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The theme for the Wondai Anzac Day Service this year was 1919 and repatriation.



There were 57,705 Queenslanders enlisted for service.

The local population was approximately 1600 adults in Wondai District which included Proston, Tingoora and out to Durong. The area covered by the old Wondai Shire in fact.

290 men, eight of whom were Boer War veterans, and one nurse enlisted from Wondai & District of these 56 were either killed in action or died of wounds or other causes and whose graves and memorialisations can be found at Anzac; at Villers-Bretonneux and Flers in France; at Ypres in Belgium on the Menin Gate Memorial; and a scattering of other war

cemeteries across the Somme as well as British cemeteries and the Brisbane General Cemetery and a further 92 were wounded about half of those more than once. Six were taken prisoner of war.

When the war ended there were 167,000 men and women in France and Belgium, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Syria and minor theatres of war.

General Monash considered the organisation of the repatriation of the troops the best piece of staff work he

ever encountered during the whole war. It was estimated that it would take 18 months for the troops to be brought home but within 8 months the vast majority had been returned.

It took 176 voyages and 137 different ships to bring them home

By the end of 1919 132 Wondai District men had returned home with 120 discharging in the 1st (Queensland) Military District the remainder in other Military Districts

Sister Naomi Higman was one of 20 volunteer nurses landed at Fremantle Quarantine Station to manage the health of returning soldiers with the Spanish flu. She discharged on the 24th of April 1919.

Of the men who returned to the District 6 are buried in Wondai Cemetery; three are in Tingooga Cemetery; one is in Memerambi Cemetery; four are in Proston Cemetery and five are in Murgon Cemetery

NATIONAL SENIORS

Our NSA Zone 103 Conference is being held at the Murgon Bowls Club on Thursday 16th May 2019 at 10.00am with morning tea from 9.30am. The Meal Pricings are: morning tea \$5.00p/p / lunch \$12.00p/p / afternoon tea \$3.00p/p / Coach Tour of Murgon \$10.00p/p / After Conference Dinner \$20.00p/p. This Conference is open to all National Seniors Australia Members from Capricornia, Gladstone, Hervey Bay, Gympie, Nanango, Murgon & District Branches & all those silent Members who are interested in wanting to know what is happening within Head Office.

The next General Meeting will be on Thursday 20th June 2019 at 10.00am at the Murgon Bowls Club with morning tea from 9.30am. New Members are welcomed.

Yours sincerely, Patricia Seiler, Publicity Officer

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Government helps secure Little Haven's future

Gympie's much loved Little Haven Palliative Care has secured funding from the Government, enabling it to continue to extend its highly regarded service in the community.

Minister for Health Greg Hunt has confirmed that Little Haven will receive \$750,000 over three years, with the first payment of \$250,000 being made before the end of this financial year.

"Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has worked closely with Little Haven's Chief Executive Officer Sue Manton to ascertain the needs of the organisation and identify a funding solution," Minister Hunt said.

"Llew O'Brien and Sue Manton highlighted the value and the importance of this service within the Gympie community and the Government is taking action to ensure the Little Haven remains viable into the future.

"I congratulate them on their collaboration and Llew O'Brien for his strong advocacy which secured this funding," Minister Hunt said.

Federal Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien said Little Haven holds a special place in the hearts of many families in Gympie who have benefitted from the special care the service delivers.

"For more than 35 years, Little Haven has offered a unique level of specialised and personalised care, delivering palliative services to people in their own home," Mr O'Brien said.

"As a not for profit benevolent institution, Little Haven depends on donations and the generosity of its supporters in the community. However, with an increasing patient load its resources have become stretched.

"The number of people seeking Little Haven's palliative care service is growing steadily each year, from around 90 in 2006 to 228 now but the funding from Queensland Health hasn't kept pace with the increasing demand.

"Little Haven provides an essential public service that is too important to Gympie to let the lack of growth funding from the Queensland Government to jeopardise its operations.

"By working constructively with Little Haven and Minister Hunt we have now achieved this funding that will make a big difference to Little Haven and everyone who relies on its service," Mr O'Brien said.

Little Haven has 162 volunteers who last year provided 16,730 volunteer hours, caring for an average of 70 clients who are being supported by the service at any given time. Little Haven also assists the families of the bereaved, with 250 clients accessing their service annually.

