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MURGON at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley, part of the great South Burnett.



Leo gets a helping hand on the side of the road with his flat tyre from some loveable fantastic footballers, that were in fact going in the opposite direction and turned around and asked if i needed any help? I said you could have come a bit earlier as I'm all bar finished but Mario did make sure all the nuts were tight. You hear so many bad stories concerning footballers but this was one of those fine gestures you dream about by people so far from home. Once again, Many thanks boys. Thanks Mario Fennick for the laughs.



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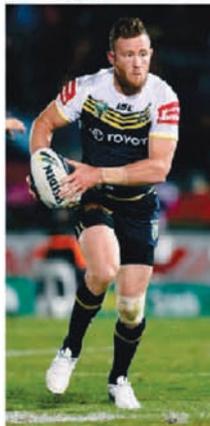
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A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

Western stagecoach companies were big business in the latter half of the 19th century. In addition to passengers and freight, stages hauled gold and silver bullion as well as mining company payrolls.

Stage robbery was a constant danger and bandits employed many strategies to ambush a stagecoach. Thieves rarely met with much resistance from stage drivers, since they had passenger safety foremost in mind. The gang was usually after the Wells Fargo money box with its valuable contents. Passengers were seldom hurt, but they were certainly relieved of their cash, watches and jewelry. Before the completion of the transcontinental railroad over Donner Pass in 1868, the only transportation through the Sierra was by stage. Rugged teamsters held rein over six wild-eyed horses as they tore along the precipitous mountain trails. The stagecoaches were driven by skilled and fearless men who pushed themselves and their spirited horses to the limit.

One of the most famous drivers was Charles Darkey Parkhurst, who had come west from New England in 1852 seeking his fortune in the Gold Rush. He spent 15 years running stages, sometimes partnering with Hank Monk, the celebrated driver from Carson City. Over the years, Parkhurst's reputation as an expert whip grew.

From 20 feet away he could slice open the end of an envelope or cut a cigar out of a man's mouth. Parkhurst smoked cigars, chewed wads of tobacco, drank with the best of them, and exuded supreme confidence behind the reins. His judgment was sound and pleasant manners won him many friends.

One afternoon as Charley drove down from Carson Pass the lead horses veered off the road and a wrenching jolt threw him from the rig. He hung on to the reins as the horses dragged him along on his stomach. Amazingly, Parkhurst managed to steer the frightened horses back onto the road and save all his grateful passengers.

During the 1850s, bands of surly highwaymen stalked the roads. These outlaws would level their shotguns at stage drivers and shout, "Throw down the gold box!" Charley Parkhurst had no patience for the crooks despite their demands and threatening gestures.

The most notorious road agent was nicknamed "Sugarfoot." When he and his gang accosted Charley's stage, it was the last robbery the thief ever attempted.

Charley cracked his whip defiantly, and when his horses bolted, he turned around and fired his revolver at the crooks. Sugarfoot was later found dead with a fatal bullet wound in his stomach.

In appreciation of his bravery, Wells Fargo presented Parkhurst with a large watch and chain made of solid gold. In 1865, Parkhurst grew tired of the demanding job of driving and he opened his own stage station. He later sold the business and retired to a ranch near Soquel, Calif. The years slipped by and Charley died on Dec. 29, 1879, at the age of 67.

A few days later, the Sacramento Daily Bee published his obituary. It read; "On Sunday last, there died a person known as Charley Parkhurst, aged 67, who was well-known to old residents as a stage driver. He was in early days accounted one of the most expert manipulators of the reins who ever sat on the box of a coach. It was discovered when friendly hands were preparing him for his final rest, that Charley Parkhurst was unmistakably a well-developed woman!"

Once it was discovered that Charley was a woman, there were plenty of people to say they had always thought he wasn't like other men. Even though he wore leather gloves summer and winter, many noticed that his hands were small and smooth. He slept in the stables with his beloved horses and was never known to have had a girlfriend.

Charley never volunteered clues to her past. Loose fitting clothing hid her femininity and after a horse kicked

her, an eye patch over one eye helped conceal her face. She weighed 175 pounds, could handle herself in a fistfight and drank whiskey like one of the boys.

It turns out that Charley's real name was Charlotte Parkhurst. Abandoned as a child, she was raised in a New Hampshire orphanage unloved and surrounded by poverty. Charlotte ran away when she was 15 years old and soon discovered that life in the working world was easier for men. So she decided to masquerade as one for the rest of her life.

The rest is history. Well, almost. There is one last thing. On November 3, 1868, Charlotte Parkhurst cast her vote in the national election, dressed as a man. She became the first woman to vote in the United States, 52 years before Congress passed the 19th amendment giving American women the right to vote.

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Guest Speaker for the evening was Elaine Madill who took her listeners around the world on a once in a lifetime epic cruise that took her over three months to complete. She shared the fascinating history and cultures of many world heritage locations and talked about the stunning beauty of places most of us only read about, and of course there was the exotic food, the shopping, the people and the customs. It was absolutely a trip of a lifetime.

Elaine had tables stacked with souvenirs of every description from many countries. She told how she had brought seven suitcases home instead of four. She is truly a Globe Trotter. Her extensive talk was enjoyed by all and she was presented with a lovely bunch of flowers at the end of the evening.

Quota International helps disadvantaged women and children in 259 communities and 12 countries around the world. New members are welcome. Phone Barbara 07 4168 1675.

Barbara Hartmann King, Secretary and press secretary Murgon Quota International.

