

And there's too many other great champions to mention in this story but they were honoured with a *Play the Ball* sporting exhibit at Cherbourg's Ration Shed Museum.

Its committee members stayed up throughout the night to ensure it was ready for public viewing at the start NAIDOC Week on July 7.

Ration Shed Museum founding member and chair of its board Sandra Morgan said the aim of the museum's work was to help people acknowledge and understand the past so they could move more easily into the future.

"It's not about placing guilt or blame but about learning and reconciliation," she said of the Ration Shed's national award winning exhibits that depict the former mission's history.

She then asked people to contribute any memorabilia of the town's sporting past. "I believe we've only got about half of what's out there," Sandra said.

Joan West travelled a short distance from her Goomeri town and was surprised to see a picture of herself as an 11-year-old girl with the town's nationally renowned Marching Girls. They came second in the Australian championships at Lang Park, Brisbane and Joan, 66, remembers the day well. The Cherbourg troupe usually travelled in trucks to perform at local shows but was thrilled to go to the city in a bus.

"It was just great; lovely, so much excitement," Joan said. They were the second last team to perform and were hampered when the sky started to "chuck it down" . "The feathers in our hats just went plonk," Joan said with a smile. But she remembers the girls practised hard for the competition and weren't upset when they finished narrowly behind the reigning national champs, The Wagtails from Newcastle.

"We practised night and day to keep in top form," Joan said. "We loved it. It was something to do."

And I'm sure many such memories were swapped and will continue to be by those who view the Play the Ball exhibit.



Fancy that: Joan West was surprised to see herself pictured third from the right with the Cherbourg Marching Girls that got second in the national titles. The team consisted of Iris Hegarty, Lexis Blair, Carmel Kina, Fay Chambers, Lillian Burke, Lynette Bird, Cassandra Duncan, Gloria Williams, Beryl Purcell, Joan West, Lesley Gyemore and Lois Williams.

REST IN PEACE BOBBY PRATT



Robert Donald Pratt 'RD' or 'Bob', was born at Goomeri on the 27th February 1939, the second child to Basil David 'Buck' Pratt and Desma Maud 'Bid' Pratt, brother to Earl, Kay (dec'd), Joy Fennell and Jan, Buck referred to the boys as his pre war children and the girls his post war children.

Bob from an early age had a lot of friends, this continued through his school days into his working life, he touched the lives of many people through his kindness and thoughtfulness to all people.

The Pratt Family shifted from Goomeri to Murgon in 1946.

Bob went through to secondary school at Murgon and as usual there was plenty of pranks played by Bob Pratt. Probably the best one was his last day of school. As there was 2 blackboards Bob draws an uncomplimentary picture of the teacher (Jack Rix) on the inside board then pulls the outside board down, the teacher comes into the room shifts the outside board down and then saw the drawing of himself, said (Pratt come out here), made him bend over and touch his toes then the teacher would recite (Von Nindo, famous golfer from that era) and use his cane as if he was playing golf.

Bob had a great love of music, playing drums in dance bands on and off for many years. He passed this talent onto his son Gary who plays and sings.

Bob first met the love of his life, Grace Pain, when Grace was on a date with another man, the attraction was instant as that very night they were holding hands under the table, and the romance blossomed from there. Bob married Grace Pain on 30th September 1961 at Jandowae. The marriage was blessed with three children, Basil, Sandra (dec'd) and Gary. Sandra passed away aged twenty on October 25th 1984.

Bob adored his grand children, they all knew him as Grandad. Kieran's fondest memory was pulling up at Jonesy's Cafe with Grandad and Moppa (Bob's ever faithful dog to the end) in the old blue Holden one tonner ute and having a sneaky sausage roll and milkshake.

Bob was a carpenter by trade. To demonstrate his feelings about his trade when a builder applied for a builder's position, Bob replied "we don't have builders only artisans work here.": He loved his trade and he has left a legacy of many buildings in Murgon and beyond.

Bob loved many outdoor activities and was very community minded.

Bob was heavily involved with Scouts, achieved the award of Queens Scout, which is the highest ward in the scout movement and Bob received this award at Government House in Brisbane.

Bob was also a Member of the Caloundra Lifesavers Club. Bob would travel from Murgon to Caloundra every weekend to take part in their activities.

Bob also loved his tennis, was President of the Murgon Tennis Association for a time and was disappointed when he couldn't play tennis due to his change in health.

Bob had a long association with the Murgon Show Society and was chief ring steward at the local show for many years, the weeks leading up to the Murgon Show was generally a hectic time for the employees at Highway Welding Works.

Army Reserves or CMF as it was known in those days, was another of Bob's great passions particularly the weekend bivouacs, Bob would work all week then pack up and head off to CMF camps on a weekend.

Bob also had a great love for drawing, he loved to draw pictures for his family and has passed this talent on to his son Gary.

Another hobby Bob had was repairing old vehicles (he has passed this onto his grandson Kieran), Bob repaired the old Toyota for the big trip to Cooktown to re-enact the Palmer River Goldfields days, as Bob loved the old prospectors' tales. Bob became a prospector himself getting enough gold to make a pendant for Grace which Grace wears proudly.

Bob's great dream was to build a heritage caravan park, he realized this dream after much hard work and the Holbrook Heritage Park opened in November 1987.

After the sale of the park in September 2002, Bob and Grace moved into their current residence in Murgon. Unfortunately due to Bob's decreasing function, Bob and Grace made the difficult decision in March 2010 to admit Bob into aged care residence.

No matter what Bob did, he loved to be centre of the activity, there was always jokes and fun when Bob was around. One particular memory when Buck was having a drink at the pub one of his mates came up and said, "Buck you've gotta do something with that boy of yours, Bobby is drunk again!" As usual Bob was just being Bob, Bob has never drank a drop of alcohol, Bob was just having fun in his larrikin way.

Bob was extremely proud of both his son's and their achievements.

One of Bob's best attributes that epitomized his personality was that Bob loved his family and friends, was an inspiration to many and above all he loved life.

Rest in Peace Bobby Pratt

FEDERAL FUNDING TO BOOST AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS

Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss has welcomed the Australian Government's investment of an extra \$2 million to give primary and secondary school students more opportunities to learn about Australia's agricultural industries.

"The Federal Government is investing money to ensure students develop a better understanding of primary industries, from early primary school into later schooling years, through new education tools such as online teacher support videos," Mr Truss said.

"There are surveys suggesting that many children never get the opportunity to visit a farm or talk to a farmer, which means that many primary school children are limited in their knowledge of our agricultural industries.

"Australian children need balanced information about farming so that they can understand the processes behind food production. These resources also afford them an opportunity to consider a career in agriculture," Mr Truss said.

"These educational resources will help us train today's school students into the highly-skilled workers of tomorrow, so that Australia can maintain its competitive edge in agricultural industries."

For further information, visit: www.studentsfirst.gov.au.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS TO PREPARE FOR LEAN YEARS

Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss says more Australian farmers will have access to the Farm Management Deposits Scheme to prepare for tough seasons, thanks to recent improvements made by the Federal Government.

