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# Darling Downs Health looks to soar to new heights

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a drone carrying time-sensitive medical supplies to rural and remote hospitals and multipurpose facilities.

In conjunction with Swoop Aero, Darling Downs Health is exploring the implementation of a drone pilot program that will see dispatch hubs launched within the Health Service, delivering essential supplies, test samples and pharmaceuticals between facilities.

Executive Director of Infrastructure at Darling Downs Health, Dr Paul Clayton, said the pilot would be a first for Queensland, if not Australia.

"We're really pushing the edge of medical innovation with this pilot and as far as we know, there isn't another hospital or health service that is ready to implement a pilot like this or have something already in operation."

"We've been talking to Swoop Aero for a number of years and to be in a position where we could implement this service by the end of 2022 is an incredible achievement."

Traveling at speeds of up to 115km/h, the Swoop Aero drone would be dispatched from multiple hub locations and service the surrounding hospital and multipurpose facilities.

"We envisage utilising the likes of Goondiwindi, Dalby or Chinchilla, Kingaroy and Toowoomba as the hub locations that would then be used to fly different goods to our facilities, be unloaded, or released from the air and return back to base in a very timely manner." Dr Clayton said.

CEO and Co-Founder of Swoop Aero, Eric Peck added that it was a great opportunity for communities.

"This collaboration with Darling Downs Health is a fantastic opportunity for communities across Queensland. We're currently awaiting the outcome of an application for a federal grant from the Emerging Aviation Technology Partnerships (ETAP) program, which would help bring this service to fruition."

"A large-scale pilot with Darling Downs Health will present life-changing opportunities to patients and

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communities and is in line with our goal of reaching 100 million people in 2025. The technology has already been successfully deployed across nine countries and three continents, delivering over 790,000 items" Mr Peck said.

The proposed pilot comes after a successful series of demonstrations in Goondiwindi recently which Darling Downs Health staff attended.

Dr Clayton said the demonstration reinforced that this technology is available, and proven.

"Swoop Aero has been delivering medical supplies with drones for quite a while now overseas and having seen them in action and talking to their staff on the ground, I am confident that the use of drones will provide better outcomes to the Health Service, patients and the community." Dr Clayton said.

Australian Operations Manager for Swoop Aero Daniel Scandar said the drones are totally autonomous.

"The great thing about these drones is they are totally autonomous as they fly. Swoop Aero's design and operational philosophy includes complete automation of the airborne system. Our strategic decisions are also able to be made and programmed prior to the aircraft being launched."

"For example, we pre-plan the flight path, set altitude and speed and away we go. This mitigates the risk of human error through automation. If you think about the Darling Downs Health network, it's almost like road design, once we have our main flight paths designed, we'll continue to utilise that as our main highway in the sky and then have arterial paths connecting to different facilities or even directly to a patient at home." Mr Scandar said.

While waiting for the outcome of the grant application, Darling Downs Health will continue to work with Swoop Aero to refine the planned hubs, flight paths and frequency of the drone deliveries.

It is hoped that once the grant is approved the pilot will commence by the end of the year.

# AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT SHOWS SOUTH BURNETT COUNCIL LEADING IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Auditor-General's Report on Local Government has marked the South Burnett Regional Council highly on the crucial financial sustainability indicator.

CEO Mark Pitt said that Council's net financial liabilities were 9.1% compared with the median of nine rural/regional Councils of -26.2%. "The South Burnett Regional Council is way ahead in the financial health stakes," said Mr Pitt.

"Our asset sustainability ratio of 110.7% was also higher than the median for similar Councils of 98.2%."

"Importantly, the South Burnett's relative risk assessment indicator was at the lowest end of the spectrum.

"Our cash position is strong, and our loan levels and debt management are all within respectable limits," said Mr Pitt.

Mayor Otto said that the report was encouraging, however cautioned that while the South Burnett's historical financial performance was sound, the future financial sustainability of council will come with challenges. "We are going to need to be very careful about the decisions we make moving forward."

"Council has reported deficits for the past two years and is likely to do so again in 2022/2023. This has been the result of increasing depreciation costs due high to asset revaluations. We have more revaluations coming this next year. The Queensland Grants Commission has reduced Council's financial assistance grants by \$1.5m over the next three years - a decision that has me completely baffled," said the Mayor. "We have written to the Queensland Government and received no satisfactory response."

"Coupled with inflationary pressures, this will give rise to significant challenges for both our community and the council. More than ever, we will need to manage our finances very carefully," said Mayor Otto.

## Local groups secure funding for major lighting projects

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has congratulated two local South Burnett groups who have secured funding to undertake major lighting projects at their grounds.

Mrs Frecklington said the Wondai Proston Wolves Rugby League Club, and the Nanango Show Society were successful in securing funds totalling almost \$210,000 through the Active Gameday Projects Fund.

"These are important projects for the South Burnett which certainly deserved support," Mrs Frecklington said.

"Lighting of our grounds grows participation in local sport by providing the option for clubs to train and compete in the evenings when more people are available outside of work hours, and when it is cooler during the summer months.

"The Wondai Wolves are undertaking an infrastructure improvement plan at their grounds and this grant will help upgrade their existing lighting," Mrs Frecklington said.

"The Nanango Show Society will use the grant to install new lighting at their main arena. This provides opportunities for the sport and recreation clubs based at the Nanango Showgrounds to attract large state and national events from their affiliated groups such as Equestrian Qld, Dogs Qld and the Qld Rodeo Association," Deb said.

Nanango Show Society President, Les Schloss, said the lighting project had been a goal of the Show Society for many years.

"Along with the grant, we could not have made the project happen without a substantial contribution of \$30,000 from the Heritage Nanango Community Fund, and our own Show Society, which is also making a large investment.

"A project like this also has flow-on benefits for the whole community as it helps increase visitors to the region for major events and provides a broader economic and social boost for Nanango and the South Burnett," Mr Schloss said.



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## New mental health support announced for South Burnett

The South Burnett region will receive a welcome boost to mental health services with Hon David Littleproud, former Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia, and Member for Maranoa, (4 May 2022) announcing \$3.4 million for a local Head to Health service in Kingaroy.

The Darling Downs and West Moreton Primary Health Network (PHN) will receive the funding over four years from May 2022, Minister Littleproud said.

"Establishment of the Kingaroy Head to Health satellite will begin this month with service delivery expected to commence in early 2023," Minister Littleproud said.

"The site-specific operational model for the satellite will be determined through the co-design process undertaken by the PHN as part of the establishment phase."

Minister Littleproud made the announcement while visiting local primary healthcare provider, Taabinga Family Practice. Dr Emma Leu-Marshall from Taabinga is a member of the local Kingaroy Stakeholder Consultative Committee, a group of health care professionals who together with South Burnett Regional Council, have been working to coordinate a response to healthcare needs in the region.

PHN Chief Executive Officer, Ms Lucille Chalmers, said the funding was important to address some of the significant mental health care challenges in the region, with the South Burnett's psychological distress and suicide rates well above the Queensland State averages.

"The PHN has been working with representatives from Kingaroy Hospital, General Practice, Allied Health and South Burnett Regional Council to ensure services are coordinated and funded to meet the needs of the local community.

"This announcement of a local Head to Health Centre will provide a strong foundation for mental health services going forward."

PHN Chair, Dr Tony Bayliss, said he was pleased the Australian Government had acknowledged the need and was providing tangible support.

"The PHN has a strong emphasis on working with local communities on providing place-based solutions which ensures we will be able to co-design a Head to Health centre that is unique to the South Burnett."

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# Kathy's Comments

## Vale Mark Smith

Our whole community is in mourning as we come to grips with the loss of our wonderful community champion and legend Mark Smith. Mark's passion for Murgon has been unwavering and his generous, kind- hearted and lovable personality in business as the owner of Mark Smith's Menswear as well as in his private dealings with individuals and community groups has led to an unbelievable outpouring of emotional and heartfelt tributes. These tributes, messages and expressions of sympathy along with gratitude for having known Mark are coming from every nook and cranny of the South Burnett and beyond. I personally and on behalf of Council would like to thank Mark for his dedication and commitment to the town of Murgon and the whole South Burnett and extend my heartfelt sympathy to Janelle and all of Mark's family during this difficult time. Murgon has lost one of the most dedicated, loyal and passionate people that the town will ever know. We pray that Mark will now rest in peace, safe in God's loving care.

## Vale Jim Kingston

I would like to pay tribute to the late Jim Kingston who was a wonderful ambassador for the town of Murgon and our whole South Burnett. Jim was a real character with an unforgettable smile and a wit and charm that captured the imagination of everyone. I would like to pay tribute to Jim for his many years of service to the RSL Sub -Branch along with his dedication to many community groups including the Barber's Quartet. This group brought joy and laughter to many people including the elderly when they entertained in aged care facilities. Murgon and the South Burnett lost a local legend and a community champion when we said goodbye to Jim Kingston. I personally and on behalf of Council offer condolences to Jim's wife Ev and all of his family. We thank Jim for a life well lived and pray that he may now rest in peace safe in God's loving care.

## Welcome New Councillor Jane Erkins

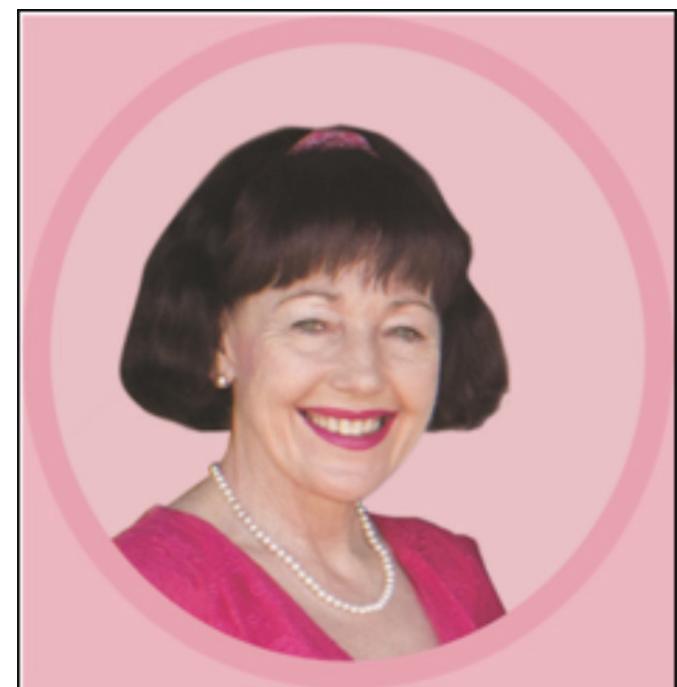
It is great to welcome, Jane Erkins, from Nanango to our team of Councillors. Jane owns the Nanango Real Estate Agency and has done a lot of work with homeless and disadvantaged people in our community. I look forward to working with Jane through the remainder of this term of Council.

## Federal Election

I would like to extend my congratulations to Llew O'Brien for his re-election to the Federal seat of Wide Bay. Llew has been a strong advocate for our area and has helped to fund numerous projects for Murgon. It is unfortunate that he is now in opposition as it will be more difficult for Llew to get outcomes when he is not in Government. I would also like to congratulate the new member for Flynn, Colin Boyce. Flynn takes in the Wondai and Proston areas of our region. Unfortunately, Colin is also in opposition.

## A Win for Wieland Street, Hivesville

I am really pleased that Wieland Street in Hivesville will now be maintained along with all of the other streets in Hivesville. It has been quite a battle to get it regarded as a formed road but at the Council Meeting on the 25th of May, the motion was carried to include Wieland Street as a formed road. There



are people at the end of the road that rely on it for health reasons so it is great that into the future it will be included in the maintenance program.

## Proston Ambulance Committee Presentation

It was a great day in Proston when the Proston Ambulance Committee presented the local Ambulance with a razor lifting device. The committee raised over \$5000 for the device which was show cased and it's use demonstrated at a wonderful function in the Main Street in front of Shop 44.

## JT at the Murgon Men's Shed

It was exciting to meet Johnathon Thurston at the Murgon Men's Shed as part of his South Burnett tour. I thought he spoke beautifully with simple messages about how to look after our mental health. He said that if we look after our teeth and our hair then we need to look after our mind as well. Thank you to the Men's Shed for hosting the event and providing lunch.

## Tableland's Hall night out.

It was wonderful to spend a night out at the Tableland's Hall to help to raise money for the hall. Well done Murgon Rotary Club for hosting the event and thank you to the guest speaker, Dr Graham McAllister, for your interesting story about your family history and career.

## Our Local Hero Selwyn Cobbo

Congratulations to Selwyn Cobbo on your recent selection into the Qld State of Origin team. I know you will do us proud, and you are a shining example and role model for the young people of our community.

## Contact Details

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# LLEW O'BRIEN MP

## Federal Member for **Wide Bay**



# National Bushfire Recovery Fund supports new bridge to Woolooga

A reinforced concrete bridge will be built at Smith Road, Woolooga, to ensure safe and reliable access to local properties, with Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announcing a \$1.4 million grant for the project.

"Smith's Bridge is the main access point for a number of large cattle properties, and after suffering damage in the 2013 floods, it can't be used by heavy vehicles," Mr O'Brien said.

"This limitation poses a significant risk to the community in the case of bushfires, as it may prevent access by emergency services or prevent residents from leaving.

"By replacing the old timber structure with a new reinforced concrete bridge, fire trucks and emergency services will have improved access, residents will be able to leave safely, and it will also improve accessibility for heavy vehicles such as farming trucks – so it's a win for the local economy as well."

Mr O'Brien said the \$1,440,000 project was one of more than 18 projects in Wide Bay among the 524 projects funded under the \$390 million Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program.

"The grants will fund a broad range of recovery and resilience projects in Wide Bay, from social and community wellbeing right through to repairing public infrastructure like bridges, and projects that support local jobs and small businesses," he said.