Murgon Diabetes News

Katharine Butcher was guest speaker at our last meeting, Katharine is a podiatrist and spoke about the care of feet and toe nails and how important it is to look after them, we had a good time with lots of laughter. There will be a guest speaker next meeting everyone is welcome and we will be at the Uniting Church Hall in Gore Street. We meet for morning tea 9-30 am. 4th. Tuesday of each Month next meeting will be 24th. of March.

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New Faces 2016

We have now entered 2016, with school commencing and programs being well underway.



Part of some change at the PCYC South Burnett is the casual appointment of Jodi Jones, who will be conducting a community role such as running School Programs, during and after school, as well as fitness classes to cater for the busy parent schedule. Jodi comes to us with a vast external knowledge of health and wellbeing.

We also welcome Emma-lee Jones. Emma will be assisting as our Cert 4 instructor for the newly planned programs with the Murgon State High School. This will see students from Murgon High School have the opportunity to receive their Cert 2 in Fitness through a partnership with the PCYC and the High School.

Our tried and tested state wide programs such as Braking the Cycle, Bulletproof, Deep Blue Line, Drumbeat, Girls United, Love Bites, Rock and Water, RUBY, Team Up and Senseability along with our local programs Work It Out; Fit 4 Skool, Friday Night Live, Urban Art are all available with trained and qualified staff to deliver these at a venue of your choice. We are also willing to look at any ideas of programs that you may wish to see implemented and work with you to achieve a desired outcome.

Life Fit is our new branding for activities that involve light exercise, movement and general actions to keep people of any age fit and active. Intensity then increases to our **Les Mills Body** series and then to our **Les Mills Grit** classes. With a range of other activities in between to suit which ever intensity of fitness you are looking for.



The cake decorators have had an interesting few months, late last year we had Fay Andrews come to demonstrate the art of making lace on mats Fay is from the Gympie Branch.

Our Christmas breakup was held at the Australian Hotel in Murgon and we enjoyed good food, good company and lots of laughter.

The first meeting of the year was in February and Gloria demonstrated quilling in icing and two tone flowers.

We had a guest demonstrator on the 3rd. March from the Sunshine Coast and anyone interested in the art form is more than welcome.

MURGON JUDO CLUB INC



Murgon Judo Club Good Sports Club Level 3 presentation by Councillor Kathy Duff

One very special night for Murgon Judo club Inc., Councillor Kathy Duff was at our Club to present our Level 3 Good Sports Club accreditation. Murgon Judo Club has been awarded Level 3 accreditation as part of the *Good Sports Healthy Eating* program, for their work as community leaders in nutrition and alcohol management.

Good Sports Healthy Eating is an Australian Drug Foundation community program to promote healthy food and drinks within sports

clubs. The program has combined and built on the success of the original *Good Sports* program and Food for Sport: Health Food and Drink Guidelines for Sporting Clubs. It is a joint Australian, State and Territory Government initiative.

The Queensland *Good Sports Healthy Eating* is all about making gradual changes to the management of alcohol and provision of food within the club, building healthier, safe and family-friendly environments.

Damien Shea, Good Sports State Manager for Queensland, said the program is helping to build healthier sports clubs throughout the region.

“By participating in *Good Sports Healthy Eating*, Murgon Judo Club is demonstrating their continued commitment to providing a safe, healthy and fun environment for players, families and the community,” he said.

“Alcohol, tobacco and obesity together are the three main contributors to disability and death in Australia which is why they are the focus of the Queensland *Good Sports Healthy Eating* program.”

We are the First Judo Club in Queensland to reach level 3, the highest any club can go and we will keep to those principles we have learnt even though it is very hard not having bottles of Coke-Cola in our fridge but such a great achievement for such a small Country Club.

We also got a grant from the Get Going.

We also need to thank Barry Pratt from the Murgon Bowls Club who is now an associate member of our club and is our second RSA person.

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Landcare and community groups in the Burnett Mary region are now able to apply for Healthy Habitats grants totalling \$292,000 and 'Keeping it Great' grants totalling \$108,000 to help care for the region's natural environment and support sustainable agriculture.

Healthy Habitat grants of up to \$30,000 and Keeping it Great grants of up to \$20,000 are available for groups and individuals to undertake on-ground works such as protecting threatened species habitat, controlling weeds and pest animals to enhance significant vegetation and managing public access to sensitive coastal sites.

The grants are part of the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme and are being managed locally by the Burnett Mary Regional Group — one of Australia's 56 regional natural resource management organisations.

For more information on this grant round and how to apply, please visit the Burnett Mary Regional Group website at <http://www.bmrg.org.au/>.

WIDE BAY'S COMMUNITY SURVEY 2016 DELIVERED FROM THIS WEEKEND

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Warren Truss, has encouraged Wide Bay residents to be on the lookout for the Wide Bay Community Survey 2016, which is being delivered to letterboxes across the electorate from this weekend.

"Wide Bay's Community Survey 2016 will arrive in people's letterboxes across the electorate from Saturday and delivery should be completed by the end of next week," Mr Truss said.

An online version of the survey will also be available on the website www.warrentruss.com/survey

"Wide Bay is a terrific place to live and I want to hear from my constituents about what we can do to make it even better," Mr Truss said.

The questions in Wide Bay's Community Survey 2016 canvasses opinions on subjects including health, transport, the economy, taxation, education, population, foreign ownership, law and order, resources and energy, the environment, and social and civic issues.

"The survey gauges peoples' support for ideas and proposals that sometimes come before parliaments and would impact on their local community, our region and our country," Mr Truss said.

The survey should be returned to Mr Truss by folding and sealing the survey so the reply paid details are on the front and it should be posted by 31 March 2016.

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The South Burnett is looking forward to showcasing their award winning wines over the Easter break. Moffatdale outside Murgon has four active major cellar doors.

