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OAM local dinner

Local OAM recipients and others from the Wide Bay area enjoyed a get together and a delicious lunch at the Wondai Diggers Club recently. Guest speaker was Winston Burrows of Wondai who gave us a very detailed account of his life in his home town of Wondai. How the Wondai Town Band was formed in 1909 and its importance to Wondai, the Community Housing Project how the first lot of units were funded and built by locals and now comprises over 20 units with a very long list of people waiting for a vacancy.

The community units named the Laurels have been the home to many elderly people for many years and it is a credit to those responsible. Yes, Winston we really appreciated your detailed presentation and your dedication to your town.



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Get Involved - Have your Say, Grants, Prizes, Surveys, Events and Reviews

- Review of Dog Laws in Qld Have your say. Closes 24th August.
- <u>Qld Competition Authority</u> Final Determination on 23-24 Regulated Electricity Prices
- <u>Cost of Living Rebate</u> Information from Ergon Energy on how the rebate will be applied for residential customers.
- <u>Celebrating Multicultural Qld Grants</u> Funding for events and projects.
 Closes 13 July.
- <u>Community Housing Futures</u> Grants now open for community housing providers for tailored assistance.
- Critical Minerals and Battery Technology Fund Now open.
- More to Meat Support the local red meat processing industry
- <u>2024 Australian of the Year Awards</u> Nominations now open. Closes 31 July.
- Help stop Elder Abuse Helpline 1300 651 192.
- NCWQ Bursary Program Bursaries for female students now open.
- <u>Fred Hollows Awards 2023</u> Nominate an everyday humanitarian.
 Closes 21 July
- Qld Day 2024 Sponsorship applications now open. Closes 31 August.
- Ag Jobs Qld Connecting people with jobs in Qld's Ag industry
- CTC Safer Communities Program Lots happening! Program for 12-24 year olds
- <u>Virtual Emergency Department Available for all Queenslanders for people needing urgent non-life</u>-threatening care by telehealth.

Some interesting facts

Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

Over 100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

I put my scales in the bathroom corner and that's where the little liar will stay until it apologizes.

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.

Deb pushes for flood warning gauges on Boonara Creek

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has made a further plea to have flood warning gauges installed along the flood prone Boonara-Nangur Creek system in the western Gympie region.

Deb has written to the Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Senator Murray Watt, following the announcement at the recent federal budget of funding over the next ten years for flood warning infrastructure across the country.

"Since the devastating floods of early 2022, I have been calling for flood warning gauges to be built on the Boonara-Nangur creek system to help downstream landholders monitor when a flood is imminent along their

catchment," Deb said.

"Landholders along the Boonara Creek have suffered four major floods since 2011, with two of these events in 2022. They have lost horses, cattle, sheep and equipment, but with better warning, it would give them time to move stock to higher ground, move irrigation equipment and place flood warning signs on the Burnett Highway.

"Tragically, a 14-year-old girl lost her life in the Booubyjan area last January, and several more people travelling on the Burnet Highway (which runs adjacent to the Boonara Creek in several locations) were caught in life-threatening circumstances by this dangerous and fast-flowing creek.

"There is an urgent need for flood warning gauges on the Boonara Creek and my letter to the Federal Minister seeks a commitment for two flood warning gauges in the upper sections of the Boonara.

"I am concerned that the Federal Government intends to spend a decade undertaking this program, as our community cannot wait this long. We need these gauges installed as soon as possible.

"This infrastructure would make a real difference to the people who live along this creek system giving them assurance they could be alerted earlier to the threat of flood if and when it next occurs." Deb said

Kingaroy Memorial Park Redevelopment

South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise the community that redevelopment works will be commencing in early July at Kingaroy Memorial Park.

Works will include the removal of the old concrete table settings along William Street and replaced with new slabs and table settings. The old shelters along Haly Street will be removed and replaced with four new shelters and two new BBQs. Finally, a large shelter will be constructed with two table settings and a new BBQ will be installed within the playground area.

Council is pleased to advise the community that all the table settings that have been installed in Parks across the region as part of Council's Park Redevelopment Project are wheelchair friendly.

The Kingaroy Memorial Park redevelopment is a component of the \$2.285 million Open Space Refurbishment project which is proudly funded by the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program round 4.

It is expected that works will be completed by mid-September, weather permitting.

In advance, Council wishes to apologise for any inconvenience these upgrades may cause and thanks the community for their understanding.

For further information contact Council on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.





JULY

8 Moulin Rouge at QPAC 8 Nambour Garden Expo 30 Childers Festival

August

12 Mamma Mia at QPAC 19 Whale Watching – Hervey Bay 26 Mystery Trip

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WONDAI DISTRICT SAILORS IN 1943

Wondai District can't claim to have seen many of its people enter the Navy during World War Two but those listed below did.

The first enlistment was William Barber from Tingoora who entered the Navy in July 1939 as a career sailor signing on for 12 years, before the War broke out and after service in the cruisers Hobart and Adelaide was posted first to the new N Class destroyer Nepal and then to its sister Napier and afterwards to Quickmatch during 1943 picking up his 1st Good Conduct Badge on the way through.

The second enlistment was George Bailey from Wondai who entered the Navy in March 1941 and did sea time, serving as a Cook, in the destroyer Arunta but by 1943 was part of the furniture at HMAS Melville in the Northern Territory for the rest of the War.

The third enlistment was James Noon from Tingoora in November 1941 and was serving in HMAS Hobart at the time of it being torpedoed in the Coral Sea on its way to New Caledonia in 1943.

The fourth enlistment was Ronald Jessen from Wondai who entered the Navy in March 1942 and joined HMAS Cape Leeuwin before being posted to Port Morseby at the end of 1943.

Although Leslie Dalton from Wondai enlisted in the Navy in May 1943 as a telegraphist he didn't get to sea until early 1944 in Fairmile Motor Launches in which he saw out the War

Keith Erichsen from Wooroolin enlisted in June 1943 and was quickly sent to sea joining the destroyer USS Helm as a signaler and spent nearly a year aboard her.

In June 1943 Veronica Hibbert from Wondai enlisted in late June 1943 and became a Supply Assistant at HMAS Moreton almost immediately on joining.

The final 1943 enlistment was Norman Currie from Proston who joined in October 1943 and after a spell at HMAS Cerberus joined the supply ship Whang Phu in Northern Waters till the end of the War.

Kind regards, Noel Saelway.

Community Rescue and Evacuation Separate Charge

South Burnett Regional Council will be setting a separate charge to assist the aerial emergency rescue and evacuation transport providers that service the South Burnett Region.

The South Burnett region is serviced by aerial medical evacuation services which is a vital service to the region and many residents can be thankful for the swift transfer to a major hospital in the case of an emergency. Unfortunately, these services rely heavily on donations to continue operation. Accordingly, Council has resolved at the Special Budget Meeting on Wednesday 21 June 2023 to implement a \$5 levy on all rate assessments to provide around \$88.000 to be distributed to these services.

In Council's opinion, it is more appropriate to raise funds by a separate charge rather than from general funds to ensure the community is aware of the Council's commitment to ensure ongoing support for the vital community service. It also considers the benefit is shared equally by all rateable parcels of land regardless of their value. Council is proud to support this vital service to our region.

Please direct any enquiries to Council by phone 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.



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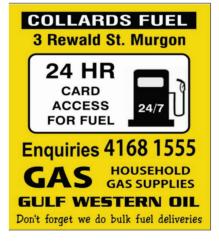
A local AA meeting is now being held at the Baptist Church Hall

94 Macalister St Murgon

Wednesday 12.30 pm Friday 12.30 pm

Online Zoom meeting is also available

Contact: 0427137140 for more information



South Burnett Rail Trail Users Association – Winter Wellness Ride 2

South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise members of the public that on Sunday 13 August 2023 the Murgon to Wondai section of the Rail Trail will be hosting the 2023 South Burnett Rail Trail Users Association Winter Wellness Program.

There is expected to be around 30 riders using this section between the hours of 10:00am through to 2:00pm and whilst the rail trail will remain open to the public, Council recommends taking caution while in the area during this period.

Further information on the ride and registrations can be found at https://southburnettrailtrail.au



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Cloyna - 3 bedrooms. Built in kitchen with large walk in pantry and dishwasher, spacious airy open plan living. Polished timber floors throughout. Modern bathroom. Fully and well

fenced. Outdoor covered entertaining area. Gardens sheds. Nicely established gardens. Peaceful rural location. Good local primary school plus school bus to Murgon Schools. Roof and gutters all in excellent order. Whirley Birds. New Airconditioned living. Insulation. Carport behind fence line. Tank water plus Merlwood Rural water connected to property. Currently rented at \$240pwk until July 2024. \$250,000



Tingoora - Older style home on a 1850m2 corner block. This home features 3 bedrooms and large living area. Dated kitchen/dining. Enclosed verandahs on 2 sides offering additional. living/

rumpus space. Single car carport, large workshop shed.
Walking distance to Tingoora School. Easy access to both Wondai and Kingaroy. Under a tenancy until November 2023 at \$260 pwk.



Murgon - This lovely split level highset home is presented to the market in impeccable condition. The home is beautifully painted inside and the floor coverings are in excellent order throughout. - 3

bedrooms, built in robes in 2 rooms and one is air conditioned - Spacious bathroom – shower only, vanity, toilet is separate, plenty of storage - Security Screened – Verandah - Open plan air conditioned lounge/dining - Built in Kitchen - Sits on a neat 751m2 block - Fenced back and sides

- Covered entertainment area Carport at side Backyard access Guest bedroom under house Enclosed under for storage
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Kathy's Comments

Still Missing Luke Ferguson

At the time of writing, we are still searching for Luke Ferguson. Luke is a 29 year old young man who has autism and struggles to communicate. He went missing on June 9th from his home on the Proston Abbeywood Rd. I have been heavily involved in a huge search for Luke. Proston QCWA stepped up and provided all of the food for the initial searchers including Police, SES, an army contingent, horse riders, walkers, bike riders, a tracking device team, drones and helicopter operators. The search has now been changed to a local search on the ground and a State-wide search. My heart goes out to Luke's Mum Sue and their family. It is an incredibly traumatic time for them and I am grateful for the support that the community has been able to provide. A big thank you to Graham Raffin who has stepped up to coordinate the local search. Please keep an eye out for Luke and particularly if you have any old farm buildings where you see a clue. Luke may have been given a lift and would struggle to communicate so he could be anywhere. Please contact 000 if you find Luke. We are also still looking for volunteers to help with the search. Please go on to the Find Luke Facebook page if you would like to help. Luke's Mum, Sue, has also asked me to pass on her sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped in any way.

