anticipates prices for heavy steers will improve, attributed to stronger demand for beef from developing export markets, coupled with an expected lower Australian exchange rate. However, according to ABARES, cow prices are forecast to decline, as a higher proportion of producers, particularly in the north, are likely to offload more females under the persistent deteriorating seasonal conditions. In contrast, indicative trade steer prices are likely to rise, encouraging for producers across northern Australia, underpinned by predicted strong demand from Indonesia for live cattle.

The report suggests the Australian beef cattle herd will decline 2% by the end of the 2014 fiscal year, to 25 million head, underpinned by higher cattle slaughter rates, which are forecast to rise 6% year-on-year, to 8.9 million head. Furthermore, the lower calving rates during 2013 will see fewer calves coming through the system. ABARES' prediction for total beef and veal production in 2013-14 is the highest on record, at 2.3 million tonnes cwt.

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GRAHAM HOUSE NEW MANAGER

Graham House welcomes Linda O'Hare as the new Manager of GHCC. Linda has a community/management background and her knowledge and skills will be invaluable to the organisation and the community. Linda will commence duties on 6th January, 2014.



We would also like to thank the many business houses, community organizations, service providers and individuals who have supported us throughout 2013. We look forward to working together again in the year ahead.

Congratulations to Maree Anderson from our Community Transport Service who was successful in her application to the Transport Coordinator position within the organisation. Maree and her staff aim to provide a quality service for transport disadvantaged clients and will be happy to talk to you about your transport concerns. Ph 4169 5940.

Volunteers

GH Community Transport Services have conducted a volunteer recruitment drive for drivers and social support workers for the Transport Service.

The response has been very gratifying with 19 new volunteers inducted. THANK YOU!

Office Opens: **Monday 6th January 2014**

Transport Resumes: **Wednesday 8th January 2014**



Santa arriving in style to the Hivesville Christmas Carniva

IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Friday	10	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Barambah Garden Club,
Saturday	11	Bowls, Golf, Anglican Mothers Union, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Catholic Mass, Shed Men & Ladies Night,
Sunday	12	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Murgon Markets,
Monday	13	Murgon Judo Club, SES, Parkinsons Support Group Meet,
Tuesday	14	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Lions, Murgon Show Society Meet,
Wednesday	15	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Steps,
Thursday	16	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, National Seniors, PCYC Meet, Spinners & Weavers,
Friday	17	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's,
Saturday	18	Bowls, Golf, Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum Meet, Ordination at Murgon Uniting Church,
Sunday	19	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Buffalo Lodge, Catholic Mass,
Monday	20	Murgon Judo Club, SES, Murgon Moments Deadline,
Tuesday	21	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Murgon Cattle Sale,
Wednesday	22	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's,
Thursday	23	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music,
Friday	24	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Goomeri & District Garden Club,
Saturday	25	Bowls, Golf, South Burnett Regional Council Australia Day Awards night – Wondai. Catholic Mass,
Sunday	26	Australia Day, Church Services, Bowls, Golf, MBDA Australia Day Awards at Murgon Dairy & Heritage Museum.
Monday	27	Australia Day holiday,
Tuesday	28	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group,
Wednesday	29	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's,
Thursday	30	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music,
Friday	31	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's,
DATE CLAIMER FEBRUARY 2014		
Saturday	1	Bowls, Golf, Dance Lessons Tablelands,
Sunday	2	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass,
Monday	3	Murgon Judo Club, SES, Quota,
Tuesday	4	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Murgon Cattle Sale, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc,
Wednesday	5	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's,
Thursday	6	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, Spinners & Weavers,
Friday	7	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's,
Saturday	8	Boondooma Dam Fishing Comp, Burnett Flyers Fly In, Catholic Mass,
Sunday	9	Boondooma Dam Fishing Comp, Murgon Markets,

CANNON BALLS!!! DID YOU KNOW THIS?

It was necessary to keep a good supply of cannon balls near the cannon on old war ships.