Moffatdale Ridge Winery owner Jason Kinsella said wineries' produce across the region was "looking fantastic".

"We've been pretty fortunate. Things are going really, really well," he said.

In the middle of vintage now, Mr Kinsella predicted 2016 would be the winery's fourth good year in a row.

"The vines are getting older, so they're producing better wine every year," he said.

"This might be our best year if the rain stops now."

Coming off the back of a few good years, Mr Kinsella said it was only the beginning for the South Burnett wine industry.

He said the opening of the Brisbane West Wellcamp Airport in Toowoomba late last year would open the industry up to an international stage.

"Wellcamp will play a significant expansion to further exports and create awareness for our industry," he said.

"I'm a big fan of the airport. Anything that shines a spotlight on the industry and the region is great."

Mr Kinsella said wine regions thrived when brand awareness was created.

"The more we see South Burnett popping up in China and other places, the easier it is for operators to place their products in the marketplace," he said.

The winemaker said he hoped the airport would also increase the number of growers in the region.

"It will be a rising tide for all of us," he said.

Mr Kinsella said the airport meant only good news for South Burnett wineries and the greater South Burnett region as a whole.

John was a clerk in a small chemist shop but he was not much of a salesman. He could never find the item the customer wanted. Peter, the owner, had had enough and warned John that the next sale he missed would be his last.

Just the a man came in coughing and he asked John for the best cough syrup, Try as he might John could not find the cough syrup.

Remembering Peters warning he sold the man a box of laxative pills and told him to take them all at once. The customer did as John said and then walked outside and leaned against a lamp post.

Peter had seen the whole thing and came over to ask John what had happened.

He wanted something for his cough but I couldn't find the cough syrup so I substituted laxatives and told him to take them all at once, John said.

Laxatives won't cure a cough, Peter shouted angrily.

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On 3 occasions some of the Singers have had the joy of singing with the Esk Community Choir throughout Germany, Prague, Italy, England and Ireland, also performing with other Australian choirs at the Sydney Opera House. Under the direction of Musical and Artistic Director, Judy Lawrence the Singers have many performances planned for the year to include our Aged Care Facilities, and many other engagements throughout the South Burnett. The annual Big Sing is to be hosted by the Caboolture Community Choir in September this year, and this event is always an amazing weekend of mixing with other choirs, and learning new works under the direction of one of Queensland's top conductors.

For those wanting to see what the Blackbutt Singers are about are invited to Yarraman Community Hall, Practice begins at 9.30am each Tuesday, and new members, male and female are always made most welcome.

St. Patrick's Day Concert 17th March, at 2pm will take place at the Kingaroy SB Care Centre, and admission takings will go towards Care Flight.

Health and Wellness Expo the Singers will be represented. 19 March.

Cancer Fund Morning Tea 26th May, to be held at 121 Packer Rd, Blackbutt at the home of Judy and Nev. Lawrence and hosted by the Singers.

Other commitments for the year include singing at Nursing homes, QCWA Regional AGM, 28 July. Nanango's Daffodil Day, Qld ANCA Big Sing 16th to 18th Sept. in Caboolture, and hosted by the Caboolture Community Choir., with our 25th Anniversary Concert in Blackbutt Sunday, 27 November.

For more Info. Ph. Judy Lawrence, 41700 880.

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25th March Liturgy of the Passion 3 pm Murgon

26th March Eucharist 8 am Proston

26th Easter Vigil 6.30 pm Murgon

27th March Easter Sunday Eucharist 8 am Wondai

27th March Easter Sunday Eucharist 8 am Goomeri

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MURGON BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT ASSN. INC. ANNUAL MEETING PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015:

Murgon and our surrounding districts are enduring tough and changing times, but the recent rain and storms have set up our community for good summer crops. We have again worked closely with our council, attending a significant number of meetings to gain the best possible future for an expanding population, and a very progressive community.

Special thanks must be acknowledged to the South Burnett Regional Council for the building of our new Swimming Pool and Aquatic centre. Our whole community should be proud of our town and its achievements and be a part of it, and with your help continue to improve the local economy and our quality of life.

Most attendances at our meetings during the year have been well attended, especially our breakfast ones, and we look forward to further input from our members in the coming months, together we can do great things.

Our Christmas Fair this year is going to be our 22nd. with new prizes on offer and new entertainment and we wish to thank the business community for their valued support.

We have seen record attendances at Bjelke-Petersen Dam and Boondooma Dam during this past year and

Murgon has thrived on tourism with its World class scenic views, 1st class sporting facilities, the Wine and Olive industry and the Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum, constant cattle sales recording record prices plus the special yearly weaner sales. We in Murgon excel in promoting these opportunities as well as our courteous and friendly nature.

Although we have some shops to fill there have been a major increase in town development with new businesses, and new houses being constructed and further new extensions at the Museum.

Once again during this past twelve months we have sadly lost some of our great community workers, volunteers and family and we extend our sympathy to all these families.

We are currently printing a minimum of 3,300 copies, 48 pages and have now printed 113 monthly issues since enlarging your local newspaper, The Murgon Moments (& with now a major part in colour), it is our job to ensure it continues (special thanks to our newspaper experts, script writers, the many story tellers, and committee's for backing this and to Mick Kemp and Darryl and Lyn Koy in delivering to the Murgon town and outlying areas).

I would like to especially thank our hard working Secretary Margaret Long, and all office bearers and promotional committees especially our Christmas Fair committee and all those who presented reports to our meetings and look forward to further working with you. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge Mr Bill Roberts for the many years of input and service as the treasurer. With the retirement of Mr Roberts we need to appoint a new treasurer to help with the workload of the secretary. With everyone's help and generosity we believe we will remain a major player in the promotion of a progressive and friendly Murgon.

