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BaconFest donates \$10,000 to local Community Groups just in time for Christmas

Kingaroy community group, Kingaroy BaconFest has donated \$10,000 cash back into the South Burnett Community just in time for Christmas after a two-years of financial loss because of Covid impacts.

“We have an ongoing commitment to give back to our community. Kingaroy BaconFest is about showcasing and advocating for our community, not only those involved in the pig industry, but our thriving agricultural industry as a whole.” Said Chief Baconeer, Kristy Board.

Kingaroy BaconFest is a three-day festival run by a not-for-profit organisation that relies on sponsorship and ticket sales to pay for the regional destination event held in Glendon Street, Kingaroy. It generates \$1million dollars for the local economy and showcases the region on the national stage. In its grass roots approach, it's

commitment to its own community is front-of-mind, working towards financial sustainability and the ability to give back cash to community groups in need, especially those that support the Agricultural industry.

Kristy said, “It is an incredible feeling, coming into Christmas, that we could deliver these cheques to The South Burnett Pantry, and South Burnett Suicide Prevention Group. The real spirit of our festival is shared in the moments with our community, and this was a very special moment. To hear the impact of \$5000 on these community groups, who support those struggling in our community has been extremely humbling”

South Burnett Suicide Prevention Group committee member Andrew Saal said, “Thank-You to Kingaroy BaconFest. The South Burnett Suicide Prevention Group is about reducing stigma and sharing information about the suicide prevention services available to our region in times of need. This year the South Burnett Suicide Prevention Group held a number of events to spread awareness and share information on how we can support the community around us to prevent suicides. This money gives the Suicide Prevention Group the ability to start working on our events for next year and consider future initiatives for 2023.”

The second \$5000 recipient was The South Burnett Pantry who are currently in desperate need of donations from the community to support the increased food need of local families due to cost of living and housing insecurity.

Jim Bennett from the South Burnett Pantry said, “With the money from Kingaroy BaconFest, it'll be the first time in months all costs have been able to be covered. Our organisation is completely run by volunteers, we have no room left to move, especially with the increased costs we are facing. This year, we are finding people are coming to the South Burnett Pantry with increased levels of desperation.”

Annually, the Kingaroy BaconFest committee nominate a local charity group to donate surplus cash for local charitable causes.

The next Sunpork Fresh Foods Kingaroy BaconFest three-day festival kicks off in 2023 on August 18 with a Wine and Swine event, followed by an action-packed weekend (August 19-20) of food, fun, and frivolity. Tickets to be released in 2023. Keep up to date on our Facebook Page @ kingaroybaconfest

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Donations for The South Burnett Pantry can be made by direct deposit to The South Burnett Pantry, ANZ BSB: 014-630, Bank Account No: 193 776 816.

We encourage you to make contact for further quotes and to share the message of these charity groups –

Jim Bennett (South Burnett Pantry) - 0438 071 658

Andrew Saal (South Burnett Suicide Prevention Group) – 0448 864 443



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Rate Notices Issued

Council hereby notifies all ratepayers that rate notices for the period 1 January to 30 June 2023 have issued on 17 February with a discount date of 23 March 2023.

If you have not received your rate notice by Monday 27 February 2023, please contact your local Customer Service Centre for a copy to be mailed to you.

Non-receipt of rate notices is not an acceptable excuse for late payment of rates.

Council's customer service team is committed to providing exemplary customer service and will be happy to assist with rates enquiries. Council has zero-tolerance of abusive or unacceptable behaviour of customers.

Estimated Water Readings

Council has had to estimate some water meter readings included in this levy due to an obstruction, vegetation, a locked fence or a dog on the premises.

To ensure your next reading is not estimated please make access to the property available during May/June 2023 as per the Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008 - Sect 37.

Payments

Payments may still be received in person at Nanango, Kingaroy, Murgon, Wondai, Proston & Blackbutt Customer Service Centres by EFTPOS, Visa, Mastercard, cash or cheque. Payments can also be made through Australia Post and via BPay.

Discount will be available up to 4.30pm on Thursday 23 March 2023.

Please ensure electronic transfers are received into Council's account before the close of discount date. For BPAY transfers allow up to three days for transfer into Council's account. Please contact your financial institution directly regarding internet banking and transfer cut-off times.

Property owners who are unable to pay their rates by the due date have the option to enter into a payment plan by completing the Application to Pay Rates by Instalments form on Council's website.

<https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/1549/application-to-pay-rates-by-instalments>

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For further information regarding rates, rate payments, or changes to Council's payment options please contact Council's Rates team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

SBRCQ 22/23-85 Coolabunia Saleyards – Upgrades to Yard Infrastructure

South Burnett Regional Council is seeking suitably qualified and experienced contractors to undertake the demolition and replacement of a number of cattle yards at the Coolabunia Saleyards facility.

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

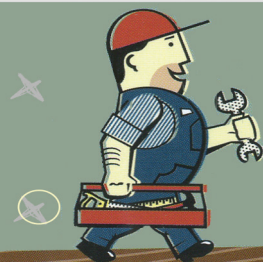
The TenderLink Reference is BURNET- 1049050. Tenders close at 2pm on Tuesday 7 March 2023.

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A GRATEFUL NATION – DEFENCE FORCE CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

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

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

Mr O'Brien said.

"Certificates of Appreciation will be issued to veterans who served overseas in wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations, or to those who provided logistics support in Vietnam, or served on the home front during World War II." The Certificates of Appreciation are designed primarily for living veterans to express the nation's gratitude for their service.

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

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

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

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

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

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

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UPGRADE OF SB PCYC toilets & showers to wheel chair accessible

At the Murgon Sports Association Meeting tonight, I was excited to share the news that Council today supported funding the upgrade to the SB PCYC toilets & showers.

Finally we will have compliant wheel chair accessible toilets and the privacy issues with the showers will be sorted!!

This upgrade will benefit not only the PCYC but other user groups such as the Show Society & the Murgon Music Muster!!

Councillor Kathy Duff

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A Lovely Home – Be Quick
- Great location in a quiet end of cul de sac position in Wondai. Approx 6 years old this lovely brick home is in good order throughout. The home offers three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The formal lounge is situated at the front of the

home and the air conditioned dining, kitchen and family lounge flow through to the back of the property. Tiled floors with carpets to the lounge and bedrooms. Fully security screened. Fully and well fenced back yard. Paved area at the front. Very easy to manage gardens. The kitchen has a good size pantry and fridge/freezer space, wall oven cook top and dishwasher. There are 2 bedrooms to one side of the home both with built-in robes, the main bedroom benefits from a walk in robe and en-suite with shower vanity and toilet. The family bathroom has a bath and separate shower. The toilet is separate. A covered tiled patio area at the rear of the home. The spacious double garage with remote lift door has access directly into the home. In addition there is a large colourbond shed approx 16m x 8m with 2 x 3m approx roller doors. Fully concreted. Loads of power points, and insulated. There is a solar system installed to the shed with a battery storage system. Room for 4 + vehicles here plus workshop. Town and tank water to the home. A lovely home sharing a quiet location with other quality homes. \$480,000 Wondai



Our owners sadly cannot finish the project and there is a little work left to do in this 2 bedroom home. The main bedroom is of generous proportions. Separate living area leads to a good size dining room. The eat in size kitchen is older style with air conditioning. Bathroom has recently been renovated and

offers a shower, vanity and toilet. Down a few steps from the kitchen is the laundry off which is a 2nd shower and toilet. A small patio at the rear. The yard is fully and well fenced with gated access to one side and a single lockable garage. Ramp access at the front of the house. \$180,000 Murgon



Good solid home with 2 large bedrooms plus a small room. Large open living. Older style build in kitchen and spacious dining. Bathroom has a shower over the bath. There are 2 toilets. On timber stumps there is plenty of storage under the house. An old laundry is now utilized as a store room. Current owners have enclosed

the laundry within the bathroom. All bedrooms are air conditioned the lounge benefitting from ceiling fans. A single lock up garage plus lean to the side. Fully and well fenced yard. \$199,000 Murgon



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Kathy's Comments

Exciting News for PCYC

I am excited to let the community know that Council has approved the funding for the wheelchair toilets and shower upgrades at the PCYC. This funding will be provided through a Federal Government Grant called LRCI and is for Local Roads and Community Infrastructure. I would like to thank Rene from the PCYC for providing some important information about the current situation. The PCYC building has 3 sets of toilets that do not cater for disabled people, either for a toilet or a shower. There is one designated disabled toilet and shower, however it is not in the main foyer near and is not to current standards for size and manoeuvrability. 109 disabled people attended the PCYC last year. This is a mix of those who require exercise with the guide of their doctors or carers and recently has been from the young disabled youth of this area who are in wheelchairs who participate in the wheelchair basketball sessions. The wheelchair basketball team has since competed away with commonwealth games associates and won medals. In the future the PCYC plans to host a wheelchair carnival. Last year there were over 1600 young people aged between 0 and 9 who attended the facility. There is no room currently designated for young families to change so the upgrade will also include a family change room.