"I encourage everyone in the community to continue to support Little Haven through donations and volunteering so it can continue to extend its unique level of care," Mr O'Brien said.

"Under the Government, Medicare spending is guaranteed and increasing every year from \$24 billion in 2017-18 to \$28.8 billion in 2021-22 to support health care for every Australian."

"The Government is committed to delivering improved health services which includes increased hospital funding with an extra \$8 billion for hospitals taking it to \$29.5 billion over five years," Minister Hunt said.

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A MOMENT – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

In the lead-up to Easter, Seniors' sessions at Goomeri (19 participants) and Kilkivan (17 participants) kept Murgon LAC's CPR Awareness team busy. We thank organiser, Trisha King, and her team for arranging these sessions – and for the delicious meal we enjoyed on each occasion.

Quite a crowd turned out to enjoy the rides, food stalls and other attractions of Murgon's first Easter Fair. Murgon LAC was one of the local organisations participating in this event.

"Illuminating" CPR manikin, Brayden, was again in demand as passers-by were encouraged to demonstrate their CPR skills – and rewarded with a mini Easter egg. Other activities were a coin toss and an Easter egg guessing competition – won by Mrs Kahlia Huddleston.

At the Fair, an appeal for donations to purchase a new electronic training manikin for Murgon QAS station was launched. A week later, our members were delighted

to learn that Murgon LAC had been successful in its application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund for funds to purchase this adult manikin, and much of its supporting technology - which can also be used with the recently-purchased paediatric manikin.

Donations already received will be added to a fund to purchase additional computer equipment, e.g. for recording/displaying patient observations during time-critical training scenarios.

Photo : Volunteer Bob Baldwin instructs Deb Frecklington MP with the "Illuminating" CPR manikin.

Temporary Closure of Wondai Customer Service Centre and Col Morris Library

Council advises that the Wondai Customer Service Centre and Col Morris Library will be closed from Monday 13 May 2019 and will reopen in the newly renovated Wondai Customer Service Centre on Monday 20 May 2019. Opening hours for both the Customer Service Centre and Library will be Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm, closing from 1pm till 2pm.

During the closure, Library returns can still be made using the afterhours chute at the existing Col Morris Library in MacKenzie Street.

Customers seeking further information can contact Council on 07 4189 9100 or by visiting any other Customer Service Centre or Library throughout the region.

Council apologises for any inconvenience from the temporary closure and thanks residents for their patience.

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Dob In a Dealer campaign will help clean up drugs in Wide Bay

Dob in a Dealer campaign run by Crime Stoppers Australia, benefitting communities across Wide Bay. The program is funded from the proceeds of crime, money that was destined to line the pockets of our most serious criminals.

“Dob in a Dealer is a call to action to Wide Bay communities to provide Crime Stoppers with information to assist law enforcement in disrupting the import, manufacture and supply of ice and other harmful illicit drugs,”

“We encourage Wide Bay residents to anonymously contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at www.crimestoppers.com.au to ‘dob in’ those people profiting from the use of illicit drugs in our community.

“Drugs such as ice have a devastating impact on local communities.

“The Government recognises that police can’t fight this on their own, and that our community can play a strong part to undermine and disrupt any criminal business models operating in local areas.” The last *Dob in a Dealer* campaign, which ran between February 2016 and March 2017, saw an average national increase of 95 per cent in drug-related information reports, including an increase of 143 per cent in the number of amphetamine-related reports from the public.

During 2016 in Queensland, Crime Stoppers received more than 17,000 drug-related information reports, including more than 5200 amphetamine-related reports. This led to more than 600 arrests and the seizure of more than \$1 million worth of drugs.

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Mid-set Queenslander, weatherboard external walls, iron roof on timber stumps. 3 large bedrooms, 2 living areas, Open plan kitchen and dining. Bathroom has had an upgrade to include a new shower vanity and toilet. 2nd toilet in laundry. Hardwood timber floors. Ceiling fans. Wood fire. Paintwork is reasonable inside and outside 909m2 allotment. Deceased Estate must be sold. **\$95,000**