Council's Budget

I voted against the budget again this year because I asked for operational savings and there was only a small amount found in the whole organisation. I believe that rather than continuing to put the rates up we need to cut our internal expenditure. I am pleased that stage 2 of the QEII Park upgrade has been approved along with a basketball half court near the skate park. We have maintained our commitment to roads as a priority in this budget. Please note that these are my personal views only and I respect the democratic process and the majority views of Council.

Rockin Our Abilities

Congratulations to Sonia McMahon and the amazing group who put on this fantastic concert. It is wonderful to see the excitement of the participants and the support from the community. I am looking forward to future concerts and I am keen to continue to support this great event.

State of Origin, proud to be a Queenslander!!

It was wonderful to be at the Tingoora Hotel first State of Origin function when Qld brought home gold. It was great to see our local community champion, Selwyn Cobbo, score two tries and be part of this exciting win. I was at home for the second match and it was equally as exciting to see Qld win and secure the series. Go the Mighty Maroons!!

Wondai Running Festival

Well done Wondai on an awesome event for our region. There was an incredible amount of activity in Wondai and the social and economic benefits would be enormous for our region. It was all about family fun and what our community does really well. I also attended the girl's footy afternoon in Wondai. I would like to congratulate the Holding Family on the contribution that they put towards this event and the footy in general.



Murgon Pool Tender

I think the community will be extremely pleased to know that Hallway Co was approved the tender for the Murgon Pool Management for the next three years. I know that this company have done a wonderful job in the past.

South Burnett Show Sub Chamber Finals

Congratulation to the Murgon Show Society for hosting the Sub Chamber finals this year. Well done to Del Blanch from Proston who won the Rich Dark Fruit Cake and to the Nanango Showgirl and Nanango Rural Ambassador also now heading to the Ekka. It was wonderful to see the strong representation of youth who attended the night from all of the Show Societies across the South Burnett.

Cloyna Hall Vegetation Workshop

I was pleased to see a large attendance of farmers at the Cloyna Hall workshop which was provided by a Council grant and organised by BIEDO. The large attendance proved that the topic was very relevant and I think that most of the farmers had their questions and concerns answered by the facilitator. I was also pleased to see farmers enjoying a meal together and enjoying a community social outing in one of our rural community halls.

Hivesville Memorial Park Upgrade

The Hivesville Progress Association work hard supporting events including monthly Markets at Memorial Park. They have had success with a grant to put in a storage shed and other assets at the back of the camp kitchen area. I would like to congratulate the hard -working committee on this wonderful addition for Hivesville.

Contact Details

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

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

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Murgon Market Report 20/6/2023

Murgon Agents yarded 600 at the fortnightly liveweight sale on Tuesday the 20th. The market for all descriptions remains very tough. Steers & heifers of lesser quality are becoming very hard to place. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.22 per kilogram and \$1880.00. Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$2.11 per kilogram and \$1350.00 averaging \$2.01. Cows 400 to 500 kg topped at \$1.90 per kilogram for \$920.00. Cows under 400 kg sold to \$1.45. Export heifers sold to \$2.63 per kilogram for \$1380.00. Cattle were drawn from Biloela, Mt Perry, Gayndah, Mundubbera, Proston, Kingaroy, Nanango, Yarraman, Kilkivan, & local areas. Braford cross steers 418 kg from Yarraman sold for \$3.23 c/kg to return \$1350.00. 430 kg Droughtmaster cross steers from Blackbutt sold for \$1380.00 at \$3.18 c/kg. 396 kg Charolais cross steers from Manyung sold for \$1260.00 at \$3.18 c/kg. Charbray steers from Goomeri West sold for \$3.16 c/kg returning \$960.00. A line of Braford cross weaner steers from Mt Perry sold for an average of \$855.00 topping at \$963.00 for a \$3.16 c/kg average. Light Santa weaner steers sold to \$3.44 c/kg for \$602.00. Gelbvieh cross heifers from Wondai sold for \$937.00 a \$2.64 c/kg for 355 kg. Limousin cross heifers 326 kg from Hivesville sold for \$867.00 at \$2.66 c/kg. Braford heifers weighing 310 kg sold to \$682.00 at \$2.20 c/kg. Local Charbray weaner heifers sold for \$2.34 c/kg and \$515.00. Light Angus cross weaner heifers from Proston sold for \$400.00 at \$2.30 c/kg. Santa weaner heifers 200 kg sold for \$440.00 at \$2.20 c/kg. Cows & Calves sold to \$925.00.

The next Murgon Sale is on Tuesday the 4th of July at 8.00 am

Deb Congratulations Kilkivan Men's Shed



On behalf of our community, I would like to congratulate the Kilkivan Veteran and Community Men's Shed on their official opening on 1st June 2023.

A special shout-out to founders Dave and Bella Timperley and their team of volunteers, whose many years of determination and persistence helped bring this project to fruition. And while they faced many hurdles, they never gave up, resulting in a fantastic community shed for Kilkivan.

The Kilkivan Veteran and Community Men's Shed is unique, with 27 current members, including women. They are also a part of the Defence and Emergency Sheds Association, providing services for ex-service men and women in our community.

I am a strong supporter of the Men's Shed initiative, and the benefits they provide, especially in smaller regional townships like Kilkivan. In fact, 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of Men's Sheds in Australia. Since the first community shed for men opened its doors in South Australia in 1993, the Men's Shed community has grown to encompass more 1,297 Mens Sheds across Australia and a total of 2,500 Sheds across 12 countries.

Photo: Official opening ceremony on 1st June 2023 of the Kilkivan Veteran's and Community Mens Shed including special guest Professor Graeme Nimmo – Patron of Qld Men's Sheds and husband of the Governor of Queensland, Dr Jeannette Young)

Public Health Alert: Hepatitis A in Toowoomba

Darling Downs Public Health Unit is managing two confirmed cases of locally acquired Hepatitis A in Toowoomba.

The residents were active in the community and a child attended a local school whilst infectious from 14 May 2023.

Hepatitis A is an acute viral infection, which is usually spread from person to person by faecal oral route especially when faeces from an infected person contaminates something which is transferred to another person's mouth.

The symptoms of Hepatitis A infection include fever, diarrhoea, vomiting, generalised aches and pains, nausea, lack of appetite, abdominal discomfort and jaundice (yellow skin and eyes, dark urine and pale stools.)

It can take up to 50 days from contact with the virus until a person starts to feel unwell.

As well as the safe and effective vaccination for close contacts, the best way to prevent the spread of Hepatitis A is through good hygiene and high handwashing standards.

If you or your child develops any symptoms of Hepatitis A, please visit your General Practitioner.

People with Hepatitis A should not return to work, school, or childcare until they are no longer infectious which is at least seven days after the onset of jaundice.

For more information visit the Queensland Health website here: Hepatitis A (health.qld.gov.au)





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This property has been beautifully renovated throughout. Lowset 3 bedrooms

home, 1 bedroom has built ins, with all rooms having ceiling fans throughout, lounge room has polished floors and split airconditioning which flows into the dining room and very spacious modern kitchen with new dishwasher, heaps of cupboards and bench space, large shower and vanity with room for aids needed for the older persons, side verandah for the afternoon drinks, separate toilet, laundry with room for extra storage, some security screens on windows, 1.5kw solar panels system, gas heater in dining room, rainwater and town water, gardens shed, sensor lights outside front door, fully fenced and walking distance to CBD



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Lowset timber home, 3 bedrooms, shower over bath, lounge, dining with split airconditioning, kitchen, large sunroom, laundry,

toilet, remote control single garage plus vinculum shed (storage or extra car space), access to back yard on right side of house, fully fenced, walking distance to town pool and all schools, currently rented till Jan 2024



HEAPS OF POTENTIAL WITH WATER \$580,000

This property is 40 acres with a 60 Meg water allocation, Lowset home 3 bedrooms, lounge,

dining with pot belly stove, kitchen with heaps of cupboards, split airconditioning, separate toilet to bathroom, laundry, house yard is fenced off, 3 bay hay and machinery sheds, work shop with power, double bay for cars, qty of irrigation pipes, approximately 35 acres of cultivation, divided into 4 separate paddocks, 15 mins to town

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The Forgiveness Cross on Memory Mountain

In 1606 Portuguese explorer, Pedro Fernández de Quirós, claimed the wider South Pacific including what is now Australia as 'Tierra Austrialia del Espíritu Santo'. Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

In 1788 Rev Richard Johnson arrived in Sydney cove, Chaplain with the fleet and first Christian minister in this Great South Land.

In 2023 Christian, in fact most faith communities are increasingly under attack from an increasingly anti-God society, and society as a whole is suffering from this malady.

A century ago, four young indigenous evangelists visited the remote community of Haasts Bluff in NT, 230km west of Alice Springs, and preached the Gospel to the Inkuntji People.

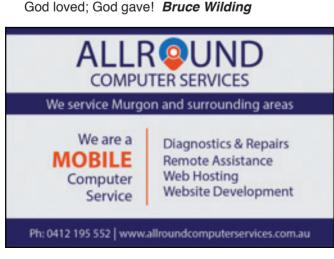
Many believed and that faith has been passed down through subsequent generations to the present, and the current indigenous community seeking to recognise this event set out to establish what is now Forgiveness Cross on the top of Memory Mountain. Over a decade from inception to completion, standing 20mtrs high, and floodlit, this structure stands tall over the heart of Australia.

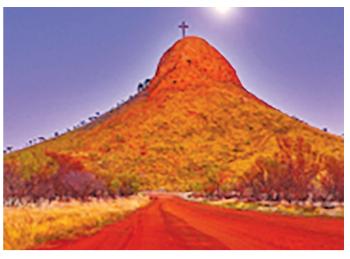
But God looks on the human heart. Are we full of our own woes and problems, blaming others or situations beyond our control, or, are we looking at forgiving, healing, and reconciling. The original Forgiveness Cross, the Cross of Christ, celebrated at Easter, God is taking the initiative, reaching out to reconcile to Himself, a world full of rebellious, sinful humans. Christ lay down His life to bring healing and God's forgiveness to our brokenness.

