



# MURGON MOMENTS



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## HERITAGE TO SPONSOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE

South Burnett Businesses will be recognised for their achievements at the Heritage Building Society South Burnett Business Excellence Awards.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said, "The South Burnett Business Excellence Awards have been designed to recognise and celebrate the efforts and achievements of our diverse and dedicated business community and to acknowledge their contribution to the South Burnett."

"These awards are an opportunity for our business community to come together and celebrate their achievements. This year's event will be the first and we are looking at this becoming an annual event for the region," said Mayor Kratzmann.

A date claimer for Wednesday 15 October 2014 has been set with an awards presentation and gala dinner event. The awards are designed to -

- Raise service standards in the South Burnett
- Facilitate a continuous improvement business culture

- Identify business strengths and opportunities for improvement
- Encourage peak business performance
- Showcase South Burnett's business strengths

Mayor Kratzmann said, "The awards will be sponsored by Heritage Building Society and will have a special guest speaker."

The lead up to the gala dinner will involve an invitation extended to sponsors and nominees to attend boardroom mentoring and business workshops, the opportunity to receive a business health check and regional networking.

South Burnett Regional Council's Manager of Economic Development, Phil Harding said, "There are several levels of sponsorship and the chance to get involved in the premier South Burnett Business Excellence Awards at a ground level."

"There are openings for six (6) category sponsors at a sponsorship amount of \$1,500 with benefits including a table of 10 (\$700 value) to the gala dinner event and pre event and post event marketing. Another general sponsorship level is available at an amount of \$500 with sponsors receiving two (2) free tickets to the awards dinner and publicity," he said.

If you are interested in assisting South Burnett Directions support the local economy contact Council for further information on 4189 9170 or email [pharding@southburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:pharding@southburnett.qld.gov.au).

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## COUNCIL SUPPORTS CANCER RELAY

South Burnett Regional Council will again enter a team in this year's Relay for Life Cancer fundraiser.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said, "The South Burnett has a history as a strong fundraising community when it comes to the Relay for Life. The South Burnett Relay Organising Committee do an amazing job at bringing this event together.

"It is hard to find a person in the region who hasn't been touched by Cancer. The Council team is an awesome group of committed individuals who really get behind this event," said Mayor Kratzmann.

"The Council corridors will be a hive of fundraising activities for the next 5 months. We are kicking it off with all proceeds from last month's Mayor's Community Charity Breakfast going towards the South Burnett Relay for Life. We raised over \$1000 on the day with raffles and door proceeds," he said.

The Relay for Life initiative is an opportunity to get together with the community to celebrate advances made to date, remember and fight back against cancer.

**The South Burnett Relay for Life will be held at the Kingaroy Showgrounds on the 11 and 12 October 2014. Are you getting your teams together???**



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## RADF FUNDING ROUND 1 FOR 2014/2015

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF), in partnership with South Burnett Regional Council and Arts Queensland provides funds to support professional artists, emerging artists and arts practitioners living in regional Queensland.

The South Burnett RADF Committee encourages applications for Round 1 of the 2014/2015 RADF Program. The current round of funding opens on 1 July and closes on 31 July 2014. The results of the applications will be announced on Friday 29 August 2014.

Application forms and information packs can be obtained from South Burnett Regional Council Art Galleries and Libraries or may be downloaded from Council's website at [www.southburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au).

For further information contact Council's RADF Liaison Officer Michael Hunter on (07) 4189 9146.

## COUNCIL RECEIVES AUSTRALASIAN AWARD

South Burnett Regional Council (SBRC) has received a Silver Award at the Australasian Reporting Awards Presentation held in Sydney last night. This is the first silver after previously five consecutive years receiving Bronze at these prestigious awards.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said "The 2012/13 Annual Report is an open and detailed account of Councils operations for the year. The award recognises Council's transparency and accountability in reporting back to our community on our operations, financial position and achievements for that year."

The Australasian Reporting Awards are regarded as the most prestigious reporting benchmark in Australia and New Zealand. The awards were introduced 63 years ago as a means of improving accountability for, and public communication about, the activities of public, government and not-for-profit organisations.

Ken McLoughlin, Council's CEO said that the work that goes into producing an Annual Report and then presenting it in a modern format is testimony to the commitment and talent of our Governance Team. He said, "Kerrie Le Du and Sharon Frank (former Governance Manager) deserve most of the praise for winning this award."

Mr McLoughlin said, "SBRC has been the recipient of several awards over the past 12 months." "It is hard for a regional Council to compete with the bigger Councils but SBRC has proven it can be done."

Copies of the award winning Annual Report for 2012/13 are available to read at Council libraries or can be accessed online at Council's website [www.southburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au).

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## Photography – Share Your Vision

*The Beauty of Black and White by Sherrienne Talon of Sherrienne Talon Photography and Digital Imaging*

Black and white photos can be stunning. They can also fall horribly flat. There are photos that suit a black and white treatment and ones that simply don't.

Portraits, when done well, lend themselves beautifully to black and white. Landscapes and flowers do as well as long as there are areas of contrast and they aren't too busy.

When changing photos to black and white, many people make the mistake of just desaturating the photo which just leaves a flat photo. Black and white needs to have a wide range of tones and shades to make it stand out. I don't recommend shooting in black and white but rather shooting in

RAW format and then processing it as a black and white using filters to add more contrast in the former colour areas. Another way of turning photos black and white if they are already in jpg form is to use actions in Photoshop and experiment until you get a look you love and one that suits the photo.

A couple of quick tips:-

1. With portraits, the important thing, as always, is the eyes. You want them to stand out so lightening the skin around them is vital. A red or orange filter will usually work perfectly to lighten the skin and remove any imperfections and this helps make the eyes stand out. Lighter colour eyes stand out more than dark browns.

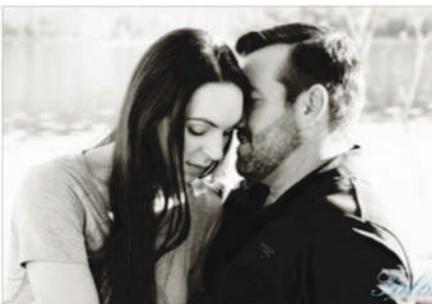
2. With landscapes and nature photos, you want a photo that has large areas of similar tone. A very busy photo in colour will not usually lend itself well to black and white and one without a lot of contrast will also look rather bland as a black and white.

3. Choose your photos carefully, some photos look beautiful in black and white, some just don't. If a photo doesn't look right, try adjusting levels or brightness and contrast. Sometimes all that is needed to make a black and white photo stand out is changing the lighting.