Neat and tidy 3 bedroom home on approx 3 1/2 acres. The current owners have carried out some extensive renovations to include a kitchen, new bathroom. 2 of the bedrooms have built in robes and are all of a good size. Dining room, separate lounge. A good sized air conditioner covers the kitchen and living areas. The laundry is a good size allowing for storage plus there is a 2nd toilet here. A very large enclosed air conditioned entertaining area is a bonus with a covered deck at the front. 4 bay open fronted shed plus a lockable barn with workshop. There are 3 large rain water tanks supplying the house with the bonus of Merlwood water to the property plus a small dam. 10 minutes into Murgon bitumen road, school bus to all Murgon Schools. **\$320,000**



This delightful property is being bought to the market in impeccable condition. This 1865m2 allotment with timber weatherboard home on concrete and steel stumps has a North Easterly aspect. There are 6 Queens size bedrooms all with built in robes one with air conditioning and all have ceiling fans. A reverse cycle air conditioner in the hallway services all the bedrooms. The renovated Colonial style eat in kitchen has an electric ceramic top stove and plenty of storage. Large lounge room with reverse cycle air conditioner. Family room. Study. Large bathroom with 2 separate areas one with a shower the other has a bath with shower over. There are 2 toilets. Immaculate, easy maintained gardens. Triple bay shed remote lift to one door. Rain water tanks, town water. Solar hot water. Side and front verandahs are wide and enclosed with aluminium louvres. School buses run to Proston and both Murgon Schools. **\$265,000**



3 bedrooms. Air conditioned living. Polished timber floors. Lounge and separate dining. Fly screened. Kitchen with gas cooking and dishwasher. Modern bathroom with shower. Front entertaining deck. 3 bay colorbond shed with 2 car accommodation plus workshop/store. Robes in all 3 bedrooms. Highset with laundry under. Town and tank water connected. Fully and well fenced. Nice private living. **\$160,000**

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"The interstate undercover operation was established to investigate the unlawful taking of Golden Perch from NSW and their subsequent sale in Victoria under the guise of having been taken lawfully from South Australian waters," Mr Tully said. "On 13 March, 2019, NSW DPI officers pounced near Pomona on the Darling River, seizing the man's boat, motor and trailer, seven illegal gill nets, a quantity of fish and a mobile phone". "NSW Fisheries officers from Western NSW and the Statewide Operations & Investigations Group then teamed up with Victorian Fisheries Authority investigators and NSW Police to execute a search warrant at the man's Pomona address." As a result of the search warrant, a further 101 Golden Perch weighing almost 150kg in a cool room on the property, along with a further eight gill nets, fish boxes, styrofoam boxes, scales and documentation were seized. Four firearms and a quantity of ammunition were also seized by NSW Police Force. Simultaneously, Victorian Fisheries Authority investigators obtained records from a number of businesses in Victoria including a fish wholesaler in Melbourne where it will be alleged the fish were destined to be sold. The Pomona man has since been formally interviewed by NSW DPI Fisheries and now faces a range of serious charges carrying maximum fines of up to \$110,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment, or both. Commercial fishing for native freshwater finfish, which includes Golden Perch, was phased out from NSW waters in 2001 due to concerns for the sustainability of native fish populations. Golden Perch can be legally grown and sold through the NSW aquaculture industry which is worth around \$11.5 million for native freshwater fish annually. "Illegal fishing like this is a real kick in the guts for a community already doing it tough because of the drought," Mr Tully said.

"Our fisheries officers do a great job protecting our native fish stocks and legitimate aquaculture industry so this should send a clear message to anyone considering exploiting this valuable resource for personal gain that it will not be tolerated." Note: QBFP relies greatly on the community's support to provide relevant and timely information relating to potential offences concerning our valuable fishery resources. People who suspect illegal fishing activity should report it to the Fishwatch hotline on 1800 017 116. The registration details of the alleged offender's car and/or boat should be collected and reported to the Fishwatch hotline but don't engage with the person, as this can compromise an investigation and possibly your safety."

100m in 10.92

Matt Otto, the 17 year old grandson of Trevor and Pauline Otto, finished his year of athletic racing at the all schools national titles in Cairns bringing home three medals. He finished third in the 100m in under 18 individual race before winning gold in the 4x100m relay and the Swedish relay for Queensland. Otto admitted his expectations was to medal after his performances this year. This included bronze at the national championship earlier this year, and gaining two gold and one silver for Australia at the Oceania Games. The first half of this year he has focused on school before getting back into training for 2020. The 2020 under 20 world championships is the goal. Congratulations Matt and best of luck you have some very proud grandparents here in Murgon.

