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Grants open for business to bounce back better

Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development
The Honourable Di Farmer

Queensland's small and medium businesses can now apply for grants of up to \$50,000 to help them grow and create jobs.

Minister for Employment and Small Business Di Farmer said \$2.5 million of Business Growth Fund grants will help established businesses to get to the next level.

"The Business Growth Fund grants are the first in a package of \$25 million of new grants unveiled as part of Queensland Small Business Month," Ms Farmer said.

"The package also includes new programs, Business Basics and Business Boost, which will open for applications later this month and next financial year."

The Minister said the State Government's investment of a further \$25 million in grants is a response to the feedback received from the state-wide Small Business Roadshow and an online survey.

"Small businesses have told us our grants have helped them survive the impacts of COVID-19 and we have listened to structure the new grants program based on direct feedback from thousands of small business owners," Ms Farmer said.

"We know that small businesses across Queensland are at distinctly different stages, and that's why our new support programs reflect this, and will deliver additional funding to ensure more businesses bounce back better.

The Minister said in response to feedback from the small business sector, there will be more assistance with the application process and greater lead in time after the release of criteria for each grant program allowing small business owners time to plan and prepare.

"A new requirement for the Business Growth Fund is that applicants have a mentoring session to support them to fully explore their business proposition and how best to take bold steps for their future," Ms Farmer said.

"This is to support the businesses to ensure that this program can help position them for success.

"The Business Growth Fund aims to help evolving small and medium sized businesses to buy highly specialised equipment to accelerate growth opportunities.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for more businesses to apply for the \$25 million in grants on offer over the next two years.

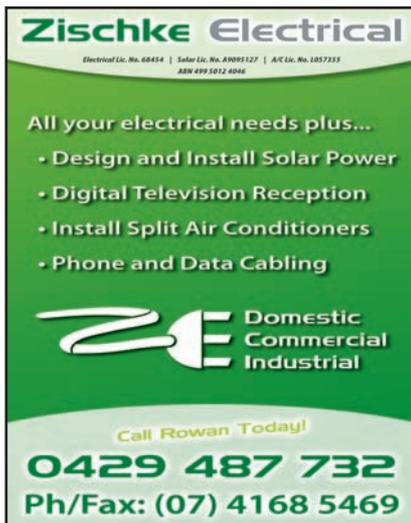
"As a result we have simplified and streamlined application processes for small businesses."

To learn more about the grants and how to apply visit the Business Queensland website - www.business.qld.gov.au or call 1300 654 687.

New grant funding schedule, Business Growth Fund Applications open – 11 May 2021

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New bushfire grants to help Wide Bay communities recover

Wide Bay communities still recovering from the Black Summer bushfires will soon have a fresh opportunity to apply for funding, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

Mr O'Brien said the new \$280 million Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants program will open in mid-2021 to community organisations, businesses and councils, covering Local Government Areas that were disaster-declared as a result of the 2019-20 bushfires.

"We know that bushfire recovery is a long haul for communities and local councils, so this is a great chance to access funding for priorities in areas like Noosa that were affected by the fires," Mr O'Brien said.

"The new Black Summer Bushfire Recovery grants will be delivered directly by the Australian Government, to help communities address priority recovery work that hasn't yet been supported under other funding programs."

Mr O'Brien said the grant criteria and process would be as simple and flexible as possible, and the grants were being announced early to ensure communities had plenty of time to consider local needs and projects before applications open later this year.

"While details and the guidelines are still to come, the new grants program is expected to fund a broad range of projects, from community wellbeing projects right through to environmental ones, and we're getting the grants on people's radar early so people can be prepared," he said.

Minister for Emergency Management David Littleproud MP said this funding is part of the Australian Government's \$2 billion National Bushfire Recovery Fund.

The \$280 million is made of unspent funds from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund, which had lower than expected take-up for some of the demand-driven programs, plus the previously announced \$98.5 million Complementary Projects fund.

This is a clear example of the Australian Government working hard to make sure any unspent funds goes to where it is now needed the most.

"We know that recovery is a long haul and communities are still struggling more than a year after the devastating bushfire season of 2019-20," Minister Littleproud said.

"This funding will help them continue their recovery, making sure that every dollar from the National Bushfire Recovery Fund is being used where it's needed most."

Guidelines and funding criteria will be available in mid-2021 with grant rounds expected to open shortly after that and funding to be delivered to successful applicants from December 2021.

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20 May 2021

Key points:

Chinese meat imports surpassed one million tonnes swt in March

ASF impacts expected to support import demand for the rest of the year

Foodservice industry recovers to pre-COVID levels

Total Chinese meat imports hit a milestone in March, surpassing one million tonnes swt for the month. This was the largest volume of meat imported in a single month by China, emphasising the nation's growing significance for global trade.

As discussed previously, China is currently managing a new strain of African Swine Fever (ASF), which has been reported in several provinces in China and in Hong Kong. This new strain is estimated to have killed as many as eight million pigs since the start of the year. The outbreak is likely to place further strain on Chinese domestic pork production, leading consumers to supplement shopping baskets with supplies of imported meats as substitutions.

While domestic pork prices have fallen in recent months, imports volumes are expected to remain high, with a supply shortage set to last through the rest of the year. Chinese meat imports in the first three months of the year reached 2.56 million tonnes swt, up 21% from the same period last year.

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Industry Training Hub now open to connect local students with careers

A new Industry Training Hub is now open in Maryborough, connecting local senior secondary students with local employment and training opportunities, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

The Australian Government has engaged BUSY At Work to provide a full-time Career Facilitator who is located at 5/131 Bazaar Street. The Career Facilitator will help youths develop skills to help them find employment without having to leave the region.

The hub services the Wide Bay region, including the Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Gympie, Bundaberg and Burnett regions.

Mr O'Brien said the hub is one of ten Training Hubs being trialled across Australia as part of a \$50.6 million investment by the Australian Government to improve opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students in regions with high youth unemployment.

"Wide Bay youths shouldn't have to leave the region to find employment, so this Industry Training Hub is about helping local students to gain the skills that local employers are looking for," Mr O'Brien said.

"This is helping students start their careers without having to leave their hometowns, and also helps local businesses find the skilled staff they need to grow their businesses."

Mr O'Brien said the Career Facilitator is engaging with local employers, especially those who are experiencing difficulty finding people with the right skills they need, to advise senior high school students of skill shortages in the region.

"The hub is identifying the skills employers want and connecting students with training programs to make them job-ready to take advantage of those employment opportunities.

"Industries, workforces and career options are changing rapidly, and this is all about building a strong workforce that meets our local industry needs, now and into the future," he said.

Industry Training Hub Career Facilitator for Maryborough, Karen Seymour, stated: "The Industry Training Hub will provide the bridge needed between the demand for skilled staff and employment opportunities for young people in the region."

"I'm looking forward to assisting the Wide Bay region's local industry through encouraging young people into vocational education pathways that will skill them for career pathways in these industries," she said.

The Maryborough Training Hub is one of five Training Hubs that have now commenced. The other Training Hubs are operating in Burnie in Tasmania, Townsville in Queensland, Shepparton in Victoria and Port Pirie in South Australia.

Additional Training Hubs are planned for Grafton and Gosford in NSW, Wanneroo and Armadale in Western Australia, and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

More details can be found at www.dese.gov.au/industry-training-hubs





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INSPIRATION OF ROSES



The Barambah Garden Club was very fortunate indeed to have Barbara Beerling, a horticulturist from Alderley, Brisbane as the Guest Speaker at their meeting on Friday 14th May. The gathering was held at the home of Lyn Norton in Houghton Street, Murgon. Nineteen members were in attendance to hear the passionate and knowledgeable address about Heritage Roses.

Roses are not native to Australia. Most of our roses were introduced by colonists in the 1800s, some as early as the 1700s. All rose varieties before the second World War came from other countries. Barbara talked extensively about the beauty and resilience of the first roses, the prolific antique Heirloom or Old Garden Roses which were hardy, disease-resistant shrubs and did well in the temperate regions. However, these old roses had a single bloom period, whereas the hybrids we have now are repeat bloomers, bred with longer stems for the vase with many more variations of colour.

When the Chinese varieties were introduced they thrived across both our cooler areas and hot dry parts of Australia. The fantastic yellow and red hues of the Chinese roses added to the charm of many gardens.

Barbara's knowledge extended to the history of the David Austin Roses. The Englishman had a love for the Old Heritage Roses but the Hybrid Tea roses were very popular. They offered more colours and repeat flowering. David Austin created a completely new rose by crossing the two with the wonderful result of what we have today. Sometimes the process of creating a new rose takes as long as nine years.

Most members present were familiar with the very popular Banksia Rose which climbs to great heights in many of our gardens with masses of yellow or white flowers. It came originally from China and its common name is Lady Bank's Rose in honour of the wife of Sir Joseph Banks, the botanist from the history books.

The horticulturist, Barbara Beerling is also a specialist in pruning and enlightened the members on the best method and time for this chore which of course is necessary. She also had great advice for propagation, and how to grow from seeds which was news to most people. The seed pod on a rose bush is known as a rose hip and to be successful the flower which will become a 'hip' must be covered to prevent the bees mixing the pollen from other plants. She said it was worth a go, just for the fun of it; and I agree; that would be interesting. There is also more chance of rose hips if deadheading is paused for a time. The satisfaction of growing a rose bush from a seed has to be an unusual and delightful accomplishment. Thank you Barbara Beerling for your wonderful presentation on Heritage Roses.

Now some news for the members: Next on the agenda for the Garden Club is a bus trip to a Rose Nursery in Bundaberg, on Friday 11th Jun. leaving at 7 a.m. from Pursers Coaches. For more information contact President Anne: on 0438686238.

Happy Gardening Everyone. Barbara Hartmann King 0741681675

Photo: Guest Speaker Barbara Beerling who gave an inspirational talk on Heritage Roses.

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Safer Communities Fund Round 6 open now

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local organisations and councils to apply for a share of \$30 million in funding for community safety initiatives.

Round Six of the Morrison Government's Safer Communities Fund has two streams, with \$20 million for early intervention projects and up to \$10 million for security infrastructure.

The early intervention grant opportunity opens 28 May 2021 (closing 22 July 2021) and the security infrastructure grant opportunity opens on 15 June 2021 (closing 5 August 2021).