"Farm Management Deposits (FMDs) allow farmers to set aside income during good years, to draw upon in years where farm income may drop. This can assist farmers in bringing their businesses back to profitability when conditions improve," Mr Truss said.

"As of July 1 2014, recent legislative amendments have increased from \$65,000 to \$100,000, the amount of 'off-farm' income that primary producers can earn, while still remaining eligible to make new Farm Management Deposits in the same year.

"Legislative changes also allow the consolidation of multiple Farm Management Deposit accounts that have been held for more than 12 months, without income tax consequences - reducing the administrative burdens on farmers.

"Government statistics on the FMD scheme shows fluctuations in the value of the scheme over time, indicating that farmers make good use of the scheme to cope with losses during bad years," Mr Truss said.

"These changes are part of the Federal Government's commitment to helping create a stronger and more resilient agricultural sector for the long term."

For more information visit www.daff.gov.au/fmds or contact an appropriately qualified financial or taxation advisor.

QUOTA RAISING DOLLARS FOR CASTRA BUS APPEAL



On Sunday 15th June the Murgon Quota ladies raised money for the Castra Bus Appeal by attending a luncheon, hosted by Gloria Berry at her home on Hetherington Road. With the chilly weather, the open fire made a cosy setting and the many tasty soup recipes were very popular. There was plenty of laughter and good conversation and a raffle was conducted to add extra dollars to the donation box.

A wonderful time was had by all.

Photo: Megan Kiely serving the soup with Cynthia Hatchett, Joyce Robinson and Bev Garrad.

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

PARENTS now have the option to have their children cared for in the comfort of a home environment, by approved and qualified educators.

Like Home Family Daycare owner Sarita Shaw has worked in child care for more than 20 years.

“Children are my passion. I wanted to give other parents the option to have their children cared for in an environment that is just like home.”

“As a mum I am passionate that every child gets the best care. If I knew about family day care when I had my first child I wouldn’t have had to give up my job,” Mrs Shaw said.

Like Home Family Daycare is a new local service and offers childcare in approved homes with qualified educators across South Burnett.

“Like Home Family Daycare is able to give parents the child care choice to tailor their child’s care needs,” Mrs Shaw said.

“(This) is the same as the child care centres. We come under the same regulations; it’s done in the comfort of the home environment which is what the children are familiar with.”

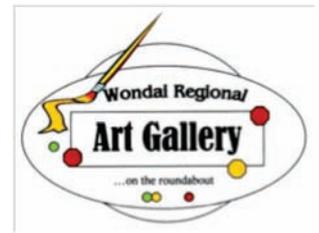
“The benefit of family day care is there is only a small group of children cared for in a lovely home environment.”

Like Home Family Daycare is also able to give parents the option to claim the Government Child Care Benefit and Child Care rebates.

For more information about Like Home Family Daycare, phone Sarita Shaw on 0402 474 938 or 4163 6600.

Wondai Regional Art Gallery

August 2014 Exhibition



'South Burnett High School Art Competition'

For the remainder of the month of July June McCotter and Lori Sedgman will be filling the whole gallery with their wonderful collection of artwork. Both June and Lori work mainly with acrylic medium in both traditional and abstract styles.

June McCotter has her own art gallery at the Big Pineapple on the Sunshine Coast and has been a Friend of the Gallery for many years. June has supported our gallery throughout that time. In 2011 June won an Aquisitive Art prize at our gallery.

Lori Sedgman from Woombye on the Sunshine Coast, has art studios in Melbourne and Sydney. Lori and June are very passionate about their art and both have over 30 years experience.

Now For the month of August the gallery will be hosting the South Burnett High School Art Competition. The whole gallery will be filled with a variety of art from our students from our local High Schools.

There are sections for Juniors (Years 8, 9 & 10) and also for Seniors (Years 11 & 12). We have a 2D division which covers all paintings, a 3D division which covers sculpture, pottery and paper mache etc. and also a division which covers 'Interpretative Indigenous Inspired Art'. Prizemoney for First, Second and Third will be awarded for all sections. Entry forms are available at your local high school or Wondai Regional Art Gallery.

Kidz Corner: Proston State School

Opening Night: Friday 1 August 2014, from 6pm. \$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch,
Wine will be served by local winery plus Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Gallery throughout the month of August 2014.

The Wondai Regional Art Gallery is open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Year 11/12 Murgon State High School - Heron Island Science Excursion

a great Success with all students and staff enjoying the trip.

A 5am start, 4 hour bus trip and a 2 hour ferry ride was only the beginning of our adventurous week. Arriving at Heron Island, the excitement of witnessing sharks and stingrays soon turned to horror as we found out we would be swimming with them.

To start off the week we were given tasks to complete throughout our stay, including a 'team' group transect, a small group investigation and an individual research report and oral presentation. To complete these tasks, we were required to do many reef and island studies, a huge amount of research, and of course, lots and lots of walking. But despite all of the work we had been given on what we would have liked to think was a holiday, the learning experiences were incredible and definitely opened our eyes about the importance of the Great Barrier Reef.

Squeezing on sandy wetsuits became a daily ritual as leapt into the beautiful crystal clear waters. Gliding over stingrays, chasing reef sharks, swimming with turtles, eels, manta rays, groupers the size of 2 Michael Giles, and thousands of fish was one of the most amazing experiences, not to mention watching baby turtles hatch and make their way down the pure white sands. Heron Island is well known for its famous ship wreck 'Jane Lockhart' which sunk in December 1868. The ship wreck lies approximately 200 metres from the shores, making it the most amazing snorkelling site. As well as being a popular spot for roosting birds, it is home to lion fish, black tip reef sharks, schools of trevallies, coral trout, and millions of bait fish. Swimming and experiencing these unique, breathtaking waters have made all of us appreciate the true beauty of the ocean and how important it is for us all to look after it.

But to enjoy all of these beautiful wonders, many gross things had to be done, such as spitting in our goggles and weeing in our wetsuits to keep warm in the freezing ocean...

This is a must do experience for senior science students!

Tilly Beckett

(a lovely story by kind permission Murgon High School Newsletter)

RENEW YOUR DRIVER'S LICENCE ONLINE

Queenslanders can now renew their driver's licences via the internet, with the Queensland Government providing more than 50 new services online. IT and Innovation Minister Ian Walker said the government was streamlining bureaucratic processes and making life quicker and simpler for Queenslanders and more was to come.

"This one online service will save drivers time and hassle and delivers on our election promise to give Queenslanders better front-line services," Mr Walker said. "The days of queuing at the Transport Department to renew your licence are over, if you want them to be. "This service is available wherever you live, but will be particularly handy for drivers in the bush who may live miles away from where they can renew their licences.

"If you're online, you can now have a current driver's licence.

"This puts us well on track to achieve our promise of 100 new services online by the end of this year and 200 by the end of 2015.

"The new services also include registering your relationship, checking your eligibility for the National Rental Affordability Scheme, applying for a fossicking permit or notification of licensed asbestos removal."