"These are priority projects that have been identified by their local communities as offering lasting and tangible benefits, tailored to local needs and conditions, and the quality of the projects funded shows that our 'locally led' approach works.

"We understand that recovery from bushfires takes time, and we will continue to support impacted communities through their recovery from the devastating Black Summer bushfires of 2019-2020."

Gympie Regional Council Mayor Glen Hartwig said the new reinforced concrete bridge on Smith Road will provide a lot of benefits to Woolooga residents and local farmers, especially during an emergency.

"Having safe road access during an emergency, flood or fire, is critical in our region," Mayor Hartwig said.

"Many of our farmers have previously used the bridge on Smith Road to move large numbers of cattle from their properties in a very short amount of time and with this upgrade, they will be able to do that once again.

"I would like to thank Llew and the Federal Government for funding this project under The Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants program, which is a great initiative."

Gympie Council has previously received funding of \$500,000 through the jointly Federal and State funded Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund 2020/2021 for Stage One of the project.

Details of the funded projects are available on the National Recovery and Resilience Agency website at: <https://recovery.gov.au/programs/black-summer-grants>

## Murgon Hospital Auxiliary Mother's Day Raffle winners

1st Elaine Thompson, 2nd Lucy, 3rd Jen McDonald, 4th Irene Phillips, 5th Kay Lake, 6th Barbara & Peter, 7th Charlie, 8th Andrea Harch, 9th Trevor Otto, 10th Agnes

The Murgon Hospital Auxiliary Committee would like to thank everyone for supporting our Hospital & Raffle.

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Organisers of the 2022 Outback Writers Festival are claiming that Winton in Outback Queensland has the biggest number of books published about it than any other outback town in Australia. Festival President, Jeff Close, said that at last count 33 books on Winton were currently in print, and these would be available at the book fair held in conjunction with the Festival.

"These books range from the novel Werna Creek right through to the Australian reference on the Waltzing Matilda story written by the forensic lawyer from Melbourne, Benjamin Lidner," Mr Close stated.

The books cover many aspects of Winton and Winton life. 2021 Outback Writers Festival saw the launch of Winton, Working and Wags by Rainie Gillies – the first printing sold out and is now into a second print run. Anne Alloway's Tales from Winton's Bush Graves is a handy reference for those tracing family trees. A book published in 1930 by one of the founders of Winton, W H Corfield, has recently been reprinted. The children's book Dinosaurs Fight to Survive by Rose Siva is very popular with visitors to the Australian Age of Dinosaurs. Land of Waltzing Matilda by Peter Knowles is an early photographic snapshot of the area. Add to that the local history books about the Royal Theatre, Middleton, the Winton Club and QANTAS by local historian Jeff Close and the 33 soon come up.

Being launched at the 2022 Outback Writers Festival is the photographic guide to the Birds of Winton by Ann Alcock and Julie Ramsay. They will show some of their photos of local birds and give a talk on their bird discoveries on opening night, Tuesday 21st June, at the iconic Waltzing Matilda Centre from 7pm.

All are invited to attend this year's Outback Writers' Festival from 21 – 23rd June, with free entry to all sessions on the Tuesday and Wednesday. There will also be Festival dinner where the winner of the short story competition will be announced, and the book of entries will be launched.

Further information is available from [www.outbackwritersfestival.com.au](http://www.outbackwritersfestival.com.au)

## FESTIVAL OF THE DAMS POSTPONED

The Festival of the Dams Boondooma has been postponed to a date to be advised due to the latest weather event. The Boyne and Stuart River catchments that run into the dam still have a large amount of water to reach the dam, which is already spilling over. The decision to postpone was not made lightly but Fishing Freshwater, Council and Dam Managers believe this to be the only option particularly as the forecast for this coming weekend is also not looking favourable.



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Receding floodwaters and pooling water from heavy rainfall can provide perfect conditions for mosquitoes to breed. It is a timely reminder to the community to be proactive in reducing mosquito breeding in their own back yards. Mosquitoes can carry viruses such as Ross River Fever, Barmah Forest Virus and your dogs can also contract heart worm.

## You can help control mosquitoes around the home.

- **Pot plant bases:** Preferably dispose of the base altogether. Alternatively, empty and clean the base weekly or put sand in it to absorb the water.

- **Tins, tyres, jars, toys, and rubbish items:** Any items left lying around the yard that hold water will breed mosquitoes. Store under cover and dispose of all unwanted items.

- **Roof gutters:** Clean out leaves and other debris regularly. Cut back and trim trees. Blocked gutters will breed mosquitoes.

- **Bromeliads and other water holding plants:**

Other than removing the plants altogether use a high pressure hose to remove any mosquito larvae.

- **Rainwater, wells, and drums:** Large water holding containers must be screened with wire gauze no coarser than 1mm mesh.

- **Bird baths, fishponds, and ornamental ponds:**

Clean weekly to remove mosquito larvae. Keep Australian native fish in your ponds.

- **Swimming pools:** Keep chlorinated and regularly operate the pool pump all year round.

- **Drains or depressions:** Maintain drains to allow for water flow. Fill in any depressions to prevent water ponding.

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## Mobile women's health clinics upcoming schedule now available

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

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

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- 6 June, Goomeri Community Health, phone 0408 762 170
- 6 June, Kilkivan Community Health, phone 0408 762 170
- 7 June, Taabinga Family Practice, phone 4162 3116
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## Deb questions use of Murgon Palliative Care Unit

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington says she has written to the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service about the use of the Murgon Palliative Care Unit as a COVID ward.

Mrs Frecklington said she had received enquiries about the Murgon Palliative Care Unit and when it would be returned to its intended purpose.

"I understand the Murgon Palliative Care Unit has been converted into a COVID-19 ward," Mrs Frecklington said.

"Given we have just had National Palliative Care week (22-28 May), it is timely to highlight this issue and advocate on behalf of the Murgon community who deserve the right to high-quality palliative care when they need it.

"In fact, the Palliative Care Unit at the Murgon Hospital was made possible by the generous donations of the community and the hard work of the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary and other community groups.

"The community rightly want to know whether this is a permanent or temporary change.

"We know the staff at Murgon Hospital do an amazing job, but the community want to know how and where palliative care patients are currently being cared for at Murgon.

"The conversions of wards into COVID-19 care facilities is occurring at other small regional hospital, such as at Chinchilla, where the maternity suites are now a COVID ward.

"These types of decisions have wider implications, and in Chinchilla, it means expectant mothers must travel to Dalby for the birth of their child.

"I believe the community deserve to understand what is happening with the Murgon Palliative Care Unit, and on their behalf I have written to the Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service seeking answers to these questions, and communication with the Murgon community," Deb said.

A copy of her letter to Mr Mike Horan Chair Darling Downs Hospital and Health Board PO Box 405 Toowoomba QLD 4350 can be forwarded upon request

## Mondure Hall Raffle Winners drawn 4th May at Mondure Hall

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# Rotary

## Club of Murgon



Last month, our Club was able to donate two new recliners to the Murgon Blue Care Respite Centre for their clients. These will be much more comfortable for clients and more functional for both clients and staff.



Don't forget to keep the dates free for the MURGON MUSIC MUSTER. 2nd to 6th November, with the main days being Friday

4th and Saturday 5th, when featured artists will perform, though quality walk-up performers will be singing and playing prior to that and on the Sunday morning. Posters are already up on shop windows around the district. More details to come in future months. Remember how much money this event brings into our district. We'd love to have your support in whatever way you can manage, but certainly through your attendance. If you want to register your interest to help, or become a member of our Club, please contact Heath Sander 0418 786 007; Glenn Kapernick 0439 669 786; or Greg Wessling 0407 736 886.

It is with sadness, that our Club members express our condolences to Janelle and the family of Mark Smith on his passing. Mark was a wonderful person and was always a great supporter of our Club whenever we asked for assistance for any of our activities. RIP Mark.



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## Licence holders aged 75 and over.

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**From 1 August 2022, all Queensland driver licence holders aged 75 and over must carry, and drive according to the conditions of, a current medical certificate.**

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Photo L-R: : CEO, Mark Pitt, Councillor Kathy Duff, Councillor Jane Erkens, Mayor Brett Otto, Dafyd and Anne and Councillor Danita Potter.



Kathy Duff, It was my pleasure to chair the AGM of the Murgon Hospital Auxiliary this evening. Thank you and Congratulations to Muriel Schultz for taking on the President's position again and to Ashley Rewald for your election as Treasurer. The committee are still looking for someone to take on the Secretary position. The committee do an amazing job fundraising to support the Hospital. Also a big shout out to the retiring DON, Julie Kelly, for your tireless work & dedication to the hospital!!



## Cr Kathy Duff

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## FLOOD DAMAGE REPAIRED TWICE OVER

Emergency road repairs are being done twice over following recent flood events, said Deputy Mayor Gavin Jones in presenting the Roads and Drainage Portfolio Report to South Burnett Regional Council today.

"More than 480 sites have been identified as requiring Emergency Works from the February Event. In some instances, these sites have been repaired twice already following the previous events," said Cr Jones.

Cr Jones explained that initial repairs are fixed to a workable standard prior to inspection and a claim for Commonwealth funds that will enable the repair to be completed at a high standard. "Residents are asked to not rush to judgement when they see the initial temporary stage of repair. We can't claim federal funds for a problem that can't be inspected."

"Council crews completed all Emergency Works under the November Event in early March and will complete all Emergency Works under the January Event by Early April. The network is being reinspected under the February Event with all Emergency Works to be completed by late May 2022."

"I encourage the community to show patience while these crucial works are being undertaken, sometimes repeatedly. Council staff are responding with great effort to the challenges posed by recent weather events," said Cr Jones.

The Roads and Drainage Portfolio Report states:

"Due to flood damage on the road network, the patrol grading program has been severely impacted as crews are prioritised onto emergency works, and inspections for restoration works are carried out. Undertaking the restoration inspections, prior to any patrol grading, is particularly important so that any eligible flood damage is not covered over without appropriate recording beforehand."

Cr Jones asked residents to understand the processes involved in claiming Commonwealth funds to restore flood damaged roads. "I can assure residents the Council is doing everything possible as quickly as possible to make their roadways safe."

## Congratulations to successful local Federal Members

I extend my congratulations to our three neighbouring LNP Members who have been successful at the Federal election.

It is great news that Member for Maranoa, David Littleproud and Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien have been returned as the local federal representative in their respective regions and David Littleproud has been elevated to the leader of the opposition in Federal Parliament.

I am also very pleased that LNP Candidate for Flynn, Colin Boyce, has secured the seat of Flynn.

I look forward to continuing my strong relationship with my neighbouring federal members and working with them on behalf of our shared communities.

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington,



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## 275k walk to honour grandfather



Queensland playwright and former speechwriter for five Queensland premiers, Hugh Hamilton O'Brien, 67, is walking 275 kilometres over 14 days, tracing the footsteps of his grandfather.

In 1907, Kevin Hamilton McMahon, aged only seven, walked all the way on foot behind a bullock wagon when his family moved from Purga, south of Ipswich, to a farm north of Murgon.

"Grandad's job was to place blocks

of wood behind the wheels to stop the wagon rolling back on inclines, a daunting task for anyone let alone a seven-year-old," Hugh said.

"My job will be to listen to podcasts and enjoy the beauty of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and South Burnett Rail Trail and stay in nice motels each night!"

Hugh's wife of 46 years, Glenda, the first director of the first state pre-school in Kingaroy, will be his support crew.

"Three factors inspired the walk; I always admired how grandad made the most of a tough start in life; I needed a goal to motivate me to stay fit; and the emergence of the rail trails meant I could duplicate his approximate route without worrying about cars and trucks whizzing past," Hugh said.

Hugh, born in Kingaroy, was an announcer, rugby league commentator and news editor at Radio 4SB Kingaroy in the 1970s before later becoming a creative director at Australia's biggest advertising agency, George Patterson in Sydney.

He is a produced screenwriter and multi award-winning playwright and before retiring in 2017, he spent 20 years in the Queensland Premier's Department writing speeches for Premiers Borbridge, Beattie, Bligh, Newman and Palaszczuk .

Hugh will stop off in Nanango on Monday afternoon June 6th to conduct a free workshop on How To Write A Funny Play. Details on the Nanango Theatre Group Facebook page

The walk will start on Saturday 28th May and is due to finish at his grandfather's graveside in the Murgon Cemetery on Friday 10th June, 2022.

For further information, phone Hugh O'Brien on 0421 998 334.

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On the 19th of May, former Murgon resident Marjorie Whitfield will celebrate her 100th birthday in Melbourne.

Marjorie was born in Boonah, the daughter of Fred & Martha Koy, nee Labuschewski & sister of Adeline, Frank, Harold, Ronald (all dec) and Leslie (Kingaroy). The family moved to the Murgon area around 1930 to take up dairy farming.

Marjorie attended Manyung State School and commenced nursing in WWII. She nursed in Brisbane, Fremantle & Melbourne where she met and married Alan Whitfield, a livestock auctioneer at Newmarket Saleyards.

Widowed in 2004, Marjorie lived independently until moving in with her daughter and then recently into aged care. She gave up driving when she was only 96!

Marjorie will celebrate her special day with family and friends at an afternoon tea at her daughter's home. All of the Koy extended family from Murgon, Kingaroy, Bundaberg, Brisbane and Bribie Island wish her the very best.



Top Row: L-R : M. Koy (Mum), Joyce Vogel, Delphine Zerner, Olga Lakin, Thelma Zerner and Myrtle Zerner

Bottom Row: Myrtle Gigler, Liddy Lakin, Evelyn Greensill, Joan Zerner, Portia Ballard, Hazel Greensill and Julia McNulty?, McNash?

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## South Burnett Libraries Medieval Party

"Here ye, here ye! The Lords and Ladies of Libraria hereby decree, a new ruler will be chosen!"