4. Don't forget about sepia. A sepia tone can make a black and white photo pop just a little more as long as it's done right. Too much yellow or too much orange and you've lost the effect.

My most important tip when working with black and white photos is to make sure a series matches. If you are doing a few family photos as a grouping in your home or in a photo book, make sure they all have the same tones. A slightly sepia effect beside a high contrast black and white will clash as will a rather dull black and white against one with more significant tones.

Black and white is a beautiful way to bring the viewers eye to the things that are important in a picture without using colour as a statement. It's knowing which photos will look good in black and white and which ones won't and concentrating on capturing as many tones as possible which create timeless photos.



*The one on one photography courses are very popular at the moment. Got a new camera and want to really learn how to use it? Spend a day learning to use it to it's full potential. Visit [www.talondigitalimaging.com](http://www.talondigitalimaging.com) and click on the workshops tab.*

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# BARAMBAH GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Barambah Garden Club held their meeting on Friday June 13, at the home of Ethne Kinsella. Unlike most meeting we did not have a speaker but discussed what we would like to make the club more enjoyable. We then tasted some pigeon peas. When they are green they as a lot like normal peas but when they are dry they can be used in soups like dry beans. I use them to feed the chooks. Making the pigeon pea a good forage tree for them

Last month we held the meeting at the home of Christine McAuliffe. Christine and her family have put a lot of work into this very new garden. We were met with a riot of colour from her roses and cosmos along with herbs and other plants she has growing.

Our guest speaker was Brian Jarvis from Growing in the Burnett. Brian very kindly filled in at short notice when the speaker who was to come was unable to do so. We found his information extremely interesting. As a speaker you always know when you are connecting with your audience by their interaction and involvement. After the meeting several of the members were discussing what we had learnt.

Growing the Burnett is at Memerambi if anyone wants to call in to buy farm fresh vegetables or have a chat with Brian. If you would like information about our next garden club meeting please phone 4168 6238



That's all our news.  
Until next time Happy Gardening

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## THE TARONG POWER STATIONS WILL TAKE ON APPRENTICES AGAIN NEXT YEAR



With preference given to South Burnett school leavers, after suspending its intake this year.

Site Manager Tarong Dennis Franklin said Tarong Power Stations, which is owned by Stanwell, would take on four new apprentices - two mechanical and two electrical apprentices.

Another four apprentices will be taken on at Stanwell Power Station, at Rockhampton, and an apprentice and a trainee will start at Kareeya Power Station, west of Tully, making a total of 10 new Stanwell apprentices and trainees.

“Stanwell suspended its 2014 apprenticeship intake due to difficult business conditions for power stations, however, we are pleased to restore these opportunities to some extent for 2015,” Dennis Franklin said.

“Preference will be given to candidates from the South Burnett who have recently graduated from high school,” he said. “Stanwell knows the South Burnett

community wants its young people to have access to local apprenticeships and traineeships. “We recognise that these opportunities are especially important for young people who want to stay living locally.”

The new Tarong apprenticeships will be advertised in August this year, to begin in January/February in 2015. The 10 new apprentices and trainees will join 33 existing apprentices and trainees at Stanwell power stations throughout Queensland. Tarong has Stanwell’s largest number of existing apprentices and trainees, at 18, and this will rise to 22 with the four new people.

Stanwell is able to take on the new apprentices due to cost savings throughout the business and slightly more favourable conditions in the power generation industry. However, Stanwell will continue to assess its workforce requirements on an annual basis and requirements for new apprentices and trainees will be a key part of that process.

“Stanwell apprentices get some of the best training in Queensland and Australia, including being trained to the highest safety standards,” Dennis Franklin said. “Stanwell training gives a great start a young person’s career,” he said.

Stanwell will announce in August how young people can apply for the apprenticeships and traineeships.

## Results of Southern Cross Castra Auxiliary Raffle

Proceeds to go towards the purchase of a new Bus for Castra Residents benefit..

- 1st Prize :- \$150.00 Grocery Voucher Janelle Kapernick Moffatdale
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## MURGON SHOW SOCIETY AGM

It is time again for holding our Annual General Meeting for the Murgon Show Society. This will be held on the 29th July 2014 at the Tablelands Hall with the usual pot luck dinner meaning each member to bring along a plate with food on it for a main meal and then a dessert. This will start at 6pm. Tea and coffee will be available.

After the meal, we will start the Annual General Meeting at approximately 7pm to 7.15pm. All executive will vacate their positions with elections for new executive members to be taken from the floor. If a member is not able to attend and would like to attend, please email or leave a message on the phone and a proxy vote can be sent. After the Annual Meeting, a General Meeting with the new committee will be held. This Annual General meeting is not only for members of the Show Society but also if residents have paid to become a member, they are also welcome to come and become part of a non-profit organisation which has been active since 1921 except for a couple of years when the second world war used the show grounds. Renewal of memberships were due on 30th June. A reminder will be in the mail to members.

Being part of the Murgon Show Society can be a very rewarding part of Murgon's history. Each year it is very challenging to find entertainment at a price that we feel is value for the money we pay and gives value to the patrons. It has been very pleasing in the past two shows to see the interest of Shannon Seng from Kingaroy and this year Col Duffy with South Burnett Motorcycles. Also a big thank you to the businesses who have supported us with either money or products to help us with prizes.

Again the Rodeo was a great success. Having a break at around 7pm so the younger patrons can see the colour of the fireworks has worked out very well as it means parents are able to go home at a time suitable to children's bedtimes.

On the weekend of 12th, 13th and 14th September the Murgon Art Festival will again be held in the pavilion of the South Burnett PCYC. The Friday night 12th, will be a presentation night for winners and their guests to come and receive their prize money. Exhibits must be left to be on display and for sale until Sunday afternoon or preferably Monday 15th until noon. If anyone has not received an application form yet, please email the office and it will be sent out. In 2013, it was our first so we would like to see bigger numbers this year. This area has some brilliant artists showing great talent. Why not try your hand at exhibiting in the local festival to get the feel of showing your work.

The Art Festival is an event held in conjunction with the South Burnett PCYC and Murgon Show Society. Both are fundraisers for the area and any money left after administration costs is put back into the building and/or show ground.

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“For many people in Wide Bay, the Government’s new MyTax program will reduce the preparation time for an income tax return, where people need only review or change prefilled information before lodging their return,” Mr Truss said.

“The ATO will use tax returns provided by organisations such as banks and employers to prefill some areas. The new service is also fully online, rather than requiring download and installation of software and is available on mobile devices.”