"Every person deserves to feel safe in their community, and this funding will help ensure people in Wide Bay can feel safe as they go about their daily lives, whether it's through the use of CCTV cameras, lighting or other crime-prevention infrastructure," Mr O'Brien said.

"The early intervention stream will provide support for at-risk or vulnerable young people, to help them build positive relationships and skills so they are less likely to become involved in crime.

"I would encourage all councils and community organisations in Wide Bay to consider infrastructure or community projects that can be supported through this funding, to help make our communities safer, happier places to live."

Assistant Minister for Customs, Community Safety and Multicultural Affairs Jason Wood said this announcement is delivering on the Morrison Government's commitment to deliver safer communities through crime prevention initiatives.

"Local communities can feel safer from violence, harassment and anti-social behaviour following these initiatives," Assistant Minister Wood said.

"The early intervention funding stream will help assist young people at high risk from engaging in criminal or anti-social behaviour build resilience, cultural connections and job readiness skills.

"The infrastructure funding will not only improve security and protect communities through projects such as CCTV, fencing and bollards, it will also keep local people employed, boosting local economies."

The Safer Communities Fund is a long-standing program that has invested more than \$215 million since 2016 and provided over 600 grants directly to communities across Australia, including \$987,000 for 54 cameras throughout Cherbourg; \$15,865 for security cameras at Vinnies in Gympie; and \$396,698 for CCTV cameras in Murgon.

Grant opportunity guidelines for the early intervention and infrastructure funding streams will be available on the opening dates at www.business.gov.au. Guidelines will include information about how to apply, eligibility and assessment criteria.



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ANZAC DAY raffle winners at Murgon? At this stage the 1st prize remains unclaimed as the phone number we have is incorrect. Hopefully someone knows her, or she might see her name and come forward.

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during NAIDOC Week, 4 -11 July 2021

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Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artists submitting artwork must: be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; be an individual aged 10 years or older;

Please note, no group entries (three or more people) will be accepted.

How does it work?

The theme of the artwork needs to reflect the 2021 NAIDOC Week theme: Heal Country!

Artworks can be of painting, sculpture or drawing artistic mediums, submitted in one of the two categories: Creative Ability or Up-and-Coming Artist

Creative Ability: For artists who are new to their craft and are at a beginner level

Winner: \$350 VISA gift card, Runner-Up: \$150 VISA gift card

Up-and-Coming Artist: For artists who are skilled in their craft and are at an intermediate level or above

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All entries will be judged by representatives from the CPL Group, with winning entries announced across Access Arts, CPL – Choice, Passion, Life and Cootharinga North Queensland's social media platforms and websites during NAIDOC Week, 4 -11 July 2021.

How do I enter?

Complete the online submission form and supply: at least two (2) clear close-up photos of the artwork; one (1) photo of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander artist holding his/her artwork in their arms; a description of the artwork (maximum 200 words) on how the artwork reflects the 2021 NAIDOC Week theme: Heal Country!

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AUTHOR TALK WITH MAYA LINNELL

South Burnett Libraries are excited to announce that bestselling author of Bottlebrush Creek and Wildflower Ridge, Maya Linnell, will be visiting the Proston Town Hall on **Friday 25 June 2021** from 10am to promote her new novel Magpie's Bend.

Maya is renowned for perfectly capturing in her novels what it means to live in regional Australia and the community spirit that goes along with it.

Here's a snippet from her new book...

Bush nurse Lara McIntyre and journalist Toby Paxton are thrust into the limelight when an accident puts the beating heart of their community in jeopardy. The small country town of Bridgefield can't manage without their general store and post office, but Lara can't stomach the idea of out-of-town buyers revamping it with no regard for what the residents want or need. Loyalties are put to the test as the locals attempt to save the shop, with personal agendas, old grudges and misunderstandings threatening their best efforts.

Featuring a black-tie ball, a fun run, a magpie called Vegemite and a snake-chasing kelpie called Basil, Magpie's Bend is a story about rural lives, family, love and letting go.

'Maya Linnell knows how to tug on our heartstrings, with just the right dollop of reality... I'll never be able to collect my mail from my general store in the same way again!' - Catriona Rowntree.

Bookings for this fantastic event are strictly capped due to COVID regulations, so please call the Proston Library on (07) 4168 9103 to secure your place.

FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOPS AT THE KINGAROY AND WONDAL LIBRARIES

The Kingaroy Library's Family History Workshops will recommence on **Monday 7 June 2021** from 10am, with additional monthly sessions beginning at the Wondai Library on **Monday 21 June 2021** from 10am. The workshops at each location are catered to those beginning their family history research. Skilled guidance is provided on all aspects of genealogy, in particular:

Australian, British and North American research & how to access the various sources of information. Online repositories such as Ancestry, Family Search, Find-my-past, and My Heritage are also explained. Attendees can bring along a personal computer, but they are not necessary. Free WiFi is available at both library branches for those who do bring a device.

Bookings for the Kingaroy and Wondai Library Family History Workshops are strictly capped due to COVID regulations, so bookings are essential.

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SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES AT UNDER 8s DAY

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Former Nanango GP Dr Fred Morgan Honoured By Governor



Queensland Governor Paul de Jersey AC presents former Nanango GP Dr Fred Morgan with the Order Of Australia Medal (OAM) ... Dr Morgan was awarded in this year's Australia Day Honours

Well-known Nanango GP Fred Morgan was officially presented with the Medal of the Order Of Australia (OAM) he was awarded in this year's Australia Day Honours.

Dr Morgan was formally given the medal by Queensland Governor His Excellency the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC at a special afternoon ceremony held at Government House in Brisbane.

Dr Morgan was accompanied to the event by his wife Marcia and close friends Cr Roz Frohloff, Barry Green and Audrey Kruger.



His OAM citation stated he was being recognised for his service to medicine as a general practitioner.

It also noted he had been a GP at the Nanango Medical Centre since 1981, was involved in the establishment of the Karinya Residential Care Home, is a former Queensland State Government Medical Officer and a member of the South Nanango Rural Fire Brigade.

The award is the second Dr Morgan received this year.

In the South Burnett's 2021 Australia Day awards, Dr Morgan also received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his 40 years of service to the region.

After Tuesday's ceremony, Dr Morgan and his party enjoyed an afternoon tea at Government House and then took a short tour of the grounds.

Dr Fred Morgan was born in the South Burnett at Wondai and attended Stonelands State school.

He worked as a sugar chemist until he was 26 before starting his medical training in Edinburgh.

He arrived in Nanango more than 40 years ago.

One of his early achievements for the community was his leadership in the campaign to establish a retirement home for the Nanango district.

Dr Morgan helped launch a community fundraising campaign and gained the support of the then-Nanango Shire Council for the proposal.

Karinya was up and running by 1989, becoming an integral part of the community and helping local residents stay local during their older years.

Dr Morgan became the secretary of the management committee and his wife Marcia filled the public relations officer role.

When Karinya was taken over by Southern Cross Care, the money that had previously been donated by the Nanango community was returned to the now-South Burnett Regional Council and helped fund the cost of roads and infrastructure for Nanango's Heritage Lodge project.

This joint project, which offers long-term housing for people with disabilities, was developed by South Burnett CTC with assistance from Heritage Nanango Community Funding.

Dr Morgan was also known and highly respected for his incredibly long working days at his surgery.

He would work from dawn until late at night, seven days a week.

His care also extended to home visits, a rare service these days, and "one-on-one" assistance for community members, such as carting pods of water or attaching a farm gate.

Dr Morgan sold his Fitzroy Street surgery in 2018 to move into retirement.

[Photos: Cr Roz Frohloff] & Courtesy South Burnett Online.

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- [Smoke Alarm Regulations](#) - Information for landlords, tenants and owner occupiers regarding 1 Jan 2022 compliance deadline
- [Ambulance Wish Queensland](#) - Fulfilling last wishes and creating memories for those in palliative care and their families.
- [Landcare Bushfire Recovery Grants](#) - Up to \$50,000 for bushfire affected areas in SE Qld.
- [Small Business Grants](#) - Three new grants to help Qld small business
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Business Basics grant program – Opening 31 May

Eligible small businesses across the state will be able to apply for a \$5,000 grant to increase core skills and adopt best practice when the program opens on 31 May 2021. Guidelines for the program are now available and we're encouraging interested small business operators to review the details, check your eligibility and gather supporting documentation well ahead of the opening date.

The program is a great opportunity for small businesses (including non-employing and micro businesses, and new and emerging businesses with less than 20 employees and a maximum turnover of \$300,000 for the current financial year) to access funds to improve basic capabilities. With everything from website upgrades to strategic marketing projects to training and coaching sessions eligible for funding, we anticipate the grants will be very popular.

Applications will close when funds are anticipated to be exhausted. So the message is simple—prepare in advance and be ready to apply!

Find out more at www.business.qld.gov.au/business-basics

THINK POLICE LINK – A MESSAGE FROM THE LOCAL POLICE

The South Burnett Police are urging members of the public to “Think Policelink” prior to contacting their local Police Stations and Triple 0 call centres.

Policelink is the primary contact point for the QPS and is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

By phoning 131 444, you will speak with a Policelink Service Officer who can assist to generate a non-urgent property incidents reports, provide answers to general police enquiries, amongst other functions.

When you contact Policelink for non-urgent matters, you are helping reduce the number of calls to Police Stations, and 000 contact centres.

Your choice to contact Policelink increases the ability for front line Police to attend more urgent requests for assistance, so please “Think Policelink first”.