Families are invited to join us Saturday 2 July 2022 from 10am – 12pm for a morning of fun, fanfare and celebration at our Medieval Party!

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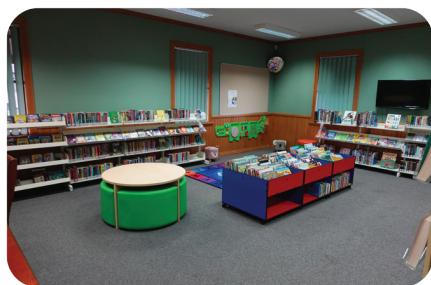
## South Burnett Libraries Collection Spotlight

The junior area of the Blackbutt Library has recently been revamped with new shelving installed to highlight the bright and vibrant collection items available for young people to browse and borrow. The junior collection includes picture books, which are great to read at bedtime and a fantastic way to introduce children to reading and enjoying books and stories. There are also junior chapter books, which suit primary school children, and a small but well curated young adult section.

If you are a member of South Burnett Libraries, your card grants you access to borrow from each of the six branches across the region: Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Proston and Wondai. The school holidays may be the perfect time to make a mini road trip and explore the collections of another library with your young ones.

## Child Health at South Burnett Libraries

South Burnett Libraries are excited to announce that the long-standing partnership with Child Health will resume after COVID once again impacted the delivery of the sessions held at the library earlier this year. Sessions will be held fortnightly at the Blackbutt Library, monthly at the Kingaroy Library and weekly at the Nanango Library. To find out when these sessions will take place, please contact South Burnett Libraries on (07) 4189 9256.



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## South Burnett Libraries at Under 8s Day

South Burnett Libraries will once again be taking part in Under 8s Day at Memorial Park in Kingaroy on Thursday 30 June 2022 from 9.30am-12.30pm. This year's theme is "Play in a changing world". The library is proud to sponsor a special appearance by Mr Yipadee, who's live shows have children and parents in fits of laughter reading, singing, and bouncing along with his collection of Scholastic chart-topping books and songs. Scan this QR code to find out more about Mr Yipadee!

If you see the library at this event, be sure to stop by and say hello! Library staff will have craft activities available for attendees and children will also have the chance to try out the library's puppet theatre. In addition to the library stall, many other local organisations, including Good Start and CTC will be set up on the day with free crafts and activities for children and their families. A free sausage sizzle will also be available, so it is sure to be a fun-filled morning for families during the school holidays. To find out more about this event, be sure to follow the South Burnett Libraries Facebook and Instagram pages.

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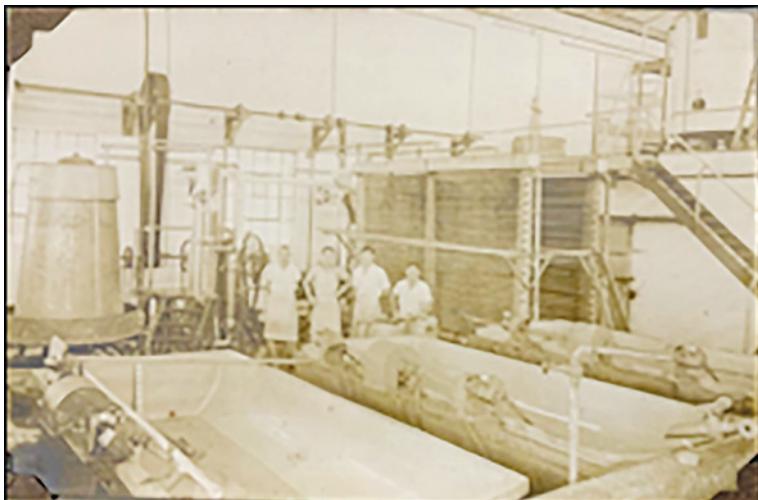
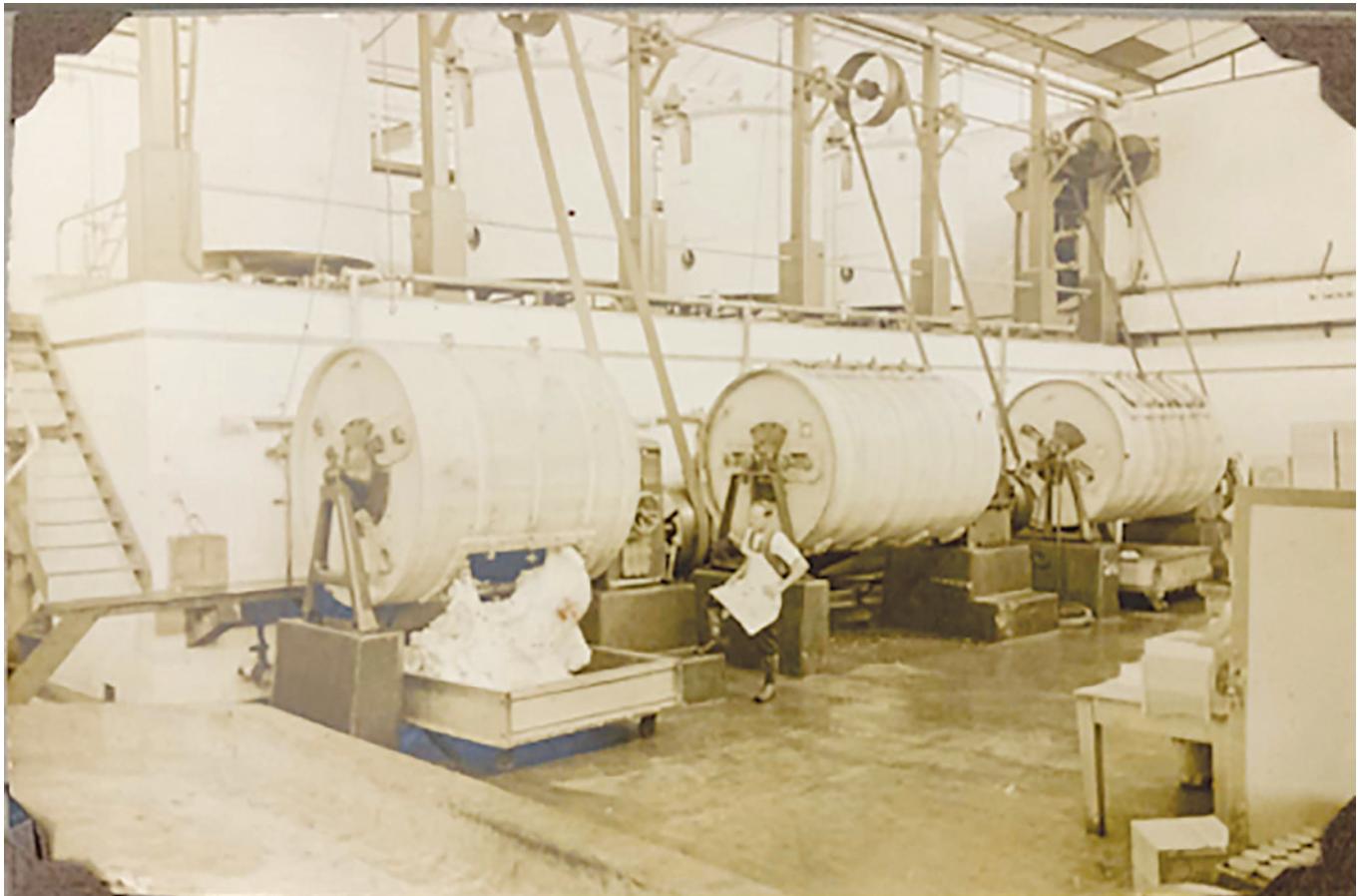
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# Wondai Heritage Museum



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That lead us to these treasures that are hanging in the creamery at the museum...taken in 1937 for a calender.

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This is a short ceremony conducted at the Cenotaph in front of the Council Chambers. Those wishing to lay wreaths please notify Committee members beforehand so they can be acknowledged

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This is located in front of the Post Office. Please feel free to avail yourselves of a refreshing coffee or tea and a chat to wonderful ladies of the CWA

**PARADE ASSEMBLY AND MARCH OFF**  
1100 hrs

The Parade is to assemble in front of the Post Office shortly before March Off.  
The direction of the March is by way of Mackenzie Street, thence into Coronation Park via a short right hand turn into Scott Street.

An 'Eyes Right' at the Saluting Base will be given to the Principal Military Guest  
Mr David Scrimgeour, Secretary of Wondai RSL Sub-Branch

**RECOGNITION SERVICE**

Once assembled in front of the Percy Iszlaub rotunda in Coronation Park the Recognition Service will commence lead by Mr Wal Knight supported by the Padre

At the conclusion of the Service participants are invited to retire to Wondai RSL Diggers Club for refreshments.





Harold Frederick Seng born 2nd February 1922 enlisted in the AIF at Redbank Ipswich in February 1942, Service Number Qx29889, Joined the 2/33

Battalion for training at Goondiwindi- Yelarbon-Warwick and Canungra Army Jungle Training Camp before boarding a train to Atherton and Yungaburra for further training.

L943 Private Seng shipped from Cairns to Lai NG to regroup with 15 Battalion n route to Moratai-Landing at Balikpapan where he was involved in blowing up Japanese oil tanks. And harassing the enemy.,which I'm sure he would have done with gusto.

Harold told me this story about the landing at Balikpapan by Landing Ships Transport or LSTs The LSTs were full of heavy machinery trying to land on

the beaches. The Japanese had lined the beaches with barbed wire, so the troops loaded all their equipment onto sleds then attached the sleds to bulldozers that had modified exhaust noses for water crossings-started the

engines of the Dozers-jumped the dozers into gear, the dozers slid off the LSTs into the water with their snorkels sticking out, travelled the half mile to the

beach where the diggers jumped onto the dozers to recover the gear.

I have absolutely no reason not to believe such courage.

After the defeat of the fapanese in the Coral Sea Battle, Private Seng was part of the Guard contingent

at Labuan North Borneo when the Japanese surrendered.

Many years ago I had the privilege of visiting that site and know exactly what he was talking about.

Harold also talked about his time on the gun emplacements on Bribie Island. On their days off, the soldiers would walk along the beach as far as possible, swim across to Caloundra for some R and R, swim back across the channel, then walk back to the camp.

In March 1999 Harold attended the dedication of the Sandakan Memorial in Sabah, Borneo, he was a guest along with Owen Campbell who was the last survivor from the 6 soldiers who escaped the infamous Sandaken death marches of 1945.

He also talked about being part of a group of soldiers who had a map of Australia with a thick line drawn through it from East to West. If the Japanese infiltrated Australia from the North, the Aussies were to follow the marked map and blow up all the bridges, roads and buildings to try and stop the

Japanese advancement.

Private Harold Frederick Seng de-mobbed from the Army at Redbank Ipswich 21 August 1946.

#### **Honours and Awards include:-**

Honours and Awards:

1939-45 Star

Pacific Star

War Medal 1939-45

Australia Service Medal 1939-45

Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp SW Pacific

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He served his country diligently.

After Army life, Harold moved up to Kingaroy where he joined In the local RSL.

In 1952 he moved to Murgon and owned a very successful Vehicle Repair shop, he also dabbled into Farming

Machinery sales. In his spare time he enjoyed flying his two aircraft taking businessmen out to isolated properties.

Harold rallied the troops in Murgon and district to build an RSL Sub-Branch, a founding member and serving as Chairman for 19 years, he chose number 10 as his membership. In 1976 he received Life Membership of the Returned and Services League of Australia QLD Branch for his dedication and

commitment to the League. Moving down to Beachmere in 2005 and bringing his vast knowledge to our Sub- Branch, Harold enjoyed retired life, and was a dedicated and respected RSL Sub-Branch member.

with failing health, he was recently moved into palm Lake Age Care Beachmere and eventually succumbed to his illnesses on Monday 18th April 2022 at the great age of 99 years and 6 months.

At Beachmere, Harold and I lived a block away, we became very good mates I thoroughly enjoyed his company, naturally I met his family of whom I have great respect for.

If I should have any regrets with this mountain of a man, it would be, that I didn't know him in our younger years. He is now back in his beloved town.

A very colourful and shrewd lad was our Harord. RIP old digger.

**Dick Bird**

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## HOWZAT? RIVER ROAD CRICKET PROJECT COMPLETED

The South Burnett Regional Council is proud to be part of the \$115,000 redevelopment of River Road Cricket, helping fund upgrades to provide a new cricket pitch, new two lane practice nets and park fencing.

"This is an investment in our youth, community sport and future needs," said Cr Danita Potter. "It has been a fantastic opportunity for a number of organisations to partner and provide support in a variety of ways for an outcome that will benefit our Community for years to come."

Cr Potter said that local businesses and contractors were utilised to deliver the project wherever possible.

Funding has been provided by Kingaroy Junior Cricket, South Burnett Regional Council, Tarong Community Partnership Fund, Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund, Queensland Cricket, and the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

The upgraded facility is available to all community members and community groups including social cricket. Kingaroy Junior Cricket hope to attract more players from diverse backgrounds, whether it be male, female, disabled, Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse peoples.

"Everyone is welcome," said Cameron Watson, the Project Manager for River Road Cricket. "Kingaroy Junior Cricket are excited with the results of the River Road Cricket redevelopment project and look forward to putting many runs on the board."

"It has been a fantastic project and we'd like to thank everyone involved for their contributions."

You can contact Kingaroy Junior Cricket or your local club at 'Play cricket.com' or Kingaroy Junior Cricket Facebook page.

"The Club will continue to work hard to provide better facilities for cricketers and the local community alike," said Mr Watson.