Wondai & District Garden Club Raffle Results

1st green Z24 Hannah Reinke, 2nd Apricot e13 D.Kahler, 3rd Green b94 Elma Campbell, 4th Grey W61 Pat Farley, 5th Green Z47 R.Barbler, 6th Purple W45 Glenis, 7th Apricot E76 Eileen, 8th Green Z44 R.Barbler, 9th Green Z91 Helen, 10th Green Z22 Denise Schuler, 11th Apricot EW2 Retreat Pelagoniums, 12th Yellow A64 Brett,

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Council will be trialling an 8-week free bike hire scheme commencing 16 May 2019 as a follow on from the Get Out Get Active Program. The trial will see 15 mountain bikes (some with baby seats) and helmets available for hire at no cost, from the Kingaroy and Wondai Visitor Information Centres and Boondooma Dam and Recreation Park. The bike hire will be available to everyone on a first in first served basis and is part of Council's strategy to promote health and fitness in our community.

Mayor Keith Campbell said, "The South Burnett is blessed with some excellent cycling trails including the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail. This free bike hire scheme is a fantastic opportunity for residents and visitors to get active on the South Burnett Section of the Rail Trail without having to make the investment of purchasing their own bike."

To hire a bike, participants will be required to fill out a Bike Hire Waiver Form and bring along a copy of their valid driver's licence, passport or Australian proof of age card. A copy of the ID will be held as a deposit for the duration of the hire and will be given back to participants when they return their bike to the point of hire. For further information, contact Council on 4189 9100.

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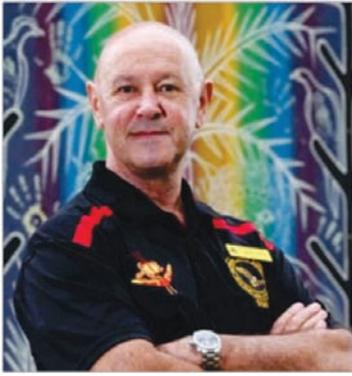
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Murgon State High School

From the Principal's desk



As the newly appointed substantive Principal of Murgon State High School I would like to introduce myself to the Community. I have held Deputy and Principal positions in South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory. My most recent role with Education Queensland was that as Education Coordinator Murgon/Cherbourg. I have been living in Murgon since the end of October last year with my wife. I have two adult sons and their partners. One son and partner and their two children are living and working in Cairns and the other son and his wife have just moved from Cairns to Port Lincoln in South Australia to begin a new job.

Education is all about positive relationships. Successful students have positive relationships with their teachers, school leadership and peers. I am very keen to get to know my parents and students and build that relationship. I encourage you to come into your school and engage with your child's education, meet with your

teachers and attend school events.

Student attendance at school every day is extremely important to students' academic success. Unfortunately

attendance fell away towards the end of last term and has not yet returned to the high levels of early Term 1.

Students are under compulsion to attend school every day. If your child is away from school for an authorized reason (illness, close family funeral etc) please let the school know as soon as you can.

The annual MSHS cross country was held last Tuesday. It was very pleasing to see very good student participation rates. We have some quite outstanding students who ran very good times. I would also like to report that student behaviour was very good.

Thursday April 25th was ANZAC Day. Our school held a special afternoon parade to commemorate those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our country on the Wednesday afternoon. Our Senior

School leaders also participated in the Ceremonies at Cherbourg and Murgon with a contingent of students and staff marching in the Murgon service.

Regards, Simon Cotton, Principal

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held, in conjunction with the Murgon Business Development Association, is on Saturday the 21st July, 2019 and is set in the stunning surrounds of the South Burnett region in Queensland.

The route takes participants along the South Burnett Rail Trail (Kingaroy to Kilkivan), along out and back routes starting at the Murgon Showgrounds. The



section has a bitumen cover and offers a superb running surface for both running and walking while retaining the benefits of a typical trail environment. It's flat by no means and will be very fast for some while others can simply take their time and soak up the atmosphere.

The 5km, 10km, half marathon and 13/13km rail trail team relay will head out to their relative halfway points with a single turn before heading back to the finish.

Events

5km Warrior Fun Run, 10km Rail Trail Run, 21.1km Half Marathon, 13km/13km Rail Trail Team Relay

The running events form part of the Murgon Rail Trail Festival which is an annual event along the rail trail in Murgon. The festival celebrates all that Murgon has to offer with a various running events, duathlon and a mega inflatable obstacle course – Rail Trail Fun Run Fever.