Taxpayers can use MyTax if:

- they were an Australian resident for the financial year;
- they have income only from salary, wages, allowances, bank interest, dividends and/or Australian government payments;

- their only deductions are for work-related expenses, expenses related to interest or dividend income, donations and/or the costs of managing their tax affairs; and

the only offsets they want to claim are the senior and pensioner tax offset and/or zone and overseas forces tax offset.

Taxpayers will receive an SMS or email from the ATO advising if MyTax may be right for them. For a full list of eligibility criteria go to [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au) or telephone the ATO on 13 28 61.

## I'M TIRED

**Yes, I'm tired.** For several years now I've been blaming it on middle age, droop, poor blood, lack of vitamins, air pollution, saccharin, obesity, dieting, under arm odour, yellow wax build up, and other maledies that make you wonder if life is really worth living.

**But** now I find out that I'm tired because I'm over worked. The population of this country is 17million, but 6 million are retired. That leaves 11million to do the work. Then there are 4 million at school, that leaves 7 million to do the work. Of this 1 million are unemployed, and 3 million are employed by the Government. That leaves 3million to do the work. Take from that total the 2million employed by Councils and local Authorities and that leaves 1million to do the work.

**Now** there are 620,000 in hospitals and 379,998 in prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work.

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**GRUNDY**, Ray, formerly of Proston

**Harm**, Allan Alfred, Formerly of Cloyna

**Farrow**, Kenneth William (Ken) Late of Kilkivan

**Holley**, Jean, Formerly of Boondooma



The ANZAC weekend at Lake Barambah (Bjelke Petersen Dam), splashing with several amphibious aircraft as well as dozens of land planes attend the Burnett Flyers first annual weekend fly in. Aircraft from all over SE Queensland and Northern NSW flew in with perfect weather to enjoy the clubs famous country cooking. A fabulous camp oven meal on Saturday night and live entertainment from Karen Thomsen of Gympie kept every flying enthusiast happy. Even Club President Ralph Percy accompanied Karen on a few songs with his musical saw.

The event was held on a private airfield on the edge of Lake Barambah, and the highlight at the event was a Grumman Mallard Amphibian boasting two 600 HP radial engines. The aircraft presented a beautiful sight as it lay at anchor for the weekend. This is the only Mallard in Australia in its original form and was built in 1948. Many smaller Recreational as well as General Aviation aircraft came to the event including a single seat Thruster piloted by club member and ex Royal Flying Doctor pilot Glen Nobel who is 89 years young. Glen is awaiting the arrival

of his second aircraft, a Flying Flea from France which has fold up wings for easy storage. The Flying Fleas are based in Gympie and are members of the Burnett Flyers club.

The event was also attended by Tony King in his Fisher Koala ultra light. Tony is on the RAA National Board of



Directors. RAA Licenses Aircraft,, Pilots and Flying schools for most aircraft under 600KG and have 14,000 members nationally.

Funds raised by the Burnett Flyers who hosted the event go into up keeping and maintaining the community airfield (Angelfield) at Murgon for flyers and emergency use for Murgon and Goomeri. The club also holds fly in breakfasts once a month on the second Saturday at Angelfield in Murgon. The Recreational Aviation Australia Affiliated Burnett Flyers are a not for profit Community group promoting aviation in the Burnett.

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At the 2014 Mayoral Charity Gala Ball, I was proud to announce a \$15,000 grant would be allocated annually to one (1) organisation with a focus on projects that deliver a meaningful outcome to the wider community of the South Burnett.

For more details visit Council's website.

Round two (2) awarded over \$10,000 to mental health focused projects across the region.

Successful applicants were:-

- Kingaroy State High School
- Boots 'n Bulldust
- Murgon's Men Shed
- Graham House

## Council Retains Bus Service

Six (6) months of consultation has paid dividends with the announcement of the new bus service from Murgon to the transit centre at the Caboolture Rail Station.

From August: Brisbane Bus Lines will be running a daily service leaving Murgon around 7:00am to and from the Caboolture Train Station daily.

Initially passengers will be assisted at the Caboolture Transit Centre by Translink Staff to take a connector train to their final destination i.e. hospital, airport, shopping centre, university etc.

At key destinations there will be an identifiable Translink staff member to greet the passengers at the terminal. These Translink staff have been specifically allocated to

support Brisbane Bus Line patrons.

The fee for the bus ticket on Brisbane Bus Lines will reduce from \$56 to \$50.

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Brisbane Bus Lines will no longer be subsidised by Council, as this service will now proceed as its own business model.

I would like to personally thank the local community for your support in securing this vital service for our region.

Until next time,  
**Wayne**

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## OUR FIRST BOSS (a real gentleman)

Keith Goodchild formerly of Murgon passed away on the 28th April 2014 in Canberra where he resided with wife Cleo for the last 15 years. Keith was a former president of both Murgon Apex and Murgon Rotary and was a dedicated member of the Murgon Rifle Club. Keith served in the AIF in the New Guinea region during World War Two. In business Keith made his mark in the Grocery business (Angels 4 Square), he was also the mentor and first boss of two of the former staff of Clifton Motors, Lesley Dennien and Wayne Weier and also of the present owner Leo Geraghty. We all used to recall how we rebagged the sugar or the dried fruits etc and could still walk into the store many years later and find the soap or the breakfast cereals section still mounted in the same place in the store. A fitting remembrance to Keith Goodchild is the park entering Murgon from Goomeri known as the Keith Goodchild Rotary Park, Keith is survived by wife Cleo and daughter Angela.

## MARKETS TABLELAND HALL

On August 31st commencing at 6.30am till 2pm, there will be Markets held at the Tableland Hall.

There will be cooking competition for children and adults – cook your favourite cakes and biscuits. Entries will be auctioned after the judging if you don't want them back. There will be food available for sale.

To book a Stall or for more information call Joan on 41 681 710.

# THE MAYORS RED EARTH FLOOD APPEAL

The Mayors Red Earth Flood Appeal has given funding to the Tableland Hall to provide the local farmers with a “give and enjoy” dinner. The dinner was held on 24th May where farmers and their families were given a well earned rest as they enjoyed a very nice meal which was provided by the members of the Tableland Hall.

Councillor Kathy Duff welcomed everyone to the dinner and the evening was topped off by a multi draw of prizes which were donated by Mobbs Mitre 10, Maroske’s Tyre Service, Murgon Bakery, Murgon Fruit Mart, Top of the Town Butcher and Hall Members. The children also were given the opportunity to pick a gift from a large array of donated items and everyone on the night were given a backpack and scarf which were donated by Alan and Pat Eagleson.

## YOU ARE INVITED

There will be a Bar-B-Que to be held on 23rd August at 5.30pm at the Tableland Public Hall provided by the Mayors Flood Appeal. All farmers and their families who have been affected by the flood/drought are welcome to attend. “Give” yourself a well earned break and come along and “Enjoy” good food, good company and good fellowship with likeminded farmers and their families.