We also wish to thank the volunteers for their commitment to our town at the Visitor Information Centre and the Museum and those responsible for some of our major attractions that have included The Murgon Rotary Music Muster, major Festivities at the Wineries, The Murgon High School Annual Speech Night, South Burnett and Cherbourg on Show, The Heritage Day, the Moffatdale School and Murgon Lutheran Church centenaries, The Murgon Men's Shed, The Qld Cycling Assoc, the many Rugby League sporting events and many others.

Special thanks must go to Greg Griffiths and the council staff for their beautification of our central park area, and skate board park area and also to the commitment shown by our area representative Councillor Kathy Duff. We look forward to seeing the completed plans for the Kilkivan to Kingaroy rail trail and especially the part from Murgon to Kingaroy.

We extend a very big thank you to all our Voluntary organisers, Service Clubs, Police, Ambulance, SES, SB PCYC and Security officers and to all concerned in promoting "Magnificent Murgon at the foothills of Boat Mountain, in the heart of the Burnett Valley, part of the Great South Burnett 2.1/2 hours from city or sea and look forward to a great 2016.

Remember STAY AWHILE – TRY LOCAL - &- BE SURPRISED

To all those wonderful people who created it and update it, Murgon is very grateful for our web site murgon.net.au and our facebook page. Angelfield continues to be an enjoyable place for the Burnett Flyers with an average of 25 to 30 planes a month landing there.

We extend a warm welcome to all our new Murgon citizens and Business Owners to become part of our family. Murgon's main concerns in the coming year will be to get our share of new development, the maintenance of all our facilities including further promotion of tourism at Bjelke-Petersen Dam and establishing

further small industry and putting houses on our estates.

During the year we were honoured to welcome our friends from Dodewaard in the Netherlands and the Tiernan families to the Town of Murgon at Patrick Tiernan's 71st anniversary. A CD is being produced and will be available shortly. A special large photo of the Murgon CBD (never seen before) was also produced and is on sale at the Murgon Visitor Information Centre.

The forth coming local Council elections will see the retirement of some councillors and the election of some new members, we look forward to working with you.

I have enjoyed the time in the position but remember New blood can only help, if you believe we are heading in the wrong direction or you would like to lead this organization now is the time to tell us.

Have a safe and wonderful Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

LEO GERAGHTY – PRESIDENT

Councillor Kathy Duff announced all positions vacant and stood to chair AGM

Kathy congratulated the group which is still the strongest in the South Burnett, other towns are struggling and others have none. She thanked Leo for his ongoing promotion of Murgon through his dedication to producing the Murgon Moments.

Kathy thanked the Association for the support given both to her and the South Burnett Regional Council. Kathy called for nominations-

Nominations Received

President - Leo Geraghty

Vice President – John Robinson

Secretary – Margaret Long

Assistant Secretary – Mark Smith

Committee Member - Gary Long, Paul Pratt, Lance Rae, Paul Halse, Katie Zerner

All nominated were duly elected.

No nomination was received for Treasurer. Margaret will look after things until a new Treasurer is found.

Summit Financial to remain as auditor for Association

Membership fee to increase to \$70 inc. GST for the year 2016.

Kathy declared AGM Closed and congratulated new committee.

It was agreed that we would continue to hold our meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month and the majority would be breakfast meetings.

Kathy declared the AGM closed at 7.30am and congratulated the new Executive.

IT IS GREAT TO BE AN AUSTRALIAN

Australia Day celebrations and activities were held in many of our communities. It is always great to see the enthusiasm that greets this day. The activities are diverse and interesting and should provide a lot of enjoyment as well as bring great pride. Not just for those who have been nominated or won an award but for all of us who appreciate what it means to be an Australian.

Unfortunately in recent months there have been a number of reports from other parts of the world where the safety and security of people has been severely tested. Travelling around this electorate certainly re-iterates time and time again how fortunate we are. Fortunate to live within a society that embraces and respects many cultures and creeds. Fortunate not to be at war with each other or our neighbours. Fortunate to have opportunities for growth and prosperity.

Congratulations to all who have been nominated or won an Australia Day Award. Thank you for your contribution to our communities and for ensuring we remain the "lucky country".

Jeff Seeney MP - Member for Callide

ALERT - non-compliant butane gas cookers !

The department of Natural Resources & Mines has issued an alert regarding the use of butane gas cookers and has provided the following information.

If you own one of these gas cookers please read this information and check the list of makes and models of affected butane gas cookers. This may assist you in identifying if your gas cooker is of risk to you.

Background

Recent sample testing by certified gas industry technical regulators has identified safety concerns with the use of some portable butane 'lunch box' style cookers. Non-compliance with Australian standards has resulted in approvals for a number of models being suspended or cancelled.

The currently identified certificate numbers to look out for are AGA 5241, 5907, 6810, 6834, 7378, 7437, 7633 and 7920; and SAI Global GSCS20063 and GAS40077. To help identify non-compliant butane gas cookers, the brands and model numbers relating to these suspended or cancelled certificates are listed below. Certificate numbers are also imprinted on individual gas appliances (see photo below).

Relevant manufacturers, importers and suppliers of these model appliances have been contacted and requested to implement an action plan to address all relevant issues.