To make the process more transparent, Queenslanders can now check the list of new services by visiting www.qld.gov.au/dsitia/initiatives/one-stop-shop/progress/.

"Meanwhile, visitors to the popular senior's card pages of www.qld.gov.au can now chat directly with a customer service team member via the new click-to-chat facility to get advice and help with filling in the online application.

"Take up of these new channels has been excellent, especially social media, and the more people who know about these services, the more they're using them."

Visit www.facebook.com/AskQGOV, @askqgov and www.qld.gov.au/onestopshop for more details.

Jeff Seeney MP - Member for Callide

BALGREE GRAZING CO

Grant Brown is a local Goomeri grazier that loves his truck, so much so that he has taken to the streets to cart livestock and general freight to just about anywhere! His truck and dog has removable cattle crates making it possible to carry all sorts of things. Later this month Grant has a larger 28ft truck arriving to hook up with the 20ft dog trailer.

**For more info contact Grant Brown
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THE TRAVELLERS SHOP, (Formerly Travelscene Gympie)

Our business name has changed from Travelscene Gympie to The Travellers Shop and we moved on the 30th June to 226 Mary Street. This exciting new name and new location will still have the same friendly faces and professional service.

We are excited to share with you our upcoming move to helloworld, an innovative new travel service. You will notice some changes - to our store branding, and over time, to our customer experience.

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70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – Noel and Faye Davidson



On 16th June, Noel and Faye Davidson of Murgon, commemorated their wedding of 70 years ago, with a special morning tea with family and friends at the beautiful Castra Retirement Home where the CEO and staff went out of their way to help make it a truly memorable occasion.

Their son travelled from Victoria the following weekend, and together with his sisters and other close family members, they celebrated again with a small family luncheon at Dimities' Cottage in Wondai.

Noel and Faye met in the war years in 1944, at a dance in Brisbane Town Hall, when Murgon lad Noel was in the Army and his unit was enjoying R & R from New Guinea on the outskirts of Brisbane. They fell in love and married six weeks later in the Methodist Church, Fortitude Valley.

Money was scarce, so Faye placed an advertisement in the paper for a wedding frock and borrowed a veil. Noel wore his uniform. Due to rationing, their reception was afternoon tea and cakes in a local tea room, followed by a sing song around the piano at Faye's family home.

After the war, they settled on a dairy farm just outside Murgon, at Guena, where city girl Faye quickly learned to milk cows, help tend to other farm animals, cook on a wood stove, and manage a household with no electricity and little money.

In 1956 they moved to Ubobo, near Gladstone, and for approximately 20 years ran a business which included carrying cream, milk, cattle and other general items, contract farming and a fuel and oil depot. They then returned to live in Murgon where, between them, they have been active members of the RSL, Bowls Club, Masonic Lodge, OES and volunteers for Meals on Wheels, Legacy, Blue Care Thrift Shop, and Respite.

Their favourite pastime was dancing, at which they excelled, and their family have lovely memories of them doing the jazz waltz together.

Noel and Faye have four daughters, (Barbara, Valerie, Noelle and Shirley), who all live in Queensland, one son (Owen), who lives in Victoria, twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY



“Winter was the theme for the Proston Library free school holiday activity that took place on 3rd July 2014. Fourteen imaginative children of various ages had a wonderful, if somewhat messy time, creating sun-catcher snowflake masterpieces, and colourful snowmen collages. Mrs Margaret (Westerman) presented the fun-filled afternoon, ably assisted by library volunteer Kathy Julian, two mums and three grandmas.”

Photo: Good friends Summer Jones and Chloe Scanlon and Lizzie Taylor enjoy their time at the Proston Library free school holiday activity.

JUST A TYPEWRITER

He lived at Rose Haven Nursing Home (Roseburg) for years.

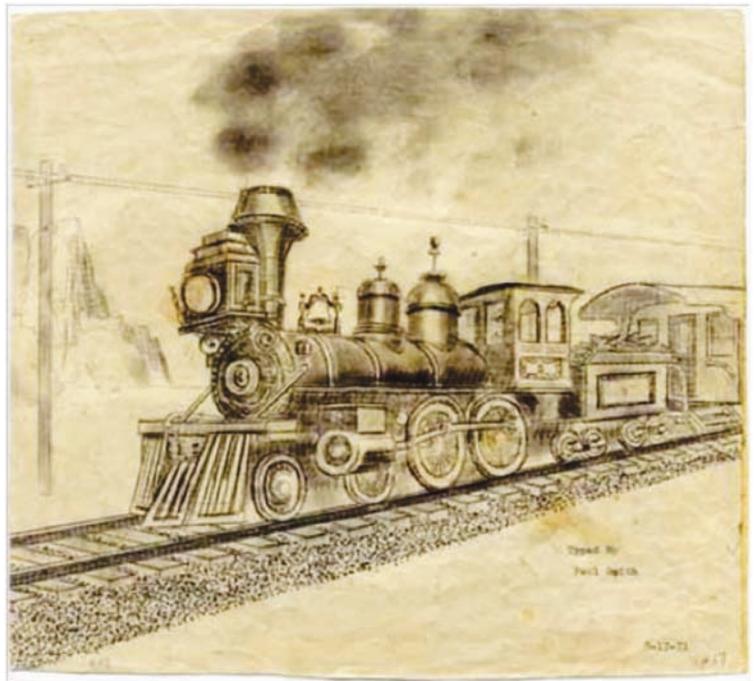
Paul Smith, the man with extra ordinary talent was born on September 21, 1921, with severe cerebral palsy. Not only had Paul beaten the odds of a life with Spastic Cerebral Palsy, a disability that impeded his speech and mobility but also taught himself to become a master artist as well as a terrific chess player even after being devoid of a formal education as a child.

When typing, Paul used his left hand to steady his right one. Since he couldn't press two keys at the same time, he almost always locked the shift key down and made his pictures using the symbols at the top of the number keys. In other words, his pictures were based on these characters @ # \$ % ^ & * () _ . Across seven decades, Paul created hundreds of pictures.

He often gave the originals away. Sometimes, but not always, he kept or received a copy for his own records. As his mastery of the typewriter grew, he developed techniques to create shadings, colors, and textures that made his work resemble pencil or charcoal drawings.

This great man passed away on June 25, 2009, but left behind a collection of his amazing artwork that will be an inspiration for many. You know that saying about "When life closes a door, God opens a window"?

Well, I think God just helped this man build a whole new house.



ELEVEN THINGS KIDS DON'T LEARN AT SCHOOL – BILL GATES

1. Life is not fair – get used to it.
2. The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.
3. You will not make \$60,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.
4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.
5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping, they called it opportunity.
6. If you mess up, it's not your parents fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.
7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you thought you were.
8. Your school may have abolished winners & losers but life has not.
9. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you FIND YOURSELF. Do that on your own time.
10. Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.
11. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

Funding for more Cochlear implants, as 10,000th recipient is switched on

The Queensland Government will clear the public waiting list for Cochlear implant patients with the 10,000th person receiving the life-changing device in Brisbane recently.