The Rail Trail Fun Run Fever is a one-of-a-kind inflatable obstacle challenge based on one thing: having fun. Be prepared to wind your way through an imaginative and creative course across 40 minutes that is sure to challenge and surprise you. The mega inflatable race course includes mattress run, hurdles and the famous ninja wall making it one of the biggest obstacle courses ever to come to the bush.

The festival has something for everyone with all day live entertainment, markets, food and wine and heaps of activities for the little ones. Pig races, animal farm, mini obstacle course and racing go-carts just to name a few.

This year this combined Community Event will be held at the Murgon Showgrounds in conjunction with the half marathon and fun run on the Rail Trail with the finishing lines being in the Showgrounds for Spectator Participation.

We will have Stalls, Family Events, Train for the Kids, Show and Shine, Pig Racing, Animal Nursery, Billy Cart Racing, Entertainment and much more.

The running events will commence at 7am and we will close off the roads at 6am to avoid people from parking in these zones.



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Murgon State School

Staff and Students have welcomed Mr Aaron Jones as Acting Principal. Mr Jones might be a familiar face to some, as he has previously worked within the Barambah Cluster, as Principal at Moffatdale State School. But, have no fear, Mrs Meikle's smiling face will still be seen as she has returned to her role as Deputy Principal. We know you will join with us in supporting Mr Jones, Mrs Meikle and the community of Murgon State School as we move forward in this exciting time.

Our students represented their school with pride at this year's ANZAC Day Parade. The impressive turn out marched respectfully behind our School Captains, showing exactly how much we appreciate the community we belong to. Many students laid crosses and School Captains, Ava Waldron and Damon Cooper, laid a wreath honouring those who have served. The beautiful morning was finished by the Combined School Choir's performance of "Lest We Forget", the hymn written by the late Michael Reynolds, a much-loved member of the Murgon State School community. More than one tear was shed during this poignant moment of reflection and thanks.

Our Students have had yet another moment to show their athletic prowess, at the Murgon State School Athletics Carnival 2019. Students from all ages participated in a range of activities from Long Jump to Shot Put, Relays and Sprints. As per usual, there have been a number of hotly contested events with many students



passionately showing what they are made of. The highlight for many students, staff and community members alike was the Annual Students verse Staff and Parents Relay. The level of cheating during this race varies greatly, depending on how far behind the Staff are coming into the last lap. Staff were exceedingly proud of the number of students who participated, in all events, and of the wonderful displays of Sportsmanship across all houses and age groups.

Photo: Preps being cheered on by their Houses running in their first Athletics carnival.

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When? Saturday, May 18th 2019 Time? 4.00 pm to approx. 7.00pm

Where? MENS SHED AT THE KINGAROY AIRPORT.

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B Y O Food and drinks, Tea & Coffee & BBQ's will be supplied and a donation box to cover costs and support the "Mens Shed " & a local charity (Cooks available)

Information: nevillejorgensen@bigpond.com : Don Larsen 41 627 130

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Wheatland's School students attend the Hivesville Anzac Day Dawn Service



\$450,000 commitment to help build Drop-In Centre for Murgon veterans and families

A re-elected Liberal & Nationals Government will provide \$450,000 to deliver a Drop-In Centre for the Murgon RSL Sub-Branch.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the drop-in centre was a key priority for the Liberal and Nationals because of the significant benefits it will deliver for veterans and the Murgon community.

"The Murgon Sub-Branch is experiencing rapid growth in membership, and they need a larger premises to deliver better welfare and advocacy services, and family-friendly social facilities," Mr O'Brien said.

"This project will help veterans who have served to protect our country, and who deserve to have a place of their own to socialise and receive support.

"This Drop-In Centre will serve veterans and the community, with a Welfare and Pensions Office and staff, a large meeting room with conference facilities available to community groups such as the local Parkinson's Support Group, and a kitchen and barbecue area.

"It will also house the Sub-Branch Memorabilia Collection and Historic Photo Gallery, and information so that school children will be able to learn about Australia's Defence history, ensuring our Anzac legacy is remembered by future generations."

Mr O'Brien said this year's Federal Budget is ensuring that regional Australia continues to grow, create jobs and invest in our local communities.