We sadly mourn the loss of:

BARNES, John Henry, Late of Wondai

WATT, Beryl Joyce, Late of Murgon,

PARRISH, Eva Nell Edith (Nellie), Late of Marooka and formerly of Proston

BURGESS, Margaret (Peg), Late of Murgon

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock



Here's an opportunity not to miss. 3 Bedroom timber home with front patio close to the main street and within walking distance to the local golf club for a game or a great meal. This property would give a good rental return for the investor. There is new carpet in the bedrooms and one room has b/ins. There is a single bathroom with shower over bath and extra storage. The laundry is downstairs, and the carport is set off the back of the home. There is storage in the sheds at the back of the property. The property backs onto farmland so no near neighbors at the back. **MURGON \$120,000**



Well established long term business that continues to show positive growth, located in the country town of Murgon in the South Burnett, just one hour North of Gympie and two hours to the Sunshine Coast. Currently we are experiencing a COVID boom here with people escaping the cities. This business is Freehold and will be sold as a Going Concern. All display cabinets, fridges, freezers, fixtures, fittings absolutely everything you need to run this shop will be sold on a WIWO basis. List of plant and equipment is available upon request for serious buyers. If you are looking to be your own boss and are keen to take on this business and make it grow even further, then please give us a call for further information. **MURGON POA**



Struddy's Sports Store Murgon carries a huge range of stock from sports apparel, active wear, fitness equipment, bikes for children of all ages, skateboards, scooters, school uniforms and footwear for all activities. The business also offers screen printing, embroider and heat press transfers. A secure second income as an agent for Bendigo Bank and ATM facilities. Offering a great lifestyle to the existing owners, returning consistent sales figures over a long period of time, with the room to expand. The current owners are happy to provide a transition period to assist in understanding the customer base, familiarises themselves with the products, and assure the total transition is as smooth as possible. Good on street customer parking in an excellent business center. **MURGON \$139,000**



A lovely well maintained 3-bedroom home with immaculate gardens. This home is wheelchair friendly with a large lounge room that has air conditioning, open plan modern kitchen and dining. 2 bedrooms with air conditioning and built ins, ceiling fan in the main. The spacious bathroom accommodates for a wheelchair, with an open shower, vanity, and storage cupboard, plus a second toilet. Laundry with storage cupboards and a ramp to go out to the backyard. The backyard features a lovely entertainment area, garden shed, color bond garage, and carport. Immaculate gardens and lawn, fully fenced. For extra security there are front and back security screen doors and all windows have fly screens. **MURGON \$225,000**

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Cyclists Burn Up The Highway



They spent the night in Murgon and enjoyed dinner put on by the Murgon Mustangs Rugby League Club.

A large group of men and women in lycra cruised into Kingaroy on Thursday morning as part of a seven-day, 710km fundraising cycle ride to support young burns victims.

And the riders know all about burns ... most of the group are either serving or retired firefighters, but there were also two police officers among the bunch.

The annual Bike 4 Burns ride began in Gympie on Wednesday morning.

The cyclists rolled into Murgon on Wednesday afternoon after travelling via Kilkivan and Goomeri.

They spent the night in Murgon and enjoyed dinner put on by the Murgon Mustangs rugby league club.

The group then had an early start on Thursday, heading off down the South Burnett Rail Trail to Kingaroy, stopping for morning tea at Memorial Park.

One of the organisers of this year's event, Karen Perry, is also taking part in the ride.

She praised the Rail Trail, saying it was great to ride on.

Karen said the group were then heading off to Jandowae, where they planned to spend Thursday night.

After Jandowae, the cyclists will be heading to Dalby, Millmerran, Allora and Ipswich before finishing their ride at the Queensland Children's Hospital in Brisbane.

A large group support crew accompanying the ride well as four fire trucks, bus and other vehicles

Bike 4 Burns is an annual charity ride that raises money for the Children's Hospital Foundation, specifically its Burns and Trauma Research Group.

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner Greg Leach said the ride had raised more than \$755,000 since it began in 2007.

The cyclists hope to push this total past \$800,000 this year.

"Last year, due to COVID-19, the ride was forced to adapt and was transformed into a 12-hour One Day Classic," Mr Leach said.

"The whole team is excited to get back on the road, travelling through Queensland communities and raising vital funds while they are at it."

Donations to Bike 4 Burns can be made online

Courtesy South Burnett Online.



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"Music is back in full swing playing boomwhackers and clap sticks or claves, as otherwise known. At present, we are consolidating our understanding of the Element of Music, DYNAMICS with games and videos and hands-on activities. Dynamics is about the volume of how we play the rhythm, loud or soft...the students love playing FORTISSIMO!!! Now, we are learning about RHYTHM [the mix of long and short sounds put together] and BEAT [constant pulse of the music]...the children designed and created maracas, a percussion instrument that can do a lot more than you'd think!"



Winderá SS playing claves/clap sticks...#clap sticks 1-Karl, Odin with claves at his nose, Ethan and Cohen



Cloyna SS playing bucket drums with dynamics!... #Music 3-BJ, Avannah, Blake [really going for it], Ned, Tomas and Graesyn.



Moffatdale SS designing and creating paper bags maracas...Year 5-6s with finished maracas,



Hannah and Charlotte with their designed maracas.

From Lamb Street to the Champs-Élysées!

Eulogy for Noela Whitton (nee McMahon, nee O'Brien)

19th December 1929 to 9th April 2021

Delivered by her son Hugh O'Brien, At Linden, NSW, 15th April 2021

Noela Mary McMahon was born in the small Queensland country town of Murgon, Queensland, just three weeks after the greatest stock market crash in history. She was a poster child of the depression and was into recycling and conservation before Al Gore was even born!

It led to her eldest daughter Jane becoming a sculptor using recycled paper pulp, to her middle daughter Claire becoming a whiz at making meals go further and to her youngest daughter Lizzie becoming a United Nations award winning environmentalist.

Noela grew up in the back of her father's electrical goods shop in Lamb Street, Murgon. They sold His Master's Voice radios and later TVs, whitegoods and sporting goods.

Her father Kevin Hamilton McMahon and mother Ivy encouraged their five kids – Ivy, Noela, Colleen, Kevin and Bryan – to be involved in music and performance. Mum learned the violin and played and sang at dances.

In 1942 with the Japanese forces threatening Brisbane, the students of St Rita's Clayfield were moved to live at the convent in Murgon, further inland and supposedly safer. With a manpower shortage they needed a responsible person to ride each day to the bakers and take a load of bread to the convent for the boarder's lunches. 12-year-old Noela was the only girl entrusted with this job and she did it, rain, hail or shine.

Later when the Australian army set up camp outside Murgon, all the McMahon girls provided musical entertainment at Saturday afternoon dances.

Mum had a love of Shakespeare and became a speech and drama teacher. She met the love of her life Evan Whitton in Murgon in 1945 when she was 15 and he was 17. Evan told me he first fell in love with Noela when he saw her riding her pushbike down Lamb Street.

One day at the Presentation Convent school in Murgon, one silly lad let the air out of Noela's tyres. She hurled him down an embankment and he ended up sprawled in tree branches. Clearly, no one was ever going to let the air out of Noela's tyres – she was unstoppable for almost nine decades!

For various reasons, including letters not passed on, the teenage romance of Evan and Noela was derailed. She used to take the 30-mile steam train ride from Murgon to Kingaroy to teach elocution. She would stay overnight in the Broadway Hotel and it was here she met Des O'Brien, a dashing returned serviceman who had been a radio operator on Lancaster bombers in World War 2. Noela told me she was attracted to Des because he was very well-spoken, very well-read and very well-mannered but best of all, his ambition was to become a racing car driver based out of Paris.

Paris was the hot button word for the 20-year-old Noela. She'd been a serious Francophile ever since the late 1930s when she listened to Edith Piaf 78s on the HMV model 102, according to my grandfather, the world's finest portable gramophone.

Noela married Hugh Desmond O'Brien in Murgon in May 1951. By June 1956, she had four kids under four and a husband who drank away his undiagnosed PTSD most nights at the Kingaroy RSL.

Mum gave us all a fantastic start with home kindergarten before each of us began school at St Mary's Kingaroy. She encouraged all of us to enter Eisteddfods and she arranged for me to act in a radio play when I was eight.

She acted in and directed plays for the Kingaroy Theatre Company, her biggest role being Pearl in a 1962 production of the famous Australian play *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll*.

December 1st 1962 was a pivotal day in our family's history. After the wedding in Brisbane of Mum's brother Bryan to Veronica Murphy, Noela dropped in with us four kids to say hello to Evan's mother and father, Tom and Berniece Whitton, who had moved to Brisbane some years earlier after selling their newsagency business in Murgon.

By chance, Evan, who was living in Toowoomba at the time, happened to be there. Mum said a few years ago in the *Sydney Morning Herald* piece *THE TWO OF US* that it was as if she had only seen him yesterday. Their love was rekindled and plans were made.

In 1964 she left our father and she took me to live with Bryan and Veronica in Melbourne. Jane, Claire

and Lizzie spent six tough months in the Presentation Convent in Murgon before we were all reunited in January 1965.

We lived in a tiny two-bedroom flat in East Melbourne. Mum literally slept on the couch and worked three jobs at once. She worked weekdays at Dine Out Melbourne, nights at the TAB and weekends selling furniture for a company in Richmond.

When Evan came to live with us in 1966, Mum did not ease up but if anything worked even harder. She sold advertising for *Fashion News* - her boss described her as their greatest ever salesperson, she sold creative services for Central Art Studios and United Graphics and insurance for AMP.

Her vibrant personality, her courage and her incredible work ethic meant our circumstances slowly improved. We moved to Sydney in 1971 and as Evan rose up the ranks of journalism the financial pressure eased a little but Mum continued to work hard.

She was a typesetter at the University of Sydney and became so good at it she later taught the subject at Sydney College of the Arts. She could typeset in 16 languages but so she could be faster, she actually studied Arabic, not an easy language to master when you are entering your fifties.

Mum's love of performing never went away. In 1979 she became a proud member of Actors and Announcers Equity and in 1982 she appeared as a featured extra in the Noni Hazlehurst film *Monkey Grip*.

As I mentioned earlier Mum's hot button word was Paris. She always wanted to live there so she convinced Evan - who thought crossing over the Sydney Harbour Bridge to go to the North Shore was a journey too far - to actually move to Europe as the Sydney Morning Herald's foreign correspondent.

They lived in Notting Hill in London but most importantly, for three glorious months in Paris. It was in Paris in September 1984 that Noela finally married Evan. Their best man was former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

In Paris, Noela met a fascinating elderly lady named Lily Carre who had been a member of the French resistance fighting the Nazis. Noela wrote Lily's story as a film treatment and my sister Claire, who was by that time was working as a post-production supervisor in Hollywood, put the film treatment in the hands of Roman Polanski.

Around this time, Noela had one of her travel articles published in the *New York Times*, something Evan was very proud of. She wrote extensively for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and at one stage had a regular column on media matters.