What's wrong with the world? Look in the mirror. What's the answer? Look in the mirror.

I can't change you and you can't change me, but like Saul of Tarsus when confronted by Jesus each of us can ask that same question,

'Lord, what do you want **ME** to do?'
God loved; God gave! **Bruce Wilding**









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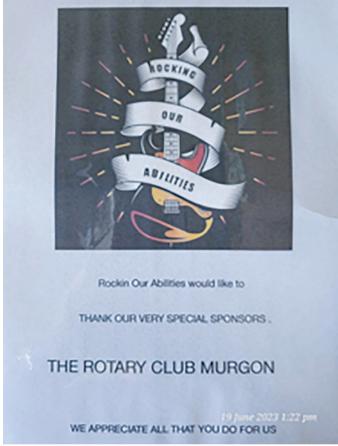








MURGON MUSIC MUSTER:



This great event is being held again this year from 31st October to 5th November. Walk up artists commence Tuesday, 31st and continue until mid morning Friday, 3rd November. Invited artists commence after the opening ceremony on Friday afternoon. They include Ashleigh Dallas, Brian Letton, Col Finley, Brendan Radford, Lindsay Waddington, Tracey Coster, Kylie Castle, Allan Gumm, Ashly Cook, Clarrie Weller, Clyde Cameron and Doghouse Band.

Come for a day or the week, and support this wonderful event that supports our district.

The Club is very pleased to have been able to make the following recent donations to assist very worthy charities and institutions:

South Burnett Pantry \$1,000; Graham House \$1,000; Rockin' Our Abilities \$1,000; Wondai Hospital Auxiliary \$1,000.

Don't forget, if you want to register your interest to become a member of our Club, please contact Heath Sander 0418 786 007 or Greg Wessling 0407 736 886. We would love to have more members to enable us to continue our good works and fundraising for charities.

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WONDAL PRICE: \$1,375,000



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Were modern meets history. This stunning Queenslander has been meticulously renovated, leaving only your personal touch to complete its charm. Situated on a 1,012m2 allotment, this property boasts authentic modern features that showcase its character. As you enter this home, you are greeted with VJ walls and polished timber floorboards that exude elegance and sophistication.

Three spacious bedrooms have been fitted with new carpet - the main fit for all with a walk-in robe, and a new ensuite featuring a double shower, toilet, and vanity. The renovated kitchen is a delight with ample storage, a new dishwasher, and oven. The central bathroom is perfect for the family. Shower over bath. Separate toilet. The laundry is downstairs. Timber deck that comes off the dining room, perfect for entertaining. Rates are approx \$1,400.00 every six months.

MURGON PRICE \$350.000



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oven and cooktop, and a separate tank water tap. An open plan dining and lounge room adjoining the kitchen. The main bathroom is well appointed with a shower, separate bath, vanity, and separate toilet. Laundry room with plenty of cupboard space. Two bay shed with a awning attached to the house making the perfect covered entertainment area. If you have a caravan or boat, no problems at all with a separate carport area all council approved. This well-maintained property is fully fenced, has beautiful, landscaped gardens, solar power & both tank & town water. Only 30km to Kingaroy! For further information or to arrange an inspection contact Tracey Zelinski on 0418 784 493 or Jamie Atkins on 0427 233 659. WONDAI PRICE: \$485,000

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First patient receives cancer treatment via teleoncology at Kingaroy



Kingaroy's first tele oncology patient receives their treatment while Toowoomba-based nurses Georgia Parker and Naomi Kinast facilitate.

Kingaroy Hospital recently commenced its tele oncology service with the first patient receiving treatment at the South Burnett hospital.

The patient has been attending the Toowoomba Hospital's Regional Cancer Care service each week since 2021 and has recently started receiving treatment every three weeks.

Instead of having to travel to Toowoomba, the patient remained in their hometown to receive the one-hour infusion.

It enabled them to schedule their local appointment around their workday.

The tele oncology service at Kingaroy Hospital is the first time an 'outreach' model has been implemented by the Darling Downs Health service.

This means a highly-skilled, cancer care nurse from Toowoomba travels to Kingaroy each week to facilitate the treatment while being supported by a team of clinicians in Toowoomba via a live video link.

This allows the Kingaroy nurses to learn more about cancer care, while at the same time, gaining the formal skills to facilitate the treatment themselves.

"When I told one of our patients they could have their treatment in Kingaroy, their eyes welled up with tears," Acting Tele oncology Clinical Nurse Consultant Naomi Kinast said.

"Sending out our outreach nurse builds a rapport, and our patients have such confidence in the service we provide."

The service has been so well received that another long-term oncology patient delivered a homemade slice to the nursing team in Kingaroy this morning to wish them well for their first day.

We sadly mourn the loss of:

NOBLE, Edward Albert 'Ted', Late of Kingaroy and formerly of Murgon

McINTOSH. Ewen Berry. Late of Deception Bay and formerly of Tansey

STOCKS, Beryl Fay, Late of Wondai

WENCK, Shirley May (nee Holznagel), Late of Wondai, TILNEY, Brian Leslie, (Tilley). Late of Greenview, Wondai DAVIDSON, Donna Maree (nee Gala), Late of Cherbourg

One of the ironies of the day is the State of Origin game. One can only hope the goal kickers whoever they may be are better at their job than the gunnery officers in the ships on both sides during the Battle of Jutland. For the number of rounds fired by all classes of ships in the battle marksmanship didn't count for much.

I thought HMAS Sydney at the Battle of Cape Spada was crook - the ships magazines were nearly emptied four only about four hits on two ships but Jutland qualified the nature of naval gunnery in a running fight - telling hits were a fluke.

Anyway we press on and its window display swap out - the Dutch ships on coast of Western Australia in the 1600's: Max Meldrum the artist and Queensland Dav.

Check out the window display in Wondai and have a nice fresh start to the day, Regards, Noel Selway

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Kingaroy Memorial Park Masterplan Wins Award

South Burnett Regional Council along with Otium Planning Group and Greenedge Design were awarded the Strategic and Master Planning Award at last week's annual Park and Leisure Queensland Conference and Excellence Awards for the Kingaroy Memorial Park and WJ Lang Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool Masterplan.

The award recognises the development of strategies for parks, open space, sport, recreation and leisure opportunities by rewarding outstanding examples of strategic planning that have enriched and revitalised a community. The award is open to State and local governments, consultants, community organisations and state associations.

The Kingaroy Memorial Park and WJ Lang Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool Masterplan project began at the end of 2021 and has involved key stakeholders, community organisations, Council staff and the community who have provided valuable feedback which helped shape the plan.

It's exciting times for Kingaroy Memorial Park as Council has also been awarded funding through the State Government's Minor Infrastructure Program. The funding will be used for the construction of a multipurpose court and a ninja warrior course.

Council would like to thank Otium Planning Group and Greenedge Designs for their assistance over the last 12 months with the development of the masterplan.



Pictured from Left to right- Jason Leslie, Chris Kackell (SBRC), Mal Dombrow (SBRC), Verda Zammataro, Mark Pitt (CEO SBRC) Leanne Peterson (SBRC), Cr Kirstie Schumacher and Dan Barr.



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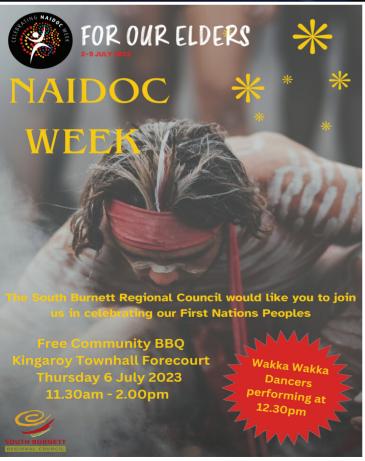
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- · Small Town Skills & Family Fun Day Wondai 6th July
- Proston Car Rally & Burnout Proston 17th July
- Aussie Camp Oven Under the Stars Hillview Cottages
- 22nd July
- Motors N Mocha Kingaroy Airport 23rd July
- · Annual Quilt Trail Qld Winter Craft Festival 22-23 July

Local Markets:

- Kingaroy Friendship Markets 3rd Saturday Kingaroy Showgrounds
- Nanango Markets 1st Saturday Nanango Showgrounds
- · Kumbia Markets 2nd Saturday Bell St
- Wooroolin Community Markets 2nd Saturday QCWA Building
- Yarraman Markets Every Saturday Toomey St Yarraman
- Murgon CBD Markets 2nd Sunday Lamb St Murgon
- Nanango Church Yard-Op Shop Markets 4th Saturday of the Month - 110 Burnett Street
- Blackbutt Country Markets 3rd Sunday Les Muller Park Coulson Street Blackbutt
- Wondai Country Markets 4th Saturday Coronation Park Wondai
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- Hivesville Country Markets Last Sunday
- · Proston 3rd Saturday of the Month



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A GRATEFUL NATION – DEFENCE FORCE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is inviting defence force veterans who served overseas in Australia's Defence Forces from the Second World War on, and those who served on the home front during the Second World War, to apply for a Certificate of Appreciation from the Australian Government.

"The Saluting Their Service Commemorative Program is making the Certificates of Appreciation available as a way of expressing the nation's gratitude to those who served,"

Mr O'Brien said.

"Certificates of Appreciation will be issued to veterans who served overseas in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations, or to those who provided logistics support in Vietnam, or served on the home front during World War II."

The Certificates of Appreciation are designed primarily for living veterans to express the nation's gratitude for their service.