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R.S.V.P. 18th August to Joan on 41 681 710.

## MURGON & DISTRICT BRANCH – NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA



The next tour is on Thursday 17th July to Lake Somerset & Lake Wivenhoe. Cost is \$54 p/p leaving Murgon at 7.30am, Wondai 7.40am, Tingoorra 7.50am, Kingaroy 8am, Nanango 8.10am, Yarraman 8.25am.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 21st August at the Murgon Bowls Club at 10am after morning tea. Keith Haack, Zone Chairman, will be in attendance.

For further information and booking for the tour contact Paula on (07) 41683114 or 0438708885.

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## ANZAC DAY CENTENARY (planning for 2015)

Anzac Day, 25th April – the formal day of recognition for those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. Anzac Day of 2015 will be the centenary of the establishment of the Australian New Zealand Army Corp which came to being after these two countries fought side by side on foreign shores during world War 1. The term Anzac is a term used with pride by Australians and New Zealanders as a term of solidarity.

The Murgon Anzac Day Centenary committee has been formed to help commemorate next year's service in as a realistic fashion as possible to the original march. In attempting to do this successfully, we are calling on the Murgon community to help us in any way possible. Do you have photos of someone who served in WW1, or maybe memorabilia from their service overseas, are you a descendant of an ex-service person and would like to march on the day, do you sew and can put together a WW1 military uniform, Red Cross uniform or nurses uniform, better yet, do you maybe have an original hiding somewhere in the garage?

We will continue to update you on our progress towards making Anzac Day 2015 a day our fallen sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, fathers, uncles, aunts and cherished friends of all wars would be proud of.

If you can assist in any way, please contact our Media Liaison Officer on 0467 849 149.

### **South Burnett schools to commemorate Anzac Centenary through local grant**

Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss today announced \$4,982 has been made available to the South Burnett Council by the Coalition Government to support a local project commemorating the service and sacrifice of Australians during the First World War.

"This grant will give students from local schools the opportunity to engage in the commemoration of the First World War, with the assistance of South Burnett Regional Council and local RSL committees," Mr Truss said.

"The project involves local year 9 school students from the South Burnett region working with local ex-service groups to research biographies of local residents who served in the First World War.

"These biographies will then be compiled and published in a book entitled 'South Burnett's stories from World War 1 diggers', with copies of the final publication to be made available to schools, students and RSL sub-branches involved in the project," Mr Truss said

"The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program supports the Wide Bay region through funding for projects that preserve the stories of local servicemen and women for future Australians.

"A total of \$125,000 has been made available by the Federal Government for community and ex-service groups in Wide Bay to apply for and undertake commemorative programs under the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program.

"I would like to thank the members of the Electorate Committee who have assisted me in assessing projects to commemorate the Anzac Centenary in Wide Bay. Their hard work has made projects funded through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program a reality."

The Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program is a key element of the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary program, more information is available at [www.anzaccentenary.gov.au](http://www.anzaccentenary.gov.au).

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## PEANUT SILOS

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## GOOMERI LIONS



At the recent Changeover dinner held at Wimberley's Cafe, the Lions Club, President Bess Innes presented Shona Muckert with a cheque for \$5280. We as a club are extremely proud of our achievements throughout this past year. Our Chip Van has had several outings and will be used again when we serve lunch for "The Black Dog Ride around Australia" riders, who raise awareness of Depression and Suicide Prevention. These riders will be coming through Goomeri on Sunday 27th July. We would like to see everyone in the district come along to make them welcome.

The Starlight Children's Foundation" event known as "Lions Trek 4 Kidz", is a car rally that is coming through Goomeri on Tuesday 26th August. We will be supplying lunch for these drivers in the Lions Park and we welcome your support.

We are an active group of people who work hard for Lions, whilst enjoying a very varied social life. We meet once a month for a social evening which could be a Bar B Q at a private home or sometimes in the Lions Park or maybe a Pizza night, or a visit to local Winery, or restaurant in a neighbouring town. The Goomeri Lions make our monthly dinners, enjoyable, inexpensive and welcoming to visitors. If you feel you would like to be a member of our Lions Club please make contact with any one of our members.

The Goomeri Lions Club is very pleased to publicise that a total of \$17, 485.00 has been donated to many local organisations and charities over the past 12 months, a wonderful contribution by a small band of willing volunteers.

### **Donations for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year**

Shona Muckert Appeal \$5280.00, Blue Care Car \$2000.00, A.G.L. Helicopter \$3000.00, Rotary Castra Bus Appeal \$3000.00, Lions Prostate Cancer Research \$650.00, Hear and Say \$500.00, Goomeri School Awards night \$200.00, Goomeri School Naplan breakfast \$200.00, Goomeri & District Show Society \$650.00, Lions Medical Research \$500.00, Supporting Chemotherapy in Coolooloa \$200.00, Meals on Wheels \$500.00, Boondooma Dam \$280.00, Bjelke Petersen Dam Fish restocking \$75.00, Wheatland School Centenary \$200.00, Childhood cancer \$250.00, Total \$17,485.00

## ABBNEYWOOD SCHOOL CENTENARY

On the 13th September 2014, the past students and teachers of the Abbeywood State School will be celebrating one hundred years since the school was built in 1914. Some of the district's original pioneers selected the site and had the school built where it still stands today.

The school's Golden Jubilee was celebrated in 1964 and it officially closed on the 24th of April 1972. Since then it has been a private residence.

The centenary celebrations will be held at the Proston Community Hall with bus trips out to the school. Visitors are welcome for morning and afternoon tea and a barbecue lunch, but for catering purposes please contact one of the numbers below if you are coming. There will also be an evening meal by invitation only for past students and teachers.

Although we have endeavored to contact as many past students and teachers as we could find, we will have missed some. So, if you have attended the school and have not received an invitation but would like one, please contact Albert Jones on 4217 7250, or Gloria Smith on 4168 9157.

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## MEN HONOURED WITH PARENT ROOM DEDICATION

Parent yarns have brought action to improve Murgon State School education. Parent Liaison Officer Vera Sullivan said the school had parent gatherings on the second Tuesday of every month.

Discussions are held with staff and principal, Pamela O'Loughlin, over a cup of tea and tucker and allow parents to contribute their ideas. Relationships have been formed and suggested actions, including the buying of a bus to collect children, have been acted upon.

Now Vera's father Joe Button and his great mate Bill Roberts have been honoured by having the school's parent group building named in their honour on the last day of Term 2 (June 27).