Exciting News for Roads in our community

It was supported at the last Council Meeting that Council commit to undertaking the following rehabilitation and bitumen reseal projects including any identified unapproved REPA (flood funded projects) There will be rehabilitation projects on Campbells and Silverleaf Road. There will be bitumen reseals on roads including Borcherts Hill Rd, Elbow Road, Flats Road, Hetherington's Road, Kawl Kawl Road, Keleher St, Hivesville, Reif's Road, Tingoora Chelmsford Rd and Webbers Bridge Road. This work may not include the whole road but it will certainly be a major improvement to these roads. I have also had great feedback from local community members about some of the work that has been done on our gravel roads. The feedback I am getting is that the grading is better and that there has been a major improvement in the work that is being done particularly on the table and tail drains.

Murgon Show & Cabaret

It was wonderful to attend the Boot Scootin' Show Cabaret and have some good old -fashioned fun. Congratulations to the winners on the night including the Murgon Showgirl, Amy Henderson and the Rural Ambassador, Patrick Noakes. I know that they will both do us proud as they now go on to compete in the South Burnett Sub Chamber finals and if successful there, they then have the opportunity to go on to compete at the Ekka for the State finals.

Proston and Murgon Shows

Please don't forget to attend our local Shows that are coming up. Proston is on the 10th and 11th of March and Murgon is on the 17th & 18th of March. This is our opportunity to showcase our communities so keep an eye out for entry forms in numerous events including a host of things that you can enter into the pavilion.

Leadership Investitures at the Schools

I have been attending some Leadership Investitures at the



Local Schools to present badges. I would like to wish all of the students who are taking on leadership roles all of the very best for 2023. Best wishes also to the teachers, staff and students at all of the schools across our region for a great 2023!!

Boondooma Dam Fishing Comp a great success!!

Congratulations to the Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Group on another amazing event. It was so great to see the dam full and the fishing and fun family time happening. Congratulations to all of those who caught fish and especially to Body Roon from Proston who took home the prestigious Biggest Yellow belly award!!

Murgon Hospital Auxiliary Patroness

I had a beautiful phone call from a lovely lady who asked me on behalf of the Committee to be the Hospital Auxiliary Patroness. It is this kind of gesture that makes my heart sing because I feel so privileged to be part of a great organisation that does so much for our community. The funds they raise help make a difference to the lives and comfort of people who use the Murgon Hospital. I am humbled, honoured and privileged to be their Patroness.

South Burnett Planning Scheme Amendments

I am pleased to let the Moffatdale community know that the planning scheme amendments to facilitate smaller scale rural subdivisions in the winery precinct identified around Moffatdale have come back as being supported after going through the process of a State interest check. Council is currently updating our planning scheme and there will be further opportunities for input before the scheme is finalised.

Contact Details

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

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council.

Phone 07 41680225 or 0437020705 or email kathy.duff@sbrc.qld.gov.au

"Caring for our Community"

TARONG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUND BIEDO FOOD DESTINATION BRANDING



Photo L-R: John Carey, Leanne Sippel, Karen Wall, Glenn Smith, Kristy Board and SBRC Councillor Gavin Jones.

The Tarong Community Partnership Fund has financially backed BIEDO as part of their recent round of local community funding to release a food destination brand that showcases Flavours of the Burnett.

BIEDO General Manager Kristy Board said she is over the moon to see the opportunity arise for the Burnett Inland to tell its food story.

“I hope that our region will finally see it’s brilliance in food and begin to self-identify as a sophisticated food region. My hope is that every citizen of the region can celebrate food when stopped on the street, especially on topics like our local food, food festivals and food manufacturing. Imagine the kind of community we can co-create if we had a brand to help us all realise that the Burnett Inland is much more than a group of regional small towns, instead accurately representing our story by saying that the Burnett Inland are global players with bespoke food experiences.” Said Kristy Board.

Funded as part of the grant, BIEDO will be encouraging Burnett locals and visitors to discover and connect with local product; and to build capacity and encourage business development for food production, manufacturing and agritourism.

“With the plethora of food grown and manufactured in our regional communities, this kind of project in our regional communities, is a regional hero-story. BIEDO will be driving this brand and a range of relevant economic development supporting projects as part of its 2023 economic development approach with thanks to the funding from Tarong Community Partnership Fund, proudly supported by Tarong Power Station and Meandu Mine.” Said Kristy Board.

“On behalf of BIEDO, we want to say a heartfelt thanks to the Tarong Community Partnership Fund for investing in this project. We anticipate great success.” Said Kristy Board.

The Brand release is expected to take place in February 2023.

For more information or further comment contact:

Kristy Board, General Manager, BIEDO, Ph 0498 599 650, E-Mail generalmanager@biedo.org.au

Annual Gardening Experience

The Mondure Hall Committee invites you to their Annual Gardening Experience to be held at Mondure Hall on Saturday 26th March. From 9am to 3pm Cost \$15.00 includes Lunch There will be a demonstration on creating Bonsai, by Ramesa Nursery - Floral Arranging by Felicity J Aitken - Growing & Propagating Day Lily's by Joy Organic - Sprays by Sue, There will also be plant stalls, Ramesa Nursery, JAs Herbs, Naturally Wild on Plants, Beauville Daylillys, Pat Robertson's Bromeliads, & more Morning tea will be available Scones, Pikelets tea or coffee cost \$5.00 Raffles.

Also there will be a Lucky Door Prize For further information phone Sheryl 0423 039 732

Cash no longer accepted at Nanango, Murgon, and Wondai Waste Facilities

South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise the community that from Saturday 1 April 2023, cash will no longer be accepted at the Nanango, Wondai and Murgon Waste Facilities. This will bring these sites into alignment with the Kingaroy waste facility as this facility only accepts EFTPOS or via an account.

Council recommends that commercial businesses set up a Monthly Waste Account for easy operations. This can be done by visiting one of Council's Customer Contact Offices, completing the form online at <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/homepage/280/forms> or using Council's Recyclopedia App.

Most domestic waste is free of charge, however, there are a few domestic waste types that have a fee for disposal. If domestic residents are required to pay at the facilities, Council recommends to residents to pay by eftpos.

A copy of the 2022/2023 Register of Fees and Charges is available on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/6040/register-of-fees-and-charges-2022-23-financial-year>.

Council apologises for any inconvenience.

For further information, please contact Council's Waste team on (07) 4189 9100 or email info@sbrcc.qld.gov.au.

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Local Built Small Grants Program - Extension of Time

Council has extended the dates for Round 2 of the Local Built Small Grants Program. Applications are now open and close on Monday, 20 March 2023 to allow more time for community organisations and sporting groups to apply for funding. Outcomes of Round 2 will be advised by Thursday, 6 April 2023.

Projects will need to be completed between the 7 April 2023 and 31 December 2023, and acquittals lodged by applicants within 4 weeks of the projects being completed and no later than 31 January 2024.

As part of the South Burnett Regional Council's delivery of the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, the Local Built Small Grants – Social Recovery Investment Stream has been developed to support community groups to create and deliver projects that build resilience and economic recovery in the South Burnett region.

A total pool of \$100,000 was available across two rounds with grants up to \$3,000 and \$5,000 possible depending on the category. There are three categories: small events, community building and facilities planning.

Key objectives of the funding are to support projects that promote the wellbeing, resilience, adaptation to climate change, and build skills in, and knowledge of the environment. Organisations must be based within the South Burnett or show substantial benefit to the residents of the South Burnett.

Funding Guidelines are on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/homepage/238/local-built-small-grants-program>

Applications must be made via Council's website <https://sbrc.smartygrants.com.au/>

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Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

Would you like your cattle brand recorded at The Museum? Several years ago as a fund raiser, we asked for anyone interested to make a donation of \$10 per brand and we had these burnt into a lovely timber slab. This is mounted on the wall in our Barn. We have a second slab with some brands but would like to complete it before we have it mounted as well.

Brands and a \$10 donation with your details can be left at either Pratt Agencies Monday to Friday or at the Saleyards Office. They could also be dropped off at the Museum Tuesday to Sunday between 9.30 am and 12 pm. If interested we would like to have them by 31st March. This board is a talking point with visitors.

Also, The Museum will be having a display in the Pavilion at The Murgon Show on Saturday 18th March with some butter making demonstrations, times to be advertised.

We appreciate the support that we receive from the community and would welcome new volunteers. We are situated opposite the Murgon Saleyards, contact number 41 695001.

Joy Fennell

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This property offers four bedrooms plus an extra room that would make the ideal toy room. The main bedroom features a walk-in robe, split-system air conditioner, and ensuite fitted with a shower, toilet, and vanity. The kitchen

offers an abundance of storage, electric oven and cooktop. Open plan dining and lounge room adjoining the kitchen. The main bathroom is well appointed with a shower, separate bath, vanity, and separate toilet. Laundry room with plenty of cupboard space. Two bay shed with an awning attached to the house making the perfect covered entertainment area. If you have a caravan or boat no problems at all with a separate carport area all council approved. This well maintained property is fully fenced, has beautiful landscaped gardens, solar power & both tank & town water. **WONDAI \$525,000**



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study! Spacious, open plan dining, and lounge room (tinted windows) with a ceiling fan and large new air-conditioner. The farm style kitchen is equipped with heaps of cupboard space, a massive gas burner and an electric oven, rangehood, and a large window overlooking surrounding rural land. A bath in the main bathroom, separate laundry, separate toilet. Extra features include: Fly screens, beautiful established gardens, new guttering supplied, plenty of rainwater storage, gas hot water. A large concreted entertaining area at the front of the home, back entertaining area as well. A one bay concreted shed, plus a carport area as well. Garden shed with power and water.