Christine Dougall, 45, of Runcorn, became the most recent Cochlear recipient after the Queensland Government committed an extra \$7.8 million this financial year to clear the backlog of patients.

Queensland Health Minister Lawrence Springborg said he was proud to announce the patient backlog would be cleared by June 30 2014, with 113 people receiving Cochlear implants in the past 12 months.

“Historically the wait for a Cochlear implant in Queensland was up to four years but waiting lists are now a thing of the past. Ms Dougall celebrated the milestone at the Mater Hospital with the switching-on of her Cochlear implant in front of her four adult children and six-month old grandchild

The Brisbane grandmother, who works at Indooroopilly High School as a sign interpreter helping children in the classroom to understand the class teacher, started to lose her hearing when she was five.

She has lived with profound hearing loss since she was 16 years old and is dependent on hearing aids and sign language to communicate with her friends and family – until now.

“To be the 10,000th recipient in Australia means it’s not just a hearing celebration for me, but for everyone involved at Cochlear. I’d also like to thank the staff at the Mater, Hospital who have helped me on my hearing journey,” Ms Dougall said.

“I’m looking forward to my Cochlear implant improving my ability to communicate, through listening and speech. I’d also like to be more confident when socialising with my hearing friends.”

Ms Dougall is one of approximately 2,000 Queenslanders who have received a Cochlear implant, allowing them to experience sound and/or speech, often for the first time.

The first patient received a Cochlear implant in 1978 and it has taken over 30 years to reach the 10,000 milestone. The first 5000 took 25 years while the next 5000 took just five years.

Jeff Seeney MP - Member for Callide

Building disputes to be resolved faster and cheaper

Disputes between home owners and builders can now be resolved faster and cheaper for both parties thanks to changes underway at the Queensland Building and Construction Commission.

Minister for Housing and Public Works, Tim Mander, said a new early dispute resolution service would make solving problems between builders and families far less stressful than in the past.

“Contract disputes are never pretty but when you’re talking about disputes between mums and dads who are making the biggest investment of their lives, and builders whose livelihoods could be on the line, it’s only natural that emotions can run high,” Mr Martin said.

“In the past there was no assistance for families, or for builders, until the contract had either been terminated or completed, which meant the process could drag on for months.

“This new service will significantly reduce the cost that disputes can place on consumers and contractors as well as substantially reducing the time it takes to resolve them, without legal action.

“As well as the early dispute resolution service, the Commission will now offer an internal review process to allow anyone dissatisfied with its decision to have it reviewed without the need to appeal to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).

“Also from tomorrow, customers will be able to access information and advice from the Commission at any time of the day or night thanks to a new 24/7 call centre.

“The website has also been given a major overhaul with almost 70 per cent of information now accessible within two clicks and 100 per cent of information accessible within three clicks.

“We all lead busy lives and it’s important we make sure government services are available to people when it’s convenient for them.”

For more info on what’s new at the QBCC check out the new website at www.qbcc.qld.gov.au or call the new hotline on 139 333

Jeff Seeney MP - Member for Callide

Jobs and housing to flow from new planning Act

Queensland families will have better access to affordable housing after State Parliament last night passed new legislation that will resolve long-standing issues around infrastructure charges applied by local councils.

After comprehensive consultation with local government and industry we have found a way forward that will encourage development to occur across cities, towns and suburbs across Queensland.

These developments will deliver affordable housing to Queenslanders and jobs in the development and construction industry.

This Act also provides for new funding avenues for local governments for priority infrastructure projects.

The Act introduces a 'fair value schedule of infrastructure charges' that reflects the cost of infrastructure required to allow new residential, commercial and industrial developments to take place.

The schedule is generally 10 per cent lower for residential development and 15 per cent less for retail, commercial and industrial development than the regulated infrastructure charging framework.

Councils who choose to observe the schedule can make application to have key works identified as Priority Development Infrastructure that could potentially attract co-funding by the State.

This will help to relieve cost pressures on councils, developers and service providers when it comes to sharing the burden of paying for infrastructure such as roads and water and sewerage treatment plants.

The Bill does not propose to adjust the regulated infrastructure caps that local governments can charge, however councils that chose not to adopt the fair value schedule of charges would not be considered for co-funding.

Economic Development Queensland, within my Department, is already discussing potential priority development projects with a number of local governments, indicating there is solid support for our initiative.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning will continue to work with key stakeholders to implement these new reforms.

Jeff Seeney MP - Member for Callide

Ports Strategy to protect reef and grow jobs

A strategy that protects the Great Barrier Reef, grows jobs and sustainably develops the state's port network has been released.

The Queensland Ports Strategy outlines 18 actions that will provide a rigorous, systematic approach to balance economic development with protection of the environment.

Central to this strategy is the establishment of five Priority Port Development Areas where future port development will be concentrated.

The five Priority Port Development Areas will be created for the ports of Townsville, Abbot Point, Hay Point and Mackay, Gladstone and Brisbane.

Within and adjoining the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area, the Queensland Government will prohibit dredging for the development of new, or the expansion of existing port facilities outside these port precincts, for the next decade.

We understand the Great Barrier Reef is unique and special to all Queenslanders and we are committed to its protection for this, and future generations.

Our approach is consistent with the UNESCO World Heritage Committee's recommendations to restrict port development in sensitive reef areas to existing major ports."

The strategy recognises the importance of port capacity to the state's economy and to provide jobs in the mining, agriculture, tourism and construction sectors.

We understand that port infrastructure is essential to getting Queensland coal and agricultural produce to market, and this strategy ensures we can meet the future needs of those growing industries.

Our government will seal our commitment to port reform through the introduction of a Ports Bill to Parliament. This Bill will provide standalone legislation to enact the strategy's key actions.

The Queensland Port Strategy was developed following public consultation on the Great Barrier Reef Ports Strategy in 2012, and the draft Queensland Port Strategy in 2013.

A full copy of the Queensland Ports Strategy available at www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/qps

Jeff Seeney MP - Member for Callide

“Queensland Choices”

The final report of the Commission of Audit advises that the Queensland Government has to prepare for the economic and fiscal challenges the State will face in coming decades.

As it currently stands, the government is tackling the \$80 billion debt left by the previous Government. Queensland’s debt per capita is double the average debt of other states and costs us all \$450,000 an hour in interest payments alone. Economic growth alone, whilst important, will not provide the revenue government will need to meet debt requirements and the expectations of Queenslanders for facilities and services. Nor will simply reducing government spending.

This state government is committed to an open dialogue with residents about the choices before us. It’s the sort of conversation that is easier to put off or avoid altogether, but we cannot bury our heads in the sand on this issue. We must all start looking at our options. Predominantly, these options are:

- increasing taxes and charges
- reducing services
- investigating the lease or sale of government assets to recycle funds into infrastructure and debt repayment

I encourage you to have your say on how Queensland should fund its future and tackle the \$80 billion debt. Please consider these options and provide your comments. Your feedback is paramount in tackling this issue and I thank you in advance for your contribution.