Joe and Bill, 89, worked together and would visit each others' homes for tea and a chat.

Bill became mayor of Murgon for 30 years, writes Australia's longest running weekly newspaper column Hub Rattles for the South Burnett Times, is a founding board member for just about every Murgon group running, had a bridge named in his honour and is a Life Member of Rotary.

Vera said her father would have been proud and honoured to have his name beside Bill's on a plaque that was dedicated to the parents' meeting room. "He'd love this because Bill was a great friend," Vera said.

"They were like brothers and dad got on really well with our principal Pam and the teachers," she said.

"He'd come and tell the children stories." Joe wasn't able to have much schooling of his own because he was sent to work as a boy on nearby stations and the railway. But he made sure every one of his 13 children went to school. "He'd tell all the parents today that they should send their children every day to school; it's a must," Vera said. "He believed the only way to defeat racism and prejudice was to become educated."

Principal Pamela O'Loughlin said the school decided to dedicate the parents meeting room to a non-Aboriginal and Aboriginal person because "that's who we are. "We work together and we get on together," she said.

**Photo:** Murgon State School's much loved parent liaison officer, nan Vera Sullivan, was honoured to represent her father Joe Button at the unveiling of parents building dedicated to him and his pictured great mate, Bill Roberts. Sitting beside Bill is his wife Mary.

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## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

I am currently providing oral health services to the children in Cherbourg and have been approached by a community member whom is collecting unwanted bras for a Breast Cancer Awareness. The goal is to connect the bras together and hopefully create a chain from Cherbourg to Wondai. This will take place in October 2014.

I have offered to assist with the collection of the bras and would like to promote this to as many networks as possible. Could this possibly be circulated to all email distribution lists ? All bras can be sent to the address below with attention to me.

I appreciate any assistance provided and thank all in advance to enable the community members of Cherbourg to reach their goal.

Kind Regards, Taygan McDowell, Senior Dental Therapist, South Burnett and Western Downs.

Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service.

## CARNARVON –START OF CORAL COAST

The city of Carnarvon is located some 900km north of Perth and is positioned right on the edge of Western Australia's Coral Coast. It is the only town in Australia where the central desert reaches out to the sea.

It has an extra ordinary weather pattern of around 26 degrees being 10 degrees cooler than Exmouth in summer months and 10 degrees warmer than Perth in winter months.

Carnarvon was first settled in 1876 with the town being named after the British Secretary of State.

The town's waterfront is known as the Facine being home to a variety of boats while the lifeblood is its fertile river delta on the Gacoyne river where plantations of fruit and vegetables run along the north and south river roads. Carnarvon produces over 30,000 tonnes of fruit and vegetables every year supplying 70 per cent of Western Australia's winter vegetable requirements.

In November, a two day 300km race is held along outback station tracks and then down the Gascoyne River beds. The Gascoyne Dash draws competitors from around the nation with a maze of vehicles including motor bikes, quad bikes, buggies and custom built 4WD's.

Fishing in Carnarvon has great spots along the various beaches while the One Mile jetty includes common catches of mulloway, tailor, snapper, bream, mackerel ,tuna and shark plus blue manna crabs from May to August. Much of the State's seafood comes from the waters off Carnarvon particularly with a thriving prawn, scallop, crab and various fisheries.

Apart from leaving this magic coastline is the northern drive to the blowholes which sees seawater soaring over 20 metres into the air while the Quobba coastline is quite spectacular with its cliffs, white beaches, reefs and power Indian Ocean swells.

If time is on your side, a journey inland to the 75km Kennedy ranges produces spectacular cliff faces where fossils can be found including opalite, mookarite and chalcedony.

The irony of World War II is seen in the Heritage Precint. The story is outlined with the famous battle in 1941 between HMAS Sydney II and the Japanese HSK Komoran off the Gascoyne Coast. This is a memorial of the greatest single Australian maritime loss of lives during the Second World War.

A special memorial drive in Carnarvon identifies the loss of Australian seamen where 645 plaques are displayed.



**Photo L-R:** The magic coastline at Carnarvon which sees the beauty of the coral reef as the Indian Ocean proceeds southward to Fremantle.

(2)) One of the State's biggest agricultural crop is canola which originated from Canada. From Geraldton south to Albany, the bright yellow in the paddocks creates a beauty contrast to the neighbouring hills.

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One of the most enjoyable tasks Sergeant Michael Eadie, Manager of the SB PCYC had to perform before leaving Murgon was to bestow on volunteer Alan Foster "Life Time Membership of the Gymnasium. Alan has been a tower of strength with the PCYC doing many of the chores and volunteering work. Alan has such a pleasant nature and was a real gem to work with Michael said. I would love to take him to Brisbane Suncorp stadium PCYC (Lang Park) with me. Alan is also a great fan of the Saint George NRL Club. Alan was given his own copy of the plaque that is now mounted on the wall of the gymnasium.

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Photo L-R: Murgon Rotary exchange student Kashaunica Stanley and Lisa Blume our Exchange Student from Germany who has now returned home attended the Murgon Rotary changeover dinner.



The year five students at St Joseph's School have been challenging the residents at Castra at lawn bowls.

The students soon discovered that this was no easy feat so they decided to practice during their lunch hour before returning the challenge.

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## **BURNETT BIRD KEEPERS ASSOCIATION INC.**

This is a relatively new club in the South Burnett Area. However we have been very busy since formation. We have had displays at Nanango and Blackbutt Shows also we had over 100 birds to be judged at Nanango Shows. We are hoping to continue with a high profile.

Our meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Les Fogg Pavilion at the Nanango Show Grounds. We have guest speakers for most meeting if possible. So we can all learn something. Anyone interested in Joining our club and would like to find out more about us please phone 41631668.

## PICK 'N' MIX RABBIT CONTROL

A recently released report details the benefits of existing biological control of rabbits and some of the research that is underway to further improve their effectiveness.

The Invasive Animals Cooperative Research Centre (IACRC) report outlines the potential benefits of new investment in rabbit biological controls and identifies the economic benefits to agriculture from myxomatosis (myxo) and Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease (RHDV) over the past 60 years at \$70 billion.

With support from MLA, the IACRC is working on strategic rabbit biocontrol research to including into new RHDV strains and identifying other new biocontrol agents, aiming to keep rabbit abundance below or near the rabbit impact threshold.

MLA Environmental and Natural Resource Management Project Manager Cameron Allan said developing new biocontrol tools is a critical element of the IACRC research.

"Without effective biocontrol agents, the impacts of rabbits would be much worse," he said.

"The combination of MV and RHDV still limits rabbit numbers to about 15% of their potential numbers and without them the cost for agriculture alone would be in excess of \$2 billion a year."