"The surplus guarantees funding for the essential services that you and your family need and rely on," he said. "This includes record funding for schools, hospitals, medicines and roads."

The Drop-In Centre has been fully budgeted for.

Nanango Library Temporary Relocation

Council advises that from Monday 29 April the Nanango Library will be closed to the public and will be temporarily relocated to a transportable donga beside the South Burnett Energy Centre from Wednesday 8 May. The positioning of the donga will be in the first bus bay located adjacent to the South Burnett Energy Centre courtyard.

The Boutique Library will be housed in the donga for a six-month period to allow for refurbishment works to be undertaken at the Nanango Administration and Library building. During this time the library will be closed on Saturdays.

Books will be rotated monthly and services such as ordering from the catalogue and reserving books will be possible during this time. Some of the special activities usually offered at the Nanango Library will be relocated to other Council facilities in Nanango such as Ringsfield House.

Customer Contact, Library staff and VIC volunteers will operate out of the South Burnett Energy Centre.

For further information, contact Council on 4189 9100.

Cooler water patterns begin at BP and Boondooma

It's been an interesting month of fishing in the two impoundments of the South Burnett. With the cooler weather setting in, there's been a lack of consistent fishing as the water and season changes. As I write, the fishing has improved somewhat, over the past few days and captures of good fish in both BP and Boondooma dams are being reported. The water temps are slowly starting to lower but constant warmer afternoons have started to make the fish bite well. It's been a very warm month with only a few mornings cold enough to pull on the jumpers. The fish seem to be somewhat quiet in the mornings but as the day warms, the fish have been biting.

Boondooma

Boondooma has started to pick up, the bigger Bass and Golden's are starting to be caught on a variety of techniques as the fish begin moving up shallow and sitting on the flats. The last month has seen some inconsistency but some good fish are starting to be caught. The great thing about Boondooma is that you can catch fish fishing many different areas, covering a variety of techniques.

In the mornings, when it's cooler, I like to head up the arms of the dam and fish the edges as this seems to be the best option for those feeding fish early in the morning when it's cool. I'll cast a 3/8 Bassman spinnerbait or a lipless crank to the edge, let it hit the bottom and slow wind it out. The fish tend to move up on the edge during the night and will generally feed until the sun hits the water and starts to warm. This can be a great way of catching some big fish early, especially if you're up in the timbered arms and there's a lot of structure near the edge that you're fishing.

Another option is fishing the many weed beds that line the edge of the dam, Jerk Baits are a great option here. Cast the Jerk Bait up to the weed edge and crank it down a couple of winds, pause it and then begin a series of twitches as you wind. Remember that fishing close to the weed, you will come in contact with the weed regularly, so just give the rod tip a quick flick to get the Jerk bait free. Be patient with this technique as the Bass sitting in the weed pockets will eventually come out and hit the Jerk Bait hard. This is also a great option for catching some big Yellow Belly, particularly in the afternoon when the water is warm.

Matty Johnson with a nice Saratoga from the Boyne arm.



After the sun has been up for a while and the day starts to warm, I always move out to the deeper sections of the dam and target the schooled fish sitting out on the flats. Sound around until you've located a good showing of fish, generally this time of year I'll be searching around the 15 to 25 foot mark. When a school is located you have a few options to cast at the fish to entice a bite. 1/2 rigged plastics, tail spinners, blades, spinnerbaits and soft vibes all have their place out on the flats and it's just a matter of trying a few baits until you have one that you're consistently catching fish with.

Bait fishermen are still catching good numbers of fish up in the timbered arms tying off trees and fishing with live shrimps and worms as bait. Bait can be purchased at the kiosk and if you want the best bait, you can catch shrimp in the weed around the dam edges with opera house pots.

Trollers are picking up some good fish trolling around the weed edges and along the rock walls up near the dam wall and in the timbered arms with spinnerbaits and deep diving hard bodies.

Lake Barambah

Fishing on BP has slowly been improving with some nice catches of Bass and Yellow belly coming in, particularly during the warmer afternoons. With the warmer afternoons and the cold morning the fish have generally been staying out deep in the 10 to 15 foot zone.

Depending on the day, if it's cool in the morning, I will target the edges with spinnerbaits, blades and tail

spinners. It helps if the edges have spindly timber mixed in with weed, as the fish tend to move up and feed around this structure early in the morning.