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Entering the home into the lounge which flows through to the dining and kitchen area. The modern kitchen features an electric cooktop and oven, large pantry, double sink, and an air conditioner located in the centre of the open plan area, plus storage cupboards. 3 good sized carpeted bedrooms with built ins and ceiling fans.

The main has air conditioning and a walk in robe. A good sized ensuite having a shower, toilet, and vanity. Main bathroom features separate shower, bath, and vanity. Off the dining area is an indoor entertainment area. Walk out the back door through to the courtyard space with established gardens. Fully fenced yard with a double bay shed. The garage on the house has front and back roller doors, providing access to drive through the back yard which features a double gated driveway. This home also has tinted windows, security screens, solar, and established gardens. **WONDAI PRICE \$425,000**



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Grape harvest underway in South Burnett

South Burnett wineries and vineyard operators are all systems go for the 2023 Vintage.

Vineyards have enjoyed near perfect ripening conditions for the 2022/23 growing season and the first of the wine grapes have been harvested at several vineyards across the region.

South Burnett Wine Industry Association (SBWIA) President, Simon Berry said this season has been a little later than previous years with cooler than average December temperatures contributing to the delay.

“But fruit quality and crop loads are extremely good and if we can get through harvest without too many rain events, it looks like being a great result for the region,” Mr Berry said.

Most of the white grape varieties should be picked within the next two weeks and the red varieties will continue through February-March before harvest is completed.

Mr Berry was re-elected as SBWIA President at the association’s recent AGM.

In his President’s report, Mr Berry reflected on the group’s many achievements, noting the high level of camaraderie among members, culminating with the regional promotion at the 2022 Gympie Music Muster. The South Burnett Wine Time venue hosted thousands of happy event patrons.

“It has been another great year for our wineries with good, sustained levels of visitation in the post-Covid world and with a pleasing number of awards for our wineries and wines on a state and national stage. I congratulate every winery in the region for their personal successes and awards, they are all much deserved.”

He said other major achievements during the year included:

- Re-branding the SBWIA logo and new website
- Publication and distribution of the new A3 wine trail map
- Featuring on the Australian Wine Show with Jill Upton and other media coverage received through Q Wines, Salt Magazine as well as local and regional press.

Mr Berry said he looked forward to building on these solid foundations in 2023, particularly highlighting the importance of supplying local wine at local events, seeking out new opportunities and avenues to promote the region and improve awareness. He said the association was also investigating staging more food, wine and music events and looked forward to announcing details as plans come together.

“I look forward to the next 12 months as we continue to grow and encourage greater visitation to the South Burnett Wine Region. People really enjoy what we have going here. As an association we are committed to getting our message out there – and this shouldn’t be difficult as we have such a good story to tell,” Mr Berry concluded.



• Taabinga Station Wine’s Melissa Barnett inspects her Shiraz crop with Lightning Tree Wine’s viticulturist, Peter Stewart as the region prepares for its 2023 harvest.

LET’S PLAY TENNIS

Day tennis has resumed for the Wondai & District Tennis Assoc consisting of Wondai, Tingoora, Chelmsford, & Mondure Clubs. Play is every Wednesday morning & new players & learners are welcome. Play continues in the school holidays for Junior players to join in with us. The association was successful in receiving a grant and has renewed two courts at the Wondai Club. Play continues for everyone on a Monday night alternating between clubs. For times & venues contact Denise 4168 9736.

We sadly mourn the loss of:

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GRANT OPORTUNITY

Funding is available through Highways and Byways to community groups or organisations which can demonstrate that they are at minimum an Incorporated Association or similarly constituted entity. Funding is not available to individuals or trusts.

Applicants need to demonstrate that the project addresses the relief of social or environmental disadvantage or inequality through locally led action. Projects are to be completed within 12 months unless otherwise negotiated. Generally, grants allocated are up to \$4,000.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a mid-year report, final report and evidence of funding acquittal. Successful applicants will be notified in writing in May 2023.

Further information can be found on their website: Grants I Highways & Byways (hb.org.au)

How to apply:

Applicants must complete an application form and submit it to Highways and Byways by **5.00pm AEDT Wednesday 15 March 2023.**

Applications can be submitted as following:

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Click on the 'Apply Now' link via our website at www.hb.org.au/grants/

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Download an application form via our website, complete and email to: grants@hb.org.au.

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Council is urging residents to keep soft plastics out of their recycling bins in order to protect the environment and keep the Cherbourg Material Recovery Facility working effectively and efficiently. Only hard plastics can be recycled.

Any plastic that can be scrunched is called soft plastic and should not be placed in the yellow lid recycling bin. It must be placed in the general waste bin. Bottles / cans or any other recycling materials should be placed loose in the recycling bin (not in a plastic bag of any kind). The second biggest contamination has been garden waste (mainly lawn clippings). While this can be composted at home / any other commercial composting facility, it cannot be recycled through the yellow lid recycling bin.

Download the Council's waste app Recyclopeda or visit Council's website at <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/environment-health-waste/waste-service> for information about what can be put in the recycling bin.

For further information please contact Council's Waste Management team on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

(Photo below shows contamination materials received from the Cherbourg Material Recovery Facility)



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Round 8 of the Stronger Communities Programme.

I am pleased to share some positive news for 2023 with the opening of Round 8 of the Stronger Communities Programme.

The Stronger Communities Programme provides each of the 151 Federal electorates with \$150,000 to fund small capital projects. These projects aim to improve local community participation and contribute to vibrant, viable communities.

Round 8 is focussed on supporting communities to recover from the widespread impacts of adverse weather events and current economic pressures.

Grants between \$2,500 and \$20,000 are available. The maximum cost of a project cannot exceed \$50,000.

For this round, grant funding will be up to 100 per cent of eligible project costs, except for local governing bodies where grant funding will be up to 50 per cent of eligible project costs. Local governing bodies must provide matched funding contributions towards their eligible project.

Projects are required to be completed by 31 December 2023.

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- local government bodies
- incorporated not-for-profit organisations
- incorporated trustees on behalf of a trust with responsibility for a community asset or property.
- a Commonwealth, state or territory government agency or entity that is a fire service, rural fire service, country fire authority, state emergency service or similar.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the attached Factsheet and Grant Opportunity Guidelines to determine if your project is eligible to apply.

You will then need to complete the attached 'Expression of Interest Form' and submit it to my office before 5pm, Friday 3rd March. Forms should be emailed to david.littleproud.mp@aph.gov.au

All EOIs will be assessed by an independent community panel, with successful applicants to then be notified and formally invited to apply.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my Warwick office on 07 4661 2494.

Kind regards, David

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Mayor cautions landowners on dealing with some Renewable Energy Companies



Mayor of the South Burnett, Brett Otto is urging local farmers and landowners to be vigilant when entering into discussions with proponents of renewable energy developments, including wind farms, solar energy sites and transmission lines.

The South Burnett region will play a major role in the Queensland Government's Energy and Jobs Plan and is

expecting an influx of renewable energy infrastructure developers.

Our region can expect to see more companies moving into the area and start approaching our local farmers and private landholders to acquire or lease their land.

"We certainly acknowledge the short-term construction phase benefits of renewables however this must not come at the long-term expense of our local communities," the Mayor said.

Mayor Otto is highlighting the importance of landowners understanding their rights and not entering into contracts or land access agreements without adequate legal advice.

Mayor Otto has warned of potential issues to farmers who jump into agreements. Acting without expert advice could see farmers facing bio-security issues, environmental impacts and possible restrictions to their farming activities.

"If these developers are serious, then they should be dipping into their corporate pockets to reimburse land holders for any specialist consulting or legal advice sought as part of their negotiations," the Mayor said.

Mayor Otto has also pointed out the inadequacy of state regulations governing the activities of renewable energy companies. "Government regulation does little to hold these companies to account and protect the rights of private land holders and their neighbours," the Mayor said.

Mayor Otto is working closely with other regional Mayors in engaging with government to address these issues.

"There is massive implications for generations to come and I won't be sitting back and allowing our residents to be taken advantage of or see the South Burnett left behind," Mayor Otto said.

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Wondai Diggers was the venue for a recent Combined Dinner attended by 25 Local Ambulance Committee members and guests from the Kingaroy, Nanango, Proston & Murgon areas. Meeting together was a great way to start a new year. Discussions revealed that a wide range of activities are planned for local communities in coming months. Frequent comment was, "Must do this again!"

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Council's New Customer Service Portal Launched Monday 13 February 2023

South Burnett residents can now manage and track their own customer requests online thanks to Council Connect, Council's new customer service portal launching Monday 13 February 2023.