"The imperative for further strategic research is based on three facts: rabbits are becoming increasingly resistant to existing rabbit biocontrol agents, in good seasons rabbit populations can increase by a factor of between seven to 10, and that the costs of labour in rural areas continues to increase."

The three key initiatives of the IACRC rabbit research program are:

- \*The selection and evaluation of naturally occurring overseas RHDV strains shown to have improved effectiveness over the one endemic RHDV strain introduced in 1995

- \*Proof of concept for a platform technology to continuously develop new RHDV strains through accelerated natural selection

- \*Identification and assessment of the feasibility of new potential biocontrol agents

Cameron Allan said biocontrol of rabbits by RHD or myxo, will always be an adjunct to, and not replace traditional rabbit control approaches.

"The viruses will be working in the background and assist practices such as ripping warrens, baiting or fumigation," he said.

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When a man attempted to siphon gasoline from a motor home parked on a Seattle street by sucking on a hose, he got much more than he bargained for... Police arrived at the scene to find a very sick man curled up next to a motor home near spilled sewage. A police spokesman said that the man admitted to trying to steal gasoline, but he plugged his siphon hose into the motor home's sewage tank by mistake. The owner of the vehicle declined to press charges saying that it was the best laugh he'd ever had.

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## COMMUNITY HONOURS ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S BEST



Photo 1 : Frank 'Big Shot' Fisher's family line was represented by front, daughter Lillian Gray and Adelia Brooker, Elizabeth Kennell and Grandson Farin Gray and back, Arnold Murray, Avril Carlo, Kayla Carlo, Avril Gray, Davina Carlo, Tanya Gray, Gary Fisher and Allan Fisher

One of the nation's "great heroes of his time" was honoured by his family, town of Cherbourg and the wider community at the start of NAIDOC Week.

A tombstone to Frank "Big Shot" Fisher was unveiled at Cherbourg's cemetery on July 7.

Everybody who witnessed the rugby league five-eighth play believes him to be one of Australia's greatest, if not the greatest, player it's ever had.

He represented Wide Bay when it played against the touring English teams in 1932 and 1936.

The poms had never seen such a talented player.

Its captain (Jim Brough) wanted him to play for his team in England," grandson Gary Fisher said.

But Frank wasn't given permission by the government to travel there. Frank Fisher continued to play rugby league into his 50s. and his sons did the same as did grandson Gary who was 53 years old when he played his last game for the Inala Masters.

South Burnett rugby league identity Skippy Exelby said the unveiling of the tombstone was one of the greatest events he'd been invited to because "such a great man was honoured."

Not only was Frank was one of Australia's greatest rugby league players but also handy with a bat and ball. He once hit 105 runs in 32 minutes while playing cricket for Cherbourg against Goomeri. He was not out and hit 11 sixes and five fours to lead his side to a win by 294 runs. The feat was reported in the national media and Cherbourg's victory came without its usual leading bowler Eddie Gilbert. Eddie is noted for bowling Sir Donald Bradman out for a duck.

But his family, consisting of nine brothers and six sisters and their continuing lines of children remember him most as a good man. Frank worked in the nearby Wondai Forestry and rode his bike to work every day and would lead gangs of men. His daughter Lillian Gray said despite the limitations put on his freedom Frank still lived a good, law abiding life, he was a good man who worked very hard and young people here today should take note of the older people who have achieved a lot."

It was Gary who led the way for the memorial tombstone to be built in Frank's honour along with Lillian and her sister Adelia. "I wanted to show his children and grandchildren what his achievements were and how great a man he was on and off the field," Gary said. So when Lillian and Adelia said it was a great idea, Gary rang all over the place to find somebody who could build the memorial in time for NAIDOC Week. He finally struck one in Alpha 1 Memorials at Loganholme. "It took a lot of work but this has all paid off with what we have today," Gary said. "To make it all happen for the next generation and to have something for my grandfather."



Photo 2 : Family were happy to see Frank 'Big Shot' Fisher given a fitting tribute with a memorial headstone. They include left to right: Gary Fisher, Tanya Gray, Elizabeth Kennell, Avril Gray, Troy Dunstan, Allan Fisher, Arnold Murray, Davina Carlo and Niquesha Gibson.

## GOVERNMENT MAKES ACCESS TO HEARING SERVICES FASTER FOR AUSTRALIANS WITH HEARING LOSS

Federal Member for Wide Bay Warren Truss says a new Government website will help those with hearing loss access support, by making it easier to find information and apply for services.

"One in six Australians experience hearing loss and this website will give those who are eligible, better access to available services through the Australian Government Hearing Services Program," Mr Truss said.

"Those with hearing difficulties can now check their eligibility and apply for services online. There will be better access to current information about what hearing services are available and who provides them.

"Using an electronic service to manage this information is eliminating paper forms and red tape while reducing the wait time between applying for hearing services and receiving them," Mr Truss said.

The Department of Health's new hearing services website is available at [www.hearingservices.gov.au](http://www.hearingservices.gov.au)



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# THE HISTORY OF MURGON FURNITURE DISCOUNTS

told by Barbara, commencing nearly thirty- long years ago.

Murgon 1985. A new start at Redgate on 300 acres (121 hectares) near Murgon meant a brand new lifestyle for Rob and Barbara King. The fabulous bitumen road went right to the grid. How wonderful was that after twenty-five years on cattle and grain properties, travelling long distances on one-lane bumpy, corrugated gravel roads with the incessant dust perpetually in one's wake.

I thought a family business might be the way to go where both of us could be fully employed. I had been brought-up in a small town business. My parents had been diligent and inspired. I knew how it worked. Breeding cattle was common sense to Rob and he had his small herd of pure bred Santa Gertrudis; and running a small business was common sense to me. We would make a good team.

I kept the family business idea in mind and began scouring the real estate advertisements.

In August of that year we made the leap and purchased a furniture business, not the one in the main street with the stylish catalogues and plate glass windows with works of art decorating the walls. It was a discount furniture store that sold new and old, a shop that specialized in factory seconds and the odd antique hidden under several coats of peeling paint. Everything connected to the business had seen better days, including the six tonne furniture van. The building and stock was shamefully neglected and had never seen a woman's touch.

The lovely new Westpac Bank had us tied-up very securely at a huge 15.5% . We were risking all – the farm, our home, the business, the huge shed-like building that was the furniture shop and the truck – in a nutshell, everything! We embraced it, took the challenge, jumped the hurdles and kept going.