From about 1987, when Evan and Noela lived in Brisbane so Evan could cover the Fitzgerald Inquiry into police and political corruption in Queensland, Noela took on possibly the hardest job of her life. She totally supported and championed Evan's goal of changing the legal system from an adversarial approach to a fairer inquisitorial system. She became adept at book publishing and dealing with TV and film producers.

That amazing girl on the bread bike in Murgon sure went places and I was privileged to be along for part of the ride.



Lamb Street Murgon in December 1935. Pictured left to right are Frank Sippel, Kevin McMahon (snr), Mr Blakeway, Jack Krebs, Noela McMahon (on the tricycle) and Ivy McMahon. Kev McMahon, after whom the

scoreboard at the Murgon Showground is named, is a 4-week-old baby in the pram. (site of the current NAB Bank building)



Murgon-born Noela McMahon married Evan Whitton, who she met in Murgon in 1944, in Paris in 1984. Their best man was former Australian Prime Minister Gough Whitlam.

2021 black&write! Fellowships announcement

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Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



**Qld Dairy & Heritage Museum Volunteers Linda Bauer, Bev Tucker and Oriel Black
at**



Volunteers from the Museum were only too happy to help out at “The Spirit of the Bush” at Boondooma Homestead on Saturday 24th April. It was great to be a part of the festivities and back again after 2020 was cancelled because of COVID. Demonstrating butter making and serving damper is our contribution to what is always a great day.

On the 25th March we had a group from Bundaberg who enjoyed a butter making demonstration, tour of the museum followed by a Barbeque lunch served by the volunteers. We are looking forward to hosting another group on Friday 30th April for a tour and morning tea. We have provided morning tea and tours also for South Burnett and Southern Cross Caravan Clubs, Murgon RSL AND Gayndah RSL as well as The Parkinson’s Support Group. It is great that once again people can travel and get out and about and enjoy what our local country areas have to offer and visit our Museum which provides so much local history..

The school holidays proved to be a busy time with families visiting and children learning about our past.

The Museum has had books donated which we are selling. There is a variety of books selling from 50c to \$5, and lovely jig saw puzzles on display.

We are still collecting bottles and cans for recycling = Opening Hours Tuesday to Sunday 9.30am -12.30pm. The Museum is always looking for volunteers. You can choose to be on a roster to meet and greet visitors, or you can be a volunteer to help with our morning teas or just be a volunteer to help out with gardening or helping to keep our buildings neat and tidy. It is your choice.

Come out and have a chat or call on 41 695001. Joy Fennell

BIG BUDGET BOOST TO AGED CARE, JOBS AND FAMILIES

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said while there are many big numbers in the 2021-22 Budget for big spending programs designed to achieve big outcomes, the test will be is what difference is made on the ground.

"The headline funding announcements sound impressive, but they must make a practical difference to achieve their stated outcomes," Mr O'Brien said.

"I welcome the \$17.7 billion record commitment for aged care, which includes an extra 80,000 new home care packages, but this funding boost must address the serious pressures the aged care sector faces.

"This additional funding must deliver an increase to aged care providers, and an increase to the number of packages available in regional areas like Wide Bay.

"After my long campaign calling for fair pay for Occupational Therapists and other allied health professionals who care for veterans, the Government has acted in this Budget with a \$61.9 million boost for these services which will increase the availability and quality of care provided to veterans.

"Funding for mental health and suicide prevention is also increased in the Budget with \$2.3 billion to improve outcomes and access to services, and this must also mean that local services like headspace receive the funding they need to meet local demand."

Around 49,100 taxpayers in Wide Bay will benefit from tax relief of up to \$2,745 this year, from the extension of the low and middle income tax offset to 2021-22 and the decision to bring forward Stage 2 of the Government's tax relief plan.

"This means more money for local households to assist with the cost of living, and it will also help generate economic activity to create jobs," Mr O'Brien said.

"We're also making childcare more affordable by increasing the child care subsidy for families with more than one child aged five and under, which will benefit around 250,000 families nationally by an average of \$2,200 each year."

The Morrison Government is doubling its commitment to the JobTrainer Fund to support a further 163,000 new training places to upskill job seekers and meet skills shortages. The Budget also funds more than 170,000 new apprenticeships and traineeships and 5,000 higher education short courses.

"An extended and expanded JobTrainer Fund will upskill job seekers and young people, which has supported 1,490 apprentices in Wide Bay. These new measures will lead to more opportunities for apprentices and trainees with expanded wage subsidies," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Morrison Government is continuing tax incentives that will help around 19,500 businesses in Wide Bay to write off the full value of any eligible asset they purchase. This will help them to purchase new equipment, increasing their productivity and encouraging business owners to hire staff and expand production.

"Around 6,500 businesses in Wide Bay will be able to use the extended loss carry back measure to support cash flow and boost confidence."

In Maryborough, the Budget provides a final payment of \$8.5 million towards the \$60 million Rheinmetall Nioa Munitions plant.

"The Morrison Government's \$28.5 million contribution is already helping to create an extra 100 permanent local jobs, as well as building Australia's sovereign defence manufacturing capabilities with this world-class facility," Mr O'Brien said.

"Projects along the Bruce Highway in Wide Bay also receive funding in the Budget including the Cooroy to Curra Section D Gympie bypass, which is under construction now and due for completion in 2024.

"The Budget also commits \$11.2 million towards the \$14 million reconstruction of the intersection of the Bruce and Wide Bay Highways at Bells Bridge, which is expected to be completed this financial year."

"The Budget also includes \$20 million for the overtaking lanes on the Bruce Highway at Tinana which are finally taking shape. This project is fully funded by the Morrison Government and is due to be completed later this year. There is also an allocation of \$19,987,698 in 2021-22 towards the \$103 million Saltwater Creek upgrade near Aldershot.

"I want the Bruce Highway to be as safe as possible and I remain steadfast in my call on the Queensland Government to listen to everyone who has signed the petition calling for a four lane Tiaro bypass. We need the State to do its job and bring forward the four lane design and cost estimates for this project that is essential for road safety and the economic future of our region," Mr O'Brien said.

The Tablelands Road Bridge at Cooran and Wahpunga Lane Bridge at Kin Kin will be completed in 2021-22

with \$1,240,949 allocated through the Bridges Renewal Program towards these projects.

Improving water security remains a priority with an \$18 million commitment for a water storage project for Maryborough and an allocation of \$450,000 towards the Government's \$3.5 million contribution to the North and South Burnett Water Infrastructure Feasibility Study.

Councils in Wide Bay will receive the following allocations through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program in the 2020-21 financial year to spend on local priority projects:

- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shore Council - \$79,698
- Fraser Coast Regional Council - \$3,824,114
- Gympie Regional Council - \$2,723,604
- Noosa Shire Council - \$1,580,692
- South Burnett Regional Council - \$3,288,930
- Sunshine Coast Regional Council - \$7,307,535

The Financial Assistance Grants program will continue to support Council priorities and the Roads to Recovery program will help repair, maintain and upgrade local roads.

"The highly-regarded Hope Reins at Langshaw receives \$97,500 in the Budget out of a total contribution of \$140,000 from the Morrison Government towards their new education centre," Mr O'Brien said.

"Cooroy Badminton Hall receives a final payment of \$10,000 out of a total \$20,000 Australian Government contribution towards its amenities block upgrade.

"The Budget also delivers a final payment of \$98,750 to complete the Maryborough Portside Cultural Precinct, taking the Australian Government's total contribution to \$395,000 for the project, as well as a \$40,000 allocation for the Avenues Lifestyle Support Association's Sherwood Hall refurbishment at Gympie.

"Work is well underway at the Murgon Fossil Museum and Cultural Centre, which has been allocated \$1,087,900 in 2021-22 of its \$1,596,514 funding, and I look forward to seeing the project completed this year.

"The final stage of the Rufous Street Masterplan, the new Peregrine Beach Community House, was allocated \$1,517,500 out of a total Australian Government \$2,550,179 contribution, and I'm pleased to see work is well underway on this fantastic facility for the Noosa community that is due to be finished in November this year."

A \$250 million extension of the Building Better Regions Fund will provide councils, community groups, sporting clubs and veterans service organisations in Wide Bay the opportunity to apply for funding for projects that improve local communities.

"A further round of the popular Stronger Communities Program will give not for profit and volunteer groups in Wide Bay funding to help them purchase equipment, build new facilities, or renovate existing buildings to create more opportunities for their members and the community."

Mr O'Brien said the real test of the 2021-22 Budget will be in what impact it has on the ground for local families and businesses, creating jobs and delivering better services.

"There's much to be done, and it's important that people in Wide Bay benefit from the broader Budget measures," Mr O'Brien said.

"I will continue to provide strong and effective representation to build a better Wide Bay."

“Jamming on a Saturday Afternoon”

Yes, it is on again. The last Jam was a great success and enjoyed by all. Why not come to the next session? Treat yourself to an afternoon out. Food and drink can be served at the venue.

“Jamming on a Saturday Afternoon” is a free musician's jam session being held in the hall of the Murgon Uniting Church, 55 Gore Street on Saturday June 19th. The session starts at 2pm, going to 5pm. Includes a cuppa at 3:15pm. Coffee and snacks will be supplied.

The jam session is open to all musicians and singers in the Murgon and South Burnett region who are welcome to come along, join in with others and share their musical gifts. We had some from Nanango, Kingaroy and Proston. All over the place. Anybody can just come along and listen in or get up and sing.

All government COVID recommendations will be followed. But that won't stop people having a ton of fun. All instruments and music styles are welcome. Jarret brought along his Cohuna. Fabulous. A set of drums, a djembe drum and a banjo needs people to play them.

Come along, join in, share, learn and have fun.

Enquiries to Wayne on 0409 870 853. Call after 4pm.

COUNCIL NEWS

The recent wet season in Queensland has resulted in five local government areas having their drought status revoked including

Logan City Council, Redland City Council, Gold Coast City Council, Goondiwindi Regional Council and Charters Towers Regional Council. Although the recent wet weather has eased the burden on the regions listed above, the South Burnett still remains a drought-declared region with assistance available to those adversely impacted.

Financial and social support is available for farm families, businesses and rural communities to help prepare for, manage during and recover from drought. Find out if you are eligible for drought assistance at <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought>.