Council Connect will allow requests to be actioned more effectively and efficiently by Council. Customers can now check the progress of requests via online tracking. Updates and resolutions will also be provided via the customers preferred contact method.

The ability to submit and track requests online is the first step forward in providing customers with a digital method of doing business with Council. Council will continue to develop new initiatives to further improve the online customer experience.

Susan Jarvis, Project Sponsor and General Manager of Finance & Corporate said, "Council has embarked on a continuous improvement review of Customer Service operations to enhance the customer experience when consumers engage with Council."

"The launch of the "Council Connect Portal" initiative will provide an efficient and simple way to submit requests online whilst allowing for accessible status updates of existing requests at any time of the day or night."

"Our Customer Service staff are always available to take customer calls and assist with enquiries during office hours, however the Council Connect portal provides 24 hour access."

A link to the portal is available here: www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/councilconnect.

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Reserve Forces Day Wondai Sunday 2nd July 2023

I have read with some regret at the possibility of the closure of the Canberra RFD after this years occasion. Old age, the weather and covid have played a role there so it seems.

It makes what we've succeeded in doing out here at Wondai all the more important that we soldier, sailor and airmen and women on, doing as we have done here in the sprightly South Burnett.

Since the upheaval of covid the social round of lawn bowls has become a difficulty owing to the death of the original organiser. The Armed Forces Challenge Shield hasn't been played for since 2011 and over the years has been won by the Army four times, the Navy twice and the RAAF three times. The organisation of the social bowls sits with the 49th Battalion Social Club but as things have been quiet for a few years their intentions regarding the social game remain unknown at present.

In the meantime we press on and wait to see what the weather does. Sad news of the Canberra RFD though, makes Wondai look even more like a survivor.

Regards, Noel Selway, Secretary

JOKE OF THE MONTH

The Deaf Bookkeeper

A Mafia Godfather finds out his bookkeeper Guido, has cheated him out of \$10 million.

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The Godfather tells the lawyer, Ask him where the money is ? The lawyer using sign language, asks Guido "Where's the money" Guido signs back: I don't know what you are talking about. The lawyer tells the Godfather " He says he doesn't know what you are talking about.

The Godfather pulls out a pistol puts it to Guido's head and says "Ask him again or I will kill him"

The lawyer signs to Guido " He'll kill you if you don't tell him"

Guido trembles and signs back Okay. You win. The money is in a brown briefcase, buried behind the shed at my cousin Bruno's house.

The Godfather asks the lawyer "What did he say

The lawyer replies, He says you don't have the balls to pull the trigger.



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Request for Tender – SBRC 22/23-11 Lease of farmland at Kingaroy Aerodrome

Council is offering farming land located at the Kingaroy Aerodrome, Warren Truss Drive, Taabinga for lease for the purpose of broadacre cropping (certain cropping restrictions will apply).

Council is seeking interest from local farmers and community groups that are seeking the opportunity to increase their production.

The successful tenderer and any agents, contractors and employees will be required to undertake an Aerodrome induction and adhere to all relevant requirements under South Burnett Regional Council's aerodrome manual and Part 139 of Manual of Standard – Aerodromes.

Council's Manager Community and Lifestyle will be available throughout the duration of the lease to support compliance with air-side aerodrome compliance.

It is expected that the successful tendering entity will provide evidence of the necessary skills and experience of a successful commercial farming enterprise.

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

The TenderLink Reference is BURNET-1049231.

Release Date: Monday 13 February 2023.

Tenders close at 2.00pm Tuesday 7 March 2023.

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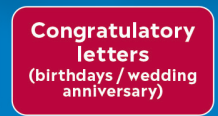
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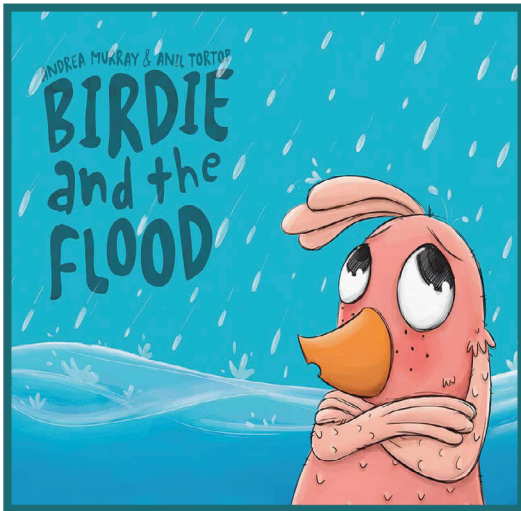
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Birdie Book Disaster Resilience Story Times

Birdie storybooks are an example of 'healing stories', that help young children recover from emotionally distressing events. The Birdie stories are about severe weather, natural disasters and disruptive impacts within our local area. The Birdie stories are written for Australian children and extremely relevant in our rural community.



South Burnett Regional Council's Disaster Management team are joining with South Burnett Libraries to host some special story times with the Birdie books being promoted by our local Councillors within their divisions. For further information, please pop into your local library branch for dates and times, we'd love to see you there!

St John's Outreach

South Burnett Library staff have been invited to attend St. John's Kindergarten on a regular basis in order to assist with their advocacy for early literacy learning. A rotating roster of library staff visit the kindy centre and host a story time session complete with rhyming songs and Q and A activities that support areas of interest that the children are learning at the time. This partnership is a valuable collaboration between school education and our local public libraries.

Ready for Work Program Murgon

Due to the success of last years program, CTC have again approached South Burnett Libraries to participate in an 8-week program aimed at assisting teens in the community to be ready to enter the workforce. Cristi from the library will attend and host 2 workshops on how to write a resume and cover letter as well as how to prepare for an interview. These workshops held in the Youth Hub located at Murgon provide life skills that are invaluable for young job seekers. The library will utilise resources available that have been developed by Google and Infoxchange that cover all these topics, which included, slide shows, templates, and further helpful resources to give participants take home knowledge

Anzac Day Presentation

South Burnett libraries will be supporting an Anzac Day presentation hosted by RSL representatives Barry Krosch and Les Henning on April 21st, 2023. Local high school students will be invited along to have a full run through of the Order of Service with background information provided for an in depth understanding of what happens during a service. This presentation will complement the Parade and Service being held within the community on Anzac Day 2023.

Centacare Easter Community Day

Save the Date!

South Burnett Libraries are excited to be attending an Easter Community Event developed by Centacare for Community Connections. Save the date of Wednesday, the 5th of April for a family fun day of Easter Egg Hunts, crafts and activities from 9am -2pm. More details to come soon and we look forward to some eggsellent adventures on the day.



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The ANZAC Day Dawn services, marches and other commemorations will be held as follows:-

MURGON

DAWN SERVICE

4.45am - Fellowship at Murgon Services Club (Rum & Milk) for RSL Members.

5.15am - Guard Mounted

5.20am - Service men and women fall in and march to the cenotaph

5.30am - Service commences

A "GUNFIRE BREAKFAST" will be held in the Diggers Room following the service.

MARCH AND SERVICE

The March steps off at 9.45am (Parade assembles from 9am in the car park of the Murgon Services Club) with Mr Mark O'Halloran taking the salute and giving the Anzac Day address. This year we also acknowledge the service of our Vietnam Veterans with an address by Mr David Piggott, Deputy President Murgon Sub Branch who served in D Coy 6 RAR.

There will be a flyover from the RAAF during the march.

Refreshments provided in the Diggers Room following the service.

Anyone who would like to either March on the day to represent their organisation or would like to lay a wreath, please contact Kevin Gill, President on 0438 015 684 no later than Tuesday 19th April.

GOOMERI

DAWN SERVICE

5.15am – Dawn Service held at Memorial Clock, Cnr Wide Bay & Burnett Hwy, Goomeri.

A "GUNFIRE BREAKFAST" will be held at Joe's Grant Hotel following the service

7.30am – Pilgrimage to the Cemetery – Meet at the Cemetery, Goomeri West Road, Goomeri.

MARCH & SERVICE

9.45am – Assemble at Dickinson's Park. March to cenotaph for wreath laying followed by Service in Hall of Memory.

Please contact David Pitstock on 0427 169 043 with any questions.

CHERBOURG

MARCH & SERVICE

Commencing at 8am - Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg.



RSL
Murgon Sub Branch

LIGHT UP THE DAWN

As a supplement to local commemoration activities, RSL Queensland will once again – by popular demand from the community – assist with a Light Up the Dawn marketing campaign for those who wish to show their support for veterans in this way.

In the coming weeks, a map of services and commemorative activities across the State will be published on the RSL Queensland website when they are confirmed.

As information comes to hand, it will be advertised in the Murgon Moments, on posters and on the Murgon RSL Sub Branch Facebook Page. Or call the Sub Branch on Tel. 07 4313 3018.