But how to prevent them from rolling about the deck was the problem.

The storage method devised was to stack them as a square based pyramid, with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which then rested on sixteen.

Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem -- how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding/rolling from under the others.

The solution was a metal plate with 16 round indentations, called, for reasons unknown, a Monkey.

But if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it..

The solution to the rusting problem was to make them of brass - hence, Brass Monkeys

Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled.

Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannon balls would come right off the monkey.

Thus, it was quite literally, cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.

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And yes, the lady in pink did have a special wish,
Have a Safe and Prosperous 2014 and thank you to everyone
for the support you have given me in my role as a Councillor and I
look forward to working with you all again during 2014.



At the Rotary Music Muster Lainie Mcinerney with Kathy Duff, Jim Madderson Resident, President of Rotary Glen Kapernick,



The release of the Legs Calendah with proceeds going to the Shona Muckert Walk Again Campaign proved a great success for organizers Raelene Dennis and Rosemary Braithwaite. 12 different Photo's of legs of local volunteers adorn each month of the 2014 calendah.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN MURGON



The official opening of the SB PCYC squash court major renovations



Photo L-R; Sgt Lauri Macri, Sgt Michael Eadie, Councillor Barry Green, Councillor Kathy Duff, Mayor Wayne Kratzmann, SB PCYC Chairperson Leo Geraghty, Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney, Shona Muckert daughter of life member Perry, Sgt Rob Fiedler, Squash Club Life Member Chris Mcinerney, Sgt Jason Hopgood

TEMPERATURE NOT THE ONLY THING HOT THIS XMAS HOLIDAYS

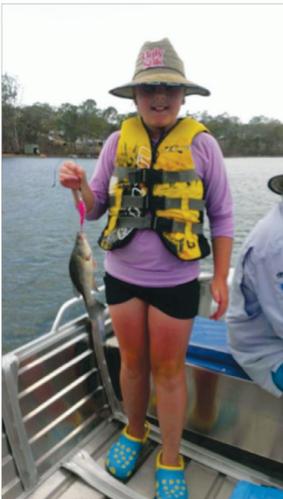
The Christmas / New Year period at Bjelke-Petersen Dam saw temperatures rise to record highs well above 40 degrees. The hot weather saw countless number of people coming out to use the dam to try to escape the heat – both waterskiers and fishermen alike. But the temperature was not the only thing hot over this holiday period - Fishing has also been very hot. There have been some great fish being caught with the preferred method being trolling of the odd lure here and there. Trolling is producing some great Bass and Yellowbelly like this 50cm Yellowbelly caught by Jake Davies on an Austackle Boomer he came and bought from the kiosk. This lure replaced the first one he bought from the kiosk also. Jake has been trolling lures behind his kayak and was over the moon with this catch.



The Goodall family from Pittsworth come and visit Yallakool every Christmas and Easter and really enjoyed their fishing this trip with some tips they got from Peter at the kiosk. One of these was Ned's first ever Bass. As you will see from the photos they did not have to travel far with the caravan park showing in the photos behind them.



Dad, Scott Goodall, started the ball rolling with this huge yellowbelly.



Hallie was not going to be left out of the picture with this nice little fish.



This is Ned's first ever Bass and he looks pretty happy about it too.



Another nice fish, this time a yellowbelly, caught by Ned.

The fishing has been great this holidays and the kiosk at Yallakool has plenty of tackle, lures and bait. Ask Peter for advice while in the shop and he may even show you where all the hot spots are.



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Two cheques for over \$700.00 being the proceeds from the 2013 St Joseph's Melbourne Cup Sweep were evenly divided between The Crisis helicopter committee and Southern Cross Castra Auxiliary. Mrs Raelene Dennis And Mrs Shirley Hickey said they were very appreciative of the kind donation and thanked St Joseph's on behalf of their organizations.



Murgon Volunteers at the Christmas party hosted by the South Burnett Regional Council for the volunteers.

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