The South Burnett community are encouraged to be prepared and understand South Burnett's drought situation via the drought declaration map at <https://longpaddock.qld.gov.au/drought/drought-declarations/>.

Currently a prototype Combined Drought Index (CDI) is being developed to measure a combination of Australia's drought indicators and reduce the inaccuracies in declaring drought following isolated weather events. The CDI is available at https://nacp.org.au/drought_monitor.

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto said, "Council is working hard to find permanent, long-term solutions to ease the burden of this drought in the South Burnett. Water security is important for our community's quality of life and the sustainable future of our regional industries."

For further information regarding the drought declaration contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on 13 25 23 or visit the DAF website.

South Burnett Regional Council in conjunction with Biosecurity Queensland will be participating in a coordinated Wild Dog & Feral Pig Control Program.

Baiting stations will be held throughout the South Burnett from Monday 14 June to Monday 21 June 2021. All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Friday 4 June 2021.

Failure to control wild dogs and feral pigs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control declared pests on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility.

For further information and to register your intention of attending a baiting station please contact Council's Stock Route and Pest Officer on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

South Burnett Regional Council is pleased to announce construction commenced on the Big Peanut monument located in Lions Park Kingaroy on Tuesday 25 May 2021.

Completion of this project is anticipated for Wednesday 30 June 2021.

The Big Peanut monument is in recognition of the local peanut industry and its history throughout Kingaroy and the South Burnett region.

Works will be undertaken in the following stages to minimise inconvenience to the public during the construction period:

Construction of the plinth for the Big Peanut monument

Construction of new pathways

Removal of existing shelters to be replaced with new shelters

New signage

This project is funded through Queensland Government's Works for Queensland programme.

This is a collaboration between Council and the 'Kingaroy Needs a Peanut' committee. Council acknowledges the 'Kingaroy Needs a Peanut' committee for their valued contribution in commissioning the artist, delivery and installation of the Big Peanut monument.

This project is in conjunction with the 2021-26 Corporate Plan in enhancing community culture through the support of initiatives and the provision of community facilities.

Regular updates on the Lions Park Kingaroy and Big Peanut monument works will be available on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southburnettregion>

For further information contact Council's Parks and Gardens team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

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Auxiliary Firefighters in the South Burnett region celebrated the official opening of the newly built replacement Wooroolin Fire and Rescue Station located at 45 Alexander Street Wooroolin,

Mayor Otto said, "The \$1.5 million investment by the Queensland Government represents another significant contribution to our region and will make a tremendous difference to our local Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES). It's great to see the Queensland Government investing in small rural communities like Wooroolin," the Mayor said.

Minister for Fire and Emergency Services Mark Ryan said the new facility provided a boost for frontline firefighting services in the area.

The Hon Mark Ryan said, "With the opening of this new state-of-the-art Fire and Rescue Station, local firefighters are able to deliver enhanced services to the Wooroolin community."



“By involving the community and emphasising their accountability in compliant waste management, we can redirect resources spent on illegal dumping towards more sustainable and productive initiatives for a better quality of life for our residents and visitors,” said Councillor Frohloff.

Illegal dumping and incorrect waste disposal issues are taken seriously by Council. Illegal dumping can result in individual offenders facing fines of more than \$2,000 and corporations facing fines of more than \$10,000.

This project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government.

See it. Report it. Stop illegal dumping by reporting it to Council’s Waste and Environment team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

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COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETINGS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY

South Burnett Regional Council has begun the next annual budget cycle, working through a series of discussions over the coming weeks.

The 2021/22 budget is scheduled to be adopted at a special budget meeting on Wednesday 30 June 2021.

To remain transparent in the decision making process, Council will be opening up budget committee meetings to the community via live streaming and the public gallery. COVID-19 restrictions apply.

Regular budget meetings will take place in the Warren Truss Chamber, Glendon Street, Kingaroy from Wednesday 5 May 2021 until Wednesday 30 June 2021.

Mayor Brett Otto said, “Council is facing a challenging budget and we are keen to take the community with us through the budget deliberations.”

Access the livestream of Council meetings on Council’s website.

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

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National Volunteer Week

South Burnett Regional Council celebrates National Volunteer Week South Burnett Regional Council is taking part in National Volunteer Week 2021 from Monday 17 May to Sunday 23 May to acknowledge all the valued efforts of volunteers throughout our region. This year’s theme for National Volunteer Week is Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine. This theme is important in recognising, celebrating and thanking our volunteers, reconnecting to what is important by giving back to our South Burnett community, and reimagining how we can provide support and opportunities to our valued volunteers now and into the future. Councillor Danita Potter said it is important we acknowledge our volunteers not just this week, but every day of the year as invaluable members of our community. Councillor Potter said, “South Burnett volunteers offer their time, skills, knowledge and so much more to the region every day of the year out of the goodness of their hearts. This National Volunteer Week, we Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine to say thank you to our volunteers and all they do for our region.” “Healthcare, aged care, tourism, information, education and emergency services are just some of many industries and causes volunteers are committed to across our region. South Burnett’s heart, diversity and unique personality can be largely attributed to our volunteers and we would be a very different place without them, “ said Councillor Potter. South Burnett Regional Council acknowledges its 77 volunteers, committing their time across Visitor Information Centres, Museums and Libraries and thanks them for their service. For further information on National Volunteer Week visit <https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/> If you are interested in volunteering for Council visit <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/volunteeringcouncil> For further information contact Council’s People and Culture team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Wondai Regional Art Gallery

June 2021 Exhibitions

The month of June will see the Wondai Regional Art Gallery hosting two travelling exhibitions.

“early” by Emma Thorp (Main Gallery)



Emma Thorp is a digital and mixed media artist who works with acrylics and coloured pencil on paper. She has been living in Queensland for 10 years, the past 6 of those years on the Fraser Coast. The bulk of Emma's work is self-narrative, often incorporating her family and the beautiful natural environment of Hervey Bay, Queensland. Emma's son Alby was born at 26 weeks and 3 days (at that stage everyday counts) gestation. He had many of the typical setbacks that extremely premature babies have, but battled and became stronger and after 78 days between the Mater Mothers' Brisbane and Toowoomba Base Hospital Special Care, Alby was able to come

“Early” is a mixed media works on paper exhibit that chronicles the 8 years since Alby's birth and his diagnosis with Autism and ADHD.

“The Unknown Canyon” by Rory O’Chee (Galleries 1 and 3)



Rory O’Chee is a very exciting photographer who brings a unique and uncompromising perspective to landscape and still life photography. His work is unfiltered. He finds ways to let the landscape speak for itself, very much as Ansel Adams did, and the results are breathtaking. Born with Down Syndrome in 1998, Rory was originally attracted to photography as a medium to express his creativity, since his fine motor skills are restricted by his Down Syndrome. Once he realised what could be achieved with the camera, Rory set about using photography to tell stories that other people do not see. He has won a slew of awards, as well as critical acclaim for his work.

“Kids Korner”

Windera/Cloyna State Schools

Opening Night:

Friday, 4 June 2021 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, 26 June, 2021.

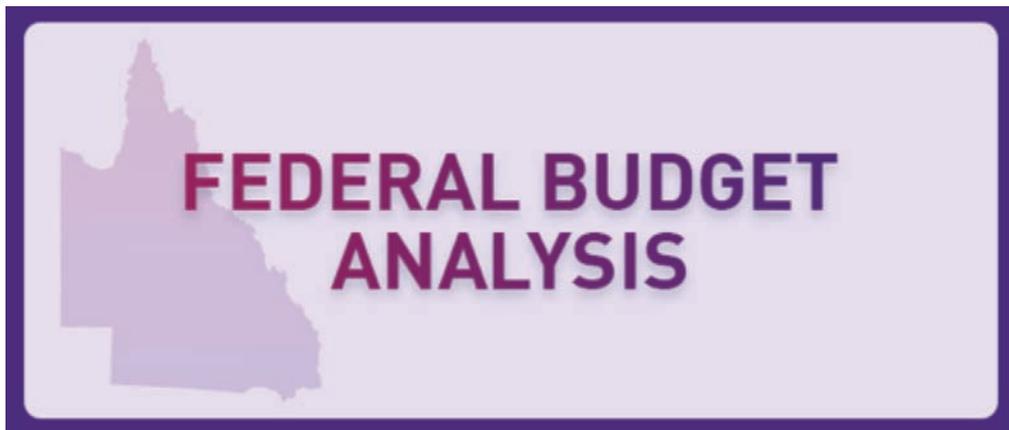
The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 3.00pm. Free Entry.

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



Congratulations to the Webber family on a book launch, camp oven meal, country music, cake cutting, memorabilia & even fireworks to mark 100 years of the Webber family in the Cloyna community!

Kathy Duff.



CCIQ Analysis: Budgeting for jobs with leverageable support for businesses

The 2021-22 Federal Budget handed down on Tuesday night had an emphasis on strengthening employment possibilities across Australia. This desired outcome was largely supported by short-term economic measures to stimulate short-term growth as the economy continues its recovery from COVID-19. Additional spending was made possible by a strengthened fiscal position, despite compounding deficits still projected to amount to more than \$500 billion between the 2020 and 2025 financial years.

The Federal Budget ultimately delivered initiatives that has targeted key areas of concern for small business. However, significant policy reform, including tax reform, is a missed opportunity to drive longer-term growth and certainty.

Budget Summary for Business

- ★ Productive support for business and industry growth
- ★ Positive economic and fiscal revisions, reflecting the recovery to date
- ★ Projections underpinned by more realistic assumptions
- ★ Missed opportunity for additional long-term reform

The Winners and Losers

Winners:

- ★ Tourism sectors still impacted by COVID-19
- ★ SMEs with a capacity to invest in machinery and equipment
- ★ Construction, agriculture and manufacturing industries
- ★ North Queensland businesses suffering from uncompetitive insurance markets
- ★ Focus on jobs and training

Losers:

- ★ Attraction and retention initiatives for seasonal workers
- ★ Queensland infrastructure relative to the rest of Australia
- ★ Acceleration of sustainability initiatives

Notable mentions: ★ Female workforce , ★ Mental health support

- ★ First home buyers

New road risk research uncovers Aussies' speeding shame

Released by the Australian Road Safety Foundation (ARSF) in the lead up to the 15th annual Fatality Free Friday initiative (28 May), the research found speeding remains by far the highest broken road rule, with 78 per cent of Australians admitting to being heavy-footed.