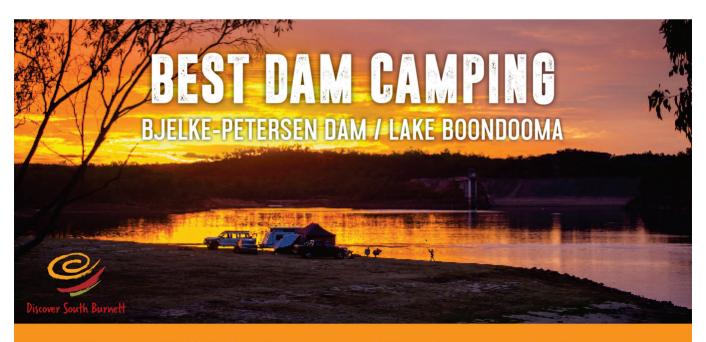
While family members can apply on behalf of eligible veterans who are deceased, certificates will not be issued on behalf of Boer War or First World War veterans

National Servicemen who served overseas in eligible conflicts and operations, including Vietnam, and Reserve personnel who served in one of the Peacekeeping Operations theatres are eligible for a Certificate of Appreciation for that service.

"I encourage all eligible veterans to apply for their Certificate of Appreciation."

"Application forms and further information regarding eligibility is available by contacting Mr O'Brien's office on 4121 2936, or llew.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au, or by visiting the website www.llewobrien.com.au.

"Australia is grateful for their service, and this is a small way of showing the nation's appreciation for their contributions which have secured our freedom," Mr O'Brien said.



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Shed Men

All Men & young Blokes are invited to the 51st meeting of

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At Darryl Howley's Shed, 9 Labudda St, Goomeri. On Burnett Hwy north past the shops to next L onto Munro St then L onto Labudda St. Signs will direct.

1st Speaker: Darryl has Lived in Goomeri all his life and has worked various jobs in the community. He is known as a really good bloke who will help people if he can. He will share some of his story of how God has helped in his 8 year battle with cancer.

2nd Speaker: Dimas Bakini is an exercise physiologist in Kingaroy, who will share some of how he enjoys helping people with their health and life. Sharing some of his journey from being a refugee from Sudan to living in a country town in Australia. Being soccer mad and into it enough to be a junior state rep.

DATE: Saturday. 9th Sept 2023, Start – 4.30pm

COST: \$15 meal, Dessert, Soft Drinks, tea/coffee (under 15 free)

RSVP: For catering Mon 4th Sept 2023 Chris Downes 0499 775 022 chrisbrond@gmail.com

Ron Mason 4168 5183 rmason5@bigpond.com

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Our Museum is located off the Gayndah Road, across from the Murgon Saleyards.



Who are they? Answer on page 41



MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH

VETERAN SERVICES
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SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING 10am - First Saturday of each month Murgon RSL Welfare Drop-In Centre 44 Stephens Street West, Murgon

SPEAK TO THE TEAM secretary@murgonrsl.org or 07 4313 3018



THE FIRE FIGHTERS

One dark night outside a small town a fire started in the local petrol depot. The call for help went out to the volunteer fire brigades from miles around.

When the volunteer firefighters appeared on the scene, the depot manager rushed to the fire chief and said. I'll give \$10,000 to the fire fighting unit that saves the depot. After a couple of hours of fighting to no avail, another fire department was called in and the manager duly repeated his offer.

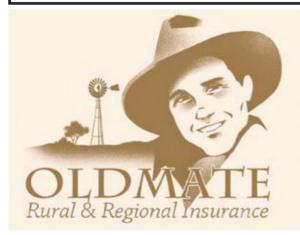
JOKES OF THE MONTH

From the far distance a lone siren was heard and another fire truck came into sight. It was the local volunteer fire brigade comprised entirely of men well over the age of 70. To everyone's utter amazement, the little old and battered fire engine sped past everyone and drove straight into the middle of the inferno. Outside the other firemen silently watched as the old timers jumped off their rig and began furiously to fight the fire with a performance and effort never seen before. Within a short time, the old timers had totally extinguished the fire and had saved the main section of the depot.

The grateful company manager joyfully announced that for such a super-human feat he would up the reward to \$20,000 and walked over to personally thank each of the brave elderly fire fighters.

The local newspaper reporters rushed in asking, What are you going to do with all that money?

Well replied the 70 year old fire chief, the first thing we are going to do is fix the brakes on the truck.



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The giant from Patagonia

Patagotitan was a titanosaurian sauropod dinosaur that lived in the mid Cretaceous period, approximately 101 million years ago, in what is now South America. Its remains were found in the Argentine province of Chubut, in the centre of Patagonia.

The discovery of the remains was announced in May 2014, and it is still the largest land animal of all time.

According to estimated data, its size would be 38.2 metres in length and 77 tons in weight.

I'm here to help! (No issue too big or small)





Congratulatory letters (birthdays / wedding anniversary)







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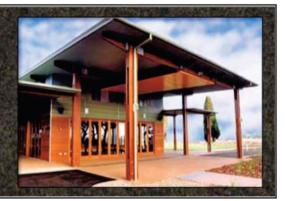
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Wondai Regional Art Gallery - July 2023 Exhibition

"Just Us" by Jan Sody and Jeanette Parnell (First Gallery)



This one is a bit of a mixture, from cartoons to abstract. Jan went to the Brisbane Art School for two years, where she discovered acrylic paints, folk songs and art deco. For Jan, oils are too smelly, watercolours too hard, but acrylics - just right. This exhibition is in conjunction with Jeanette Parnell of Gympie.

"Self Reflections" by Mark Ladyman (Main Gallery)



Mark Ladyman is a South Burnett artist, sculptor, and designer, living a life of rural simplicity. with a bushland studio situated in Wattle Camp, Nanango, on the land of the Wakka Wakka people on the southern edge of the Wondai state forest. Born in 1959 in Port Lincoln, South Australia, Mark has lived and worked professionally as a scenic artist and sculptor. for film television, theatre and the theme-park industry in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Regional New South Wales, Malaysia and the Gold Coast. This exhibition includes new and retrospective paintings, sculptures and sketches, reflecting his time in the South Burnett.

"Abstract and More" by Rozalija Lear (Third Gallery)



It has been a few years since Rozalija stopped painting and she felt that there was something missing in her life that needed correction. Rozalija is one of those people that needs to keep active because she gets bored easily, so after moving into a retirement village and down sizing to a smaller size area for her to paint in, she had a break for a while but found that when painting is in your heart and not just in your mind she decided to give it another go but with something new like abstract and watercolour. Rozalija is looking forward to joining other wonderful artists in the next exhibition and to hear their opinion of her new painting ideas whatever that may be.

"Kidz Korner" Murgon State School

Opening Night: Friday 7th July, from 6pm \$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch. Wine will be served by Kingsley Grove, Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 3pm on Saturday 29th July 2023.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 3.00pm. Free Entry.

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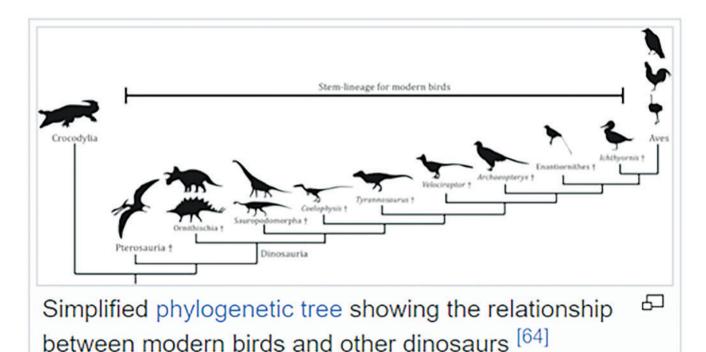
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Did you know?



You'll also note in this diagram that crocodiles and pterosaurs are NOT dinosaurs, but everything else in this family tree IS a dinosaur.

Bottom line: All BIRDS, living and extinct ARE DINOSAURS!



hosted a very successful Trash & Treasure day on the 10th of June.

MONDURE PUBLIC HALL

We had a number of site holders who were pleased with the day. The public were able to purchase many bargains, from Farm requisites to Plants, Electrical goods, collectables Clothing and much more, Relay for Life had a well patronised stall raising funds for Cancer.

Mondure Hall Committee supplied a Sausage Sizzle, also Devonshire tea, and Sandwiches which were available for purchase.

We also had a raffle. Winner was Maureen Hams. Second prize was won by Lyn Ramscar

The Mondure Hall Committee wish to thank all who participated in the day and also the public who came to support us, without you all it would not have been the success it was.

In July ,we are looking forward to having the Hall roof replaced. We were pleased to hear that a local Firm AKR.Builders were awarded the contract.

MURGON RSI SUB BRANCH

SENIORS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thursday 27th July 2023 11.30 for 12 noon



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No group bookings will be accepted. Individual telephone calls only.

Please note there are limited seats available for this event



The Rotary Club of Murgon kindly donated \$1000 to Graham House Community Centre.
Rotary Club of Murgon President, Heath Sander, said the Murgon Country Music Muster was a huge success, allowing them the extra funds to make such a generous donation. The Rotary Club of Murgon wishes for the donation to be used to help Graham House Community Centre with their food hampers for those in need at Christmas.

The Rotary Club of Murgon hosts the Muster yearly in November. It's increasing in popularity which is allowing the club to give more back to their local community. Aliesha, Promotions Officer at Graham House received the generous donation and has said how grateful the Community Centre is for the ongoing support of local clubs such as Rotary "We live a great community, if someone is thriving there is zero hesitation to reach out a helping hand and assist others who are not so fortunate. It's wonderful to see how all of the local clubs, organisations, businesses and not-forprofits support each other to make our community stronger. We look forward to putting together our Christmas Hampers and making them better than

ever thanks to this donation. Thank you so much Rotary Club of Murgon. You've helped make Christmas 2023 more special and less financially draining for local families".

Photo: Heath Sander and Aliesha Johnston

SBRCQ 22/23-135 Supply of PPE Field Uniforms for Council Employees

South Burnett Regional Council is seeking offers from suppliers for the supply of Hi Visibility protective clothing and workwear for Council's field-based employees. Council is seeking to appoint a single supplier for a supply term of 12 months for all Council's Hi Visibility protective clothing and workwear.

Offer documents can be downloaded by registering on Council's tendering platform Tenderlink. Registration Instructions and links can be found on Council's website under Tenders & Supply.

The Tenderlink Reference is BURNET- 1063177. Tenders open on Tuesday 27 June 2023 and close at 2pm on Tuesday 18 July 2023.