Jeff Seeney MP, Member for Callide

St Joseph’s Students perform well at Creative Writers’ Workshop



A wonderful ceremony for parents and students, at Murgon State High School on Wednesday 25 June was the highlight for Seven students from St Joseph’s who have spent a dedicated ten weeks participating in The Creative Writing Excellence Program.

In collaboration with The University of the Sunshine Coast, Dr Maria Arena, Lecturer and Author herself, has been travelling once a week to deliver the program to children from Murgon State High School, Murgon State School and St Joseph’s.

The 5 girls and 2 boys from St Joseph’s Year 6/7 class would walk across to the Murgon State High School who was hosting the workshops every Wednesday morning. Students were nominated by staff for their keenness in creative writing; however, the program was voluntary.

Students from Years 5 – 10 were immersed in the workshops which focused on different topics every week with the end result being a published Short Story. Students explored Structure and Plot, Verisimilitude (Character), Point of View, Symbolism, Editing and Publishing and a number of other important topics. A weekly homework schedule for every participant was expected, to meet the deadlines necessary for weekly workshop.

Dr Maria Arena presented awards and prizes to the students who submitted exceptional work. Emma Cran was awarded 2nd with her story “Where are we Now? World War II” and “Under the Bed” by Brooke Heness was awarded 3rd. Patrick Hoult was awarded a Highly Commended for his piece “The Mysterious Island”. Congratulations also to Francis Hobb, Shonae Walker, Jaiden Hill and Brenna Prendergast who also had their Short Stories published in the Anthology.

Dr Maria Arena mentioned in her speech that she enjoyed presenting the program to students as she loved making them aware of the opportunities available at university and also exploring the creative minds of younger children.

ANCA AND SOUTH BURNETT CHORALE BIG SING, OCTOBER 3-5, 2014



If you have a singing voice, the South Burnett Chorale wants to hear it.

The Chorale, in conjunction with Australian National Chorale Association (ANCA) is organising the Big Sing - a weekend of choral rehearsals under the leadership of conductor Peter Ingram, culminating in a public mass choir performance on the Sunday afternoon.

“We would love anyone who can sing to come along and join us for the weekend,” said Chorale president Margie Williams.

“You don’t need to be a member of a choir although it is lovely to have so many community choirs join us, but we are welcoming individuals to come along and have a great weekend of singing,” Ms Williams said.

Registrations for the Big Sing close at the end of July and forms are available from the Chorale’s website at www.sbchorale.weebly.com

The ANCA “Big Sing” was established in 2001, with the first event held in Maryborough. Since then it has become a regular, on-going event with a series of choral workshops held over three days, where all participants learn to sing together in harmony under the directorship of a trained and accomplished conductor.

The weekend event culminates in a public concert on Sunday afternoon, where individual choirs perform several pieces and then join together in a mass choir to present the choral pieces they learnt over the weekend.

For more information, contact: Roz Fisher, Media and marketing – South Burnett Choral Society Inc.

Phone: 0423 422 135

PHOTO: South Burnett Chorale President, Margie Williams.

ONLINE PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE CLINICIAN TRAINING FOR VETERANS’ MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

Federal Member for Wide Bay Warren Truss has welcomed a new e-learning programme, which will assist clinicians to treat multiple conditions in clients by fostering a case formulation approach to treatment.

“Through the Department of Veteran’s Affairs, the Federal Government now offers a range of free online training programmes to help increase the knowledge and mental health skills of medical professionals treating military personnel,” Mr Truss said.

“It is important that we recognize and respond to the needs of contemporary veterans, as research indicates that early intervention results in more effective treatment for mental health issues in veterans.

“Veterans will often have complex needs that require careful treatment planning, due to the unique occupational duties of military personnel. This new training will better prepare clinicians to understand and assess the unique challenges of providing health services to veterans,” Mr Truss said.

The Online Case Formulation Training Programme is available to all mental health providers and further information is available at www.at-ease.dva.gov.au/professionals/professional-development.

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Hence, she has made this gorgeous granny square crochet knee rug.

Her husband Jim was always there on the sideline, waiting patiently for his knee rug to be finished.

Well done Marion. This is great inspiration for us all to think positively and not be afraid to 'have a go' at whatever we would like to achieve.

Judith Marek, Publicity Officer QCWA Proston

JIGSAW PUZZLES GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN!

There are so many things you can do on computers today. We tend to dazzle ourselves with technology sometimes, and not always in a good way!

Back in 1760 (before your parents were born) the first jigsaw puzzle was invented by Englishman John Spilsbury.

The biggest jigsaw puzzle available is made of 32,256 pieces. How long would that take to put together?

Puzzles are great because you can leave them sit somewhere for a while and come back to them when you feel like it. You can also work on them with someone.

Puzzles are said to be great in aiding memory and concentration skills, and have been effective in treating Alzheimer's disease. And they don't have a battery to go flat!

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Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride.

He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies... The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days

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Murgon Weaners to \$497.00

Pratt Agencies Murgon held their 2nd Weaner Sale for 2014 with 1200 weaners yarded. The overall quality and condition of the yarding was excellent and a credit to all the Vendors. The calves were drawn from North, Central & South Burnett areas. Mark & Robyn Ferling Kingaroy sold Santa steers for \$458.00 (1.79), \$369.00 (1.75) and \$370.00 (1.74). The Carter Family Boondooma sold Santa cross steers for \$425.00 & \$423.00 both at \$1.75 c/kg. Jeff Rickards Proston sold a line of 100 Santa steers for an average of \$361.00 at \$1.62 c/kg topping at \$462.00 and \$1.81 c/kg. The Heness Family Goomeri sold Charbray Steers for \$434.00 (1.80) & \$338.00 (1.80). Their 36 steers averaged \$390.00 at \$1.80 c/kg. 220 kg Brangus steers a/c Ross & Dorothy Warren Mondure sold for \$391.00 at \$1.75 c/kg. Daddamarine Trust Booubyjan sold Charbray steers for \$497.00 or \$1.70 c/kg. Charolais cross steers a/c G & F Kerkow Wondai sold for \$460.00 and \$1.75 c/kg. G & J Zahl Gayndah sold 205 kg Charolais steers for \$348.00 at \$1.70 c/kg. John Roberts Ban Ban Springs sold Brahman cross steers for \$1.71 c/kg to return \$439.00. D & H Johnson Eidsvold sold Droughtmaster cross steers for \$423.00 or \$1.67 c/kg. A line of 44 Braford steers a/c M & S Kenny Gayndah sold for an average of \$338.00 at \$1.65 c/kg averaging 206 kg. Brangus steers a/c R & M Sakrezewski Murgon sold for \$1.88 c/kg to return \$366.00. Daddamarine Trust sold Charbray heifers for \$372.00. R Kirk & Family "Yenda" sold Charbray heifers for \$330.00 (1.32) & \$257.00(1.25) & Brahman cross heifers for \$370.00 (1.34). 220 kg Charbray heifers a/c C & H Heness sold for \$300.00 at \$1.34 c/kg. R & D Warren sold Brangus heifers for \$274.00 & \$272.00. R & F Cross Biggenden sold Braford heifers for \$1.32 c/kg to return \$346.00. A draft of 33 Braford heifers a/c M & S Kenny sold for an average of \$249.00 at \$1.24 c/kg & 200 kg. Charolais heifers a/c D Soden Goomeri sold for \$252.00 weighing 208 kg. 248 kg Droughtmaster cross heifers from B & A Gannon Gayndah sold for \$318.00 at \$1.28 c/kg. Charolais cross heifers from Mike Smith & Family Gayndah sold for \$284.00 (1.25). Bandamill Murgon sold light 1190 kg Charolais heifers for \$252.00 (1.28). 200 kg Limousin cross heifers from Chris Love Mundubbera sold for \$267.00 at \$1.28 c/kg.