Surprisingly, females are more likely than their male counterparts to speed, with an alarming 81 per cent of female drivers admitting to the risky behaviour. The findings also reveal that jaywalking is the second highest road law broken, which shows that it's not just Australian drivers but also pedestrians who need to step up their road safety skills. Worryingly, more than two-thirds of Australians admit to having broken a road rule, with a quarter of people doing so at least once a week.

When it came to the reasons for undertaking these potentially life-threatening behaviours, half of Australian drivers said it was due to inattention (50%), followed by the belief that it was safe to do so (30%).

"Tragically, 1,108 people lost their lives on Australian roads last year. The research shows that a frightening 84 per cent of road users falsely believe that drivers make up the majority of the road toll, when in actual fact more than half are passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists," Mr White said.

"Individuals have a responsibility to make the right choices when using the roads and it is imperative they understand the devastating consequences their choices can have not just on other road users, but on the wider community.

ARSF ambassador and motor racing champion Craig Lowndes said this increased road usage means drivers need to be increasingly vigilant on the roads. "I know better than most the dangers of a high-powered vehicle, and cannot stress enough that the road is not a race track. There is no excuse for dangerous driving no matter what the driving conditions may look like," Mr Lowndes said. "The stark reality is that any time you take a risk behind the wheel, you are putting the lives of every motorist, passenger, cyclist and pedestrian around you at risk. Together, we can save precious lives on our roads."

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives and Co-Chair of the Parliamentary Friends of Road Safety Llew O'Brien said road safety is everybody's business. "Every driver needs to be mindful of their responsibility to themselves, their passengers, other road users and the community, every time they get behind the wheel," Mr O'Brien said.

The research has been released as the ARSF calls on individuals to #ChooseRoadSafety and demonstrate their commitment to reducing the road toll by taking the Fatality Free Friday pledge. Taking the pledge means promising to always be fit to drive, stay focused on the road, scan the road ahead, keep a safe distance, and to drive in a way that suits the conditions.

Since its inception in 2007, Fatality Free Friday has grown to become Australia's largest national community-based road safety program. While the target is to have zero fatalities on Australian roads on Friday 28 May, the initiative is much more than just a single day, ultimately aiming for long-term community change.

To take the pledge, zero fatalities on Australian roads EVERYDAY

Reserve Forces Day, Wondai Sunday 4th of July 2021

In addition to the existing program, on Saturday the 3rd there is to be a race meeting at Wondai so if you are so inclined the admittance is \$10 at the gate. The social bowls commences at 10am at Wondai Bowling Club with green fees of \$10 -a BBQ steak sandwich will also be on offer.

The Meet & Greet will be at Wondai Diggers Club approx. 5.30pm, and so we press on,

Regards, Noel Selway, Secretary

By the end of the war there had been 234 men and women enlisted giving Wondai as their place of enlistment, another 514 had given Wondai as their residential location on enlistment and a further 395 as their place of birth and these covered the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Volunteer Defence Corps. Of these 30 were killed in action or died of other causes and 20 were taken prisoner of war of whom seven died while in captivity. Decorations were one Military Cross, a Distinguished Conduct Medal, two Military Medals, a Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Force Cross.



South Burnett Libraries is pleased to announce on Thursday 17 June 2021, children aged 0-10 and their families are invited to take part in an all singing, all dancing

Rock 'N' Roll Rhyme Time with the Fabulous Lemon Drops!

The Fabulous Lemon Drops will be performing two shows at Kingaroy Town Hall at 10:00am and Wondai Town Hall at 1:00pm. Join in and sing along with hilarious nursery rhyme characters and their stories.

The Fabulous Lemon Drops shows are proudly funded by the Queensland Government and the State Library of Queensland.

Bookings are essential for each family member attending due to COVID-19 regulations, with a strict cap on audience numbers. Please book through the Kingaroy Library on 4189 9256 and Wondai Library on 4189 9252. If you are feeling unwell and cannot attend, please cancel your booking

Doors will open early to allow attendees to register and find a seat. Doors open at 9:00am for a 10:00am start in Kingaroy and 12:30pm for a 1:00pm start in Wondai.

For further information contact Kingaroy Library on 4189 9256 or email Kingaroy.library@sbrc.qld.gov.au or Wondai Library on 4189 9252 or email Wondai.library@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Image: Fabulous Lemon Drops

“One Accord Support Group”

MUC Hall, 55 Gore St, Murgon.

Re-Starting Tuesday 15 June 2021

10:00 – 10:30 Morning tea, then

10:30-12:00pm discussions and or activities.

When? Tuesdays every week from Tues 15th.

Questions to Doug 0466 974 483

Support Groups

These are groups that support their members through their experiences of cancer and other things such as mental health and wellness, chronic illness, disability, grief and loss, parenting, sexual health, addiction, trauma, etc.

You are invited to come to the re-starting of the old “One Accord Support Group”.

It stopped in March 2020 due to Covid.

Can't be there and you need support? If you have a computer or notebook, or iPad we intend to allow remote participants to use the Zoom meeting software from 22th June.

How do I set that up? More info? Call Doug 0466974483 or email me butss@tpg.com.au

The three / four class at Wheatland's State School, recently enjoyed an informative trip on the Valley Rattler in Gympie . They have been studying the history of transport in Queensland.

Editor: lucky devils



A Short History of Barbed Wire

The windmill, the revolver, and the repeating rifle are often mentioned as the three most significant inventions influencing the settlement of the West. However, during recent years general acceptance of a fourth invention, barbed wire, as an equally profound influence became apparent.

As the realization of this fact, antique barbed wire collectors began to appear throughout the country. Further investigation resulted in the discovery of an almost endless variety of barbed wire designs not found in modern fencing.

Joseph Glidden is generally credited with being the first man with a practical form of barbed wire. His first Patent was issued in 1874.

While many refinements in strength, style, and manufacturing have been made through the years ... the Glidden barbed wire of 1874 is essentially the same as that being made today.

NATIONAL SENIORS

The Murgon & District Branch Inc of National Seniors Australia will be holding Meetings on Friday 11th June; Friday 15th August & Friday 15th October at the Australian Hotel Steak Room from 11.00am.

This invitation is open to all current NSA Members who are interested in their local Branch's activities.

For further information please contact Paula (President) on 4168 3114 or 0497 324 376.

Yours sincerely, Trisha Seiler (Publicity Officer)

The 25th Annual Goomeri Pumpkin Festival















And the boys brought out their toys



You should know, never argue with a bloke with a camera, dark glasses and a big hat ! Anyway the pig races were a great success. Loved it.



And this what 25 to 30,000 people came to do enjoy the day and roll a pumpkin down Goomeri's Policeman's Hill



Some sorry losers have to pay up

Catch Me If You Can mentoring program, Murgon

First Nation students from Murgon Primary School recently took part in their first **Catch Me If You Can** session, which is a mentoring program at the South Burnett PCYC.

Catch Me If You Can is an innovative program that uses sports to develop and improve relationships between First Nation school students and local police, unique to PCYC Queensland.

As part of the program, selected students from the school were matched with a police officer and participated in team building activities allowing students and police to get to know each other in a healthy environment.

The mentors for this program include police officers from Murgon and Cherbourg Police Stations, including Sergeant Mark O'Brien, Senior Constable Danielle Gordon, Senior Constable Aaron Hartwell, Constable Graham Lochrie and Constable Trent Ward.

The program brings two cultures together through basketball, mentoring, speed yarning, brainstorming and building of positive relationships.

A number of traditional First Nation games were played, along with brainstorming and discussing issues such as what makes our community great, what issues are prevalent within the community, what can be done to make the community better and who can help resolve these issues.

Catch Me If You Can was delivered at the South Burnett PCYC through PCYC Queensland's Indigenous Community Sport and Recreation Program and is a fine example on how to understand each other by getting to know each other.

For more information on the program, visit pcyc.org.au/youth-and-community/indigenous-programs/programs-activities-events/catch-me-if-you-can/.



PRATT AGENCIES WEANER SALE 30TH APRIL 2021



Weaner Steers to \$2130.00 Just on 1000 calves were yarded for the Pratt Agencies Annual Weaner Sale in Murgon on Friday. The yarding was up to the usual very high quality of Burnett weaners. The condition of the calves was testament to the better season experienced this year (in places) compared to the previous few years. Cattle were drawn from Gayndah, Mt Perry, Nanango, Yarraman, Kilkivan, Kingaroy and locally. A full panel of buyers from North & South Burnett as well as Downs buyers were in attendance. Santa steers from D Stanton Goomeri sold to \$6.00 c/kg returning \$2130.00. A & R Barsby Tansey sold 2 pens of Charbray steers for \$1708.00 (4.68) & \$1565.00 (4.58). M Smith Gayndah sold prize winning Charbray steers for \$5.44 c/kg for \$1714.00 & \$6.02 c/kg and \$1558.00. G & J Zahl Gayndah sold Charolais cross steers for \$1653.00 (5.40) & \$1586.00 (6.06). W & S Dollard Manyung sold Charbray steers for \$5.86 c/kg & \$1638.00. T Court Goomeri sold Charbray steers for \$6.06 c/kg returning \$1586.00. Charbray steers from G & M Sullivan Moffatdale sold for \$1480.00 at \$5.60 c/kg, with their Droughtmaster steers also making \$5.60 for \$1652.00. I & J Davies Kilkivan sold a draft of 50 Euro & British cross steers for an average of \$5.71 c/kg, 267 kg & \$1528.00. T Stanton Goomeri sold Simmental cross steers for \$6.08 c/kg and \$1520.00. Angus steers a/c T Sampson Yarraman sold for \$1653.00 and \$5.40 c/kg. E & S Pick Tansey sold Brangus steers for \$1520.00 at \$6.32 c/kg. Brangus steers from R & N Hanson Crownthorpe sold for \$1300.00 at \$6.22 c/kg. Brangus steers a/c ANSDE Goomeri sold to \$6.00 c/kg returning \$1545.00. Red Angus steers a/c G & A Sippel Redgate sold to \$1538.00 at \$5.50 c/kg. Brangus steers from A & J McLean Kilkivan sold for \$6.22 c/kg & \$1151.00. Santa steers from Crownthorpe a/c Kelly Brothers sold for \$1610.00 at \$5.58 c/kg. Class winning Santa steers a/c the Lee Family Nanango sold to \$5.84 c/kg & \$1596.00. Braford steers from Gayndah a/c AJ Bambling sold for \$1373.00 and \$6.14 c/kg. Local Droughtmaster steers a/c L Reimers sold for \$5.98 c/kg & \$1353.00. Prize winning Charbray heifers from G & M Sullivan Moffatdale sold for \$1400.00 at \$4.80 c/kg. A & K Barsby Tansey sold first place winners for \$1565.00 and \$4.58 c/kg, and a second pen for \$1374.00 at \$4.78 c/kg. Charolais heifers from G & J Zahl Gayndah sold to \$4.70 c/kg for \$1450.00. Brangus heifers from R & N Hanson sold to \$5.06 c/kg returning \$1140.00. Charbray heifers from Gayndah sold for \$1210.00 and \$4.88 c/kg. Angus heifers from A & J McLean Kilkivan sold for \$4.76 c/kg and \$1030.00. Charolais cross heifers from Proston sold for \$1113.00 and \$4.72 c/kg. Steers averaged \$5.55 c/kg - \$1514.00. Heifers averages \$4.54 c/kg - \$1206.00. Yarding averaged \$5.12 c/kg