For this year's Anzac Day commemorations, let's show that Australians will always remember those who have served and sacrificed for this nation

The Murgon Pastoral, Agricultural & Horticultural Society Inc.
is pleased to bring you the

99th Murgon Show

17th & 18th March 2023



Gate Entry Prices:
Family \$25 (2x adults, 2x students)
Adult \$10 Student \$5 (12-17years)
Concession \$8
Under 12 years - Free

RIDES - FUN & GAMES
for all ages

- come and watch the
BOBCAT challenges & the
DOG HIGH JUMPS



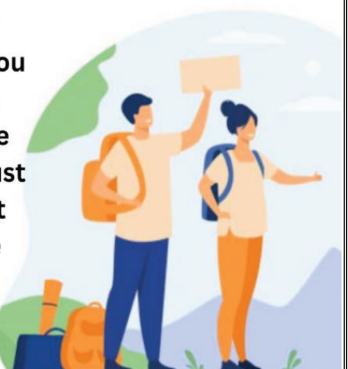
**GRAND
PARADE**

- *All the Pavilion Displays
- *Tastings & Demonstrations

**Fashion
Parade**

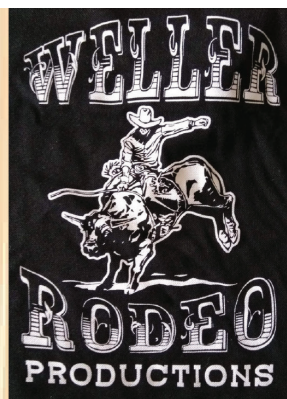
- *Horse events **incl. Miniature horses**
- *Cattle Judging

Can't walk
that far?
We'll give you
a free lift
around the
grounds - just
meet us at
one of the
pick-up
points!





Murgon Daytime Rodeo



**Sunday 2nd April 2023
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

Novice Barrel Race

- **Admission - Adults: \$20**
- **Pensioners & Over 12yrs: \$15**
- **Children U12yrs: Free**
- **Free Camping Available with Authorisation.**
- **Food, Drinks and Bar Available.**

*Brought to you by
Murgon Show Society
& its generous sponsors*

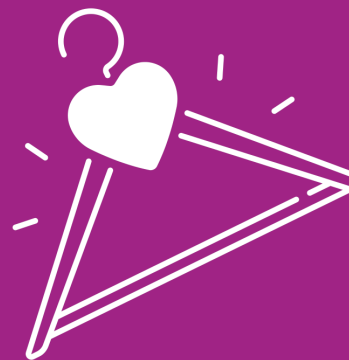


**For more information:
Ph. Alan Eagleson (Pres.) 0439 686 230**

Graham House Community Centre

Pre loved Clothing Markets

Plus Small Market Emporium



SATURDAY 11th MARCH 2023 | 9am - 12pm

**Shop till you
can't fit
anything
more in your
wardrobe**

**Fill a plastic
shopping bag
with clothes for
50c**

**FREE CLOTHING
AVAILABLE**



**Pearen Street
MURGON 4605**
Behind Graham House



SAUSAGE SIZZLE
(Funds going to Murgon Mens Shed)

COFFEE TRUCK

MARKET STALLS

Contact us to book
a space



Bookings & more information contact: 07 4169 8400



Council report came in this week on regional Spending on all capital projects over the past 10 years :
Approximately :
\$235M total investment

\$58M in Blackbutt, Benarkin, Nanango (25%)

\$94M in Kingaroy (40%)

\$83M in remaining of region (35%)

Covering: Kumbia, Ironpot, Wooroolin, Memerambi, Tingoora, Murgon, Wondai, Preston, Hivesville, Dulong, and Most of the 3200kms of roads

The following words are from a NZ Judge who regularly deals with youth....."Always we hear the cry from teenagers 'What can we do, where can we go?'.....

My answer is, "Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build a raft, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons, and after you've finished, read a book.

Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun. The world does not owe you a living, you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent so that no one will be at war, in poverty or sick and lonely again."

In other words, grow up, stop being a cry baby, get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wishbone. Start behaving like a responsible person.

You are important and you are needed. It's too late to sit around and wait for somebody to do something someday. Someday is now and that somebody is you."

Staying safe online.

You're invited to our free Staying Safe Online seminar hosted by CommBank Murgon Branch.

Keeping your information secure and understanding how you can protect yourself online can be tricky, but there are some simple ways to help you feel confident with your safety and security and enjoy everything that online banking has to offer.

When
Tuesday, 14 March 2023
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Where
CommBank Murgon Branch
62-64 Lamb Street
Murgon

RSVP
cbaevents.cba.com.au/branch-events/murgon.qld@cba.com.au
(07) 4168 1099

Join us to learn how to:

- Identify scams and suspicious links
- Protect yourself from scams and fraud (online and telephone scams)
- Create strong passwords and keep them secure
- Safely access online banking
- Stay digitally safe while travelling.

The health and wellbeing of our customers and staff is our priority, so spaces are limited and you must be registered to attend this event.
RSVP today so you don't miss out.

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Services Expo 2023

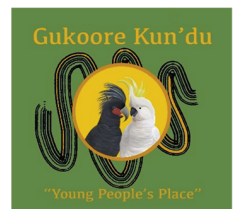
Project of the Barambah Youth Services Hub

Department of Education

Meet service providers **Participate in activities**

Where?
Gore Street, Murgon

When?
Date: 10 March 2023
Time: 10am - 2pm



Join us at the Hub

Come On! Come All!

- Check out the range of information stalls
- Explore service availability for youth
- Or just come and mingle!



For further information contact the Youth Hub on 07 4172 9728, or email BarambahYouthServicesHub@qed.qld.gov.au

**THINK
U
KNOW**

CYBER SAFETY INFO SESSION



An education program led by the Australian Federal Police

ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety? Think again.

53% of young Aussies reported being cyberbullied

Only 21% of Australian teenagers reported online harassment to an educational institution

Less than half of Aussie teens that were bullied online spoke to their family or friends about it

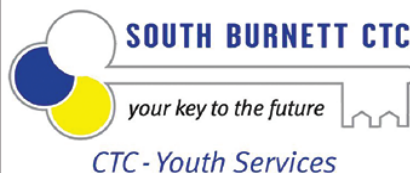
**Info session for parents & teens 14+
On Wednesday, March 1
from 5.30pm-7pm
Dinner provided!**

Barambah Youth Services Hub, Gore Street Murgon

ThinkUKnow is an evidence-based education program delivered nationally in partnership with police and industry partners to prevent online child sexual exploitation. The course is pro-technology and addresses topics including self-generated child sexual exploitation material, online grooming, image-based abuse, sexual extortion and encourages help seeking behaviour.

REGISTER to attend by calling CTC on 4162 7788

or Barambah Youth Hub on 41729729 or emailing courtneyl@sbctc.com.au



This is a CTC Safer Communities Program initiative to support 12-24-year-olds
This project received grant funding from the Australian Government through the
Safer Communities Fund Round 6 Early Intervention grants stream



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Name **St Joseph's Catholic Church**

Address 24 Angel Avenue,
Murgon 4605

Denomination RC

Date 1918

Keywords - materials timber

Status D

Source Hickey; O'Leary,
Catholic progress:
Archdiocese of
Brisbane 1912-19, 125

Cost £600

Second Date 1962

Event Replaced by new church

This is such a story:

Moshe was sitting at the bar staring at his drink when a large, trouble-making biker steps up next to him, grabs his drink and gulps it down in one swig and menacingly says, "Thanks Jew Boy, whatcha going to do about it?" Moshe burst into tears. "Come on, man," the biker says, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying. What's your problem?"

"This is the worst day of my life," Moshe says. "I'm a complete failure. "I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. "When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. "I left my wallet in the cab I took home. "I found my wife in bed with the postman and then my dog bit me. "So, I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all. "I buy a drink; drop a capsule in and sit here watching the poison dissolve; then you show up and drink the whole thing!

"But enough about me, how's your day going?"

St Patrick's Day

Eat, Drink and be Irish



*May the road rise to meet you
And the wind be at your back
for if you're on your way to the Royal
You're surely right on track!*

*Please join St Joseph's Ladies Auxiliary for a wee
bit o' fun at our St Patrick's Day Luncheon*

(Gluten free options available)

WHERE: ROYAL HOTEL MURGON

WHEN: FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH, 2023 AT 11.00AM

COST: \$30 per person

BOOKING: 4168 1799



(1915 O'Leary, Catholic progress: Archdiocese of Brisbane 1912-19, 125) Built in 1918.



The modified original "school" building as shown in 1983 (a little modified). The addition on the left is the 1962 school room for infants that was originally the old Manyung State School. The parish office said the building was still in the school grounds (2020) & used as The Aboriginal resource centre which includes the Aboriginal Hall of Fame of local indigenous identities.