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Tansey Bowls Club

## RACQ Life Flight Rescue - Charity Bowls Day

Saturday 11th June  
Multi Draw Raffle with lots of  
great prizes



We sadly mourn the loss of:

**WHEATCROFT**, Elizabeth, Late of Goomeri

**SMITH**, Mark Reginald, Late of Murgon,

**KIEHNE**, Norma Pearl, Late of 'Castra' and formerly of Wondai,

**HUTCHISON**, Robert Vincent, Late of Tingoora and formerly of Nanango and Bathurst

**SAUNDERS**, Geoffrey Robert, Late of Forest View ACF, Wondai,

**BEER**, Kenneth 'Ken' Max, Late of Castra, Murgon formerly of Wheatlands, Wondai,

**KERKOW**, Leslie Wilfred 'Les' Late of Greenview, Wondai

**HOWELL**, Fredrick Robert, Late of Tingoora

**BUTTON**, Leisha Bronwyn, Late of Cerbourg

**DIMMICK**, (nee Sippel) Merle Maree, Late of McDowall, Formerly of Murgon.

**ROBINSON**, Jeanette Florence, Late of Wondai



Congratulations to the amazing Proston Local Ambulance Committee. They are the strongest of all in the Darling Downes district. Yesterday I was privileged to be part of a presentation of a Raizer Chair to the local paramedics. They put the call out for this equipment, the community rallied and within a couple of months they had over \$5000 to purchase this amazing piece of equipment. Thank you to all of the sponsors and to the LAC for all that you do. Proston as always "punching above it's weight"

Kathy Duff

## Murgon Cattle Market Report 31/05/22



Murgon combined Agents yarded 650 in Murgon yesterday. Values remained solid throughout. Heavy Bulls sold to \$3.50 per kilogram and \$2770.00. Cows over 500 kilograms topped at \$3.89 per kilogram and \$2300.00. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$3.80 per kilogram for \$1870.00. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$3.20 per kilogram and \$1150.00. Export heifers sold to \$4.19 per kilogram and \$2490.00. Cattle were drawn from Gayndah, Mundubbera, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Yarraman, Nanango, Gympie, Kilkivan & local areas. 430 kg Charolais cross steers from Cloyne sold to \$5.58 c/kg to return \$2400.00. Gelbvieh cross steers from Manyung weighing 492 kg sold for \$2450.00 at \$4.99 c/kg. 363 kg Charbray steers sold for \$2088.00 at \$5.74 c/kg. Braford steers 340 kg from Mt Perry sold for \$1972.00 at \$5.80 c/kg. Local Santa steers 400 kg sold for \$2274.00 and \$5.69 c/kg. Brangus weaner steers from Tansey sold for \$2038.00 and \$7.20 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Gympie sold for \$7.00 c/kg returning \$1978.00. Braford weaner steers from Mt Perry sold to \$2060.00 at \$6.98 c/kg. 3 pens of Angus and Angus cross weaner steers from Nanango sold for \$7.98 c/kg returning \$1789.00, \$1682.00 and \$1606.00. Hereford cross heifers 425 kg from Goomeri sold for \$2040.00 and \$4.80 c/kg. 457 kg Gelbvieh heifers sold for \$4.46 c/kg to return \$2040.00. 2 pens of Angus heifers from Moffatdale sold for \$5.88 c/kg returning \$1988.00 & \$1709.00 (338 & 290 kg). Charbray heifers from Nanango sold for \$2010.00 at \$5.48 c/kg. Charbray weaner heifers sold for \$5.76 c/kg and \$1640.00. Angus weaner heifers from Nanango sold for \$6.42 c/kg and \$1370.00. Charbray weaner heifers from Cinnabar sold for \$6.10 c/kg returning \$1150.00. Charbray cross Cows & calves sold to \$2850.00. PTIC Charbray & Brahman Cows sold for \$2600.00, \$2500.00 & \$2100.00.

There is a special Combines Agents store sale in Murgon at 9.00 am on Friday the 10th of June. The next regular sale is on Tuesday the 14th at 8.00 am.

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## Thank You – Rotary Club of Murgon!

Blue Care Murgon Community Centre

The quiet room at our Murgon Community Centre has just received a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Murgon. The club donated funds to purchase two new much needed relaxing chairs for our quiet room. The quiet room is used by our lovely clients who attend Centre Base Respite when they need time out to relax and rejuvenate.



Here are two of our lovely ladies Jean Upton and Gwenda Wolter trying out the new chairs for size. Both ladies look very pleased with the test run.

Thank You to the Rotary Club of Murgon!

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### VETERAN SERVICES PENSIONS AND WELFARE SERVICES SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

#### MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

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

#### SPEAK TO THE TEAM

[secretary@murgonrsl.org](mailto:secretary@murgonrsl.org) or 07 4313 3018



**RSL**

Murgon Sub Branch

**The winners keep rolling in! Thank you so much to everyone.**

**Have a look at these lucky winners!...**



**Proston QCWA**

We drew our mothers day raffle this morning. The winners were:-

1. Sue Jones  
Bubbling hydro Foot spa donated by Murgon Betta home living
2. Michael Nott  
Sausage maker donated by a branch member
3. Kathy Hansen  
Soap and bath salts  
Donated by The Murgon Florist
4. Marion Izatt  
Warm bedsocks and scarf donated by a branch member
5. Leah  
Two recipe cookbooks donated by Robinsons Murgon news and gifts
6. Turner  
Framed Diamond art donated by a branch member
7. Leah  
Tea for one set donated by a branch member
8. Desley Miller  
Manicure set and mothers day card donated by a branch member

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from 6am - 12N every 2nd Sunday of the month

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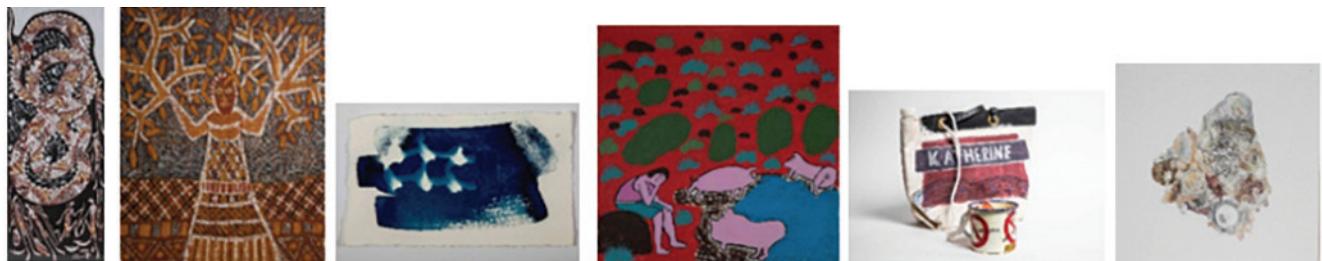
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# Wondai Regional Art Gallery

## June 2022 Exhibitions

*The month of June will see the Wondai Regional Art Gallery hosting a travelling exhibition.*

### **“Groundswell: recent movements within art and territory”**



Artback NT is pleased to present, **Groundswell: recent movements within art and territory**, curated by Carmen Ansaldi. This exhibition showcases the work of nineteen artists from remote and regional towns and communities across the Northern Territory: Ruby Djikarra Alderton, Niall Barrington, Lindy Brodie, Jonathan World Peace Bush, Aly de Groot, Jeremiah Garlgarr, Jacky Green, Lee Harrop, Kelly Lee Hickey, Winsome Jobling, Tarzan JungleQueen, Maicie Lalrara, Nadine Lee, June Mills, Patricia Phillipus Napurrula, Sarah Pirrie, Mel Robson, Andrick Ross, Jennifer Taylor.

**“Kids Korner” Home School Group** The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 3pm on Saturday, 25 June, 2022. The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 3.00pm. Free Entry.

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email [wondai.art@southburnett.qld.gov.au](mailto:wondai.art@southburnett.qld.gov.au)

### **Look what came out of storage**

Just thought I'd send you a pic of the auction for mondure before it was known as mondure, the original subdivision auction the area was known as koolbinga, I thought it would be an interesting contrast to the one donated to the museum in murgon last month, as well as I don't know that many people know of the name change,

Regards Dave Labudda



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We had the pleasure of having Llew O'Brien MP visit our Centre in Murgon, QLD

We had the opportunity to talk to Llew about programs within our centre. Llew then got to see first hand the centre's new battery operated Mower purchased through Murgon Outdoor Equipment.

This was made possible thanks to the Volunteer Grant funded by the former federal government.

Mark our tireless volunteer is pictured with our Centre Manager, Christelle and Llew.

#### **Change of Date - Council's Community Standing Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday 15 June 2022**

In accordance with *Section 277 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council advises that the Community Standing Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8 June 2022 will now be held on **Wednesday 15 June 2022** in the Warren Truss Chamber, 45 Glendon Street Kingaroy commencing at 9am. The Executive and Finance & Corporate meeting will now be scheduled for **Wednesday 15 June 2022** in the Warren Truss Chamber, 45 Glendon Street Kingaroy **commencing at 1:30pm**. All other meetings will continue to be held at the previously advertised times unless otherwise notified.

As well as accessing a live stream of Council meetings, visitors will also be able to view the recorded (archived) meetings and follow links to meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes via Council's website [www.southburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au) 'Council Meetings' page.

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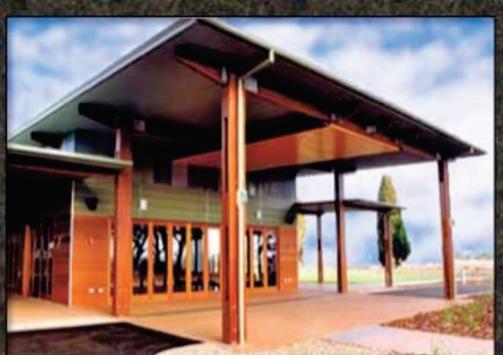
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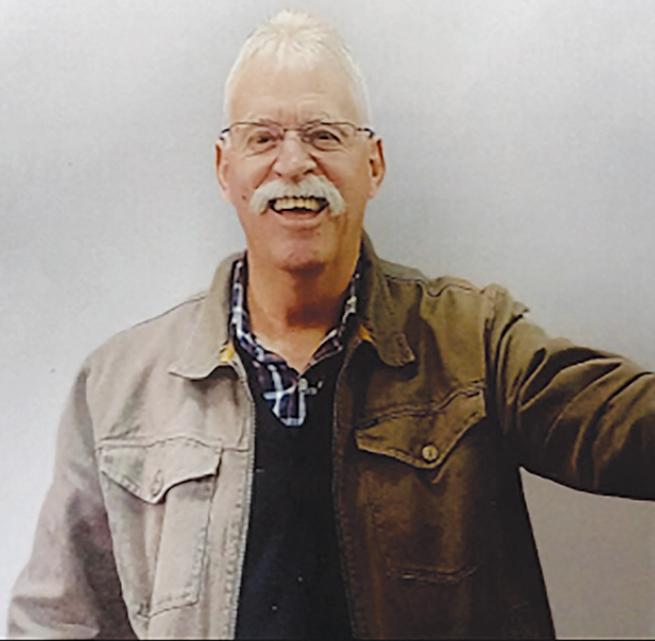
# MARK REGINALD SMITH

"WALLABY"

19 JULY 1955 - 16 MAY 2022

Glen Vonhoff officiated the service, with Former South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Wayne Kratzmann delivering the Eulogy.

Tributes were presented by Murgon Rugby League Club, Murgon Golf Club, Loyal friend and singer Hedley Fisher, the Sunshine Coast Harley Owners Group, Murgon Business & Development Assoc and Councillor Kathy Duff. At the conclusion of a very interesting slide show showing the good times Mark enjoyed or was involved with containing both family and friends Jeremy Smith paid tribute to his Dad on behalf of the family. Marks Harley Davidson motor cycle led the procession followed by the hearse and family and approx 50 of his co members of the Sunshine Coast Harley Davidson Owners Group with their beautifully presented motor cycles through the town centre to the Murgon Cemetery.  
RIP Mark Smith



## **Obituary: Mark Smith 1956-2022** as seen by local media South Burnett Online

A funeral service was held Saturday (May 28) to celebrate the life of popular Murgon businessman and community stalwart Mark Smith.

Mark, 66, died on Monday in Murgon Hospital surrounded by family members after being diagnosed with cancer earlier this year.

He was well-known in business circles due to his popular “Mark Smith’s Menswear” shop in Lamb Street – which Mark and wife Janelle bought in 1993 – and his volunteer work with the Murgon Business and Development Association and Murgon Golf Club. He also chaired the Murgon Christmas Carnival committee. After serving many years as vice-president, Mark was elected president of the MBDA in late 2020 but was forced to step down due to his illness in February this year.

However during his time at the helm, he introduced several innovations, including “meet and greet” evening meetings.

**Mark was also one of the key community drivers behind the introduction of Murgon’s CCTV security system cameras and lobbied the South Burnett Regional Council for years to improve Murgon infrastructure, including its broken footpaths.**

He was very supportive of local initiatives, and liked to boast he was the first sponsor to back community radio station CROW-FM when it hit the airwaves.

Mark also publicly backed moves to promote motorcycle tourism in the South Burnett, and was a keen rider himself with both he and Janelle being avid members of the Sunshine Coast Harley Owners Group.

His laugh was as well-known around town as his famous moustache, which he sacrificed for a few months in 2016 when he agreed to shave it off as part of a charity event for the Leukaemia Foundation which raised more than \$4500.



Photo; Sponsors Steve Lacey (Rebel) and Mark Smith after taking to the field during the Legends of League day at Cherbourg in 2019

Mark’s support for local events was well-known, with his name appearing on sponsorship lists as varied as the Murgon Show and the Boondooma Dam Yellowbelly fishing competition.

He organised charity events backing various causes but also supported other group’s fundraising efforts, such as South Burnett Relay For Life’s “Dinner With The Captains”.

**Mark’s love of rugby league could not be hidden.**

He brought league star Gavin Cooper back to Murgon for a memorable visit in 2016 which raised more than \$25,000 for the Murgon’ Mustangs junior rugby league club.