ATM at the old NAB Bank in Murgon to remain



Would you like to watch the construction of the new Creative Country Art Gallery, Cultural Centre and Fossil Museum being built in Murgon from your work desk

Members of Sugar Craft were delighted to have two talented ladies demonstrate their special talents for us in May. Maureen Edmonds from the Sunshine Coast showed us how to make faces it was a hands on demo.

Lorraine Taylor from Murgon showed us how to make butter cream and taught us the techniques on how to apply to cup cakes everyone had a go, all we need now is practice.

Hope everyone is keeping warm as there a few colds around. We meet again the first Thursday of each month nine thirty Studio Art Gallery Wondai. Interested ladies come join us start a new hobby we learn so much.

Until next time Gloria





There's no excuse for Domestic Violence Weekend organized by the Murgon Mustangs RLFC



Thank you to everyone involved in organising the evening at the Royal in Murgon as part of the campaign against domestic violence in our communities. Lots of strong messages & awareness as well as some fun & fellowship!!



Tansey Bowls Club was packed for the Annual Multi Draw Raffle and LifeFlight Charity Bowls Day.

A Certificate of appreciation was awarded to Jan Ferguson by Jocelyn Walker Sunshine Coast LifeFlight Regional Advisory Committee Chair

The certificate read : RACQ LifeFlight would like to thank you for your generous contribution towards our 2021 Sunshine Coast Gala Dinner. You helped us to raise over \$100,000.



Photo L-R: Lionel & June Watts (Life Flight Volunteer), Dan Richards (President Tansey Bowls Club), Jan Ferguson (Certificate of Appreciation Awardee), Bee Driscoll (Life Flight Volunteer).



As a follow up from our Centennial Celebrations of Christ Church in Murgon, it is our hope that people will once again join us in our churches.

Christ Church has been there for 100 years and it has given comfort to people before TV. and all the new so-called entertainment that is available to us. Is it making us happy? Life is still difficult especially for our young ones.

You ask "why should I go to church", perhaps for fellowship if you are lonely or isolated.

The Bible tells us "seek and ye shall find, knock and the door will be open for you."

Our visiting minister gave a sermon on love, he said we don't have to like a person to give them love, such as understanding, caring and kindness.

Our children need to have hope, all they hear at this time, is Global Warming, our beautiful earth being swamped by plastics, etc. etc.

Do they have to rely on technology to give them hope for the future. The churches are there to gather likeminded people. If you would like to know more, please ring. Julie – 0427393502 . Pat – 41690345

Barambah Anglican Council.

Wondai & District Garden Club

Thank you to all who supported The Wondai & District Garden Club Raffles at the Autumn Garden Expo. Proceeds from these raffles resulted in a donation of \$500 to RACQ LifeFlight. Winners of the cash prize are 1st Peter, 2nd Bev, 3rd Fay, 4th Trish. The raffles drawn on the hour every hour, a gift voucher of \$15 from any stall on site were claimed by Janice, Jim, Leona, Gwen, & Monica.

Another chance for winners is the Spring Expo 25th – 26th September. Tickets \$1.00 each, will be available closer to the Expo. The hourly raffle is only on the Expo days. Ensure purchases of tickets as you enter to be there to collect your gift voucher either day. Our stand is on the right as you enter. The Wondai & District Garden Club are pleased to have supported local services over the years. We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month.

Denise Steinhardt (Secretary) 1472 Mt Mc EUEN Road, Hivesville. 4612. Ph 41689736.



CROSS COUNTRY 2021 Murgon State High School

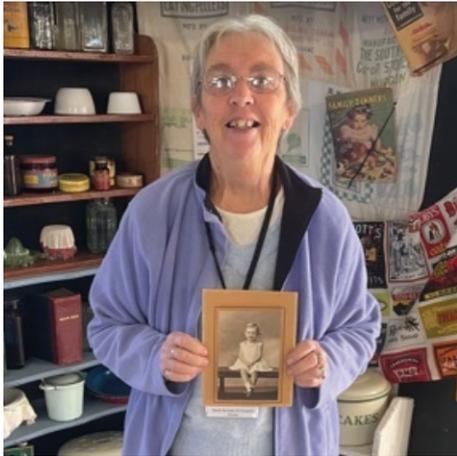
Congratulations to our Age Champions - Well done to Goanna House for taking out the event! Thanks to Mr Young (sports coordinator) and his team for a great afternoon.

U12 Boys - Lochlan Grant, U13 Boys - Jacob Rattey, U14 Boys - Tristan Greaves, U15 Boys - Nathan Roderick
U16 Boys - Dawson Rattey, Open Boys - Ryan Brunjes, U13 Girls - Ava Jolley & Alivia Wieland
U15 Girls - Lacy Lee, U16 Girls - Amy Henderson (absent from photo)

Please note there were no U12, U14 or Open Girls select to participate as the event was nomination only.

South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group

There were many things to celebrate at our May meeting, with two birthdays (Ancy, Darryl) and two wedding anniversaries (Alison & Col, Merrilyn & Charles). Elva and Phil must have had some premonition of the importance of the day arriving with a beautiful bunch of pink camellias which they gave to the ladies. Darryl was surprised when a chocolate birthday cake with a few less candles on it than his actual age, was put in front of him. We all shared a piece after our other cake and cuppa.



It was a large group of 18 relaxed, happy people on the day...almost felt like a Christmas party. Poems were provided by Merrilyn and Lyn. Everyone was asked to arrive with an old photograph.

There was a great array of pictures including toddler Donna, triathlete Garry, a romantic Phil and Elva and little Gary with his mum etc. Each person gave a short comment about their photo, which proved very interesting.

Col and Charles were again in the **'winner's chair'** for our competitions. Seeing we were meeting in a place of **historical significance**, we were each asked to come up with an old fashioned word. Col's Furphy's Tank was judged by Linda to be the best.

Thanks to Linda, Cynthia and Oriel, the reliable Museum crew, who catered for us and waited on us on the day.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 28 @ GRAHAM HOUSE There will be a powerpoint presentation by a member of the local ambulance committee. This video will look at common age related incidents such as dehydration, stroke,

heart attack, and fainting. The video has been designed by **seniors** for seniors.

CONTACTS: Darryl 4168 3116 Carmen 5486 1268

Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive disease for which there is presently no cure. Symptoms are varied and life altering. People with Parkinson's show courage and determination as they live each day in a positive way.

NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Parkinson's is not a prerequisite. Our group also consists of carers and friends.

Carmen Emery-Strathdee, Coordinator, South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group, 07 5486 1268

Universal Telehealth extended through 2021

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien has welcomed a \$114 million investment in the upcoming federal Budget to extend Telehealth services until the end of the year.

"Over the last 12 months, Telehealth services have been life-changing for many people throughout Wide Bay, so I welcome the Coalition Government's investment to ensure people can continue to access medical support through this service," Mr O'Brien said.

"The extension will ensure that people in Wide Bay can continue to see their GP, renew scripts and seek mental health support from the safety of their own home, and importantly, it allows vulnerable Australians to feel protected and supported during these unprecedented times."

Telehealth items were rapidly implemented in March 2020 to ensure our primary care sector could continue to function and that Australians could continue to access important health services despite the challenges posed by COVID-19.

From 13 March 2020 to 21 April 2021, over 54 million COVID-19 MBS telehealth services have been delivered to 13.6 million patients, with \$2.9 billion in Medicare benefits paid. More than 83,540 providers have used telehealth services.

The extension of Telehealth includes services for general practitioners, medical practitioners, specialists, consultant physicians, nurse practitioners, participating midwives, allied health providers and dental practitioners.

Minister for Health and Aged Care, Greg Hunt, said Telehealth has played an important role in supporting Australians through the pandemic.

"We recognise that Telehealth continues to play an important role in supporting Australians through the pandemic, which is why as part of the 2021-22 Budget, we are extending Telehealth services to 31 December 2021," Minister Hunt said.

"It is critical that Australians continue to look after their health and stay engaged with your primary care providers."

The Government continues to work with peak bodies to co-design permanent post pandemic Telehealth as part of broader primary care reforms to modernise Medicare and provide flexibility of access to primary and allied healthcare services.



Thank you to the Barambah Bush Caravan Park for providing a magnificent venue & wonderful hospitality for the Sippel family reunion. I am very proud of my Sippel heritage on my Mother's side, the late Lorna Duff (nee Sippel). My Mum was Fred Sippel's daughter from Redgate!!

Kathy Duff.



Murgon delivers strong message

There is no excuse for domestic abuse. This was the strong message being delivered throughout the South Burnett in mid-May when Murgon Mustangs Junior Rugby League joined with The Allison Baden-Clay Foundation to champion for change.



Ex Local and State of Origin star Gavin Cooper also assisted to deliver ambassador talks throughout South Burnett schools and events with the culmination being a huge day of football on Saturday.

Congratulations to Cole Cooper, Scott Prendergast and their team of volunteers for the successful event. Thank you to Vanessa Fowler and the Allison Baden Clay Foundation for their ongoing work in this space.