Murgon cattle sale Report 14/02/2023

900 head were yarded in Murgon yesterday. The market was fully firm to a shade dearer in places for all descriptions. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.89 per kilogram and \$2900.00. Cows over 500 kilograms sold to \$2.97 per kilogram and \$2150.00 averaging \$2.78. Cows 400 to 500 kg topped at \$2.84 per kilogram for \$1400.00. Cows under 400 kg sold to \$2.52. Export heifers sold to \$3.40 per kilogram and \$1890.00. Cattle were drawn

from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Nanango, Kilkivan, Gundiah & local areas. Local Droughtmaster steers from Wondai sold for \$1710.00 at \$3.86 c/kg. 390 kg Santa cross steers from Cushnie sold for \$1530.00 and \$3.90 c/kg. Charolais steers 340 kg from Gayndah sold for \$1590.00 at \$4.63 c/kg. 330 kg Charolais cross steers sold for \$4.38 c/kg returning \$1450.00. Santa cross weaner steers from Goomeri sold for \$1430.00 at \$4.96 c/kg. Local Santa cross weaner steers sold for \$4.90 c/kg and returned \$1480.00. Charbray weaner steers from Manyung sold to \$5.31 c/kg for \$1440.00. Charolais cross weaner steers from Proston sold for \$5.18 c/kg and \$1150.00. Droughtmaster steers from Gundiah sold for \$1110.00 at \$4.90 c/kg. Light Brangus weaner steers from Brooklands sold for \$1075.00 at \$5.42 c/kg. A line of 50 Droughtmaster weaner steers from Johnstown sold for \$4.70 c/kg topping at \$1190.00. 418 kg local Gelbvieh cross heifers 418 kg sold for \$1530.00 at \$3.66 c/kg. 420 kg Santa heifers from Gayndah sold to \$3.39 c/kg and \$1430.00. 340 kg Charolais cross heifers from Gayndah sold for \$1360.00 at \$4.02 c/kg. Local Angus cross heifers 370 kg sold for \$1300.00 and \$3.52 c/kg. Local Angus cross weaner heifers from Redgate sold for \$1220.00 at \$4.28 c/kg. Local Charbray weaner heifers sold to \$4.37 c/kg for \$1120.00. Local Santa weaner heifers 235 kg sold for \$4.29 c/kg returning \$1010.00. Charbray weaner heifers from Goomeribong sold for \$1098.00 at \$4.10 c/kg. A small number of Cows & calves topped at \$1725.00.

The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 28th of February at 8.00 am.

State Government house in Nanango remains empty during housing crisis

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington says it is unacceptable that a State Government owned house in Nanango has remained empty during the current housing crisis.

Mrs Frecklington said the home, formerly occupied by respected Nanango doctor, Dr John Robinson, has remained empty since he left the residence in June 2020.

“For two and a half years, this large, four bedroom home, has sat empty while families from our region desperately search to put a roof over their heads,” Deb said.

“I recently asked a Question on Notice* of the Minister for the Department of Public Works, Mick De Brenni about why the property has remained vacant given the current high demand for housing.

“The Minister claims there has been no demand for government employee housing in Nanango, and they are still deciding what to do with the home.

“It seems incredible that it has taken nearly three years to make a decision about a home like this. It should have been made available sooner.

“It also begs the question about how many other State Government owned homes there are like this that are left empty while vulnerable people can’t find accommodation.

“I am calling on the State Government to make a decision about the house as soon as possible so it becomes available for either social housing or the rental market,” Deb said.

ENDS...

Photo: Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington outside the State Government employee house at 43 Chester Street, Nanango. The house has remained empty since June 2020.

For further information, please contact the Nanango Electorate Office on 4190 7100.

Warren Brown: Why taking a road trip in a Tesla revealed the limitations of electric vehicles

I knew electric vehicles had questionable range, but in our quest for a green utopia I had no idea of the seat-of-the-pants hell of driving one in far-flung NSW, writes an EV-fatigued Warren Brown.

Warren Brown, September 5, 2022, courtesy **The Sunday Telegraph**

If you ask anyone who knows me there's nothing I like more than a jolly good road trip.

If you hang around long enough I'm guaranteed to bore anyone within earshot with tales of my road-going adventures that are so bonkers I have trouble believing them myself.

It's all about the joy of long-distance motoring – the freedom it gives, the chance for adventure.

So when the opportunity to jump aboard an electric car and head west for the Riverina turned up last week I just couldn't say no – after all, Energy Minister Chris Bowen has made it painfully clear the future for personal transport in Australia is electric.



Warren Brown, cartoonist for The Daily Telegraph travelled to Griffith in a Tesla Model 3 charging in Griffith. Picture: Jonathan Ng

Photographer Jonathan Ng and I were to head to Griffith last week for the annual Daily Telegraph Bush Summit. Instead of catching a flight from Sydney we decided to drive.

Jonathan, a car guy like myself, offered to pick me up from Goulburn in his 2019 Tesla and drive us the 390km west.

While I've driven electric cars before, I'd never been in one for any considerable distance, and while I'd experienced an EV's blistering performance, like most people I was also aware of their shortcomings when it came to their range.

The Tesla struck me as the ideal car for a long drive, with its leather seats and plenty of leg room. The vehicle brimmed with futuristic features: instead of dashboard instruments there was what was fundamentally a giant iPad in front of the driver and passenger, which incorporates an endless variety of nifty features – satellite monitoring, Netflix, and most importantly a map indicating where recharging stations are situated.



Warren Brown, Daily Telegraph cartoonist is an avid lover of road trips.

“We’ll pull up at Gundagai, plug the car in and grab some breakfast,” Jonathan told me as we re-joined the highway, the thought of which sounded like a capital idea.

The 188km drive from Goulburn to Gundagai was effortless, and before long we’d arrived at the feet of the Dog on the Tuckerbox, to pull up at a bank of charging stations at which there is another Tesla and a Volvo-based Polestar already receiving an intravenous dose of 240 volts.

“We’ll be here for half an hour or so” Jonathan told me as he plugged in our Tesla. And in the spirit of throwing healthy eating to the wind we partook in the first of what would be many roadside gourmand experiences for the day – two bacon and egg rolls and coffee.

In half an hour we returned to the car, where the other EV drivers were now unplugging their life support.

Despite being part of the rarefied 2 per cent of the population who are electric vehicle owners, it struck me how no one was making any well-met, collegiate chitchat about their cars. You know – “G’day mate! How many megahertz are you getting to the gallon?” kind of thing.

Instead, clearly wary of these electrical interlopers, Jonathan told me to keep an eye on where those guys were heading because it was imperative we got to a town before them – if there’s only one charger in a town and they get there first then it’s a half an hour waiting while they charge, then a half an hour for us.

I’m beginning to get it – for EV drivers out here on the open road it’s now a lithium-battery Hunger Games – a charge to get charged before the other guy takes charge.

Stuffed with bacon and egg rolls, we headed off for Wagga Wagga, some 88km away, where our mission was to quickly find the resident charging station placed in a car park, and another 45-minute stay to recharge again.

A vanilla slice and three-quarters of an hour later and we were back on the road, heading for the only charging station in Narrandera – a lonely monument to a green Australia plonked in a side street where we hooked up for yet another electricity fix. A pie from the bakery this time and we ever-expanding local-pastry-filled Electric Road Warriors were on the last leg to Griffith, with one eye on the road and the other on the diminishing battery-level symbol on the screen, arriving in town to hook the car up for an electro-adrenaline hit yet again.

As someone who’d had no experience with EVs in the bush I was now taken hold by a new and genuine phenomenon that’s recently arisen with the advent of electric cars. It’s a paranoia known euphemistically as “range anxiety” – a rather patronising term suggesting that the fear of being stranded in the never-never without a spark of electricity and facing certain death is merely some sort of minor psychosis, like being afraid of the dark.

I knew electric vehicles had questionable range, but I had no idea of the seat-of-the-pants logistics of driving one in the Outback.

It was becoming glaringly obvious to me the federal government's rabid fervour to fast-track electric vehicles by cracking down and dispensing with the internal combustion engine seems more than alarming in that we're not being given the full picture of what the consequences will be.

I discovered there are two issues with electric vehicles that proponents tend to gloss over: the cars' batteries don't like cold weather, and nor do they like continuous high-speed driving – two rather important and regularly encountered features when driving in the Outback.

Not only do lithium batteries have reduced efficiency when it's cold, but if you put the car's heater on (so you don't freeze) you'll reduce its charge even quicker – therefore reducing the range.

MYEV.com suggests in order to keep the battery happy you should “park your car in a heated garage” – something else to load onto an already beleaguered electricity grid.

Unlike internal combustion engines, electric vehicles are happier in the “stop-start” situations you'd find in the city than the massive long-distance hauls you'd typically encounter in the Australian Outback.

If you do run out of charge, the car will give plenty of warning, resorting to “limp mode” for some time. But when it has eventually rolled to a complete stop, pray you have charge and range for your mobile phone, as it's a tilt tray to the nearest town.

Scandinavian countries such as Norway are perennially wheeled out as the poster children for EVs. Yet the widest part of Norway is roughly the distance from Sydney to Dubbo, whereas the widest part of Australia is equivalent to the distance from London to Moscow.

In a green utopia where we're all compelled to drive electric cars, who on Earth would be game enough to visit remote Outback towns in far-flung NSW?

This would conceivably curtail enthusiasm for regional tourism.

Three weeks ago I was at a roadside servo between Wilcannia and Cobar, the cafe alive with grey nomads and tourists exploring NSW post-Covid. But not an electric vehicle nor charging station in sight.