For further information contact Council on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Murgon RSL Sub Branch Anzac Day Raffle Winners 2023

1st Prize: Vietnam Veteran Quilt (Donated by Donna Gill) Won By: A. Spiro 2nd Prize: Sands of Gallipoli Limited Edition Medallions. Won By: T. Williamson

3rd Prize: BP Fuel Voucher - Valued at \$100. Won By: G. Bell

4th Prize: Set of Handmade Placemats (Donated by Donna Gill). Won By: L. Drew

All winners have been notified. Thank you for your ongoing support





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SBRC, Council to keep rate increases to a minimum

Since October 2022, Council staff and Councillors have worked together to produce the draft 2023- 2024 Operational Plan and Budget. The process has been challenging as we set a course to long-term financial sustainability. Councillors conducted eight Budget Committee Meetings and eleven workshops.

All aspects of the South Burnett Regional Council operations have been reviewed, and in conjunction Council has reviewed its rates and charges. The general principle adopted by Council in determining rates and charges is that service charges will directly relate to the services provided eg water supply, wastewater, waste collection. For those rate payers who have no access to certain services, they are not charged for those service rates for example.

Costs which are not able to be recovered by cost recovery fees, business activity fees or utility charges shall be met by the levying of a general rate.

General rates are principally allocated to rateable properties in the regional area based on the Unimproved Value (UV) of the land under the Valuation of Land Act, as supplied by the Land and Property Division of the Department of Resources and Council has no control over this aspect. In determining the general rating strategies, Council recognises that:

- The valuation of the South Burnett Regional Council area became effective from 1 July 2022;
- The level of services provided to the land and the cost of the provision of the services compared to the rate burden that would apply under a single general rate; and
- The differing levels of demand that some land uses place upon the services which council is required to provide.

For rating, Council divides rateable land into the following categories:

- · Residential Lands:
- · Commercial Lands:
- · Industrial Lands;
- · Rural Lands: and
- Other Lands

The commercial, industrial, and residential categories are further subdivided to reflect differing classes of land within those broader categories. Council, as part of the budget processes, reviewed all categories and implemented new categories for transformers, heavy industry, multi-unit dwellings, feedlots, and piggeries.

This general rate increase remains true to Council's commitment over this term to keep rate rises at a minimum, with increases at or below the State's Consumer Price Index of 7.4% (as of March 2023), with a residential rate rise of 3.65%. This will account to an average (residential) weekly increase - \$1.07

Individual properties will see differing levels of impact from the rate rise due to the individual property valuations.

Council rates and utility charges revenue is projected to increase through a combination of natural growth and general increases by 5.67% in 2023/24 financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in 2022/23. This change in total rate take is also below inflation.

2023/2024 Budget at a Glance

Important Basics

- Operational Budget \$81m up from \$72m in 2022-2023
- Total change in rates and charges 5.67% increase compared to 2022-2023 third quarter budget. Discounts and concessions bring this down to 5.52%
 - Differential Rating Categories increase in Household Rates 3.65%
- Additional Differential Rating Categories for Heavy Industry, Multi-unit dwellings, Transformers, Piggeries and Feedlots
 - · Combining of Wind Farm and Solar Farm Differential Rating Categories.
 - Water Access Charge increase 6%
 - Water Consumption Charge increase (excl. high volume commercial users) 6%
 - Water Consumption Charge High Volume Commercial increase 1%
 - Sewerage Charge Increase o 1st pedestal 3%

- o Additional pedestal for hospital/education remaining at 80% of first pedestal
- o Additional pedestal for other categories increasing from 54% to 67% of 1st pedestal
- o Vacant 3%
- Domestic Refuse Collection increase \$11
- · Commercial Refuse Collection increase \$16
- · Recycling Collection increase \$4
- · Community Rescue and Evacuation Levy no change
- Rural Fire Levy no change
- Waste Management Levy an increase of \$10
- Capital Expenditure totals \$33.354 million
- No new borrowings
- Projected operating deficit of \$3.489 million in 2023/2024 moving to surplus in 2027/28
- Council's maximum \$200 pensioner rebate remains, matched by the \$200 maximum State Government pensioner subsidy plus 50% rebate on recycling charges.



Council has adopted its 2023-24 Budget, featuring an investment of \$33.3m into renewing community infrastructure and an operational budget of \$81m to deliver vital services for residents.



\$81M To provide services to our 33,831 residents



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET

\$33.35M



Funding vital infrastructure

TOTAL DEPRECIATION

\$24m



GENERAL HOUSEHOLD RATE INCREASE

3.65%

Where the money comes from...

Rates, Levies and Charges	\$57,018,206 70%
Fees and Charges	\$ 5,276,904 7%
Rental Income	\$ 459,715 1%
Interest Received	\$ 1,975,000 2%
Sales Revenue	\$ 6,835,007 8%
Other Income	\$ 1,179,323 1%
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions	\$ 8,546,353 119

Capital Expenditure Budget

- \$2.1M Bitumen Reseal Program
- \$1.9M Pavement Rehabilitation Tingoora Chelmsford Road
- \$2M Council contribution to Flood Damage Restoration Works
- \$1M Major Mechanical Repairs
- \$1.5M Wondai CBD & Roundabout Upgrade
- \$770K Homecreek Loop Creek Bridge
- \$500K Shoulder Resheeting Program
- \$1.4M Kingaroy to Murgon Rail Trail Pavement Reseal and Crossing Repairs
- \$450K Murgon QEII Park Redevelopment
- \$450K Kingaroy Memorial Park Youth Precinct Redevelopment
- \$730K Murgon PCYC Bathroom and Squash Viewing Platform Renovations
- \$2.65M Utility and Truck Renewals

Council Debt to Reduce

South Burnett Regional Council announced at the Budget meeting on 21 June 2023 that there will be no additional borrowings over the next 12 months.

Council is looking to have borrowings in the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 years to assist with costs associated with the Gordonbrook Dam Wall Upgrade.

Council's borrowings with the Queensland Treasury Corporation are predicted to land at \$27,147,746 for June 2023.

Total borrowings will be reduced down to \$23,796,091 over the next twelve months through loan repayments, with a large portion of Council's loans due to be paid out by 2030-2031. This is compared to a peak in borrowings of \$44,931,544 in 2016.



Eighteen people came well rugged up for our May meeting. There was a chill in the air outside but inside the *Wondai Diggers' Club* the fire was burning brightly. Caterer Ann had prepared a feast for our *Brunch* event. On arrival there was a cuppa with scones, pikelets and apple slices. After the usual *General Business* of the meeting *Brunch* was served with this being hearty soup and sandwiches. Ann is renowned for her catering prowess and *Wondai Diggers* is the place to go for any occasion. Phone **4168 5297**.

Our Word Sheet puzzle required those present to give a *creative* middle name for cook Ann. Carmen won with her suggestion of *cheesecake*. There were also several random *lucky spot* prizes on offer.

Time was allocated for recollections of Bruce Bishop who had recently passed away. Our deepest sympathies to Jenny and family. We will miss your cheerfulness Bruce. RIP.

Merrilyn read a lovely poem called *Hugs* and Doug had a joke for us. Bev shared an interesting book on the use of B1 for a variety of diseases.

Ancy and Col celebrated their birthdays with chocolate . It had been Col's special birthday so he given two chocolates. Stan also earnt a chocolate for his raffle selling

achievements. Our mini raffle will be drawn at the June meeting (7 mini prizes.) Monies will pay for the cost of our meeting venue for the next year.

Parkinson's disease is the fastest growing neurological disease on the planet. It is a chronic, progressive disease for which there is presently no cure. Symptoms are debilitating and varied. The local PD Support Group is a small, friendly group who join with the Cancer Group for friendship,fun and education. All are welcome.

Carmen Emery-Strathdee, Coordinator, South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group, 07 5486 1268 *Photo Member Allison enjoying our brunch morning.*



Tansey Bowls Club donates to Life Flight





The Annual event hosted by Tansey Bowls Club has raized \$5,000 for Life Flight with a matching donation of \$5,000 from Quensland Masonic Lodge administered by the local Goomeri Lodge. Over 100 donated prizes were raffled and drawn at the Saturday evening bowls day and night barbeque dinner. The Tansey Bowls Club would like to thank all their many supporters who purchased tickets or donated prizes and made this event a very successful annual fund raizing event.

Life Flight is 65% funded by the Queensland Government but it costs a massive \$25,000 for each flight. They flew 2032 emergency flights last year and are now equipped with 4 ambulance jets and a super base in Brisbane.

Photo Top L-R: Dan Richards, Ralph Beddows, Tracey Litfin, Alex Barsby, Judy McKewin, Harrison Gentry, and Life Flight volunteers Bee Driscoll, June Watts, Lionel Watts

A big celebration is coming up in Proston:

We will be celebrating our 100 year centenary during the weekend of 30 September and 1 October 2023.



Proston was originally part of the historic grazing station Wigton one of Queensland's earliest squat ages. Settlement of the Proston area followed the 1901 Wondai Land Court Ballot, primarily by English and German migrants.

Life was extremely hard for these inexperienced people, relying on their neighbours and their own resourcefulness to deal with the on-going hardships and tragedies. The Proston Progress Association made representations to the Minister for Railways during 1922 for the rail to be extended to Proston. The township of Proston commenced in 1922, when Mr GTM Boynton (who had selected a farm at Speedwell) built Proston's first commercial building, a café opposite the proposed railway station, in anticipation of the arrival of the first train in February 1923. Next came French the Butcher and Boynton's Garage in Blake Street, a Drapery Messrs Thorne and Walker General Store, the erection of a Public Hall in Rodney Street and the very grand Terminus Hotel. GTM Boynton, indubitably the town's founding father, went on to construct a movie theatre hall, plus other central commercial buildings. He then installed two Lister generators to supply Proston's first electricity. Soon the tiny community was growing. By the late 1930s Proston boasted two stores, two garages, two bakeries, two butcher shops, ta butter factory, school, blacksmith, picture theatre, public hall, hairdresser, chemist, two banks, hotel, doctor, clinic and hospital and rail services.

Various books about the history of Proston can be viewed at the Proston Public Library. If you are visiting Proston you may like to take a walk along our Heritage Trail.