CASTRA Raffle Drawn 29/5/2021

1st Prize , Lyn Argent, 2nd Prize Diane Pain, 3rd Prize R. Birch, 4th Prize Erin Barkle, 5th Prize Doug Johns, 6th Prize Darryl Koy.

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We have chosen photography categories that encourage people to explore Murgon and all it has to offer.

We have chosen the '**Dairy Museum**' - to encourage people to visit the Museum;

the '**Main Street of Murgon**' - to encourage people to explore the main street;

and the '**Lilyponds of Murgon**' - this will hopefully make people either discover them, realise they have recently been upgraded OR for those who think outside the box - there are also a couple of businesses with Lilypond in the name.

Entry Fee is free.

Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation

This week in the Queensland Parliament, legislation has been introduced in relation to voluntary assisted dying (sometimes called euthanasia). This legislation is based on the Queensland Law Reform Commissions (QLRC) report which follows a parliamentary inquiry in 2019-20 into aged care, end-of-life and palliative care and voluntary assisted dying (VAD), which gave the QLRC the terms of reference and scope to conduct its review.

There is no doubt that VAD is a complex issue that many people in our community and throughout Queensland feel strongly about. On behalf of the Nanango Electorate, I will be conducting a community survey in the near future - this will be sent through the post direct to your household. In the meantime, I would encourage you to read about what is being proposed at the following links:

QLRC Full Report (888 pages) - QLRC Report Summary (62 pages) - QLRC Four page summary

The legislation introduced to Parliament

It is vital that there is a respectful debate across all sides of this issue and I look forward to working with our community over the next few months to hear your opinions.

Deb Frecklington MP, Member for Nanango nanango@parliament.qld.gov.au

Update to protect yourself from cybercrime

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging people to take simple steps like updating software to protect themselves from cybercrime, as part of the Australian Cyber Security Centre's 'Act Now Stay Secure' campaign.

"Updating the software on electronic devices like computers, smartphones and tablets is one of the easiest and most important ways to protect yourself from cybercriminals and defend against online threats," Mr O'Brien said.

"Leaving your devices with outdated software and apps is the virtual equivalent of leaving your home's doors and windows wide open when you're out of the house so intruders can enter.

"All over the world, cybercriminals take advantage of gaps in security to break into computers and online devices to steal data, identities, and money.

"Software developers regularly issue updates for their products to plug these gaps when they are identified, as well as to improve functionality, so it's an important step to take to protect your personal information and finances.

"You can shut the door on cybercriminals by regularly updating your device software, and make it even easier by setting up the automatic update feature so you don't have to think about it."

Easy-to-follow advice on how to update common software on Microsoft, Apple and Android devices is available at www.cyber.gov.au.

Cybercrime can be reported through ReportCyber which is managed by the Australian Cyber Security Centre on behalf of law enforcement agencies, providing a single online portal for individuals and businesses to report cyber incidents.

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Tom and Brenda were visiting the art gallery and they came to this painting of a naked woman and nothing on but a leaf. Brenda wasn't impressed with it and kept walking. Tom stayed there just looking.

C'mon Tom, What are you waiting for?
"autumn"

The Dentist

Rosy had been having an affair with the dentist for sometime and the Dentist was getting worried.
"Rosy we have to stop this. We are bound to get caught."
No we won't, my husband is as dumb as a post and doesn't suspect a thing.

Well he might be, but you are down to one tooth.

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Kathy's Comments

Proston State School Success!!

Congratulations to the Proston State School on a history making achievement winning the Champion Led Steer at Beef 2021. Our Council invited the winning team of students along with their teacher, Katrina Hayward, to showcase their achievements at a recent Council Meeting. I felt very proud to stand beside the students and share in their joy. Well done to Smithfield Feedlot for providing the steer and Smithy's Transport for the free cartage. Beef week in Rocky is an incredibly competitive environment with studs from all over the state and beyond. It was a mighty effort for a small school in a small town, so again congratulations on an amazing victory.

Volunteers Afternoon Teas

We recently celebrated National Volunteers Week. This was our opportunity to thank our volunteers. Council relies heavily on volunteers and I would like to personally thank each and everyone of you for the work that you do to promote and support our communities and to showcase our region to visitors and travellers.

OzHelp

It was alarming to hear at a recent mental health workshop that the South Burnett has the highest rate of suicide of anywhere in the State. We need to urgently act on this information and as such we will be advocating for a share of the recent Federal Budget announcement of extra dollars for mental health. At the workshop I learnt that physical exercise and a good diet help to improve our mental health. Thank you to Darren Black who is the CEO of OzHelp for travelling from Canberra to organise the workshop and talk to our Council about potential ways to help improve this current worrying situation.

Domestic Violence Event

Thank you to Murgon Junior Rugby League and everyone involved in the recent event to Say No to Domestic Violence in our communities. It was a big event with the Ambassadors program in the schools as well as a Dinner and lots of exciting football. Congratulations to Scott Prentagast and Cole Cooper for organising this event for our region.

Sippel Reunion

It was wonderful to stay at the Barambah Bush Caravan Park and participate in the Sippel family reunion. My mother was a Sippel and I am incredibly proud of my Sippel family connections. They are all great people and it was an enjoyable day celebrating in the beautiful Barambah Bush Caravan Park setting.

BYTE NITE volunteers wanted!!

Byte Nites are back beginning again on Saturday night, July 3rd. They will be every second Saturday starting at 6.00 pm and going through to around 8.30pm. There is a meal served to everyone and activities include everything from ping pong through to artwork. I know that the PCYC are still looking for volunteers who are willing to give some of their time to assist. I believe these evenings have been a great success in engaging with our young people. I also think they have helped in the reduction of youth crime in our community. Please contact the PCYC on 41681889 if you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring one of the nights.



Goomeri Pumpkin Festival

I had a wonderful time at the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival. Congratulations to Kym Boyter and her team on an amazing event. I would like to thank Crowie's Paints in Kingaroy for painting me a pink pumpkin for the roll. I was really pleased with how well the pumpkin performed making it all the way down hospital hill!!! I was in a competition with Matt Collins from Crowfm and I have to say that the pink pumpkin won the day. It was simply awesome to witness over 20,000 people at the event. I also enjoyed judging the Pumpkin Pageant and the Dinner under the Stars at the beautiful Boonara Homestead. Thank you to the Goodchild family for hosting a fabulous evening.

Centenary Webber Family

Congratulations to Roger Webber and his family on the celebration of 100 years of the Webber family at Cloyna and on their property "Hauraki". I was honoured to write the forward in their centenary book and to chair their celebratory dinner. I would like to thank the Webber family for their contribution to our community. Thank you for the volunteer work you have done over the years from volunteer firefighting to community service. Thank you for your active participation in sport, your support of the local schools and the Cloyna hall and for your contribution to our economy through your farming enterprises. May I wish the Webber family God's richest blessings as they continue life's journey over the next one hundred years.

Live Streamed Budget Meetings

Council is heavily into budget mode as we lead up to the end of June. There is an opportunity to live stream a budget meeting almost every Wednesday if you are interested or you can go onto the website and replay any of the meetings.

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The role will include supporting potential volunteers through the application and recruitment stages and continue to support them ensuring their ongoing compliance and recording of volunteer hours.

You will work with and support the Club Manager as an integral part of the administration team.

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On Wednesday, a morning tea was held in the hall. The theme was a Mad Hatter's Tea Party so the clean kitchen and dining area was ideal for a high tea. Most members wore their hat creations and prizes were awarded but the wonderful treats made by two of our ladies took top honours. Lots of photos and laughs were involved.

Thursday found us at Moffatdale Ridge winery for wine tasting and a delicious roast lunch. Our host did a great job describing the wines and ports and their production. Advice on which wines and foods went well together was also given. Some of the wines were too good to be left at the winery so quite a few hard earned dollars changed hands.

Friday saw us visit the Murgon Dairy Museum. The volunteer hosts provided us with beautiful scones and pikelets made with home-made butter and topped with jam and cream. We watched a butter making demonstration and the ladies and gentleman invited us to take the guided tour of the precinct. They made us feel genuinely welcome and gave us so much background history of the many projects. Various parties then scattered around the district to shop and explore.

The Hotel Cecil was where the last planned activity was held on Saturday evening. There was a slight delay serving, probably due to staff availability but the nice country meal served up and the time for extra drinks and conversation compensated for that.

The S.C.C.C appreciated the Wondai and Murgon hospitality and what the district offers. Our total expenditure in the area was \$7680 which the club hopes is a help to local businesses so once again, thank you Wondai and Murgon from The Southern Cross Caravan Club.



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Darling Downs Health assistant director of nursing and midwifery, Jennifer Goodwin, encouraged all families to come along to the community event to learn more about their local MGP. "We are excited to be able to offer this model of care to expectant mums and their families in the South Burnett," Ms Goodwin said. "An MGP means that pregnant women see a known midwife for their pregnancy, labour, birth and follow up care. "This includes providing care, consultations and support in a women's home or local hospital or health service, where possible. "This approach to maternity service is seen as the 'gold standard' and we look forward to supporting women and their families across the South Burnett."

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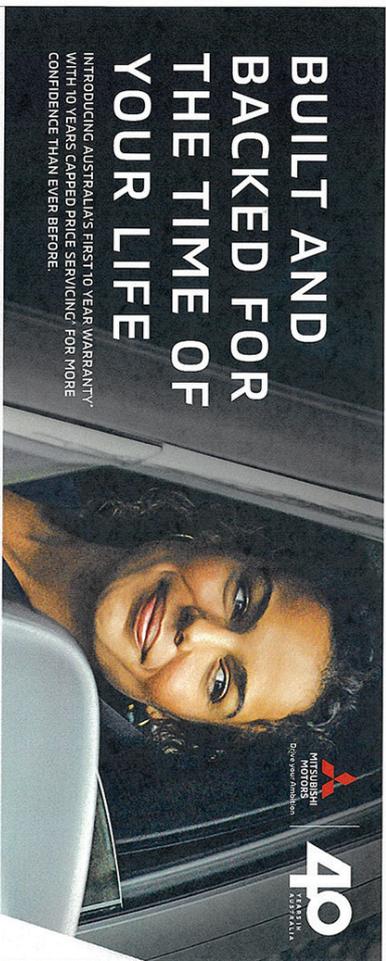
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