In our diesel Toyota Prado we needed to make a 250km detour due to flooding. How you could do that in an electric car out there I simply can't imagine.

As for us, our return journey was the long, anxious process of charger-hopping in reverse sequence – sitting in the dark at Gundagai at 12.30am while the car took on more volts tended to take the shine off our grand motoring adventure – and not a vanilla slice in sight.

SBRC Council's Community Grants Officer

Council's Community Grants Officer Leisa Wilson will be out working in your area over the next few weeks. If you need assistance with a grant application please call the Community Development Team on 4189 9100 to book in a time.

Day	Date	Time	Town	Room
Monday	6 March	11.30am – 2.30pm	Proston	Proston Cultural Centre
Tuesday	7 March	9am – 3pm	Murgon	Murgon Meeting Room
Wednesday	8 March	9am – 12pm	Blackbutt	Blackbutt Meeting Room
		1pm – 4pm	Nanango	Nanango Charlie Meeting Room
Thursday	9 March	After 12pm	Kingaroy	
Friday	10 March	9am – 3pm	Wondai	Wondai Meeting Room
Monday	13 March	11.30am – 2.30pm	Proston	Proston Cultural Centre
Tuesday	14 March	9am – 3pm	Murgon	Murgon Meeting Room
Wednesday	15 March	9am – 12pm	Blackbutt	Blackbutt Meeting Room
		1pm – 4pm	Nanango	Nanango Charlie Meeting Room
Thursday	16 March	9am – 3pm	Wondai	Wondai Meeting Room
Friday	17 March	All day	Kingaroy	



SNAKES ALIVE!

“Over recent weeks we have had graphic reminders – of the wriggly kind – to: “Watch out! Snakes are about!” First, a young red-bellied black snake took up residence in the control box of our waste-water system. Although it was moved on several times, it continued to return – until, we think, it grew too big to slide through a tiny gap! Just before Christmas, we had two small brown snakes – on consecutive days – in different rooms of the house! Neither seemed unduly disturbed by our presence and both were reluctant to leave. After we had ushered them outdoors with soft brooms, we were left wondering how long they had been sharing our house - and if we had further uninvited guests!

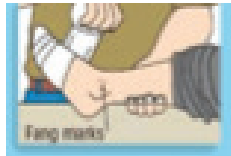
*While most snake sightings are between October and March, **snake bites occur throughout the year.** **Everyone should know the recommended First Aid for snake bite -***

5 Step Pressure Immobilisation Technique.

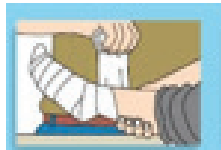
REST:
keep casualty CALM & STILL



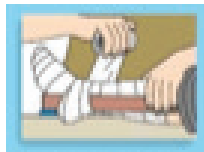
COVER:
cover bite site with clean pad
bandage over and around bite site.
(Use 10cm compression bandage)



BANDAGE: firmly
from fingers/toes, covering the whole limb.
(Use 15cm compression bandages)



SPLINT: immobilise the limb
Use strong stick for leg.
Immobilise joints both sides of bite site.



Use sling for arm.



GET HELP
Call Triple Zero (ambulance) OR
Use free Emergency + app (has coordinates)
Keep casualty calm and still, under constant observation
until help arrives; keep limb immobilised.

NOTE: A short Snake Awareness presentation, including demonstration of the Pressure Immobilisation Technique, can be arranged for groups - including primary school children. Phone Bob: 4169 0909

Brendan James Ryan

8th May 1961 Brendan passed away on 5th February 2023 aged 61

Brendan will be sadly missed by his work colleagues, friends and neighbours.

POSTLE, Ann. Murgon State High School

March 2023 Exhibition

The month of March will see the Wondai Regional Art Gallery hosting one exhibition.

“Petrichor” by Bridget Barkle, Tessa Carty, John Dalton, Hannah Depper,
Bronwyn Langford Martoo (Whole Gallery)



Petrichor is the latest show from a group of friends who met when they were teachers and pupils at Saint Mary's Catholic College in Kingaroy. John and Bronwyn were teachers and Bridget, Tessa and Hannah were students at the College. All three girls were senior art students and have gone on to be practising artists. John has been a photographic artist for over a decade and Bronwyn has a Visual Art degree and is the Art teacher at the College. These five artists and friends have created their latest show based on their combined emotional attachment for the South Burnett, the lands of the Wakka Wakka people. The word petrachor translates to 'the smell of the earth just after rain'. They hope their show will take the audience on an emotive journey through the land on which they exhibit and connect the audience through time and space. There is a wide variety of mediums between the group and this show features paintings, photographs, ceramics and assemblage sculptures.



“Kidz Korner” GOMA

Opening Night: Friday 3rd March, from 6pm, \$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch
Wine will be served by Clovelly Estate Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 3pm on Saturday 25th March 2023.

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

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondai.art@sbrc.qld.gov.au



Murgon's Angel Air Field attracting visitors to their fly in for breakfast

Letter to the Editor



Labor's Patient Tax hurting patients and local GP practices

I recently met with staff and Doctors from the Nanango Medical Centre to discuss the many issues affecting GP's and medical centres, especially the threat being imposed by the introduction of the State Labor Government's new Patient Tax.

The Treasurer's new tax was dropped on the eve of Christmas without any public consultation or modelling when the Queensland Revenue Office unveiled a new public ruling. It has re-interpreted the law so that general practice and other health practitioners will now be subject to payroll tax.

This will mean practices will have no choice but to increase the cost of seeing a GP, and could see the end of bulk-billing in Queensland.

Unfortunately the State Government refuses to acknowledge the serious ramifications this change will have for patients and GP practices. They refuse to acknowledge that GP's are already being forced to shut their doors, and charge patients more to see their doctor.

I am calling on the State Labor Government to put a stop to the new Patient Tax. At the very least, they must make an exemption for rural and regional practices, especially the very few that still provide bulk-billing services.

For rural and regional areas that are already feeling the effect of a lack of GP's, and the further pressure this places on our hospital system, this is tax that will have dire consequences for a health system already in crisis.

Boondooma Dam Fish Stocking Association



A very successful annual Family Fishing Competition was held at Boondooma Dam with over 650 registered anglers vying for prizes and just enjoying fishing with numerous prizes given to the juniors. Numerous fish were caught and the catch and release section was well supported.



This is a wonderful piece by Michael Gartner, editor of newspapers large and small and president of NBC News. In 1997, he won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing. It is well worth reading, and a few good chuckles are guaranteed.

My father never drove a car. Well, that's not quite right. I should say I never saw him drive a car.

He quit driving in 1927, when he was 25 years old, and the last car he drove was a 1926 Whippet.

"In those days," he told me when he was in his 90s, "to drive a car you had to do things with your hands, and do things with your feet, and look every which way, and I decided you could walk through life and enjoy it or drive through life and miss it."

At which point my mother, a sometimes salty Irishwoman, chimed in:

"Oh, bull shit!" she said. "He hit a horse."

"Well," my father said, "there was that, too."

So my brother and I grew up in a household without a car. The neighbors all had cars -- the Kollingses next door had a green 1941 Dodge, the VanLaninghams across the street a gray 1936 Plymouth, the Hopsons two doors down a black 1941 Ford -- but we had none.

My father, a newspaperman in Des Moines, would take the streetcar to work and, often as not, walk the 3 miles home. If he took the streetcar home, my mother and brother and I would walk the three blocks to the streetcar stop, meet him and walk home together.

My brother, David, was born in 1935, and I was born in 1938, and sometimes, at dinner, we'd ask how come all the neighbors had cars but we had none. "No one in the family drives," my mother would explain, and that was that.

But, sometimes, my father would say, "But as soon as one of you boys turns 16, we'll get one." It was as if he wasn't sure which one of us would turn 16 first.

But, sure enough, my brother turned 16 before I did, so in 1951 my parents bought a used 1950 Chevrolet from a friend who ran the parts department at a Chevy dealership downtown.

It was a four-door, white model, stick shift, fender skirts, loaded with everything, and, since my parents didn't drive, it more or less became my brother's car.

Having a car but not being able to drive didn't bother my father, but it didn't make sense to my mother.

So in 1952, when she was 43 years old, she asked a friend to teach her to drive. She learned in a nearby cemetery, the place where I learned to drive the following year and where, a generation later, I took my two sons to practice driving. The cemetery probably was my father's idea. "Who can your mother hurt in the cemetery?" I remember him saying more than once.

For the next 45 years or so, until she was 90, my mother was the driver in the family. Neither she nor my father had any sense of direction, but he loaded up on maps -- though they seldom left the city limits -- and appointed himself navigator. It seemed to work.

Still, they both continued to walk a lot. My mother was a devout Catholic, and my father an equally devout agnostic, an arrangement that didn't seem to bother either of them through their 75 years of marriage.

(Yes, 75 years, and they were deeply in love the entire time.)

He retired when he was 70, and nearly every morning for the next 20 years or so, he would walk with her the mile to St. Augustin's Church.