Kathy's Comments

Exciting News for Murgon Men's Shed

We have finally been given the keys to the shed on the Rail Corridor for the Murgon Men's Shed. Thanks to the Deputy Premier for helping to speed up the process so that we could get this happening. I believe that this will be a great asset for our community and I look forward to working closely with Paul Pfeffer and everyone involved as this rolls out.

Brisbane Bus Services

Well done to Mayor Kratzmann and the Deputy Premier for working to ensure that we did not lose our valuable bus service. It is great that we have a system in place that we can rely on into the future and that a transport service will still be provided from Murgon to Brisbane.

Mosquitoes in Murgon and Wondai

There have been mosquitoes discovered again in both Murgon and Wondai that carry the Dengue Virus. We are encouraging residents to remove any water containers in back yards and we are treating the mosquitoes where they are found in difficult spots. These mosquitoes prefer hot and wet northern climates however they are gradually moving south. They are more active in the spring and summer so now is the time to try to reduce their breeding environment.

Road Trip

Councillors were out and about on Purser's Bus recently looking at roads around the region. We spent time in Murgon checking out issues and potential projects for the budget which will be handed down on the 25th of July.

Trapping Project a Success

Council worked with the Burnett Mary Regional Group with funding to support a very successful wild dog and pig project across the region. There were 49 wild dogs and 67 pigs trapped in a program that involved 41 properties and 66 registered landholders. There were four professional trappers engaged and we are hoping that through the connections that were made and the success of the project landholders may work with the trappers into the future.

Opening of Arethusa College

It was great to meet with a Lord at the Opening. Lord Shaftesbury performed the official opening and even sat on a bull to prove how versatile he is. There was a demonstration bull ride by the students which was very impressive. It was great to see the students getting involved and the work that is being done at this upgraded facility.

South Burnett & Cherbourg on Show

We have secured a grant through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and are gearing up again to promote our October long week-end. We have over 60 events on the books and we are looking forward to making it a lot bigger this year. If you have an event on that week-end or would like to sponsor something or for any ideas please let me know.

Fairwell to Michael Eadie & Family

Michael Eadie is hanging up his spurs at the PCYC in Murgon and moving on to new pastures at Lang Park. When Michael first arrived I remember saying that I thought that we had drawn "Top Shelf" and he hasn't let us down. He has been a fantastic asset for Murgon and the South Burnett with his work through the PCYC and we will really miss him. Thanks Michael and family for your great contribution to our region.



C & K Kindy Murgon Ladies Luncheon

Every year this seems to be getting bigger and is the place to be when the C & K Kindy have their annual luncheon. We had a fantastic lunch at Moffatdale Ridge Winery. Jason and Sue put on a great day and a good time was had by all with plenty of money raised for this very worthy cause.

Boondooma Homestead Happenings

The Boondooma Homestead Committee is gearing up for the annual Scots in the Bush. This is an event not to be missed particularly if you like bagpipes, kilts and haggis. It is on from the 15th to the 17th of August.

Lions & Rotary Changeovers

It is that time of year again when the Changeovers are on and I had the pleasure of attending the Wondai/Proston and Murgon Lions Changeover Dinners. At the Murgon Rotary Changeover it was fantastic to see the presentations by the Earlyact students, the exchange students and Jeffery Kinsella. The young people in our region are doing us proud and it was a very memorable night. Congratulations also to Rex Shelton on receiving a Paul Harris Fellow.

Community Grants

The next Community Assistance Grant round for Council will open in August. Community groups can apply for up to \$3000 for projects. The Mayor also has a grant through the Community Benefit Fund for \$15000 available to a group that can demonstrate that they can deliver a meaningful outcome to the wider community. Applications are available at Council Offices, on the website or by contacting Council on 41899146.

Councillor Contact Details

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
Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council
Phone 07 41680225 or 0437020705 or
email kduff@southburnett.qld.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY ON MAROONS BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Queensland Maroons fans will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite specially designed State of Origin birth certificate as part of a state wide competition launched today. Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Jarrod Bleijie was joined by members of the Queensland team and said the commemorative certificates were a unique way for supporters to celebrate the birth of a loved one and show off their Queensland pride.

"It's well known Queenslanders grow a foot taller at State of Origin time and these certificates are a timeless memento for all fans of the game," Mr Bleijie said. "We have worked closely with the QRL to create four unique certificate designs, but now we want to hear from the fans to see which one best represents the Maroons spirit. "Based on the online vote, the most popular design will then be available for public sale, so it's important we get the selection right.

"One lucky supporter who picks the winning certificate will score a double pass to cheer on the mighty Maroons live at Suncorp Stadium for game three on 9 July, 2014. Queensland star Corey Parker said he was excited to help launch the competition and urged all fans to jump online and make sure their design gets across the line. "I've picked out my favourite but we'll have to wait and see what the rest of the State has to say when the votes come in," he said.

Mr Bleijie said a portion of proceeds from the sale of certificates would assist the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages in providing life event registration and certification services to remote and Indigenous Queenslanders. "At the end of the competition, anyone born in Queensland regardless of age can register for these certificates, so it's important we get Maroons supporters young and old involved in the creative process," he said.

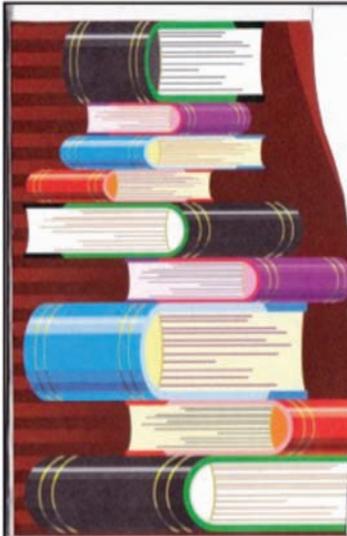
"Voting is open now so I encourage everyone to jump online and take advantage of this rare opportunity to contribute to Origin's commemorative history. "The last eight years have been very special for Queensland and I know I'm not alone in wishing the team the very best this year to make it nine in row."