He supported (and he even donned a jersey) when the Australian NRL Legends took on the Cherbourg Legends in a fun day of rugby league at Cherbourg in 2019.

**Mark is survived by wife Janelle, children Lauren, Jeremy and Kelsie, brother Neil, son-in-law Matt, daughter-in-law Ash and his five grandchildren Mia, Jake, Xavier, Onah and Indi.**

His funeral was held at the the South Burnett PCYC Hall, Murgon,

### **Condolence message by Kathy Duff**

Sad to say goodbye to a true Murgon legend and a life time friend. Mark Smith passed away in the Murgon Palative Care ward with all his family around him. I had the privilege of seeing him on Monday & bidding him farewell. My heart goes out to Janelle & all the family. Sending my love deepest condolences and prayers. Murgon has lost one of the most dedicated, loyal & passionate people that the town will ever know. Rest in Peace Mark Smith, your work is done, you are safe in God’s care

### **Condolence message by Llew O’Brien MP**

I’m very saddened to learn of the loss of Mark Smith, and I know that many people whose lives he touched will

share in this grief. Highly regarded in business, a dedicated volunteer, and a good friend to his community, Mark's loss will be felt throughout Murgon and the South Burnett.

I extend my sincere condolences to his wife Janelle and their family. RIP Mark Smith.

#### **Condolence message by Deb Frecklington MP**

Mark Smith was a Murgon icon and community champion and I was saddened to hear of his passing this week. A huge loss to the whole Murgon community. Jason and I send our deepest condolences to Marks family.

#### **Condolence message by Murgon Business & Development Assoc Inc**

Our whole community is feeling so saddened at the loss of Mark. He has been a big part of the main street in Murgon with the menswear business for over 40 years...starting in 1978 then buying the business in 1993 and naming it Mark Smith's Menswear. He has been a big part of our community and will be sorely missed... but not forgotten. Our deepest sympathy to Janelle and family, he was a real Murgon Champion and will be missed by all, from all walks of life. Mark was full of life in the sports he loved Golf and Footy and the Motor Bike Rides and especially the town of Murgon. A very caring man to his family, may he rest in peace. Leo Geraghty OAM, President Murgon Business & Development Assoc

## **New appliances mean lower bills for not-for-profit groups**



Power bills for two Wide Bay community groups will be slashed thanks to a grants program to provide energy-efficient appliances for not-for-profit organisations.

Member for Wide Bay MP and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the grants were part of the Liberal Nationals Government's commitment to increasing the nation's energy efficiency.

"We all dread the electricity bill coming in, but these bills can be especially tough for community groups who have to fundraise for every cent. Replacing older appliances such as a leaking fridge that doesn't seal with modern alternatives can make a big difference to their bottom line," Mr O'Brien said.

"These hard-earned funds are better in the pockets of community organisations and the people they help than in the coffers of big power companies."

Tablelands Public Hall Association has purchased an energy-efficient cooktop, fridge and freezer with a \$5000 grant from the Powering Communities Program.

"This will help save energy usage and upgrade old and energy inefficient equipment," the president of Tablelands Public Hall Association Ross Wessling said.

"Without grants like this, whether local, state or federal - and the community support, these halls wouldn't exist."

"We have had everything from weddings to family reunions and 21st birthdays here, and it's a real community asset."

"It will also help us raise a few dollars for the community."



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Come and enjoy a day of cricketing fun with Queensland Bulls Masters Darren Lehmann & Jimmy Peirson at the inaugural Bendigo Bank Cricket 4 Life



**Saturday June 11  
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The day includes a number of short-form matches featuring juniors, a grudge match between Maidenwell & Ironpot, culminating in a 20-20 match between Darren Lehmann's Burnett Bouncers and Jimmy Peirson's Brisbane Blockers.

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Schedule out soon

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Followed by the Rodeo on  
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## Murgon Rodeo



Sunday 10th July 2022

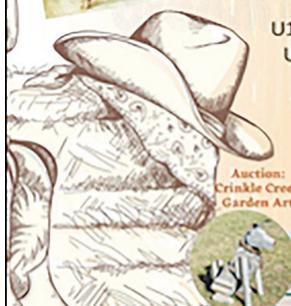
Commencing at 11 am.

Murgon Showgrounds

- Bull Ride
- Barrel Race
- Senior Bull Ride
- Novice Bull Ride
- U18 Junior Barrel Race
- U18 Junior Bull Ride
- U15 Mini Bull Ride
- 7-U12 Mini Bull Ride

- Admission - Adults: \$15
- Children U12yrs: Free
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For more information  
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## Murgon Rodeo

### MURGON SHOW RODEO (PTS AWD)

**Sunday 10th July 2022. Commencing at 11:00am.**

(PIC No: QEMG1000) (Cattle Tick Infected Zone).

Conducted by Murgon Show Society.

Venue: Murgon Showgrounds, 40 Macallister Street,  
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**Bull Ride \$1500 e/f \$97**

**Barrel Race \$500 e/f \$65**

**Senior Bull Ride \$500 e/f \$59**

**Novice Bull Ride \$500 e/f \$59**

**U18 Junior Barrel Race \$350 e/f \$30**

**U18 Junior Bull Ride \$350 e/f \$30**

**U15 Mini Bull Ride \$150 e/f \$18**

**7-U12 Mini Bull Ride \$150 e/f \$18**

Entries to Central Entries 0754 991 700 on Wednesday 29th June between 10:00am and 2:00pm and Thursday 30th June between 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Entries close Thursday 30th June 2022 at 6:00pm

#### **NOTICES:**

**Competitor's Partner (1) and or juniors with one Parent/Guardian to be half the cost of admission.**

#### **EVENT INFORMATION:**

- Admission – Adults: \$15 / Children U12yrs: Free
  - Free Camping Available with Authorisation.
  - Food, Drinks and Bar Available.
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**Congratulations  
Murgon Furniture Zone  
Winners of the 2021 Furniture Zone Retailer of the Year**

The Rotary Club of Murgon presents the ..

# Murgon Music Muster

Nov 2 - Nov 6, 2022

South Burnett PCYC  
(Murgon Showgrounds)

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Day Pass  
\$80

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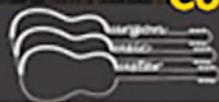
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EFTPOS available ~ Merchandise ~ Raffles ~ Food ~ Bar  
Country Dance ~ Bush Poets' Breakfast ~ Walk up artists  
Hot showers ~ On Site camping ~ Dump point





## The Murgon Florist

Running workshops for community groups is just so cool. Yesterday we ran a soap & candle making workshop for Uniting Care. What a fantastic idea for a team building day and to create beautiful items to take home. If you would like to book workshops please let me know.

## Patient Travel Subsidy wait times blow out again

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, says South Burnett patients are once again enduring unacceptable wait times for their Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTTS) claims.

Mrs Frecklington said that over recent months, she had been asked to advocate on behalf of local residents who had been waiting more than three months to receive their subsidies.

"Wait times have now blown out to 12 weeks (60 working days) which is double the processing time Qld Health states in its own guidelines," Mrs Frecklington said.

"This really is unacceptable. Especially when the lengthy wait times affect the most vulnerable members of our community, many of whom are pensioners and are undergoing treatment for cancer and other serious conditions.

"People from the South Burnett rely on the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme to allow them to afford treatment and many must travel at least two hours to see a specialist or to undergo surgery as most specialist services are not available locally.

"Sadly, this is just a repeat of a similar situation which occurred throughout 2017 and 2018 when wait times were also out of control.

"I have written to the Health Minister to ask why this is occurring again and what actions are being taken to clear the backlog.

"It is obvious there is a staffing issue delaying the processing of these applications and it needs to be fixed," Mrs Frecklington said.

A copy of her letter can be forwarded upon request



**Former Murgon RSL Sub-Branch president Jim Kingston was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in the 2018 Australia Day national awards.**

Photo: Order of Australia Medal recipient Jim Kingston with Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien MP at the Australia Day awards ceremony at Murgon Town Hall

Jim was honoured for his service to veterans and their families, and to the community of Murgon.

**Sadly Raymond James Kingston OAM passed away Tuesday 26th April 2022**

His Eulogy was delivered by his son Bradley:

Jim was born to Ray and Violet Kingston at St Aubyns Hospital in Kingaroy on 30 January 1935.

Jim had two older sisters, Rose and Dorothy and a younger sister Joyce.

When Jim was aged 9 his mother passed away at the age of 33 in 1944.

Jim attended Kunoon and Tabbinga Village school. Initially by horse and sulky then on horseback. Jim was considered himself lucky to have a young horse named Peter which was a fast ride home with his friend.

At the age of 11, his father married Patricia Dowden which over the coming years increased the family with two stepsisters, Gail and Naurelle.

Jim attended Kingaroy State School when the family moved from his grandmothers farm on Bellbird Road into 12 Venman Street, Kingaroy at the age of 13.

Jim was quite athletic and was selected to attend State Running Championship for his age however due to family circumstances was unable to attend.

Jim left school at the age of 14 and initially worked on a warm milk delivery with 3am starts as a fill-in for someone on sick leave.

Then Jim worked in Dalby harvesting wheat with his father. They travelled from Kingaroy to Dalby on their motorbike. Jim's role was sewing up the wheat bags. The wheat board would reject the truck load should the bags not have exactly 16 stitches. He earnt what he considered good money at threepence a bag.

Jim had wanted to do an apprenticeship to become a mechanic however his father had something else in mind.

Jim's father suggested that Jim have a haircut at H Jorgensen & Son, then they would go looking for a job. Well that's where Jim spent the next 5 years and 9 months. Five years as an apprentice and 9 months as a fully qualified Hairdresser. Jim started his apprenticeship on 10th April 1950. His starting wage was 4 pound and 8 shillings a week. From that his board and lodging was 2 pound.

Jim's mode of transport at this time was a pushbike. At the age of 17 Jim thought an economical way of transport would be a motorbike. Jim's father told him not to bring a motorbike home so Jim bought his motorbike and moved in with his grandmother in her house in Youngman Street.

Jim's father relented and said Jim could return home with his motorbike however he found his grandmother needed help and so he stayed on with her.

Jim enjoyed dancing on Saturday nights which took him to dances at Tingoora, Wooroolin, Kingaroy and Kumbia.

It was a dance at Kumbia where he met Evelyn Buchholz and they started courting.

When Jim was 19 when he was called up for National Service in April 1954. This training took 98 days at Wacol. The first 36 days were marching and rifle drill, marching and rifle drill. On the 37th morning parade they called for 6 truck drivers. Well, they all put their hands up and the captain called them by name to fall out. The job the 6 got for the day was washing out rubbish bins and planting turf. Shortly after that they called for 6 voluntary cooks. Jim was one of the 6 that was called out and spent the remainder of his training in the cook houses. (He was never hungry)

There were many letters back and forth to Evelyn at Kumbia.

On Jim's return home and with his deferred pay in his pocket and a heart full of love for Evelyn, and a little extra savings he bought a diamond ring. And they announced their engagement.

Jim started his own business as a hairdresser in Murgon on 21st February, 1956.

He was only in his business for 2 weeks when he was forced to do 2 weeks in Greenbank army camp prior to their wedding on 24th March 1956.

Their daughter Tanya was born in 1957, Vicki in 1959, Howard in 1961 and Bradley was a surprise in 1962.

Shortly after, the Bank of New South Wales bank manager phoned Jim to come over to see him at the bank. The bank manager asked Jim if he had a TV, and Jim said no – he couldn't afford one. The bank manager said to go over to Kevin McMahons electrical store and buy a TV and that the bank would stand him for the cost.

In addition to being seriously threatened by Evelyn's sister May, with the biggest carving knife Jim had ever seen, Jim agreed there would be no more children.

Jim's hairdressing shop was incorporated into the building of Tiernan's Hotel. There were 2 full sized billiard tables at the rear of the shop run by Joe Casey. After a year Joe asked Jim if he would look after the billiard room while he took a holiday. This made Jim's work day 8:30am till 11pm, 6 days a week. Well Joe's holiday went from 1957 to 1972. Yes, Joe Casey never returned.

During this time Jim ran a slot car track in Hanley Hall at the Murgon Showgrounds for the young youths that weren't old enough to play billiards in the licensed venue.

In addition to the hairdressers and sports store Jim and Evelyn purchased a milk run which serviced houses on southern side of the railway line of Murgon and incorporated the retail shops and schools for the period of 1972 to 1983.

Each of the 4 children recall being woken in the early hours of the morning with a cold wet washer to the face to come and help on the milk run when Evelyn and Jim had slept in. Learning to step off a moving milk truck with a basket of 8 bottles of milk as a child is a real learning curve. You only step off on your right foot once before you quickly learn to step off of a moving vehicle with your left foot.

Jim and Evelyn caught a swam of bees at his sister's farm at Moffatdale which started another hobby that turned into a 450 hive business. So in 1990 they sold out of their Sports Store and Jim started cutting hair 3 days a week from home.

Jim was living in Murgon for the past sixty years. With many outstanding achievements and contributions narrowing them down is difficult.

During Jim's life he was heavily involved volunteering in the community.

Jim ran dances and raffles fundraising for the Ugly Man Spastic Appeal which ended each year with a night at 4SB radio station where Miss Australia would accept the monies raised.

His greatest achievements might have been at a state and national level in the National Servicemen's Association and the RSL. In 2014, Mr Kingston was part of a delegation to Holland representing the Murgon RSL.

Jim held the position of Murgon Services Club President for some years and had a significant role in both the Murgon Apex and Murgon Football club.

He was also a founding member of the Murgon Bowls Club and active committee member for 12 yrs.

In the 1970's and 1980's Mr Kingston was club President of the Tiernans Social Cricket Club and game co-

ordinator. In the 1960's he was Produce Steward for the Show Society.

From 1957, Jim helped raise funds for the construction of the Buffalo residential complex. He also helped raise funds for two fracture beds for Murgon Hospital.