Key issues

A fault has been identified in certain butane portable cookers with certificate numbers. The fault relates to the safety release mechanism. This mechanism ejects the canister should it become over-pressurised. Over-pressurisation results from increased temperature, which can be due to:

- incorrect assembly of the appliance (e.g. the trivet being placed incorrectly)
- use of an oversized pan, reflecting the heat from the burner back onto the butane canister
- placing the canister cooker on top of another cooking appliance (e.g. BBQ) while still hot
- leaving the butane canister and/or appliance inside a vehicle or direct sunlight.

Some people may currently possess a butane portable cooker where the safety release mechanism is NOT working. This represents a health and safety risk to the user.

Recommendations

If you possess a non-compliant butane gas cooker, cease use of the appliance immediately.

There has been a nationwide recall initiated by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. Check their recalls website for information on how to return non-compliant recent model gas cookers to the supplier.

Alternatively, dispose of the appliance in a responsible manner, with any used butane canisters disposed of safely in appropriate bins at council waste or recycling centres.

If there is no longer a certificate or label on the cooker seek advice from the appliance manufacturer about whether or not the shut-off mechanism on that model is safe. You can contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for advice.

If users have any doubt about their appliance they should consider safety first and dispose of it or replace it.

If you possess a portable butane cooker with another label or certificate number it is recommended that you check your appliance and follow proper safety instructions for use.

Affected brands and models

We encourage you to look out for and stop using your appliance immediately if it has one of these certificate numbers, or if your appliance is any of the brands and models indicated.

Suspended or

cancelled

Appliance brands

Appliance model number

certificate number

AGA 5241

Auscrown and Wild country Handy Range
Portable Camping Stove

AD90

AGA 5907

Campmaster, Kookaburra, Grillpro, Topstove,
Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Freetime, Festiva,
The Stove, Sunshine, Campers Collection,
Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape & Gas Craft

CM2100, CM2200, STO990,

ST7000, FT2100, FT2200, ST1, ST2

Suspended or cancelled certificate number	Appliance brands	Appliance model number
AGA 6810	Campmaster, Red Centre, Grillrite, Rough It, Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Festiva, Campers Collection, Spinifex, Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape, Gas Craft, Portable Single & Double Burner Stove	**2150, **2250, **2250SP, **2160, **2160S (** = customer code)
AGA 6834	Campmaster, Kookaburra, Grillpro, Topstove, Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Freetime, Festiva, The Stove, Sunshine, Campers Collection, Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape, Gas Craft & Spinifex	**2170 & **2270 (** = customer code)
AGA 7378	My Collection, Red Stone, Home Essentials, Bai Hui Portable Camping Stove	BDZ-168, BDZ-163S
AGA 7437	Five Star and Gasmate Single Burner Portable Camping Stoves	Brand MS-2000 B Plus MS-2000
AGA 7633	U-Bute Traveller	U-Bute Traveller
AGA 7920	Gasmate, Gasmaster, Jumbuck, Excalibur, Jackaroo, Adventure Ridge, Buy Right	PC1060, KPC1060, MPC1060, PC1065, JPC1065, PC1070, PC1075, PC2070, KPC2070, MPC2070, AR2070, PC2075, BBC2075, PC2080
SAI GSCS20063	Adventure Ridge Companion House Brand Kookaburra Primus Primus Primus Red Desert Spinifex Spinifex	509245 COMP523 509245 ST0990 2240 2271 TLB-102L 509230 7027612 9002457
SAI GAS40077	Jackaroo	PL-121

PARAMEDIC WINS AWARD



It was a great end to 2015 for Q.A.S. Murgon, and the Local Ambulance Committee, when word was received that Greg Reaburn, a critical care paramedic attached to QAS Murgon, had won a grant from the prestigious K J McPherson Education and Research Foundation. This grant recognizes Greg's innovative work in combining the roles of paramedic and physician assistant.

Greg has worked at the Murgon station for over two years. In 2012, he began study in a pilot medical program, called Physician Assistant (PA), offered by James Cook University.

A PA is a registered health care professional, trained to provide medical care in a hospital environment, who practises Medicine with the delegation and collaboration of a doctor.

The PA acquires advanced assessment, diagnostic and therapeutic reasoning skills. PA'S are able to order and interpret laboratory and radiology tests, and can diagnose and treat a broad range of medical conditions. The PA also understands disease prevention and chronic disease management.

Upon successful completion of his study program, Greg has become a champion for Rural Paramedicine. He recently presented, to the QAS Commissioner, a proposal for a combined Paramedic/PA model of medical service delivery for the "bush", actively combining pre-hospital, hospital and primary health care roles.

A busy year has ended - but a busier 2016 has begun. Great changes are happening at QAS Murgon. Check the Murgon LAC Facebook page!

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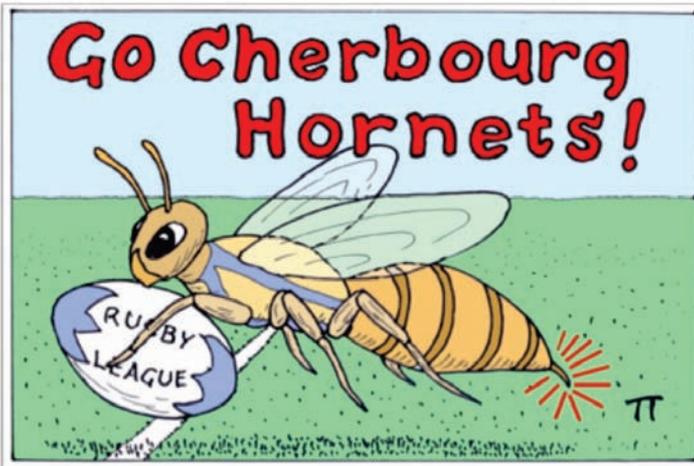
The restaurant has been named Bellissima Pizza Pasta & Bar and we specialise in gourmet wood fired pizza and a variety of pastas. The pizzas are not your standard variety and are full of great flavours. Also have daily specials which provides further variety to the menu. Chef Clint adds his fine touch with great steaks, Barkers Creek pork belly and lamb shanks. We are looking to have the restaurant a place of celebration for that special

occasion, birthdays and anniversaries.