The Proston Online website is a project of the Proston Community Development Management Advisory Committee (PCDMAC) and the South Burnett Regional Council.

Graham House Community Centre

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR CENTRE Biggest Morning Tea

In May, Graham House Community Centre collaborated with Murgon Hospital Auxiliary to host a fundraiser for Biggest Morning Tea. We thank everyone that supported the day! We were honoured to donate \$672 to Murgon Hospital Auxiliary.





Fr John loves flying free on a wing and a prayer

By Peter Bugden



Rocky stopover: On the Rockhampton leg of the Fly-Away-To-Heaven Project are (from left) former Bishop Brian Heenan, Stef Lloyd, Jeff Nott, South Rockhampton parish youth co-ordinator Liz Kent and Jacques Garnier. They were there to greet Fr John Fowles (inset) and others who were flying around Australia raising money to support orphan children in East Timor and to allow a group of young East Timorese Catholics attend World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. The Rockhampton group is standing beside Fr Fowles' plane "Angel Wings".

"FREEDOM" is what Fr John Fowles loves most about flying a plane.

And he says "freedom" is what he likes most about riding a motorbike, too.

He flies or rides whenever he gets a chance.

These days, ministering in the country parish of Murgon, he spends more time on his motorbike than he does in a cockpit.

But it was flying that played a part when he first felt the nudge towards priesthood.

He went on to earn a reputation as a "flying priest" a few years back when he flew a light plane around Australia raising money for orphan children in East Timor and to help a group of young East Timorese Catholics attend World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.

Way before then, it was a brief visit to the highlands of Papua New Guinea that sparked his interest in becoming a pilot.

That was when he was a young man getting a taste of life as a lay missionary.

But the road to the missionary field and then to priesthood began way back in the days growing up in a large Catholic family on farms in country Victoria.

Born in Gippsland "at a little place called Warragul, in the La Trobe Valley – a dairy farming region", Fr John spent most of his younger years in Swan Hill, "a beautiful little town to grow up in".

"... It was just a perfect time of life," he said.

"For Australia, it was a beautiful time, a peaceful time, a very blessed time to be growing up.

"And it was just a perfect town, so we had a great life.

"Then we moved back to the farm ...

"(Later) ... there was a bit of a depression – the dairy industry had collapsed, and so we were a family of seven children, and I was the second-eldest so my older brother and myself used to work with my father every day, milking cows and working on the farm, just for survival."

After leaving school early, Fr John landed a job with the Bendigo Trading Co-operative, in central Victoria.

He was a good prospect with the versatility he'd developed on the farm, "because I was used to hard work and I was capable of getting things done, and I also had a truck licence and all that type of thing".

He then moved into marketing and buying with the co-op.

"I spent nearly five years in the markets, buying wholesale, buying out of Footscray market ... and supplying the Bendigo Trading Co-operative," he said.

"I'd get up at 1.30am, I'd drive a truck down to Melbourne, I'd spend about ... – in today's figures, it'd be at least \$10,000, maybe \$15,000, cash before breakfast."

He remembers there was a lot of crime around the markets – "a lot of Mafia activity in those times ... with a lot of money changing hands".

"I was only a kid, really. I started there at 19 and I was there until I was 24." he said.

"I worked in one of the roughest places – probably other than on a fishing boat out at sea, it's probably one of the roughest, toughest environments you could expect to work in.

"And, yet, I got on well with a lot of the men, and learnt to understand them.

"I dealt with a lot of farming people, who I knew – because of my own farming experience – had hard lives.

"And sometimes the market collapsed and (the farmers would be) sleeping on the back of their trucks for one or two nights just trying to sell their produce.

"They'd probably been working a week to get it all picked and packed and ready for market.

"They'd bring it down there and then they couldn't sell it, and they'd be sleeping during the day and working in the night, trying to sell their produce, and getting ripped off by the agencies.

"So I used to always offer them a fair price for their produce.

"... When the price was down I'd try to give them a just price because that was the whole idea of the cooperative – bringing justice into this marketing world."

In the middle of those tough times, Fr John made a trip that would inevitably change the path of his life.

"I visited New Guinea when I was 21, and I was helping a priest up there," he said.

"I was staying on a mission where he did all the piloting for Melbourne Overseas Missions at a place called Kanabea.

"(For me) it was a holiday visit there, and I spent less than a month, but in that time I got a real taste of the joy of missionary endeavour.

"I could see the Church's grassroots works happening.

"They'd build a church, they'd build a school, the people were poor, they'd come to school once a week, they'd stay there in a boarding room.

"But they'd come barefoot with nothing other than a pair of shorts and shirt.

"And life was so simple and yet it was peaceful, and I think that's where the seed of my vocation really took root.

"I thought to myself, 'I want to do something for God in this way'.

"I wanted to be a missionary.

"I thought I was being called to be a pilot (too) because I have the practical skills in my farming background to do things like that.

"I could drive anything from the time I was a kid.

"We had motorbikes, we had four-wheel-drives, we had trucks, we had tractors, we had everything ..., and so I knew how to operate anything.

"It didn't faze me at all to jump in a plane and start doing things.

"So I came back (to Victoria) and did my pilot's licence while continuing to work in the co-op, got my pilot's licence and I applied with Melbourne Overseas Missions.

"I contacted them only to find out that their plane had had a crash and they were no longer operating their plane.

"And it was (a trend) right across the missions at that time in the early '80s.

"Commercial aviation was taking over from private mission aviation like we had, so I was really despondent about that."

It was a double-blow for young John.

"I used to play senior Aussie Rules football in Bendigo, and I had a bad knee injury," Fr John said.

"That's why I went to New Guinea, actually ... because I had the knee injury and I couldn't play footy so I decided to take a holiday.

"I was a bit depressed, and I had come back with this new endeavour to undertake flying training at the end of that trip.

"That was my intention, to work as a missionary pilot.

"Once they'd crashed the plane, ... I was so sad at the fact that I couldn't do this and that that door had closed in my face."

His response was to hire a plane and persuade someone else to join him flying "a little 172 Cessna" around Australia.

"And the two of us flew around Australia, and it was the same old story," he said.

"Wherever I went I found that there was an emptiness ... material wealth, the 'good life' ..., but with spirituality there was a vacancy in the sense where it comes to God in people's lives.

"And I'd experienced that in the markets.

"That's why I always wanted to work in the missions because I used to work with the 'God-less' all of the time – money, greed, avarice and crime was a daily occurrence, and I felt that I loved my job but it was affecting me that there was so much God-lessness, and I couldn't do much about it.

"... I thought missionary work was my path ... but then not really.

"I'd talked to a couple of priests (and) one of them told me that I had a vocation to the priesthood and directed me to a seminary ...

"... It had been suggested over the years by others, too, 'Johnny, you've got a vocation ... When are you going to become a priest?'

"I couldn't see that in myself at all; I was a bit of a lout.

"... So initially, any time that anyone said 'priesthood' to me, I thought, 'I couldn't be a priest ...', 'I couldn't sit still long enough to do the studies ...' I wasn't much good at school ... I was a failure there, how could I get through seminary life?

"But wherever I went God kept knocking on the door. I couldn't get away from it, quite honestly.

"... I didn't think I was running away; I couldn't see me being a priest. Full stop."

Fr John eventually came to priesthood through a religious congregation that prized practical, manual work as well as ministry.

"When we weren't studying and doing our prayer and retreats and whatever, we were working on buildings and so that gave us practical skills," he said.

That proved vital when he moved into diocesan ministry in Wagga Wagga diocese in NSW because his first appointment as parish priest was to a new parish where there was a lot of building to be done.

"I was fortunate to be appointed the parish priest of this new parish at Thurgoona (near Albury)," Fr John said.

"The year I was ordained I went straight into the parish in 1996; I'd only been a priest for a few months.

"I was appointed parish priest of a block of Australian bush, not even one building on it, not even a fence.

"It never fazed me ... It was just a challenge.

"... We had no money; we had been given a block of land; we ended up paying for that too; and we've built a beautiful church complex there today – Immaculate Heart of Mary, Thurgoona, which is rammed-earth, and it's unique, it's contemporary ..."

Now a thriving parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary serves one of the fastest-growing regional housing developments in NSW.

While he was there, Fr John and his parish were in the media spotlight firstly for a fundraising campaign to raise money to help build the church, and then for another national campaign to raise funds to support orphan children in East Timor and to allow a group of young East Timorese Catholics attend the 2008 World Youth Day in Sydney.

In the first fundraiser – Highway to Heaven – the parish raffled two prime movers to bring in \$500,000 towards building its church, and the second – Fly Away to Heaven – involved Fr John leading a flyathon of 12 planes around Australia to help the East Timorese.

More recently Fr John's adventures as a priest have led him to Brisbane archdiocese where he's returned to country ministry as administrator in Murgon parish.

That takes him to little towns like Goomeri, Proston, Wondai and Cherbourg, as well as Gayndah, outside the parish.

While that hasn't involved flying – yet – he's been getting around on his motorbike.

"I go everywhere on the bike ... well, nearly ... when the weather's right," he said.

"Basically I use the bike because it's good on the rough roads, very rough roads ... (and) you can dodge all the potholes – they're pretty bad in a lot of the places.

"People like to see me turning up in my bike.

"And I like it because I'm a farm kid; I grew up on a motorbike, rounding up the cows and the stock, and all sorts of things. That was normal.

"So, you see, God has a sense of humour; he takes you right back to where you started," he laughs at that thought.

And what about being a priest?

"The most beautiful thing about being a priest is that you're helping people on the road to heaven," Fr John said.

Fr John's way: Fr John Fowles loves the freedom of riding the country roads on his motorbike or flying over them when he's piloting a plane.



(Courtesy of The Catholic Leader)



A weekend of milestones in Nanango township

As the fourth oldest township in Queensland, this month Nanango marked its 175th year. There were major celebrations held across the town, with key events held at the Nanango Showgrounds including a parade, bullock team, competitions, fireworks and a visit by the Governor of Queensland. Congratulations to the Nanango Tourism & Development Association and all of the volunteers for such a successful celebration. Just down the road, 100 years of golfing was also being celebrated at the Nanango Golf Club. The occasion was marked by the opening of a new green and I was delighted to cut the ribbon and the cake for this special milestone.