Jim also volunteered in Blood bank, Show Society, singing in the choir and barbershop quartet, lawn bowls, cricket and darts.

Jim is a life member of the Murgon RSL Sub Branch, Apex, Buffalo Lodge and NASHO's.

Some of his recent awards are:

Murgon Citizen of the year in 2003.

Then in 2018 he was awarded with an Order of Australia Medal. (OAM)

Also in 2018 he was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to the Murgon Community by the Murgon Business & Development Association Australia Day Award

South Burnett Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019

Jim is survived by 4 children – Tanya, Vicki, Howard and Bradley

10 Grandchildren – Shannon, Nicole, Kirstin, Deon, Megan, Brock, Mitchell, Lachlan, Ryan and Emily.

6 Great Grandchildren – Wyndham, Gibson, Evie, Busta, Alexis and Stevie

Well done Mr Raymond James Kingston OAM.

RIP Dear friend



Work is finally starting on a new barbecue area at the Murgon RSL Drop-in Centre that will provide a comfortable space for well-being and social activities. .

The RSL Drop-in Centre was funded as a 2019 election commitment by the former federal Liberal and Nationals Government and it's proving to be a valuable community resource.

Photo L-R: Liz Williamson Secretary Murgon RSL Sub Branch, Trevor Williamson OAM RSL Queensland Wide Bay Burnett District President, Llew O'Brien MP and Kevin Gill Murgon RSL Sub Branch President

## Pratt Agencies May Weaner Sale Report



Just under 1000 calves were yarded on Friday the 6th of May for our Annual Show & Sale. The yarding was made up of about 70% steers and 30% heifers. All the weaners were in fresh condition reflecting the different Summer season we have had this time round. G & J Zahl Gayndah sold 2 pens of Charolais x steers for \$6.82 c/kg & \$7.11 c/kg to return \$2479.00 & \$2133.00. Charbray steers A/c Mike Smith Gayndah sold for \$2350.00 & \$2045.00 at \$710.00 c/kg. 2 pens of Charolais x steers from Jackie Davies Kilkivan sold for \$7.46 c/kg for \$2302.00 & \$2172.00. Terry court Goomeri sold Charolais steers for \$7.00 c/kg and \$1866.00. The Hasselbach Family, Proston sold Charolais x steers for \$1750.00 at \$7.12 c/kg. Charbray steers from Troy Dennien Windera sold for \$1663.00 and \$7.10 c/kg. Charbray steers A/c BAML Farms sold to \$1728.00 at \$7.30 c/kg. D & K Smith Gayndah sold Brangus steers for \$2018.00 at \$7.46 c/kg. Brangus steers A/c B Hanson Crownthorpe sold for \$1983.00 and \$7.04 c/kg. Santa steers from T Kelly Crownthorpe sold for \$2036.00 at \$7.02 c/kg. Wild Horse Pastoral Manumbar sold Santa steers for \$7.26 c/kg returning \$1722.00. 2 pens of Santa steers A/c Darryl Stanton Goomeri sold for \$7.42 c/kg returning \$1746.00 & \$1502.00. Cooinda Grazing Proston sold Santa steers for \$1615.00 at \$7.52 c/kg. Droughtmaster steers from Wagreen Past Manumbar sold for \$1835.00 at \$6.90 c/kg. R & A Bambling Wondai sold Bradford steers for \$7.20 c/kg returning \$1614.00. Waringa Grazing Hivesville sold 3 pens of light Droughtmaster steers for \$6.80 c/kg to average 199 kg and \$1358.00. Another pen sold to \$7.26 c/kg for \$1013.00 and 139 kg. 2 pens of Brahman steers from S Oppermann Gayndah sold for \$6.60 c/kg & \$6.68 c/kg returning \$1500.00 & \$1178.00. Santa heifers from Cooinda Grazing sold for \$1680.00 at \$6.00 c/kg. Charolais x heifers from G Zahl sold for \$6.06 c/kg returning \$1774.00. M Smith sold Charbray heifers for \$1770.00 (\$6.00) & \$1550.00 (\$6.04). Charbray heifers from Emjay Charbray Goomeri sold for \$6.30 c/kg returning \$1420.00. Ray Schmidt Proston sold Charolais x heifers for \$5.96 c/kg and \$1673.00. 2 pens of Angus cross heifers from C & F Cluff sold for \$5.78 c/kg returning \$1650.00 & \$1246.00. Red Angus heifers A/c G & A Sippel Redgate also sold for \$5.78 c/kg & \$1480.00. Droughtmaster heifers from Pether & Grills sold for \$6.02 c/kg & \$1487.00. Light Santa

heifers from Proston sold for \$6.28 c/kg for \$1000.00.

Steers Averaged \$6.78 c/kg - \$1710.00

Heifers Averaged \$5.77 c/kg - \$1430.00

### Prize Winners

#### Heifers Suitable For Local Trade Heifers Suitable For Breeders

**First:** T Court – Goomeri **First:** M Smith - Gayndah

**Second:** G & J Zahl – Gayndah **Second:** G & J Zahl - Gayndah

**Third:** Cooinda Grazing – Proston **Third:** Emjay Charbray - Goomeri

#### Steers Suitable For Local – Trade Steers Suitable For Export

**First:** G & J Zahl – Gayndah **First:** M Smith - Gayndah

**Second:** J Davies – Kilkivan **Second:** M Smith - Gayndah

**Third:** T Court – Goomeri **Third:** D & K Smith – Gayndah

**Most Successful Exhibitor:** Mike Smith - Gayndah.



A great night at the Tableland's Hall fund-raising dinner with guest speaker Dr Graham McAllister

**Congratulations** to the Murgon Rotary Club and everyone who came along to help raise around \$3000 to go to the hall committee!!



The other side of this great sportsman The Jonathon Thurston Academy (back yourself with confidence, self belief, courage and you be the difference). Jonathon Thurston came to the South Burnett as part of a JT Academy Event, an initiative funded by the State Government. Kathy Duff got lucky and won the first draw for a signed Johnathan Thurston cap. A great event at the Murgon Men's Shed giving locals a chance to meet Johnathan & hear his great motovational talk about looking after your mind the same as you would your hair and your teeth!! Thank you to Leo Geraghty for donating a signed JT shirt won by Royce!!



Murgon State High School also welcomed Jonathan Thurston. JT spoke with our students across two sessions and enforced the message of keeping a positive mind. JT encouraged the students to disregard the negative thoughts and comments and to focus on the positive. Students remember - I am confident, I am strong, I am amazing! Thank you JT for visiting MSHS and the workbooks provided for our students. Thank you to the South Burnett Regional Council for providing this opportunity for our students. Jonathon Thurston also visited: Cherbourg, Kingaroy State High School and St Mary's Catholic College,

A KCCI meet'n'greet at the Kingaroy Red Ants clubhouse, Nanango State High School and Yarraman P-9, Jonathan is a very emotional speaker and his help to young people throughout Queensland is appreciated by all. Follow him on <https://www.jtacademy.com.au/>

## League Shares A Positive Message



Photo: South Burnett Rugby League Life Member Allan Trunks with NRL Game Development Officer Brennan Brown and SBRL president Dave Tierney

The Murgon Mustangs overcame the loss of the A Grade Nines competition, heavy rain and the last-minute withdrawal of several visiting teams to still host a successful Domestic Violence Awareness rugby league day.

The focus at Murgon Showgrounds switched to women's rugby league, with the South Burnett Eagles Open side taking on Central Burnett for the DVA Shield.

The crowds in the stand were

testament to how this brand of sport is taking off in popularity.

Special guest for the day was former Indigenous All Star Ash Taylor who has played for the Brisbane Broncos, Gold Coast Titans and New Zealand Warriors.

Taylor presented the DVA Shield to Eagles captain Elle Mollenhauer after the local women ran away 36-6 winners.

Eagles' try scorers were Nikkia Douglas (2), Jayme Hickey (2), Abbey Templeman (2) and Jaz Stephens. Stephens and Michelle Alberts kicked two goals apiece.

**However, there were more important things to talk about on the day than just rugby league (and the rain).**

The day was organised by the Mustangs to raise awareness about the serious issue of domestic and family violence in the South Burnett community.

Organiser Cole Cooper paid special thanks to the QRL Wellbeing team, the Allison Baden-Clay Foundation and sponsors Uniting Care Communities, Stanwell, Auswide Bank, South Burnett CTC and the South Burnett Regional Council.

"The Murgon JRL club has once again taken domestic violence head on in an effort to make a positive change for our community," Cole said.

"Using the game we love, we reached out to the community, connecting with local schools and stakeholders, giving us the ability to educate, provide support and guidance to those in need."



**"Throughout this week we have helped facilitate a number of workshops aimed at educating our young students, sporting stars and sporting leaders; sharing tools that can shape a new culture where equality, respect and suicide prevention in adolescence are at the forefront of the conversation."**

Cole thanked the people who had led this outreach: Ryan Charles, Ash Taylor, Brennan Brown, Clowry Kennel and Vanessa Fowler.

"Three workshops – Positive Behaviour and Respect; Sit, Talk and Yarn (STaY) and Allison's Gift – helped break down the barriers which keep domestic violence out of sight, out of mind; and guide young people on a path to a healthy mind."

Guest Ash Taylor with Ainsley Prentice, from Darling Downs Health ... Ainsley is the project officer for Indigenous health and was offering free flu and COVID vaccinations at the grounds; Ash has been taking part in the schools workshops leading up to DVA round.

Courtesy : [southburnett.com.au](http://southburnett.com.au).



# **Stage, Screen & Classic Rock**

## **Family Friendly concert**

**Followed by afternoon tea**

### **Kingaroy Town Hall**

We are excited to invite you and your friends and family to our upcoming SBC Pop Orchestra Concert.

Our "Stage, Screen and Classic Rock" concert is on at the Kingaroy Town Hall on Saturday 25th June starting at 3pm. The SBC Pop Orchestra formed last year leading on from the SBCO Young Orchestra. The concert will feature all new repertoire including some awesome music from popular movies, musicals and some famous bands. This family friendly concert includes afternoon tea.

Tickets available now from our website [www.sbcoco.com.au/concerts](http://www.sbcoco.com.au/concerts) and also from Kingaroy Office Central on Haly street. You can also get tickets at the door.

Adult \$10, Concession \$8 and Family \$20 (includes 2 adults and unlimited kids!). A raffle will also be held on the day.

We hope to see you there! contact 0418 847 067 for more information if needed, after hours preferred.

Caz Dingle, Events Coordinator

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#### **Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon**



The Museum is now home to "Jezabell", the only working milking cow in Australia. She has 8 legs and 3 udders and can actually be "milked". There were only three of these cows made, one stands out the front of the Bega Cheese Factory, one unknown and now one at the Museum Murgon. Tom Moffett had visited the Museum and as he is relocating from Queensland to Canberra chose our Museum as her new home. Tom has owned "Jezabell" for 25 years and had taken her on the show circuit and she was also on display at Corporate Functions. Tom said that she was always popular with children who wanted to have the experience of milking a cow. Another new

display for the Museum, thanks to the kind donation from Tom. Joy Fennell

## Water Assessment Wednesdays

Online information sessions about the Bundaberg and Burnett Regional Water Assessment (BBRWA)

We know for many it is a busy time of the year, so rather than asking you to come to us, we're coming to you, online.

Water Assessment Wednesdays are another opportunity for you to find out more about the BBRWA program and to ask questions and have your say on the opportunities, challenges and issues relating to water security in your region.

As one of the state's most significant food bowls, the Bundaberg and Burnett region has been identified as one of three in Queensland with the best potential to achieve growth through investment in water.

The BBRWA will set out how existing infrastructure, new infrastructure and non-infrastructure solutions could be used to maximise water supply and drive economic growth.

Through the BBRWA, Sunwater will work closely with stakeholders to build on existing work to address future water demand, and compile a comprehensive list of relevant investigations and potential projects.

Irrigators, industry groups, technical experts and the South Burnett, North Burnett, Cherbourg and Bundaberg councils, as well as the broader community, will be involved in identifying and assessing water options in the region.

A key element of the BBRWA program is to undertake a detailed assessment of future water requirements in the Bundaberg and Burnett region over the next 30 years.

Assessment of water demand is key to evaluating opportunities for sustainable development where water supply may be a limiting factor.

An online survey has been created to help identify and scope a series of key issues relating to current and future water requirements, including water infrastructure and other drivers, and constraints to economic development opportunities requiring water.

This will build on previous and current assessments including for the Paradise Dam Improvement Project and the water feasibility studies underway in the North and South Burnett Local Government Areas.

The deadline for completing this survey has been extended to Friday 17 June 2022. Leading up to this, we plan to hold four (4) Water Assessment Wednesdays – 30 minute online and informal Q&A sessions to allow people to join the conversation for as little or as long as convenient for them.

The times for each session will be different to try and accommodate as many people as possible, but we are happy to meet with you or your organisation outside of these times. Please contact Prue through the contact details below to set up a suitable day and time.

### Available sessions

- Wednesday 8 June - 7am - 7:30am
- Wednesday 15 June - 6pm - 6:30pm.

Please nominate which session you would like to attend here.

We will then send you an invite to join online via Microsoft Teams (note, you don't need to have this program installed on your computer as you are able to join via your internet browser).

**BOONDOOMA DAM** is 100.1% capacity and spilling excess water due to rainfall in the catchment.

If downstream of the dam, expect increased river flows and remember if it's flooded, forget it.

Stay informed by: downloading the Sunwater app, following Sunwater on Facebook and Twitter

- checking the North and South Burnett Regional Council Disaster Dashboard [and dashboard.southburnett.qld.gov.au/](http://dashboard.southburnett.qld.gov.au/) for emergency news, road and crossing closures and power outages

- tuning into ABC local radio, monitoring forecasts and river levels at [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au)

- checking the dam's level. Bjelke-Petersen dam is also overflowing and more rain is forecast.