The clean-up was ruthless. After the truck went to the tip a couple of times we were astonished at the amount of available space. I divided the show rooms like a house. There was the kitchen area, the lounge area, the bedroom furniture and so on. The singer sewing machine took pride of place. I re-covered old lounge suites; Rob stripped and painted kitchen cupboards, tables, bookcases and garden furniture. We spent our entire working capital, visited factories and auctions and filled the huge old building to bursting point. I embellished the beds with elegant quilts and scatter cushions. The bedside tables held decorative lamps, which usually sold with the bed being purchased.



I advertised in the South Burnett Times with little advertisements in the personal sections that people really read; for example: 'Ten lounge suites at unbelievable prices at Murgon Furniture Discount Store.' The feedback from the small cheap adverts was always very rewarding.

The furniture truck never stopped with deliveries and weekly trips to Brisbane factories. Our customers appreciated the good prices and free cartage. I kept the store immaculate and it was noticed. In the first couple of years, I lost count of the numbers that entered our premises, and immediately or soon after declared: 'Oh, this used to be a secondhand shop. We are looking for something cheap.' I usually found something for those people if they did not disappear too quickly thinking I wanted to sell them an expensive piece of furniture. It could have been a lounge suite with re-covered cushions, or a re-varnished dining room table with matching chairs, or one of our budget-line beds straight from the factory with a minimum mark-up.

The Cherbourg residents loved our store. This was the late 1980s. The government was spending millions

constructing new housing and renovating many of the old homes at the Aboriginal community, and they needed furniture. The women and girls would come in and I would help them with their budget and set-up a payment plan; as so many were on welfare. I was careful to explain that they could take as long as they pleased to accomplish their lay-by. I never let anyone lose their money. If they could not finish their chosen plan, they could take dooners, pillows, blankets, whatever they wanted for the money already paid. There was always something they needed. There was never any pressure.

Life was going around in circles. I'd been born to business people in a country town and had reared my boys on properties in the South Burnett. Circumstances had switched things around and I now faced the challenging task of becoming one of those business people myself.

It was 1995. The Furniture Business had skyrocketed into a success story and we decided it was time to renovate the building. We went for the heritage style with a bullnose awning for vintage appeal and created a covered walkway in the process. Rob got busy with the paint brush and we kept with the theme and chose classic cream, trimmed in heritage green and burgundy. We hung shingles with quaint calligraphy at various points from the outside edge of the awning, advertising our wares. It was something different for the town. The word spread and people came from other small towns to have a look. We had started a trend. The new heritage look was very well accepted.

And now a slightly amusing story connected to the newly renovated furniture shop:

### **“WHO STOLE THE ROSES”**

We employed a local to plant a garden running parallel to the footpath with beautiful chameleon mini roses. It is the perfect little rose that changes colour with each flower transforming from yellow through to red, pink and white. They are favourites with most flower lovers and I was certain they would look fabulous. The gardener we employed did a good job. I looked forward to the pleasure they would bring us and the passing public; but alas, three days later they had disappeared without a single grain of soil displaced. The cowardly thief had used the night lights from our store, probably in the early hours of the morning with a deserted street, to dig them up whole. He/she obviously came prepared with shovels and containers, leaving neat holes. I was so incensed I called the police. They of course could do nothing. The thief left no clues. There was only one thing I could do. I settled most contentious issues (there had been a few) by writing letters, which worked for me, sometimes in extraordinary ways. I sat down and wrote to the Editor of the South Burnett Times. This is the letter:

#### **Thorny Business**

*“We work hard, long hours at our furniture shop in Gore Street, Murgon; and we have tried to make our shop a pleasant place for customers with our many renovations. Only last week we added the finishing touch – a rose garden – not just ordinary roses, but the beautiful chameleon rose with its ever-changing colours.*

*The local council has them featured in many of their gardens around the town. We admired them immensely; and we chose them particularly for the old world charm they would bring to our building with its bullnose awning and heritage colouring.*

*We had our beautiful roses for exactly three days before some night-prowling, greedy lowlife (no other words would suffice) unscrupulously plucked them from their loving environment where they had already been much admired by the passing public.*

*Perhaps they were spirited away for personal gain or even personal admiration. Whoever did the ghastly deed, you are a cowardly, devious thief.*

*Barbara King*

*Murgon Furniture Discounts”*

The letter was written and posted in haste. The paper had no email connection back then and I posted it before I had time to change my mind. The letter was published days later and to my astonishment, people travelled from other towns in the South Burnett to talk with the lady who wrote that letter and of course they were curious about the store. My impassioned words had struck a chord. I was hopping-mad and wished to vent my disgust and was surprised by the interest it brought.

That was the beginning of better things to come. The opposition in the main street asked us to buy them out and we did. The bank manager said ‘no worries’ and we plunged in once more but there was a good feeling about it. We had no highbrow aspirations and would remain a family business with our feet firmly on the ground. Our youngest son was happy to be a part of our expanding business and soon became indispensable. He reminded me of my dad with his easy friendliness when dealing with customers. I hardly knew how I had previously managed without our young man.

However, maintaining and managing two premises, one in Lamb Street, the other in Gore Street was extremely inconvenient. We needed to be one shop, under one roof to operate successfully. Murgon would lose

the moderately sized main-street furniture store with the plate glass windows to be replaced by the barn-like side-street heritage variety.

We were gaining new lines in the manchester area and we were happy to dispense with trade-ins. There was a nice gentleman who was selling second-hand in the old picture theatre and he was happy for the extra business. The budget-lines had to remain. We had many customers on pensions or welfare who needed special deals with beds and mattress' and chest of drawers. We catered for everyone. We rearranged the store to accommodate the top-brand linen and satin sheets – a little luxury was an admirable sideline for the wedding gift or birthday present. We also went in for Australian Art. We certainly had plenty of wall space in the heritage building and we made good use of it. We hung Australian colonial art depicting the early beginnings of our country – the pioneers, the shearing sheds and farms, and the heritage shops and houses in small towns. They were all well-known artists like Fred McCubbin, Gordon Hanley, Hugh Sawrey, Tom Roberts, and D'arcy Doyle to name some of them. Our spacious walls did country Australia proud and our customers did buy the prints with their wooden frames that matched beautifully with the solid timber furniture that had thankfully by-passed the laminated-veneer era of the 1960-70s.

Life was good but we did not plant more roses. I could not tolerate anymore thorny business. We just let the periwinkles grow wild and they didn't look too bad at all.

Unfortunately I had to sell the business in 2005 due to the decline in Rob's health and the business was given a new name and a new garden. Our journey in the South Burnett was changing once more; but that is what life is all about – turning the next corner, and a new challenge as the journey continues.