On behalf of our community, I was extremely pleased to welcome members of our region's Rotary Clubs to State Parliament last week to officially celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Queensland.

A special reception took place on the Speaker's Green on 14th June, gathering Rotarians from around Queensland to the mark this important milestone. Rotary in Queensland began in 1923 with 16 people, and today has more than 100,000 members across the state.

I was very proud to celebrate this event at Parliament with our hardworking local Rotary groups represented by Mr Neil Black (Kingaroy Rotary), Mr Heath Sander (Murgon Rotary) and Ms Kat Butcher (Taabinga Rotary).

Rotary prides itself on being a network of neighbours, friends, community leaders and changemakers who work together to create positive, lasting change in our communities. Rotary projects range from building playgrounds for children to helping the homeless or raising funds for victims of disasters. They aim to improve the lives of others within our own community and around the world.

I would like to thank Rotarians from around the Nanango Electorate for their significant ongoing contribution and service to our community.

There is no doubt the voluntary work our local Rotary undertakes assists so many important and worthwhile causes across our region, and has benefitted, and will continue to benefit a great many people.

Photo: Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington celebrating 100 years of Rotary in Queensland with Leader of the Opposition, David Crisafulli and local Rotary representatives Neil Black (Rotary Kingaroy), Heath Sander (Murgon Rotary), Kat Butcher (Rotary Taabinga) and Gary Birkett from Mitchell.



Nominations for the 2023 Queensland Community Achievement Awards are open!

The Queensland Community Achievement Awards started in 2002, with a regional focus, but is now conducted state wide. The awards have been encouraging, acknowledging and rewarding the valuable contributions that individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout Queensland. These awards recognise those that work tirelessly to improve their communities by promoting the social, economic and environmental prosperity.

FAQ

Can I self-nominate?

We encourage self-nominations as you know best about your achievements.

Can I enter more than one category?

You can enter into no more than two categories. The criteria for each category can be found here: https://awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/qld/award-entry-criteria/

How much should I write?

Each guestion has a limit of 700 words. 200-500 is ideal.

Can I save and come back to the nomination? Or do I have to complete it straight away?

We encourage you to save your nomination as you go. You will be sent an email with your login and password so you can access your nomination later to complete it.

What type of supporting documents should I add to my nomination?

Photos of you participating in the activities mentioned in your nomination are good. Testimonial letters are also well received by the judges. Each attachment must be no larger than 3MB and a maximum of 10 attachments applies.

How do I attach the video?

You can either upload to Dropbox or YouTube and provide the link to the video in one of the answer boxes in your nomination.

Do I have to include references?

It is not compulsory to do so, but some judges have told us they like to phone a referee if they have a question about the nomination.

When do nominations close?

Nominations close on Tuesday, 22nd August 2023.

For more information on how to make your nomination stand out, check out this handy tip article on our website

You might be the lucky winner taking home amazing prizes and a trophy!

What have you got to lose?!

To find out more visit our website - https://awardsaustralia.com/community-achievement-awards/qld/

Nominations close Tuesday 22nd August 2023.

If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely day, **Emily Whereat**, Awards Coordinator

Queensland Community Achievement Awards

Ph 1300 055 096 I www.awardsaustralia.com

Memerambi Transfer Station – Change in Opening Hours

South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise that commencing 1 August 2023, the Memerambi Transfer Station will be open to the public from 8:00am to 5:00pm on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

For information on South Burnett Regional Council Waste and Recycling Facility locations and operating hours please visit Council's website Waste Facilities – South Burnett Regional Council.

For any enquiries please contact Council's Waste Services branch on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.gld.gov.au

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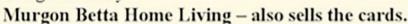
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Mobile women's health clinics upcoming schedule now available

Darling Downs Health mobile women's health nurses are on the road, travelling to our rural locations to provide free and confidential health clinics.

Our mobile women's health nurses offer a range of services, including cervical screening tests, breast awareness, sexual health testing and advice for issues such as continence, menopause, family planning, contraception and general wellbeing.

Community members are encouraged to call and make an appointment or visit our website at: www.darlingdowns.health.qld.gov.au/services/womens-health-clinics

Upcoming clinics will be held at the following locations:

Location	Date	
Esk Hospital	Monday, 3 July 2023	
Breast Screen Toowoomba	Tuesday, 4 July 2023	
Nanango Community Health	Tuesday, 4 July 2023	
Tara Hospital	Monday, 10 July 2023	
Clifton Medical Centre	Tuesday, 11 July 2023	
Stanthorpe Community/Oral Health	Wednesday, 12 July 2023	
Goondiwindi Hospital	Wednesday, 12 July 2023	
CRAICCHS Kingaroy	Wednesday, 12 July 2023	
Jandowae Multipurpose Health Service	Thursday, 13 July 2023	
Blackbutt Medical Centre	Thursday, 13 July 2023	
Kingaroy Hospital	Friday, 14 July 2023	
Child & Family Health Toowoomba	Monday, 17 July 2023	
Chinchilla Hospital	Monday, 17 July 2023	
Taabinga Family Practice	Tuesday, 18 July 2023	
Warwick Specialist Centre	Wednesday, 19 July 2023	
Miles Hospital	Wednesday, 19 July 2023	
Proston Community Health	Wednesday, 19 July 2023	
Wondai Community Health	Wednesday, 19 July 2023	
Oakey Hospital	Thursday, 20 July 2023	
Chinchilla Hospital	Thursday, 20 July 2023	
Breast Screen Toowoomba	Tuesday, 25 July 2023	
Millmerran Multipurpose Health Service	Tuesday, 25 July 2023	
Kobi Place	Wednesday, 26 July 2023	
Wandoan Outpatients Clinic	Wednesday, 26 July 2023	
CRAICCHS Kingaroy	Wednesday, 26 July 2023	
Crow's Nest Medical Centre	Thursday, 27 July 2023	
Dalby Hospital	Thursday, 27 July 2023	
Nanango Community Health	Thursday, 27 July 2023	
Kingaroy Hospital	Friday, 28 July 2023	

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal <news@frrr.org.au>

Grants are available via the following programs, which are currently open or opening soon:

- Rebuilding Futures disaster recovery support for remote, rural and regional communities in Victoria impacted by the Sept '22 Jan '23 floods. Closes 13 July.
- **Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants** contribute to the success, vibrancy and wellbeing of remote, rural and regional communities nationwide. Opens 11 July, closes 10 August.
- ANZ Seeds of Renewal helping to build vibrant and sustainable rural communities and ensure the ongoing prosperity of regional Australia. Opens 12 July, closes 10 August.
- Strengthening Rural Communities Round 18 (announced late November 2023):
 - o SRC Small & Vital closes 5pm VIC time (AEST) 31 August;
 - SRC Prepare & Recover closes 5pm VIC time (AEST) 31 August;
 - SRC Rebuilding Regional Communities closes 5pm VIC time (AEST) 31 August.

To apply, click on the links above, or if you want to see what you could apply for with a specific project in mind, visit our **Find Funding Now** tool. All applications close at 5pm Victorian time (AEST).

This month we announced more than \$5.4M in funding via the following programs:

- Strengthening Rural Communities Round 16
- Telstra's Connected Communities Grants
- Future Drought Fund Community Impact Program 65 projects funded

2023 Gardiner Dairy Foundation Community Grants

Grants!

Boosting Accessible Tourism Experiences Grant

Funding to support the development and enhancement of tourism products and smaller scale infrastructure to make it more accessible

The \$1 million Boosting Accessible Tourism Experiences Grant provides funding support for sole traders and small tourism and events businesses to develop and/or enhance accessibility.

It is part of the Queensland Government's \$12 million investment to support delivery of a package of initiatives to enhance and develop accessible tourism products and to raise awareness about accessible tourism experiences in Queensland.

The Year of Accessible Tourism supports key actions in the Towards Tourism 2032 strategy.

Grants between \$5,000 and \$20,000 (GST exclusive) are available for the development and/or enhancement of existing tourism products or infrastructure to develop more accessible visitor experiences and enhance accessibility for tourism workers. Grant funding may cover up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs.

The key objectives of the Fund are to support projects that will:

- increase the number of tourism and events businesses that are delivering exceptional and accessible customer experiences
 - have a positive impact for the community through improved accessibility to visitors
- support and provide opportunities to the tourism and events industry to make improvements to accessibility for visitors and workers with disability.

Check out more

https://www.dtis.qld.gov.au/tourism/funds/boosting-accessible-tourism-experiences-grant



South Burnett Mountain Bike Club Taste the Trail

South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise members of the public that on Saturday 8 July 2023 the Kingaroy to Wondai section of the Rail Trail will be hosting the 2023 South Burnett Mountain Bike Club Taste the Trail Event.

There is expected to be around 80 riders during this period between the hours of 9:00am through to 2:00pm and whilst the rail trail will remain open to the public, Council recommends avoiding the area during this period.

Further information on the ride and registrations can be found at https://tastethetrail.com.au/

FREE TRIAL

In the second week (3rd to 8th July) of the upcoming school holidays we are hosting a Come and Try gymnastics week. This is a chance for youth to try gymnastics classes and levels for free.

If your child likes the class they can sign up and we now have an ezidebit option for class payments.

A gymnastics class free trial pass for parents to print and bring down another time if they can't make it during the school holidays is available. By all means this pass can be printed and handed to students and families and is valid for one free trial.