Many happy faces at the relocation of Vinnies in Murgon to a larger premises in Lamb Street



Fr William from Gympie blessing the inside of the shop while Jan attends to customers



Good to be back on the Trumpy to visit Cherbourg Mens Shed to announce \$13,000 in Stronger Communities Funding for a new mobile timber saw mill.

The Men's Shed produces a range of materials and products including chopping boards and tables for the community and the new equipment will help them save costs. Mens Sheds are a great initiative



Goomeri's Justin Giles Had a blast at the 2022 SC Qld Masters Swimming titles in Cairns swimming with my mates as part of the Gold Fins Masters swim team we smashed it not only as individuals but as a team. I managed to jag a few masters personal best times even went a 59.5 for the 100m IM and I come away with 9 Gold, 2 Queensland records and 1 Australian record in the 400 IM. I also

claimed as part of the GF relay teams 5 gold and 5 Australian records in the relays. To top the weekend off the club won the large club aggregate award which was insane and very unexpected.

## MAYOR CONGRATULATES AND WELCOMES NEW COUNCILLOR



The new Councillor for Division One of the South Burnett Regional Council, Jane Erkens, was officially sworn in today at a ceremony at the South Burnett Council Chambers in Kingaroy. The Declaration of Office was presided over by the CEO, Mark Pitt.

The result of the by-election for Division One based in Nanango was officially advised by the Queensland Electoral Commissioner Pat Vidgen this morning.

"Councillor Erkens has made a wonderful contribution to her community over the past four decades. Jane has a close connection with the people and I'm sure she will make an exceptional Councillor," said Mayor Otto.

**Photo L-R: CEO, Mark Pitt, Councillor Jane Erkens, Mayor Brett Otto,**



Congratulations to Timbertowners' Jack Argent who smashed the Springboard world record recently in the Stihl Timbersports Rookie World Championship in Vienna. He also set a personal best in the Standing Block Chop.



The Queensland Governor & Cherbourg Mayor Elvie Sandow join in with the traditional dancers .



A great morning at Cherbourg with Uncle Eric Law and others at the opening of two new water reservoirs at Cherbourg by the Queensland Governor & Cherbourg Mayor Elvie Sandow.

## NATIONAL SENIORS

The Murgon & District Branch Inc of National Seniors Australia invites current NSA Members and 60+ non-members to our fortnightly lunches at the Australian Hotel from 11.30am. Our Lunch dates for June are Friday 3rd & Friday 17th and the July dates are Friday 1st; Friday 15th; Friday 29th.

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

Yours sincerely, Trisha Seiler, Publicity Officer

## RAIL TRAIL CLOSURE

Due to the recent wet weather events and further flooding within the region, the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail is now closed from Wondai right through to the border of Goomeri.

Wondai to Kingaroy is still open at this stage, however, Council advises the public to use caution when travelling through the sections from Wondai to Crawford.



South Burnett Regional Council will plant 14 jacaranda trees in Murgon's QEII Park to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee if a grant application is successful.

The Council announced on Wednesday it has applied for \$20,000 from the Queen's Jubilee Planting Program, a tree planting project to mark the Queen's 70 years on the throne.

If the application is successful, Council will plant the trees on a vacant section of QEII Park at the intersection of Lamb and Krebs streets.

The plan was announced by Parks and Gardens portfolio chair Cr Kathy Duff.

Cr Duff said the idea was to create a Jubilee avenue of 14 jacarandas – seven mature trees and seven saplings – with each pair signifying a decade of the monarch's reign.

When the trees have been planted, seven selected elderly Murgon residents and seven younger Murgon residents would form part of the official opening ceremony which will also involve the land's Traditional Owners.

Apart from honouring the Queen's service, the jacarandas will replace several trees that had to be removed from the park last May after they were found to be at risk of dropping limbs.



## HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

When it is to wet to have BlazeAid out in the devastated areas they volunteer elsewhere helping our community. This project is cleaning up one of Murgon's major tourist sites APEX Kapernick Park.

Many Thanks BlazeAid Murgon



## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 27 MAY – 3 JUNE

The South Burnett Regional Council acknowledges National Reconciliation Week, 27 May to 3 June, as a time for all Australians to learn about our ancient and more recent shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to think about how as a regional community we can contribute to reconciliation in Australia.

The theme of National Reconciliation Week 2022 is “Be Brave. Make Change.”

Reconciliation Australia describes this as “a challenge to all Australians — individuals, families, communities, organisations and government — to *Be Brave* and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can *Make Change* for the benefit of all Australians.”

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor, Brett Otto, stated that “National Reconciliation Week should be a time of reflection, a time to engage in ‘truth telling’ about our past and work with First Nations peoples across our region to foster a brighter future for all.”

“We have a close relationship with all First Nation groups, in particular our sister Council at Cherbourg and will always recognise the importance of working together,” said Mayor Otto.

Councillor Kathy Duff, in her capacity as Council’s Indigenous Affairs portfolio holder, said that the South Burnett Regional Council has worked closely with our First Nations residents on the process of reconciliation and will continue to do so as a key priority for our region.

***photo of Mayor Brett Otto with the Cherbourg Mayor Elvie Sandow and members of the Cherbourg community***

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## Deb secures win for South Burnett horse trainers

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has secured a win for horse trainers based in the South Burnett after they were left off a list to receive support following the recent floods.

Mrs Frecklington asked a Question on Notice to the Minister for Racing, Grace Grace in late March asking why South Burnett trainers had been forgotten.

“The South Burnett has been defined as a disaster declared area, and trainers in all other disaster declared local government areas were included for this support, so it was important ask the Minister why they had been excluded.

“I have now been advised that trainers from the South Burnett have been made eligible to receive this funding, which is great news.

“The funding will help licenced horse trainers needing assistance with costs such as transport, food, forage and bedding for their animals as a result of the floods.

“The horse racing industry is a major economic contributor to our region and country racing is an important part of our social fabric, so this support is welcome news,” Deb said.



**Despite two years of pandemic restrictions and several floods, usage of the South Burnett Rail Trail has continued to increase and according to research, it now generates between \$600,000 and \$1 million each year (Photo: SBRTUA)**

A little more than four years after it opened, the South Burnett Rail Trail is now generating between \$600,000 and \$1 million a year in tourism dollars for the region.

Data on the trail's usage and projected revenue were delivered at the South Burnett Regional Council's May Finance standing committee meeting.

They were prepared by the South Burnett Rail Trail Users Association (SBRTUA), a not-for-profit community group set up to promote and develop the trail.

Secretary Jason Wyeth and management committee member Michelle Hansen told the meeting the group has been collecting data on the rail trail's usage for more than two years, using automated counters set up at four locations along the trail between Kingaroy and Murgon.

Volunteers from the group have also been counting the number of campers using freestay parks at Wooroolin and Wondai each day for the past two years.

**Together, these counts have provided insights into how many tourists and locals are using the trail; how many are using the region's freestay camping areas; and the annual pattern of rail trail tourism across the region.**

The revenue projections have come from an economic study of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail (BVRT) jointly conducted by Somerset Regional Council and the University of Queensland's Business School which was released last year.

That study found that BVRT day trippers spent an average \$120 per day, while overnight visitors spent an average \$180 per day.

The study also found that 82 per cent of BVRT visitors come from outside the Somerset region, and 62 per cent stayed one or two nights.

**Combining this revenue data with local counter data, the SBRTUA said it conservatively estimated the South Burnett Rail Trail now generates \$600,000 to \$1 million a year.**

They noted this was very close to the \$1.2 million annual revenue that was forecast when the Rail Trail's feasibility study was carried out in March 2016.

This has come about without any extensive publicity or promotion of the trail.

But properly promoted and developed, the SBRTUA believes the trail could generate double to triple this revenue within the next few years, providing a much-needed economic boost for many small businesses in Rail Trail towns.

**To help do this, the group has developed six “loop trails” in conjunction with Council over the past year.**

These signposted paths take rail trail users on tours off the rail trail through various parts of region, and are designed to help keep rail trail tourists in the region for a longer time.

The group has also joined forces with the South Burnett Mountain Bike Club (SBMBC) to direct trail users to mountain bike adventure tracks the SBMBC has developed in the McEuen State Forest area near Wondai, and at Gordonbrook Dam.

And in Nanango, the Nanango Cycling group, in conjunction with Council and Heritage Bank Nanango, have created a Link Trail that connects the BVRT trailhead at Yarraman with Kingaroy, as well as two extra loop trails around the Nanango district.

**Michelle Hansen told the meeting another measure of the Rail Trail’s popularity was the growing number of annual cycling and running events that now make use of it.**

These included the Wondai Country Running Festival; the South Burnett Express Relay; Wondai parkrun; the Mother’s Day Classic; Taste The Trail; the Rashers Run; and school cross-country events.

She said the trail also opened up opportunities for new businesses based on the trail such as guided bike tours, shuttle services and bike hire, all of which have sprung up on the BVRT over the past 10 years.

There was also a great opportunity to extend the trail from Kilkivan to Gympie and upgrade the Kingaroy to Yarraman section to create a 300km trail that would be the longest in Australia.

This trail would be accessible from either Gympie or Ipswich, and would allow cyclists from the Brisbane, Ipswich or Sunshine Coasts areas to embark on a multi-day adventure along the trail, then catch a train home at the end of it.

To build this new Queensland tourist attraction, she suggested Council set up joint advisory group between the South Burnett, Gympie, Toowoomba and Somerset councils to develop it as a future joint project.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Mayor Brett Otto thanked the SBRTUA for their work and for supplying the data they had collected to Council.

Courtesy South Burnett Online



**Windera State School - What a Fun Friday! Crazy Hair Day and Hot Chocolates for our student council fundraising goals**

# Old Phones Save Lives



**FLASHBACK: Murgon Officer-in-charge Senior Sergeant Brett Everest and Senior Constable Danielle Gordon when the DV Safe Program was launched last year (Photo: QPS)**

The South Burnett DV Safe Phone program has been a success, according to local police.

Since it began last year, 99 used mobile phones have been provided to victims of domestic and family violence across the district.

A mobile phone is something many people take for granted but it can be a lifesaver for victims of domestic violence.

Working mobile phones which are donated to the DV Safe Phone program are erased, tested and then distributed to victims of domestic violence.

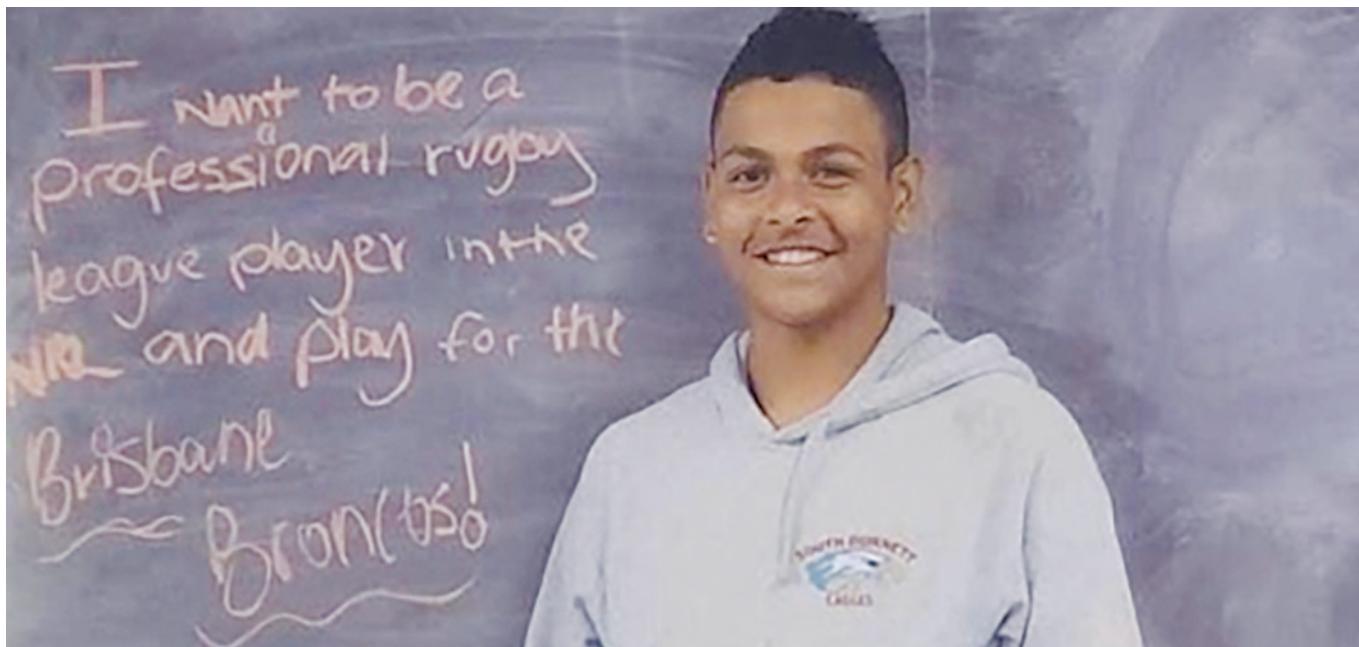
Working mobile phones that are no longer needed can be dropped off at the Murgon, Cherbourg or Kingaroy police stations.



Congratulations to Liz Nicholson on her amazing achievement receiving the Lyn Frazer Postgraduate Nursing award in Child and Adolescent Health from QUT.

This award is presented to outstanding post graduate students undertaking a postgraduate program.

It is great to see a university recognising your knowledge and skill. The Indigenous Health team wishes you the very best!



Congratulations young lad on making both the Broncos A Grade side and the QLD State of Origin side.