For terms and conditions, and to cast your vote visit www.qld.gov.au/maroons. Online voting is now open, closing 5pm Friday 20 June.

YOU ARE INVITED ALSO

The South Burnett Parkinsons Support Group is holding a get together for all interested people at Southern Cross Care – Castra, 2 Cooper Street, Murgon, on **MONDAY 28TH JULY FROM 10AM TO 12 NOON**. We hope you can make it along for the morning, and remember we have a lot of fun together.

For further information please phone the Co-ordinator of the Group, Maree on 4163 6010.



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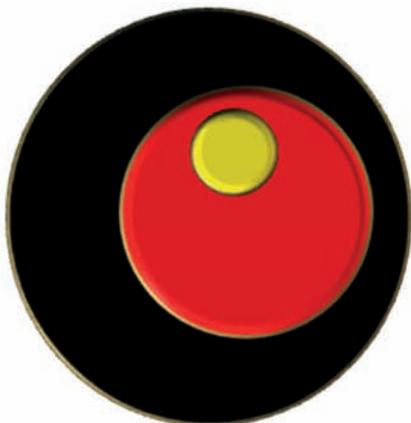


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ANOTHER GREAT JOB BY MURGON APEX

Briana Litzow helping Shona Muckert with son Quinn read water meters for Apex. Apex reads meters twice a year and they usually enlist the help of a sporting group or school group who are trying to raise money. Shona commented Bree got a few scratches but did a great job. Water meters are not the easiest to find.



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Thursday	17	Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Murgon Business & Development Assoc Meet, APEX, Mainly Music, National Seniors, PCYC Meet, Spinners & Weavers
Friday	18	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Blue Light Disco
Saturday	19	Bowls, Golf, Dairy Museum Meet, Shed Men,
Sunday	20	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Murgon Moments Deadline, Buffalo Lodge, Catholic Mass, PCYC Remote Control Car Fun Day,
Monday	21	SES,
Tuesday	22	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, , Uniting Church Friendship Group, Cattle Sale, Diabetes Support Group, LIONS, Squash,
Wednesday	23	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's, Burnett Bird Keepers,
Thursday	24	Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music,
Friday	25	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Goomeri & District Garden Club, SBRC Budget,
Saturday	26	Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass,
Sunday	27	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Camera Club, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	28	SES, SB Parkinsons Support Group meet at Castra,
Tuesday	29	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Squash, Murgon Show Society Annual Meet,
Wednesday	30	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's,
Thursday	31	Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, APEX, Mainly Music,
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Friday	1	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's,
Saturday	2	Bowls, Golf, Dance Lessons Tablelands
Sunday	3	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Catholic Mass, PCYC Remote Control Car race day,
Monday	4	SES, QUOTA
Tuesday	5	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Queensland Rural Womens Network Inc, Cattle Sale, Squash,
Wednesday	6	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, Rotary, Shab's,
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Friday	8	Social Tennis, Community Bingo, Shab's, Barambah Garden Club, Friday Night Live,
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2015 ANZAC Day Commemorations

The 2015 Premier's ANZAC Prize will provide 70 Queensland high school students the opportunity to experience the ANZAC tradition firsthand. Winners of the Prize will witness the ANZAC Day centenary commemorations at Gallipoli and travel to the Western Front battlefields in France and Belgium, over two weeks in April and May 2015.

Students, currently in Years 8 to 11 in 2014, are encouraged to apply. Student entries must be received by 5pm on Friday 19 September 2014.

Further information including application forms, criteria, eligibility conditions and tips on applying can be found on the Premier's Anzac Prize website www.education.qld.gov.au/anzac-prize, or through Mrs Hamilton at Murgon State High School.

To Be 8 again!

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday.

'I'd like to be eight again', she replied, still looking in the mirror .

On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was.

Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favourite candy, M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being eight again?'

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed.

'I meant my dress size, you retard!!!!'

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he is gonna get it wrong.

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JARED'S AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TOUR OF SRI LANKA



Jared Sippel and his dad Ashley both took their first international trip from the 8th of May and returned on the 22nd of May. The trip was for Jared to participate in the U/16 School Sport Australia cricket tour of Sri Lanka. Jared was selected for this team, along with his Qld team-mate from Townsville, from the National Carnival held in Canberra during February this year. As the baby of the team at only 14 years, we felt it was very important for Jared to have the support of a parent while he found his feet. The only way this was possible was by the mammoth number of donations from across Queensland, Australia and International areas. Of significant note locally were donations from Riverina Stockfeeds and Murgon Fruit Mart. To those businesses, and all who supported us, we thank you.

The first two days of the tour were spent in Brisbane at The National Cricket Centre. The boys had a day of

learning, a 50 over spin match with Nathan Lyon, Ashton Agar and others, and talking to Australian coach Darren Lehmann. They flew to Sri Lanka on Thursday 8 May, 11 hours on two flights with stop-over time in Singapore and then a 2 hour bus trip and the team reached their hotel near Galle around 3am – 16 hours travel.

Two days rest, then the boys and their coaching staff ran a clinic for underprivileged boys, 11-15 years at The Foundation of Goodness, a centre set up to benefit victims. The first match, at Galle on day 4, was moved to Colombo due to overnight rain. Jared batted 10, made 3 runs and took 1 wicket, the U17 Southern Districts team winning.

The next day was a travel/rest day. On the way back to Colombo, the tour stopped off at a cricket shop where both Jared and his Dad acquired new bats. After settling in at their hotel the boys were taken to visit the Australian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka and met the Sri Lankan U17 team there.

Australia won match 2, Jared was a designated non-batter, bowled really well taking 2/32 off 10 overs.

The next day a travel day, leaving Colombo and travelled to Kandy, a four hour bus ride. On the way they stopped at an Elephant Orphanage. Here they had lunch, watched the Elephants in the river and fed them bananas.



Matches 3 and 4 in Kandy were T/20 games, Australia won 1 and lost 1. Jared again did not bat, but got a couple of wickets. The next match was a 50 over game where the boys lost to Central Districts U17 team.

Then 4 hours in the bus travelling back to Colombo for the final 2 day match against the Sri Lankan U16 team at the SSC ground Colombo (where the Australian men have just been training). The boys won this match, Jared batting twice at 11 for no runs but managed another few wickets, total for the tour to 7.

Jared was honoured to be playing for his country which was an amazing opportunity – an opportunity that he has really appreciated. He has set some goals for himself to make this same team again next year. “The Sri Lankan teams we played were such good fielders. I also had to work harder to take any wickets because they are so used to playing against spin.”

“Sri Lanka was an eye opener, such a totally different culture. The people were really friendly. Once we left the hotel it was really dirty, with rubbish in the rivers and dogs laying everywhere in the streets. Makes you really appreciate Australia and how clean it is.”

Thank you again to everyone who helped Jared achieve a dream of playing cricket for Australia.

We are very grateful for your support.