Easter Saturday we are having a Rock & Roll day from 11am to 11pm with three bands. \$25.00 per head. Looking forward there are special plans for Mother's Day with entertainment and plans afoot for Xmas in July.

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THE MOSQUITO-BORNE ZIKA VIRUS

South Burnett residents are presently not at risk of contracting the mosquito-borne Zika virus unless they have immediate plans to travel to countries where the disease is common.

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said while the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, known to be able to transmit Zika, has been found in the region, there is currently no cause for alarm locally.

“An *Aedes aegypti* mosquito would have to feed on an infected person to transmit the disease,” Mayor Kratzmann said. “There is no immediate risk of that happening in the South Burnett.”

The only cases of Zika virus detected in Australia have been in travellers who have returned from infected countries. No cases have been identified in the South Burnett.

Council’s Manager of Environment and Waste Services Craig Patch said, “Staff routinely carry out surveys and set traps for the *Aedes aegypti* throughout the region at this time of the year.

“So, if a South Burnett Regional Council Environmental Health Officer turns up on your property to inspect for or treat mosquitoes, there is no need to panic.

“This work is part of our normal procedure during mosquito breeding season from around early January through to the end of April,” Mr Patch said.

“Council has been concerned for some time now, with monitoring for and controlling the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, which is known to carry Dengue Fever, among other diseases.

“This recent revelation about the Zika virus has now identified it as being one of those ‘other diseases’ which the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is able to transmit. This information is just another reason why this particular mosquito needs to be controlled.”

The hot spots are known to be Wondai and Murgon, but Council Environmental Health Officers also inspect properties throughout the region, and will treat breeding areas if *Aedes aegypti* mosquitos are found.

“The Council program has been very successful, and there are currently no known cases of diseases carried by the *Aedes aegypti* in the region,” Mr Patch said.

Inspections are taking place between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm on weekdays.

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NEWS FROM GRAHAM HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Helping hand for locals affected by drought

Graham House can provide support to community members experiencing drought-related financial hardship. Families and individuals in need can apply for assistance to pay for everyday expenses and necessities such as bills, food, school items and or rent. This project has been made possible by funding through the Queensland Government Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and will be available for drought-affected community members within the Murgon catchment area. If you or someone you know needs help call Linda or Sharon on 4169 8400 or email sharon.dowden@grahamhouse.org.au.

Grow, cook and share at Graham House Community Kitchen

A Community Kitchen is a group of like-minded individuals who come together on a regular basis to socialise and cook affordable and nutritious meals. The participants then sit down to share the meal or divide it up for each person to take home. Graham House Community Kitchen can help you:

- Make new friends, Develop teamwork and leadership skills, Learn how to budget, Learn new cooking techniques and recipes, Save money on food costs

The sessions take place on Mondays, during school terms, from 10am-12pm at Graham House Community Centre, 21 Taylor St East, Murgon. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, or you would like more information, please contact Kerry on 4169 8400.

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CHANGE OF ROLES AT MURGON DENTAL

There has been a change of roles at Murgon Dental with Dr John Watt and his wife Madonna handing over the ownership of the practice to former employee Dr. Stella Miller after twenty seven years at the helm. The very popular Dr. Watt will however continue to work at the practice for a few days each week.

Dr Watt originally purchased Murgon Dental from Dr Neil Perkins following a period of five years with the School Dental Service in Goondiwindi and Kingaroy and a further two years working as a dentist at the Kingaroy Hospital. Dr. Miller has been working with Dr. Watt for the last four years following seven years working in Gympie. Dr Miller originally trained as a dentist at the University of Adelaide after which time she served with the Royal Australian Airforce in Adelaide between 1991 and 1994. She then purchased and ran a private practice in Wagga Wagga prior to moving to Queensland in 2005.

The practice now trading as 'The Country Dentist' Murgon has already had a facelift and there are more plans afoot for the future. Dr. Miller said she would like to bring visiting specialists to the practice so people throughout the region can receive the same level of oral health care that people in cities often take for granted.

Dr. Miller is also very pleased that Dr. Watt is staying on at the practice as he is a very experienced dentist who is highly respected

by his peers and is warmly regarded by hundreds of people throughout the community.

The change of ownership will simply allow Dr. Watt a chance to relax a bit more and to spend more time pursuing his interests in fishing and playing golf.

A lunch was held at Reflections in Murgon on the day of the changeover. It was attended by staff as well as local South Burnett Regional Councillor, Kathy Duff who paid tribute to Dr. Watt and his wife Madonna for twenty seven years of continuous service to the region and for the additional work they do supporting the local community.

Dr John Watt has handed over the Dental Practise in Murgon to Dr Stella Miller. Thank you John for 27 great years of service to Murgon & congratulations & best wishes Stella for the future success of the business!!



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Authorised by Keith Campbell, 47 Webster Street, KINGAROY QLD 4610 (Candidate)

22ND ANNUAL STAMP FAIR HELD SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY



The Annual Nanango Stamp Fair, which is the South Burnett Region's major stamp collecting event each year, this year marked its 22nd anniversary and it was bigger and better than ever!