**"I'VE SEEN SOME GOOD YOUNG PLAYERS AT THE BRONCOS IN MY TIME. BRONCOS — DO NOT LET SELWYN COBBO GO. FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS, HE WILL BE YOUR BRONCOS FULLBACK, AND HE'LL ALSO PLAY ORIGIN... HE FOUND THE THIRD, FOURTH GEAR [AGAINST SOUTHS], AND I RECKON HE'S GOT ANOTHER GEAR IN HIM."**

VIA TRIPLE M'S  
THE RUSH HOUR

**WENDELL SAILOR**  
ON SELWYN COBBO

TRIPLE M  
ROCKS FOOTY



Well, it's been a marathon project!...out with the old and in with the new. Following 6 years of planning by member Denis Dowdle and waiting for this to happen, a Jupiter's Grant was finally obtained towards the end of 2021, (thanks to the last committee of the Murgon Show Society) to carry out improvements to the Murgon Poultry Pavilion which has now been completed....coming in under budget

There's no Murgon Ag Show this year but the Pavilion will be all systems go for the 100th Murgon Show next year in 2023.

Thanks to Bradley Rewald for the welding work constructing the new stands making it much easier for cleaning up underneath and safer for all...no more Besser blocks, sawhorse stands, or wobbly wooden stands holding up all those old pens...some of which would have been around since the very first Murgon Shows. The Pavilion can now handle 309 entries. The majority of pens have been newly built with new wire fronts and a row of the older larger pens has been given a facelift & a makeover...thanks to the quality workmanship of Rob Goodchild. Many thanks also to a locally retired tradesman who kindly donated his time to paint...but wishes to remain anonymous.

Thank you to Jeff & Annette Rose for their assistance in removing the old pens and to any other Show Society members or Bantam Club members who contributed in any way... it is much appreciated.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank our local businesses who have supported the project as well... Total Building Solutions, Kewpie Stockfeeds Pty Ltd, Murgon Betta Home Living, Nutrien Ag Solutions - Murgon, Crittenden Upholstery and Motor trimming and Lyndon Maroske.

\*Hopefully, we haven't missed mentioning anyone who contributed along the way...please message me if we have overlooked you...happy to give anyone that supported us a mention.



**For participating businesses, look for these posters in their Store windows.**

### List of participating stores for the MURGON GIFT CARD

ACKINCLOSE PLUMBING & IRRIGATION	15344 Bunya Hwy., Murgon 4605	Plumbers & Irrigation Supplies
ALICIA'S SPA & HAIRWORX	129 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Hairdresser
BARAMBAH MACHINERY	15348 Bunya Hwy., Murgon, 4605	Farm Machinery Dealer
CAFÉ MURGON	110 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Café – eat in/Takeaway
CARNEY'S FEED STORE	125 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Pet & Farm Supplies
CENTRAL BALANCE MURGON	60 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Physiotherapy
CLIFTON MOTORS/MITSUBISHI MOTORS/TORO	54 Macalister Street, Murgon 4605	New & Used Cars/Mowers
CLOVELY ESTATE – to pick up pack	91 Steinhardts Rd, Moffatdale 4605	Winery
COLLARDS FUEL SUPPLIES	3 Rewald St. Murgon 4605	Fuel Depot
COUNTRY MAIL GIFTS (Post Office)	52 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Gift Store/Post Office
J A CARROLL-SOLICITORS	99 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Solicitors
LIGHTNING TREE WINES	7 Tipperary Rd., Moffatdale 4605	Winery
MARK SMITH MENSWEAR	87 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Menswear Store
MOFFATDALE RIDGE WINES – to pick up pack	681 Barambah Rd., Murgon 4605	Winery
MURGON AMCAL+ PHARMACY (Sells & accepts cards)	111 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Pharmacy
MURGON BAKERY	92 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Bakery
MURGON BETTA HOME LIVING (Sells & accepts cards)	83 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Electrical Store/White Goods
MURGON FRUIT MART	60 Macalister Street, Murgon, 4605	Fruit & Vege Store
MURGON FURNTIURE ZONE	91 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Furniture Store
MURGON GARDEN CENTRE	14 Gesslers Rd., Murgon 4605	Garden Nursery
MURGON GOLF CLUB	192 Lamb Street, Murgon	Golf Club
MURGON HOME DÉCOR & GIFTS - P&P ELEC.(Sells/Accepts cards)	96 Lamb St, Murgon 4605	Home Décor & Gifts/Electrical
MURGON MITRE 10	126 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Hardware Store/Garden Supplies
MURGON OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT	56 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Small Motor Sales/Services
MURGON PIZZA PERFECTION	94 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Pizza Restaurant
MURGON SAND & GRAVEL	78 Gesslers Rd., Murgon 4605	Landscape Supplies
MURGON SERVICES CLUB	70 Gore Street, Murgon 4605	Restaurant/Club Facilities
MURGON TYRES & MORE	56 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Motor Garage/Tyre Sales
NORCO RURAL - MURGON	21 Lamb St., Murgon Qld 4605	Rural supplies
PRATT AGENCIES	80 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Rural Agents/Country Clothing
PURSERS COACHES/TRAVEL & CRUISE	40 Gore Street, Murgon, 4605	Coach Hire/Tours
RIYA'S CAFÉ & RESTAURANT	116 Lamb St, Murgon 4605	Café/Restaurant
ROBINSONS NEWS & GIFTS - MURGON (Sells & accepts cards)	85 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Newsagents & Gifts
ROYAL HOTEL	72 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Hotel/Restaurant
SOUTH BURNETT MACHINERY	15334 Bunya Hwy. Murgon 4605	Agricultural Machinery Dealer
SOUTH BURNETT PCYC	40 Macalister St., Murgon 4605	Gym/Fitness Centre
STRUDDYS SPORTS MURGON (Sells & accepts cards)	73 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Sportswear Store
THE COFFEE BAR 4605	79 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Coffee Shop-Eat in/Takeaway
*THE MURGON FLORIST – can take full amount of card only	107 Lamb Street, Murgon 4605	Florist/Artisan Gifts
THE TACKLEBOX	89 Lamb Street, Murgon, 4605	Camping/Fishing Supplies
TOP OF THE TOWN MEAT HALL	71 Lamb St., Murgon 4605	Butcher

## **WATER METER READINGS TO START**

Council wishes to advise residents that South Burnett Regional Council and/or its appointed water meter reading contractors will soon begin reading water meters throughout the region for the half year period ending 30 June 2022. This will apply to all premises connected to the water supply schemes in Blackbutt, Boondooma, Kingaroy, Kumbia, Murgon, Nanango, Proston, Proston Rural, Tingora, Wondai, and Wooroolin for the purpose of recording water meter readings.

The water meter reading program will commence on Saturday 28 May 2021 and is expected to continue until Friday 29 July 2022 and will be conducted between the hours of 6.00am and 6.00pm daily.

The water meter reading program collects information for the billing of water consumption that will be included on the 6 monthly rate notices to be issued in August 2022.

Meter reading personnel may be required to enter properties to gain access to and read the water meters. It is a requirement of our water meter reading personnel that soil or other material that is removed from any meter box to record a reading is returned to the meter box. This prevents drains from being blocked or ratepayer lawns being damaged by anything removed from the meter box.

For the safety of meter reading personnel, please ensure that your animals are enclosed within your property and check that garden vegetation does not obstruct access to your water meter.

More details about the billing of water consumption and other useful information can be found on Council's website [www.southburnett.qld.gov.au](http://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au).

Enquires may be directed to Council's Rates Section on telephone (07) 4189 9100 or emailing [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au).

## **SBRCQ 21/22-89 Supply of PPE Field Uniforms for Council Employees**

Council is seeking offers from suppliers for the supply of Hi Visibility protective clothing and workwear for Council's field-based employees.

South Burnett Regional Council is seeking to appoint a single supplier for a supply term of 12 months for all Council's Hi Visibility Protective clothing and workwear.

Offer documents can be downloaded by registering on Council's tendering platform Tenderlink.

Registration instructions and links can be found on Council's website under Tenders & Supply.

TenderLink Ref : BURNET- 1019435

Release Date: Tuesday 24 May 2022

Closing: 2.00pm Friday 17 June 2022

For further information contact Council on 1300 789 279, 07 4189 9100 or email [info@sbrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@sbrc.qld.gov.au).



## **JOKE FOR THE MONTH**

A solo bushwalker was asked in a newspaper interview what the most important thing to take on a hiking trip was.

Well, he replied. When I passed my wilderness training certificate, I was given a first aid box containing a martini making kit, a mixer, a stirrer, some gin, vermouth and olives.

I didn't quite understand its relevance to bushwalking, so one of the blokes took me aside and said, Never ever go bushwalking alone without it. You might be lost out in the wilderness for days or weeks, perhaps a month. Soon, alone and thirsty, you'll remember your martini kit and begin making yourself a martini. Within ten seconds there will be someone at your side telling you, That's not the way to make a Martini.

## **Advertising Charges MURGON MOMENTS**

### **All Ad Prices in Colour**

	<b>SINGLE MONTHLY PRICE INC GST</b>	<b>12 MONTHLY PRICE INC GST</b>		
FULL PAGE (in colour)	\$675.00	\$660.00		
1/2 PAGE	\$293.50	\$283.50		
1/4 PAGE	\$135.35	\$125.35		
LARGE MATCHBOX	\$81.75	\$74.10		
COMB LARGE MATCHBOX	\$135.35	\$125.35		
RH SMALL MATCHBOX	\$67.75	\$57.75		
LH SMALL MATCHBOX	\$55.90	\$49.50		
COMBINATION LARGE MATCHBOX FRONT PAGE (MAX 3 CONS ISSUES) IN COLOUR	<b>\$245.00 inc GST</b>			
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Murgon's Local News  
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## SENIORS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thursday 28th July 2022      11.30 for 12 noon

Bookings open on Friday 1st July and  
close at 5pm on Friday 15th July 2022  
or sooner if all seats are filled.

To book your place please call **07 4313 3018**

No group bookings will be accepted. Individual telephone calls only.  
Please note there are limited seats available for this event

**Music, Guest Speaker, No Charge**

Come along and enjoy the fun

*Ladies*

## Murgon Red Cross Social Group

*would like to invite you to come and hear*

*Marcia Hunt*

*Mobile Women's Health Nurse  
Address the topics*

## **Grief, Loss, Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney & Advanced Health Directive**

*On Thursday, 16th June*

*At the Church of Christ Hall, 20 Thorn Street, Murgon  
The Morning will commence at 9.30 with Morning Tea.*

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BARAMBAH BUSH CARAVAN PARK  
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REDGATE B & B - COTTAGES  
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MURGON MEN'S SHED

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BARAMBAH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTRE	41698600
BEYOND BLUE (National Depression Initiative)	1300224636
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BJELKE-PETERSEN DAM - YALLAKOOL	41684746
BOONDOOMA DAM-TOURIST PARK	41689694
CASTRA RETIREMENT HOME	41681076
CENTACARE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	41625439
CR KATHY DUFF	41680225
CRIME STOPPERS	1800 333 000
DEB FRECKLINGTON MLA STATE MEMBER for NANANGO	41907100
DENTIST - MURGON	41681540
DISASTE web site -	dashboard.southburnett.qld.gov.au
DOCTOR - MURGON	41682722
FISHWATCH HOTLINE	1800 017 116
GRAHAM HOUSE	41698400
HOSPITAL CHERBOURG	41698800
HOSPITAL MURGON	41699600
INFORMATION CENTRE MURGON	41899387
LEW O'BRIEN (FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WIDE BAY	1300 301 968
LIBRARY MURGON	41699018
MURGON MOMENTS EDITOR	0429 024 041
PARKS AND WILDLIFE (EPA)	1300 130 372
PHARMACY MURGON	41681022
POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE	131126
POLICE LINK (TO REPORT NON URGENT INCIDENTS)	131444
POLICE CHERBOURG	41681166
POLICE MURGON	41795222
PROSTON INFORMATION CENTRE	41685652
PROSTON LIBRARY	41689103
PROSTON POLICE	54801737
PURSERS BUSLINE	41681533
MURGON MUSEUM	41695001
RACQ	131111
SES MURGON	132500
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SOUTH BURNETT PCYC MURGON	41681889
SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL	41899100
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**2018 HYUNDAI i30 ACTIVE**, one owner, 2.0 lit 4 cyl, auto, suit near new car buyer \$22,790



**2018 HOLDEN ZB COMMODORE WAGON**, 6cyl, auto, log books, family wagon \$25,990



**2015 FORD Ranger XL** 4x2 high rider dual cab ute, 2.2 lit t/c diesel, auto, Bluetooth, rad/cd, alarm, a/c, cruise control, 3500kg braked tow cap. \$29,990



**2013 HOLDEN JH Sri-V** 1.4lit turbo, locally owned, log books, 6sp manual, a/c, cruise control, Bluetooth, reverse camera, 18" alloy wheels, front seat warmers. \$12,990



**2016 TOYOTA CAMRY ALTISE**, one owner, low kms, auto, 3yrs used car wty, \$23,490



**2017 SUBARU Outback** premium wagon, awd, 2lit 4cyl diesel, auto, tow bar, sat nav, a/c, rad/cd, Bluetooth, cruise control, reverse camera, alloy wheels, sun roof, \$33,990



**2017 Mitsubishi Triton GLX 4X4 Dual Cab**, auto, t/c diesel, tow bar, canopy, bull bar, spot lights, reverse camera, canvas seat covers, rad/cd, low kms, one owner, still under new car wty, \$12,000 less than replacement value. \$46,490



**2014 KIA SPORTAGE SLI**, 2LIT Diesel, tbar auto, air con, alloy wheels, cruise control, one log book owner, sat nav, radio/cd, bluetooth, reverse camera. \$19,490  
Drive Away \$16,490



**2017 HYUNDAI Accent Active**, 1.4lit 4 cyl, only 67,000km, still under new car wty, locally owned, log books, auto, a/con, rad/usb, Bluetooth, excellent rego, good tyres, full service history, ideal first car, \$16,490



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