Photo top: Jared receives his baggy green cap from former Australian captain Greg Chappell

FLOYD TAKES CHOP AT SPORTING CAREER



Floyd Aubrey loves karate, is good at running but has his heart set on being a rugby league player.

The Saint Joseph’s primary school, Murgon, student was picked as a centre for Wide Bay after school trials at Hervey Bay in May. He’ll now compete in the Vic Jensen Cup involving nine teams from around Queensland during the school holidays. Floyd said he was surprised to be chosen.

“There were a herd of kids at the trials,” the Year-6 student said, “Each team had six or seven good players.” When Floyd’s name was called he felt “good inside” and hopes to one day be as talented as his favourite player Johnathan Thurston. “I like him for his kicking game and the way he plays fair,”

Should rugby league not work out for Floyd he could possibly fall back on his running.

He won the Murgon-to-Cherbourg 7km reconciliation fun run in May ahead of 300 children and adults, including former rugby league great Petero Civoniceva.

Floyd was the South Burnett schools cross country winner as well but it’s karate he loves most.

He took the sport up at a Murgon church hall when five years old and loves the non-contact fights they do. “I also get to meet other kids from other towns and clubs,” the brown belt said.

But it’s rugby league where he sees his future and Floyd would like to play for Wests Tigers and Australia.

“Playing in a big stadium with heaps of crowds would be fun,” Floyd said.

Photo: Floyd Aubrey, St Joey’s Murgon sporting champion, loves karate, is good at running but believes the money’s with rugby league and aims to make a career in the sport.

ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS COMES TO MURGON



Murgon is enjoying an upsurge in new business with both ends of the town now having new owners filling up the large vacant blocks.

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Year five at St Joseph's School have been learning about public speaking and at the conclusion of this unit they attended a mock livestock auction with Mr Paul Pratt.

Mr Pratt passed on his expertise regarding public speaking, auctioneering and the bidding and marketing of both livestock and property.

Eager year five students waved their bidding cards furiously to attract the guest auctioneers attention.

At the auction Peyton purchased a cow and calf, Damien purchased an older cow which Mr Dunn commented on being 10 cents above market value. Lachlan Zelenski paid \$445 for a wonky horned steer, Alex paid \$700 for an Australian stock horse,

Morgan was losing bidder on 'Mr Smith' [warm blood horse] who Harry ended up buying, but went on to buy a lovely stock horse mare. 'Harry Who' [a percheron horse] was sold for \$150,000. to Romana.

A great day was had by all concluding with a BBQ lunch.



Former Murgon Rotary Club president Rex Shelton was presented with the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award by the Murgon Rotary Club at their changeover dinner recently. The Paul Harris Fellow is the highest honour a Rotary club can bestow. It honours Rotary founder and Chicago lawyer Paul Harris who began the movement in 1905.

Individual Rotary clubs around the world honour outstanding individuals as Paul Harris Fellows. These people must meet high professional and personal standards and are not limited to Rotarians.

Mr Shelton was honoured for his long service to Rotary and his volunteering work especially in the town of Murgon. Mr Shelton is also a former Murgon Rugby League President and A Grade player who was held in high regard. Congratulations Rex.



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MOSQUITO'S UNDER FIRE

South Burnett Regional Council are working with the community to prevent the spread of the Dengue Fever carrying Mosquito by conducting property inspections and providing preventative education.

Spokesperson for Natural Resources and Parks, Councillor Kathy Duff said, "Council's Environment and Waste Services Department have identified some properties in the Murgon and Wondai area which are breeding *Aedes aegypti*, the mosquito capable of carrying Dengue Fever and the Ross River virus."

"Samples collected in other parts of the region have come back clear, however Council would encourage all property owners to minimise the risk of this mosquito making the South Burnett their new home," said Cr Duff.

"There are some simple tasks residents can do to prevent the spread of this pest. They love to breed in containers that are capable of holding water. Residents can assist Council by inspecting their property and tipping out any water that may be lying in pots, vases, buckets, old tyres and tin cans," she said.

Manager of Environment and Waste Services, Craig Patch said, "If a household is concerned about mosquitoes in their area, simply getting rid of those containers/items that can hold water is the key. *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes can also be killed through the application of household surface sprays".

"In the case of water storage, for example a water tank, we would encourage residents to ensure these large water vessels are covered with very tight mesh. Ensuring that the inlet, inspection hole and overflow

pipes are covered," he said.

Further updates will be provided to the community as Council continues to take measures to reduce the risk of Dengue Mosquito spreading to other areas in our community.

If you would like further information about the mosquito please contact Council's Environment and Waste Services Department on 4189 9100. Updates will also be posted on Council's website www.southburnett.qld.gov.au and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/southburnettregion.



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Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers in running for NRMA Insurance People's Choice Award

Local support needed to help the project triple its Community Grant

Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers has been selected as one of four outstanding NRMA Insurance Community Grant recipients in the running to win the NRMA Insurance People's Choice Award. Overall 156 projects around Australia received a 2014 Community Grant.

If the project receives the most votes at www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/rangers its funding could triple.

Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers is an early intervention program for Indigenous youth aged 9 - 13 which aims to provide practical life and social skills, develop leadership and teamwork skills, and enhance cultural awareness. The program has been running since 2011 and in that time no child participating in the program has come to the attention of Police for any negative or anti-social behaviour.

Project Manager Louise Thompson said they are excited the Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers has been nominated for the NRMA Insurance People's Choice Award.

"The most exciting thing about the project is seeing the changes in the children who participate. Their self esteem improves, they are more respectful towards elders, teachers, Police and the community. There have also been positive relationships that have been formed between the participants, the Police and wider community as part of this program.

"Winning the NRMA Insurance People's Choice Award, and potentially tripling our funds, would give us help to ensure we can continue this successful program in the community," said Louise.

Lee McDougall, NRMA Insurance Community and Sustainability Operations Manager said, the NRMA Insurance Community Grants program and People's Choice Award are about supporting people around Australia who dedicate their time and energy to making their community safer, more sustainable and better prepared to respond to emergencies

"We are very impressed with the work the Cherbourg Police and Cherbourg Junior Police Rangers are doing to help contribute to reducing crime in the local area.

"The winner of the People's Choice Award will be chosen by popular vote and will triple their original funding. However if the Cherbourg Junior Rangers project earns 1000 votes, they'll still double their funding. So it's crucial that everyone in the area gets behind the project and votes at www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au/rangers," said Ms McDougall.

About the NRMA Insurance Community Grants program and the People's Choice Award

Through the Community Grants program, NRMA Insurance supports the people around Australia who dedicate their time and energy to making their community safer, more sustainable and better prepared to respond to emergencies. Since 2003, NRMA Insurance has been working with local community organisations in the areas of crime prevention, road safety, emergency readiness and response and the environment. During this time over \$6.6 million has been provided to over 1,550 community organisations nationally.

The People's Choice Award gives grant recipients the chance to triple their funding from \$5,000 to a maximum \$15,000. To vote in this year's NRMA Insurance People's Choice Award head to www.communitygrantsprogram.com.au.

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