She would walk down and sit in the front pew, and he would wait in the back until he saw which of the parish's two priests was on duty that morning. If it was the pastor, my father then would go out and take a 2-mile walk, meeting my mother at the end of the service and walking her home.

If it was the assistant pastor, he'd take just a 1-mile walk and then head back to the church. He called the priests "Father Fast" and "Father Slow."

After he retired, my father almost always accompanied my mother whenever she drove anywhere, even if he had no reason to go along. If she were going to the beauty parlor, he'd sit in the car and read, or go take a stroll or, if it was summer, have her keep the engine running so he could listen to the Cubs game on the radio. In the evening, then, when I'd stop by, he'd explain: "The Cubs lost again. The millionaire on second base made a bad throw to the millionaire on first base, so the multimillionaire on third base scored."

If she were going to the grocery store, he would go along to carry the bags out -- and to make sure she loaded up on ice cream. As I said, he was always the navigator, and once, when he was 95 and she was 88 and still driving, he said to me, "Do you want to know the secret of a long life?"

"I guess so," I said, knowing it probably would be something bizarre.

"No left turns," he said.

"What?" I asked.

"No left turns," he repeated. "Several years ago, your mother and I read an article that said most accidents that old people are in happen when they turn left in front of oncoming traffic.

As you get older, your eyesight worsens, and you can lose your depth perception, it said. So your mother and I decided never again to make a left turn."

"What?" I said again.

"No left turns," he said. "Think about it.. Three rights are the same as a left, and that's a lot safer. So we always make three rights."

"You're kidding!" I said, and I turned to my mother for support.

"No," she said, "your father is right. We make three rights. It works."

But then she added: "Except when your father loses count."

I was driving at the time, and I almost drove off the road as I started laughing.

"Loses count?" I asked.

"Yes," my father admitted, "that sometimes happens. But it's not a problem. You just make seven rights, and you're okay again."

I couldn't resist. "Do you ever go for 11?" I asked.

"No," he said " If we miss it at seven, we just come home and call it a bad day. Besides, nothing in life is so important it can't be put off another day or another week."

My mother was never in an accident, but one evening she handed me her car keys and said she had decided to quit driving. That was in 1999, when she was 90.

She lived four more years, until 2003. My father died the next year, at 102.

They both died in the bungalow they had moved into in 1937 and bought a few years later for \$3,000. (Sixty years later, my brother and I paid \$8,000 to have a shower put in the tiny bathroom -- the house had never had one. My father would have died then and there if he knew the shower cost nearly three times what he paid for the house.)

He continued to walk daily -- he had me get him a treadmill when he was 101 because he was afraid he'd fall on the icy sidewalks but wanted to keep exercising -- and he was of sound mind and sound body until the moment he died.

One September afternoon in 2004, he and my son went with me when I had to give a talk in a neighboring town, and it was clear to all three of us that he was wearing out, though we had the usual wide-ranging conversation about politics and newspapers and things in the news.

A few weeks earlier, he had told my son, "You know, Mike, the first hundred years are a lot easier than the second hundred." At one point in our drive that Saturday, he said, "You know, I'm probably not going to live much longer."

"You're probably right," I said.

"Why would you say that?" He countered, somewhat irritated.

"Because you're 102 years old," I said.

"Yes," he said, "you're right." He stayed in bed all the next day.

That night, I suggested to my son and daughter that we sit up with him through the night.

He appreciated it, he said, though at one point, apparently seeing us look gloomy, he said:

"I would like to make an announcement. No one in this room is dead yet"

An hour or so later, he spoke his last words:

"I want you to know," he said, clearly and lucidly, "that I am in no pain. I am very comfortable. And I have had as happy a life as anyone on this earth could ever have."

A short time later, he died.

I miss him a lot, and I think about him a lot. I've wondered now and then how it was that my family and I were so lucky that he lived so long.

I can't figure out if it was because he walked through life,

Or because he quit taking left turns. "

Life is too short to wake up with regrets.

So love the people who treat you right.

Forget about the one's who don't.

Believe everything happens for a reason.

If you get a chance, take it & if it changes your life, let it.

Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would most likely be worth it."

ENJOY LIFE NOW - IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE!



A proud mother daughter moment at a wonderful afternoon where I got to present some of the Leadership badges at the Murgon State High School.

Congratulations to all of the school leaders and also Acting Principal Morgan Suchoronczak on a beautiful speech!! Wishing everyone a successful 2023 School year!! Kathy Duff



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Barambah Garden Club



Members of the Barambah Garden Club visited the stunning Memerambi Springs Plant Nursery on 10th February which proved to be a delightful experience.

The extensive roadside cottage garden, which is a family business is an oasis on a grand scale with massive plantings of succulents and perennials of every imaginable variety. Antique cottage type buildings and old timber furniture covered in exotic flowering vines and dangling greenery clinging to every available surface add uniqueness to these gardens. There are numerous artistic divisions, forming alcoves and nooks of discovery that has to be seen to be believed - a place for fairies, elves and goblins for the young at heart.

Hand crafted pottery, scented candles, hanging baskets and much more add to the mystery and wonderment of this magic place where tall shrubs shelter the more delicate varieties of indoor and outdoor plants. Frost in winter months never worries this enormous cottage garden with its protective design.

Narrow paths wind around the assortment of garden beds and rockeries with natural running water gushing from the ground, to form ponds, and streams keeping the atmosphere moist and desirable as nature intended – such a wonderful place to visit.

The Barambah Garden Club hold their meetings on the second Friday of the month.

Next Meeting to be held at the home of Mary Mitchell, 12 Arnell Street, Murgon, on 10th March.

Phone Barbara 0741681675 or President Anne 0438 686 238

Happy Gardening Everyone. Barbara Hartmann King

Systematic Inspection Program for Dog Registration

In accordance with section 114 of the Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 (the Act) notice is hereby given that the South Burnett Regional Council intends to conduct an Approved Systematic Inspection Program to ensure that all dogs are registered in accordance with the Act.

The program will commence on Wednesday 1 March 2023 and concludes on Friday 30 June 2023.



The properties to be included in the Systematic Inspection Program are potentially all residential and rural residential properties within the South Burnett area.

Inspections will be conducted between 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday during this period.

All dogs over the age of 3 months are obliged to be registered with the local authority, in which the animal resides, as required by the state's Animal Management legislation. This systematic inspection program seeks to proactively check to see if animal owners are complying with their obligations.

Council is permitted to undertake these house inspections in order to ascertain compliance with the legislation. The Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008 provides the necessary head of power to carry out the registration checking activities. Fines may apply in circumstances of non-compliance (on the spot fine \$287.00).

For more information, please contact Council's Animal Management team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.



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MURGON ANCIENT SONGBIRD CENTRE

Proposed opening Saturday 20th May 2023. We proudly announce the appointment of Angela Pude as the Art Gallery and Workshop coordinator. Contact details for painting display bookings and workshops can be made by phoning Angela Ph 0490 137 691 or e-mailing: lynettepude1957@gmail.com

It has been just over 4 years of hard work by a small band of committee volunteers but the interior fit out of the Prehistoric Garden, Fossil Museum and gift shop are nearing completion and we assure you it will be a professional tourist attraction sought after for Queensland and the South Burnett.

Leo Geraghty Secretary.



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- SOUTH BURNETT PCYC
- STRUDDYS SPORTS MURGON
- THE COFFEE BAR 4605
- TOP OF THE TOWN MEAT HALL

Façade Improvement Grant - Extension of Time

Council has extended the dates for Round 2 of the Façade Improvement Program. Applications are now open and close on Monday, 20 March 2023 to allow more time for business and property owners to apply for funding. Outcomes of Round 2 will be advised by Thursday, 6 April 2023.

Projects will need to be completed between the 7 April 2023 and 31 December 2023, and acquittals lodged by applicants within 4 weeks of the works being completed and no later than 31 January 2024.

As part of the South Burnett Regional Council's delivery of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, the Local Built Small Grants – Economic Recovery Investment Stream has been developed to support community groups to create and deliver projects that build resilience and social recovery in the South Burnett region.

South Burnett Regional Council, in partnership with the region's Chamber of Commerce and Business Development organisations, is providing incentives to support small businesses within the central business districts (CBDs) of Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, and Wondai to improve their business façades. Funding is provided through the Australian Government's Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grant Program – Community Connection Local Built.

A total pool of \$300,000 was available across two rounds. A minimum grant amount is \$500 with a maximum grant of \$3,000 with a 50% co-contribution required (dollar for dollar funding).

Improvements to frontages may include lighting, exterior walls, windows and doors, storefronts, awnings/canopies, signage, exterior architectural features, exterior painting, reinstatement of historical features of the building and increased accessibility to shop fronts.

Funding Guidelines are on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/community-information/grants-funding>

Applications must be made via Council's website <https://sbrc.smartygrants.com.au/>

CLOYNA HALL DINNER

Cloyna hall committee and Murgon Lions Club invite you and your partner to their annual dinner Friday 19th May 2023. 6.30pm for 7.00pm sit down. \$30 per person – 3 course meal. RSVP Arthur 0497 169 950 or Chrissy 0427 008 211. Guest Speaker.

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