Playing host to stamp collectors from all around Queensland and even interstate, the event was held in the Nanango High School Hall in Elk Street, Nanango,

This year, there were seventeen stamp clubs from around the state attended, from as far north as Gladstone and Bundaberg, and as far south as Tweed Heads, and most of Brisbane's stamp clubs. These clubs brought their stamp

exchange books to the Fair with literally thousands of stamps from around the world on sale.

Four of Queensland's major stamp dealers were also present for the valuation, buying and selling of stamps, with stockbooks, albums and stamp accessories available for sale. Some of the stamps that were on display – included some of the high-value pre-decimal kangaroo stamps (like the one shown). Who would imagine paying thousands of dollars for a tiny piece of lickable paper? But because they are rare they are in fact worth it!

A major feature of the event was the stamp auction with all sorts of stamp goodies going under the hammer. And there's was a bargain table where you could pick up some fantastic finds for very affordable prices!

So if you are interested in stamp collecting, or have a collection hidden away in a cupboard somewhere, come along and see how much fun stamp collecting can be!

For further information, contact Nanango Stamp Club, the South Burnett Region's official stamp collecting organisation. Phone the Secretary (Cornelia) on 4169 0256.



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SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST BUSINESSES AND JOBSEEKERS IN WIDE BAY

Jobactive service providers have now been appointed to deliver the Federal Government's new employment services to the Wide Bay region, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss said today.

Under the Coalition Government's jobactive programme, job services are available through several providers in Maryborough, Gympie, Noosaville, Tin Can Bay, Rainbow Beach, Imbil, Cooroy, Murgon and Cherbourg. A list of the service providers in each centre is attached.

"Jobactive providers are designed to provide tailored recruitment services and are available at absolutely no cost to their business," Mr Truss said.

"They are set up to work closely with employers, understand their recruitment needs and assist them with accessing government services and employment incentives that can benefit their business.

"Local employers may not be aware that they can benefit from the new \$1.2 billion wage subsidy programme, which is available under the Coalition Government's jobactive system.

"As part of the 2015/16 Budget, the Government has made sure that wage subsidy arrangements are flexible and accessible for employers, meaning that they can receive a wage subsidy from the day an eligible job seeker starts in a job. The subsidy is then paid on a fortnightly basis thereafter.

"These subsidies will help employers with the upfront costs of hiring and training new staff and encourage more employers to think about taking on a local job seeker."

Jobactive agencies can also assist local job seekers with preparing a resume, looking for work, preparing for interviews as well as training and work experience that will improve their chances of finding a job.

"The jobactive initiative is one way in which the Coalition Government is delivering on its commitment to reform employment services and deliver a system that better serves job seekers and employers," Mr Truss said.

"I look forward to working with the new jobactive providers in our region to help connect local job seekers and employers."

For more information on the Federal Government's employment strategies and initiatives, including jobactive, please visit www.employment.gov.au.

Location	Service providers
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Cherbourg	Sarina Russo Job Access

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Bunburra Cultural Cup is a joint initiative by PCYC Indigenous Programs Development Unit Queensland and Touch Football Australia. The tournament's name Bunburra, is derived from the Yugambeh word meaning "beach".

Held on Saturday 5th March 2016 at Surfers Paradise Beach Entertainment precinct, youth boys and girls, 14-17 years of age made up 20, 7 players per teams from Logan, Cherbourg, Zilmere, Bunderburg, South West, Inala, Logan, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Woorabinda, and Redlands.

Events included a traditional opening ceremony including a Smoking Ceremony and Ochre ceremony.

In the evening, the finals were played under lights, and the showcase event incorporating cultural entertainment from Yugambeh Mobo dancers and Indigenous music as well as fireworks were scheduled during the two finals of the touch footy.

The girls competing in 4 matches and being victorious in 2, did not accumulate enough points to make the finals, but played strongly throughout the day.

The Region Championship was taken out by Logan, as their boys ended up in third place and the girls' team winning every match, including the girls' finals. All teams did really well with a full day of touch football (Hutton Touch) on the sand, a visit to the top floor of the Q1 building and on Sunday a visit to Dreamworld before returning home.

The Players:

Boys – Bronson Fogarty, Barry Tapau-Fewquandie, Peter Langton, Rodney Byers, Errol Simpson, Kacey Lynas and Orlyn Fisher.

Girls – Bailey Lindenberg, Jayda Fisher, Shontae Saltner, Ivana Fuller, Madelaine Blair, Zali Chambers, Jamia Hopkins and Tyla Henningson

Sergeant Rod Gelderblom SB PCYC Branch Manager

Results of the Murgon Blue Light raffle

Drawn 7th February 2016

1st T Jensen 71B blue star, 2nd Dot Kapernick 49B blue star, 3rd P Bond 01C black heart,
4th Lynette Ludlow 16D red star



1050 QUALITY CATTLE YARDED IN MURGON 1ST MARCH

Numbers increased to 1050 at Murgon's Liveweight sale Tuesday. The market remained firm for all types. A full panel of meatworks processors, feedlotters and restockers were in attendance. The demand for cattle to go back in the paddock is still very strong with weaners, cows & calves etc selling to very strong rates. Cattle were yarded from Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Biggenden, Woolooga, Yarraman, Nanango, Kingaroy & locally.

Bullocks topped at \$2.90 c/kg for \$1886.00. The best of the heavy Cows sold to \$2.47 c/kg for \$1816.00.

E & S Pick Winderera sold Droughtmaster cross Cows for \$1361.00 at \$2.39 c/kg. Braford Cows from A Bambling Gayndah sold for \$2.34 c/kg returning \$1293.00. 545 kg Brangus Cows from Winderera sold to \$1303.00 at \$2.39 c/kg. Brahman Cows from Brigooda weighing 540 kg sold for \$1274.00 at \$2.35 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg averaged \$2.20 c/kg, while lighter Cows under 400 kg sold to \$2.10 averaging \$1.70 c/kg.