*Terms & Conditions apply. Cannot be used in place of a current PCYC Queensland Gymnastics membership. Pass to be shown at reception on entry. One trial class per person only. Trials must



be booked in advance; walk ins cannot be accepted. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or for any other activity. PCYC Queensland Activities terms & conditions apply: http://www.pcyc.org.au/pcyc-queensland-activities-terms-conditions/

Rene Bond, Youth Club Manager, Ph 4168 1889, PCYC Queensland, 40 Macalister St Murgon QLD 4605

Cycling & outdoors -

South Burnett Council is funding a winter wellness program of 3 cycling rides with the mountain bike club with lunch/bus fare included. They are Yarraman-Linville with lunch at Linville Hotel on 30/7/23 &.Murgon-Wondai returns with lunch at Wondai. Date to be confirmed

A Meeting was held between South Burnett Council, Gympie Council, and South Burnett Rail trail Users Group. A few outcomes from the meeting 1.A subcommittee for the SBRT users group on the Gympie Council end of the Rail trail was formed. 2. An estimate of the number of gates/grids/gully repairs and replacements to be done (recently completed) by the South Burnett Mountain Bike Club from Murgon to Kilkivan. 3. CEO's to work with Council engineers to work on a maintenance budget for the Rail trail. 4.Further meeting to decide what Mayors will take to the relevant Minister

Answer from page 19

Paul Geraghty decd, Monica O,Shea (nee Geraghty) Teresa Geraghty OAM decd, Leo Geraghty OAM, Colleen Ryan (nee Geraghty). Taken at Tingoora 1949. Missing from photo older brother Kevin Geraghty and younger brother Dennis Geraghty.

Whilst Beryl Waldron was tracing her family tree she discovered a very interesting scenario & photo.

I guess you are wondering what the connection was? One of your uncles William Michael, married one of my mothers cousins Ellen Elizabeth Bradford. My mother would have never known some of her cousins as her father married late in life and his wife was younger than Ellen Elizabeth. My mother was born in 1918 and Ellen Elizabeth in 1883, some 35 years earlier. Checking out all the family connections is quite fun. *Regards Beryl.*

QCWA PROSTON BRANCH HELPS LEGACY

For several years our branch of QCWA has undertaken a special project – viz "Poppy Project". Our inspiration came from the "5000 Poppies Project".

ABOUT THE 5000 POPPIES PROJECT

Between 2014 and 2018 Australia commemorated the Centenary of Anzac, marking 100 years since Australia's involvement in the First World War. In 2015, there were many activities commemorating 100 years since the Anzac Gallipoli landing.

The 5000 Poppies project "planted" a field of nearly 300,000 poppies in heart of Melbourne as a stunning visual tribute to Australian servicemen and women for more than a century of service in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

We then began to knit and crochet poppies and sent approx. 300 to this group. It was not to end there. We continued to make poppies and sell them to commemorate ANZAC and Remembrance Days in our area. We decided that any monies we raised from the sale of these poppies should be given to local Legacy. So, at a general meeting it was recorded that all monies made would be given directly to Legacy. We would hold this money in trust until such time as the amount was sufficient to hand over to Legacy.

Boondooma Homestead has been instrumental in helping us to sell these poppies and we are most grateful for their assistance.

Therefore, it was with much pleasure we were able to give the sum of \$600 to Legacy on Monday 29 May 2023. Geoff Ferris, President of the Proston Sub-Branch of RSL accepted this money from us, and he said that it was very generous and much appreciated and would be placed in a Welfare Fund for use as needed.

Our members are again busy crocheting and knitting poppies to replenish our supplies. The world may have a "Queen of Pop", but we have a "Poppy Queen". Lyn has earned this title because over the years she has made 1,000's of poppies for our cause. The knitting and crocheting efforts of other members are to be applicated too.

Photo : Geoff, Val, and Lyn

BEAUTIFUL ORCHIDS



The Barambah Garden Club held their monthly meeting at the home of Lyn Norton in Haughton Street Murgon on Friday 9th June.

Morning tea was served and the usual raffle and lucky door tickets were sold. Being the winter months there was not a huge volume of entries on the competition table.

The guest speaker was Don, a shy man from Kingaroy who has a great deal of love for Orchids. His wealth of knowledge and expertise in the field was wonderful to hear. His display table was amazing and he did have some orchids for sale. He also sold air plants, ferns and bromeliads.

The members soaked up the knowledge gratefully. Of course we probably knew that over- watering orchids is the best way to kill them. Don gave some very good tips on the correct methods for success with the peculiar but glamorous plants that produce such extraordinary flowers.

Don mentioned some of the different species that are popular in orchid clubs. He told his audience about orchids that grow upon a support with aerial roots, and ones with tuberous roots, others maybe rhizomatous or form corms or tubers. Also, most orchids will not tolerate too much cold weather, and many species will not be successful in the local area. He mentioned the correct potting mixtures, and fertilizers. Orchids, it would seem have highly specialized pollination systems which add to problems of reproduction. Don did tell the members to experiment for themselves in growing these delicate flowers and to choose a species that might survive in their district.

A lovely lunch was served with many varied dishes. The next gathering will be held on the second Friday in July with a visit to a nursery, beginning with morning tea at Wooroolin.

For more information phone Barbara on 41681675 mobile 0488740785 or President Ann 0438686238.

Happy Gardening Everyone. Barbara Hartmann King.

Volunteers visit the Mary Valley Rattler for their recent FAMIL

South Burnett Regional Council recently had the pleasure of treating all the volunteers from across the South Burnett Visitor Information Centres and Museums, to a day long FAMIL, visiting the Mary Valley Rattler in Gympie.

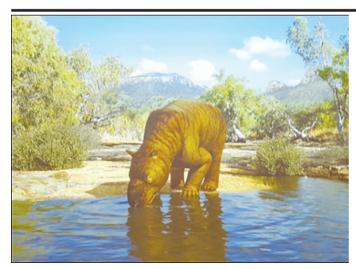
It was a wonderful day albeit long for some who were picked up first and dropped off last. Most of those attending had not been on the Rattler before and were extremely excited to experience something like this for the first time. The journey on the steam train took approx. 3 hours which was followed by an organised lunch at the train station. Not only did everyone enjoy the train ride but also the opportunity to mix with and get to know volunteers from other centres.

Volunteers give so much of their time and themselves, so it was an absolute delight to be able to give back to them in a way that bought smiles to their faces and laughter in their voices.

If you would like to be part of the Volunteers FAMIL, have a few spare hours a week, want to contribute to your community and like meeting new people, volunteering opportunities are available in the South Burnett Visitor Information Centres.

For more information or an application form please contact 4189 9555 or email tourism@sbrc.qld.gov.au









55 million years ago opening soon in Murgon

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN

What can YOU do:

1. Phone 000 - ask for "ambulance.

Call taker will - also alert Police and Fire & Rescue.

-ask questions and give you instructions.

2. Warn oncoming traffic.

Use hazard lights, road triangle or hand signals to alert other drivers.

Ask bystanders to stop, or divert, traffic around the accident scene.

3. Identify hazards.

DO NOT go within 10 metres of exposed electrical wires, until area is declared safe.

DO NOT approach vehicles on fire or emitting smoke.

AVOID oil spills, broken glass and other debris.

BE AWARE that airbags may activate, if not already inflated.

CHECK if vehicle is electric.

(Where practicable, remove potential hazards).

4. IF SAFE to do so, immobilise vehicle/s.

Turn off ignition.

Activate Park brake or place chock under a wheel.

5. Check for casualties.

If there is more than ONE casualty, deal with any UNCONSCIOUS casualty FIRST.

If UNCONSCIOUS with normal BREATHING, ONLY move casualty if there is THREAT TO LIFE.

If removed from vehicle, place in Recovery Position.

If casualty is UNRESPONSITIVE and NOT BREATHING NORMALLY, remove from vehicle and COMMENCE CPR

Make CONSCIOUS casualties as comfortable as possible: monitor: wait for AMBULANCE.

Note: Murgon LAC has recommenced free "awareness" sessions on health & safety topics for community groups. For more information, please text contact details to 0427 681 289.

Thank you for spending a Moment

with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee.

SBRC, Council details the achievements of the Parks and Facilities Department

Mark Pitt, CEO of South Burnett Regional Council today released details of the achievements of the last three years focusing on the array of Parks and Facilities department outcomes.

"This department is one of the most highly scrutinised sections, with their work being on show for everyone to see," he said.

The team have worked to restructure the Facilities and Parks services and functions while centralising facility upgrades and construction to one team.

They've also delivered the upgrade/refurbishment of the Nanango Administration and Library, while overseeing the sale of Cornish St to Plenty Foods (Proteco), the sale of Industrial Land to Parkside and the purchase of 195 Kingaroy Street Kingaroy, which has now become the Kingaroy Business Hub in partnership with the KCCI.

Mr Pitt added, "Each of these projects has led to benefits to the community in a range of ways. These may be access by organisations to dedicated space, better access to services or safety of those on site, or sale of vacant property, meaning an increase in rateable land. They have also sought alternative ways to streamline the business aspects of their roles."

"Our staff are always looking for ways to improve the services to the community without negative impact on the budget. All sectors of our organisation are seeking to improve their service, while minimising impact on the community," Mr Pitt said.





Scam Alert - Caller posing as Council

Council has received community advice of scam callers in the region. Residents are warned to be vigilant and report any telephone call from a person posing as South Burnett Regional Council. The person or persons have nothing to do with Council. Council does not survey people asking for personal information.

If anyone receives one of these scam calls, please ignore or hang up immediately and block the caller. If anyone believes they have been scammed, report to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's Scamwatch.

Council is concerned that elderly and vulnerable residents are prey to scammers whose eventual aim is to steal people's identities and money.

Residents who believe they, or a family member, have been contacted by this scammer are urged to contact Council on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Blue Care is celebrating 70 years in Queensland.

70 years ago, Sister Olive Crombie of the Blue Nursing Service did something unheard of in Queensland. She took a tram to visit a patient who was in need of care in their own home.

Since that very first trip, Blue Care has strived to be pioneers of aged care across Queensland, carrying on our rich Blue Nursing Legacy and driving forward what care means across the state. So wherever you are, what ever you need, Blue Care is here to help you live your life your way.

So here's to 70 years of putting you at the heart of it all. When you reach a milestone like this, you want to celebrate it with the people that matter most. The people in our care.

We want to thank you, from the bottom of our big blue hearts for being part of the journey. We'll be celebrating our milestone in local communities right across Queensland.

Sincerely, Your big-hearted team in blue.

JOKE - Pay back

A motorist driving by a farm accidentally hit and killed a calf on the road. The driver went to the owner of the calf and explained what had happened. He then asked what the animal was worth. Oh about \$200 today, said the farmer. But in three years it would have been worth \$900. So \$900 is what I am out. The motorist sat down and wrote out the cheque for \$900 and handed it to the farmer and said there you are I have post dated the cheque three years from now.

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