I'll leave you with a poem reflecting that very thought:

### Spirit Wings

Old age is nothing more than a reflection in a glass,  
Of a body no longer so nimble as years gone past.  
With hair turned grey and wrinkles more than a few,  
Some of the tell-tale signs of a life lived through.  
But deep inside we do not change, we are the same,  
Our spirit as ageless as the sun, the sky, the rain,  
We still need some of the things of younger years,  
And though mellowed and wiser with less to fear,  
Our companionship and sharing is forever strong,  
We still crave love, and the lasting need to belong.  
Our age-worn bodies are just an earthly encumbrance,  
That we endure in exchange for years of circumstance.  
Our ageing the legacy of gaining the knowledge  
We must attain, if an earthly life has any real logic.  
Old age is nothing once we know the way of things,  
We are forever young with our eternal spirit wings.

.....©Barbara Hartmann King

### AUSSIE WITH A TWIST CONCERT

The South Burnett Chorale are holding a Aussie with a Twist Concert at Tabinga Homestead, 7 Old Tabinga Road, Haly Creek, Kingaroy on Sunday 31st August from 2.30pm. Admission \$10.00 children 12 years and under free.

Further info from: Roz Fisher , Ph 0423 422 135 or visit their website at <http://sbchorale.weebly.com/>



### Creating Safer and Supportive Communities

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is both a philosophy and an approach to working together as a community to reduce crime and enhance community safety. NHW has been operating in Queensland since 1988.





Photo : Murgon Girl Guides with Naomi Sippel (far left) receiving her BP Award recently



The new Murgon Lions Board, 2014-15 under the leadership of Bill Kearney



## SHED MEN

All Men & young Blokes are invited to the 26th meeting of the **BARAMBAH SHED MEN**

At Murgon High School in Dutton Street. Turn at the Royal Hotel, then left at the Swimming Pool. High School is on your right. Entrance bottom end of Dutton St. Look for signs. Open at **5.30pm. BBQ, drinks, etc will be on at 6pm.**

1st Speaker: Greg Smith, Principal of Murgon High School. Greg will talk about his recent trip to Holland to visit the memorial site for a local airman Patrick Tiernan killed and buried there in WW2.

2nd Nat Spary. Nat was a street kid and experienced homelessness, drug addiction, family breakdown etc but now works with street kids. **Photo Nat & wife Tiff.**



**DATE: Saturday 19th July 2014.**

**COST:** \$10 includes Meal, Dessert, Soft Drinks, tea/coffee (under 15 free)

**RSVP: For attendance** Mon 14th July 2014.

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## ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER SUCCESS CELEBRATED DURING NAIDOC

NAIDOC was initially formed as a day of mourning to highlight and overcome injustices with protests and action, it's now a week to celebrate the people's vast array of achievements in the face of huge obstacles.

Hundreds showed for Cherbourg's main NAIDOC Week event at the Ration Shed Museum on July 8. They came from different cultures and from as far as Papua New Guinea and the Sunshine Coast.

After a minute's silence mayor Ken Bone thanked the forefathers for their fight to have Aboriginal people be allowed to say and do the things they weren't allowed to do before.

"A lot of our people suffered at the hands of the government set up to 'protect' us," he said.

"A lot of our people were persecuted."

Vietnam war veteran Eric Law said we had to learn from history.

He told a story of how he ran into friend Claude Malone during the war and as they sipped on catch-up beers during the Christmas of 1970 Claude said "I wonder what they're doing in Barambah Avenue tonight?"

"Even though we were far away, home was never far from our minds," Eric said.

Founding member of the Ration Shed Museum, Sandra Morgan, asked people to look at its exhibits to learn more about Cherbourg and its resident's history.

"Our work here sheds more light on the past and strengthens the ties that bind us together as a community and promotes reconciliation in the region," Sandra said.

"There are many people who have worked hard over the years to make this place a success.

"I want to thank the community for protecting and caring for this place and supporting us."

UsMob Radio trainees Mindy Fisher and Shane Dynevor spoke to the crowd about what NAIDOC meant to them. "Our cultures are the oldest living cultures in the world; going back more than 50,000 years," Shane said.

"Despite the hardship and adversity our people have overcome we're still here today.

"This is what makes us unique. "NAIDOC means celebrating the survival of our Indigenous people and carrying our culture, traditions, knowledge and wisdom with us.

"It means standing right here before you all today, embracing our Aboriginal heritage and being proud of who we are."



Community spirit: Police liaison officers Victor Alberts and Joe Sullivan caught up with James Saltner and children Jaichelle Bligh and Lornetta Simpson.



Sisters Martina and Sophie Jacobs were recognised for their great work in educating children at Cherbourg State School. They have provided almost 40 years work at the school between them.

## SPORTING EXHIBITION HONOURS SUCCESS

Cherbourg sporting history is littered with great individuals and moments.

Jerry Jerome was Australian Middleweight Champion in 1913.

Eddie Gilbert's bowling speed shattered cricket stumps and got Don Bradman out for a duck.

Frank 'Big Shot' Fisher, **the grandfather of Cathy Freeman**, was arguably the greatest rugby league player to have graced the field.

Jeffrey 'Mitta' Dynevor was the first Aborigine to win a gold medal at an Empire / Commonwealth Games with his victory at Perth in 1962.

Jimmy Edwards and Adrian Blair went to the Empire (Commonwealth) Games in Perth as Australian Champions.

Former Australian professional champion Arthur "Bullet" Bradley said Edwards was the best boxer to come out of the town. "He should've fought (world welterweight professional champion) Emile Griffith and was one of Australia's best ever fighters," Bullet said. To this day Bullet, who has seen thousands of fights, reckons the one of the best ever was between Jimmy Edwards and Adrian Blair. "It was at Cherbourg," he said. "The crowd just erupted. "It was awesome. "Jimmy was quicker and too good but it was mayhem; action packed. "You couldn't hear the bloke beside you talk." The late Jimmy Edwards in life after boxing became a noted artist.

In the same era the town had nine Australian boxing champions in four years.

James Stanley was noted for his blinding hand speed and terrific combinations that had him win three Australian boxing titles and represent his country overseas.

Members of the Cherbourg Rugby League Team of the Century included: fullback Jack O'Chin wings Johnson Mate Mate and Daryl Harrison, centres Jack Simpson and Eric Law, five-eighth Fank 'Big Shot' Fisher, halfback Jack 'Champ' Malone, props Bill Hegarty and Les Wragge snr, hooker Norman Bird, second row Darcy Burke and Duker Hart, lock Duncan Cobbo, reserves Charlie Hill, Jack Watson, Bevan Costello, Frank Malone and Arnold Murray.

Today it's the former hometown of rugby league players Willie Tonga and Chris Sandow.