Heavy trade Heifers sold to \$2.95 c/kg and \$1489.00. Heavy Bulls topped at \$2.55 c/kg and \$2398.00, with most selling from \$2.35 to \$2.45 c/kg.

D & P Smith Murgon sold 469 kg Charbray steers for \$1543.00 at \$3.29 c/kg. 422 kg Simmental cross steers from C Coulson Woolooga sold to \$3.28 c/kg returning \$1387.00. 477 kg Brahman steers from Gayndah sold for \$1495.00 at \$3.25 c/kg.



Photo: B & L Thun, Winderera sold 2 pens of Gelviah cross steers for \$1221.00 at \$3.27 c/kg & \$1161.00 and \$3.24 c/kg. 365 kg Red Angus steers from G & A Sippel Redgate sold for \$1218.00 and \$3.33 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross steers a/c R & K Nugent sold for \$1236.00 at \$3.27 c/kg. R C Gregory Gayndah sold Santa weaner steers for \$1084.00 (3.35) & \$826.00 (3.35). 300 kg Braford cross steers sold to \$3.33 c/kg returning \$1000.00. Charbray weaner steers a/c R & F Nichol Mt Perry also sold to \$3.33 c/kg returning \$976.00. 265 kg Droughtmaster cross weaner steers from F Heidrich Gayndah sold for \$885.00 and \$3.34 c/kg. 237 kg Braford cross weaner steers a/c J Davies & Family Yarraman sold for \$787.00 at \$3.32 c/kg. 300 kg Angus

steers a/c T Sampson Yarraman sold to \$3.30 c/kg and \$990.00. 244 kg Charbray weaner steers a/c S Ward Gayndah sold for \$831.00 at \$3.40 c/kg.

380 kg Belmont Red Heifers a/c M & C Ward Murgon sold to \$1190.00 at \$3.13 c/kg. 406 kg Simmental cross Heifers sold to \$3.04 c/kg returning \$1235.00. 2 tooth Santa Heifers from J Zillman Gayndah skid ti \$2.94 c/kg for \$1090.00 and 370 kg. D Vine Hivesville sold 377 kg Droughtmaster Heifers for \$1099.00 at \$2.91 c/kg. 295 kg

Braford cross Heifers sold to \$912.00 and \$3.09 c/kg. Charolais cross weaner Heifers from B Kelly Crownthorpe sold for \$787.00 at \$3.08 c/kg. 243 kg Santa weaner Heifers from Gayndah sold for \$3.05 c/kg returning 743.00. 273 kg Charolais cross weaner Heifers from Byee sold for \$715.00 at \$2.92 c/kg. Murray Grey cross weaner Heifers from G Sippel & Family Redgate sold for \$772.00 at \$2.93 c/kg.



Photo : Charolais Cows & calves from Nanango sold for \$1575.00 & \$1500.00. Murray Grey Cows & calves sold to \$1525.00.

Portrait on loan to LADY FLORENCE BJELKE-PETERSEN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



The foyer of the recently renamed Lady Florence Bjelke-Petersen Community Hospital has a new addition to its walls! Tingoora local Elaine Madill has generously loaned the South Burnett Regional Council her portrait of Lady Florence Bjelke-Petersen which now has pride of place welcoming all visitors.

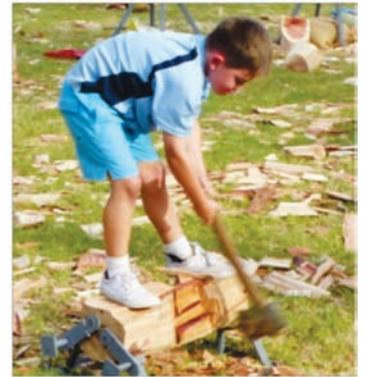
The portrait was painted by talented artist Jan Stuart, who is a close friend of Mrs Madill. Jan had an opportunity to meet Lady Flo and with her permission set about painting a portrait from photographs taken during their meeting. The painting was submitted into a number of competitions before being gifted to Elaine and has been gracing the walls of the Wondai Regional Art Gallery for the past 2-3 years.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann explained that he knew of the painting which was hanging in the Wondai Art Gallery, so when the hospital was renamed after Lady Flo, it seemed to be the perfect fit to have her painting hang in the foyer of the hospital. "When I approached Elaine and asked if she would be willing to loan her painting to Council to be hung in the Lady Florence Bjelke-Petersen Community Hospital, Elaine felt it was quite appropriate" Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL 2016 PROSTON SHOW,







SWITCH ON DATE ANNOUNCED FOR WOOLLOGA MOBILE PHONE TOWER

Residents of Woollooga have received some welcome news today, with Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss announcing that a new mobile phone base station is expected to switch-on by the end of June.

Funding for the tower is part of an \$864,000 funding package that was announced for Wide Bay under the first round of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spots Programme.

"This new tower is terrific news for the community of Woollooga, which has long-suffered from poor telecommunications services and I'm sure it will be welcomed by local residents," Mr Truss said.

"This improved mobile phone coverage will provide greater amenity and convenience for local residents, but importantly, will also assist in making the region safer for motorists.

"I recognise that one of the greatest problems for people in rural communities is the delay in accessing emergency services. From that perspective, this upgrade will deliver a real improvement for the residents of Woollooga.

A map of mobile black spot locations and the locations which will receive new or upgraded coverage under the Programme is available from <http://nationalmap.gov.au/>