Later in the day, especially if it's warm, I will move out deeper and target those fish sitting in the deeper flats of about 20 feet. The fish have been spread out over the flats next to Lightning Ridge, Bass Point and wide of the Quarry. The best way to target the fish out deep is using blades, tail spinners and soft vibes. Sound around these areas until you have a good show of fish on the sounder, then go through the above mentioned lures until you find one that gets you onto a couple of fish and stick with it. Make long casts and make sure the lure stays in contact with the bottom regularly. Use either a hopping retrieve, or a dead slow roll along the bottom. Persist with this long enough and you will eventually get a bite.

Trollers are picking up some nice bass trolling deep divers and spinnerbaits along the bottom in 12 to 14 feet over the above mentioned areas.

Bait fisherman are picking up some nice catches of Bass and Golden in the timber on shrimps, worms and yabbies.

Red claw are still coming in with some nice catches being taken from the rocky areas of the dam as well as some nice catches in the bays with weed coming out from the edge.

Fishing Charters

Don't forget that you can book a fishing charter with me on BP and Boondooma dams. If you'd like a great day out and all the info and knowledge to catch Bass or Yellow belly in our two great dams make sure you give me a call on 0408658592 and I'll be happy to take you out for a great days fishing.

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Photo's from Regatta in the Park & Easter Parade, Proston

Unemployment at Five Year Low

The South Burnett is experiencing an economic resurgence with employment statistics, released last week by the Australian Government, showing a decrease in unemployment across the region.

The South Burnett unemployment rate, as at end of the 2018 calendar year, is 8.2%. This is the lowest level since December 2013 (also 8.2%) and is a decrease of 0.5% from the previous quarter.

All six member councils in the Wide Bay Burnett region (Bundaberg, Cherbourg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, North Burnett and South Burnett) have seen unemployment rates reduced.

"This is a great result for our region and a good indication of the heavy lifting being undertaken by businesses and industry," Mayor Keith Campbell said this morning.

"A positive result for the Wide Bay Burnett region creates new confidence across the entire region," said Mayor Campbell.

To add to this encouraging statistic for the regional economy, only 1,109 persons in the South Burnett labour force are classified as unemployed. This is the lowest number since March 2013 (1,101) and is a decrease of 79 persons from the previous quarter.

South Burnett Regional Council will continue to monitor the regional unemployment rate through 2019, with further decreases proving a shift in quarterly trends and an increasing confidence in the regional economy.

Crucial cancer, Parkinson's and motor neurone medicines listed on the PBS

Wide Bay patients will now be able to access crucial medicines for cancer, Parkinson's and motor neurone disease after they were added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

Mr O'Brien said the medicines were previously out of reach for many patients because they cost up to \$300,000 a year but now, they would be affordable for everyone.



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Free access to glucose monitoring extended for diabetics in Wide Bay

When Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien met young Sydney Ziebell last year, he promised to remember the Murgon boy and others with juvenile diabetes, and to support funding for research to find a cure.

Now, Mr O'Brien is proud to deliver on those promises, announcing more people like Sydney will be able to access life-changing constant glucose monitoring (CGM) devices at no cost.

Free access to the devices will be available for 37,000 people including pregnant women, children with conditions such as cystic fibrosis-related diabetes and neonatal diabetes, and more adults living with type 1 diabetes – thanks to an investment by the Liberal National Government.

"The devices cost up to \$7000 a year, forcing families to make difficult choices about their health care – but now as a result of the Morrison Government's responsible management of the Budget, they will be available at no cost to help many people in Wide Bay," Mr O'Brien said.

"This means that youngsters like Sydney will be able to live life to the fullest, without having to constantly manage their condition with injections."

Sydney's mum Jocelyn Malone was delighted the pumps would now be subsidised by the Australian Government, making them more widely available. Her son has used one since last year, sparing the eight-year-old countless finger-prick tests.

"It has changed our lives. He's gone from five needles a day to having his pump changed once every three days, and I'm so much more at ease because there's an alarm that goes off if his levels change," Ms Malone said.



"Sydney is going to Paris to do Catwalk for Kids this year – that's something I wouldn't have ever even dreamed of, before he had the pump."

"The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Australia will receive \$25 million to advance its Type 1 Diabetes Clinical Research Network so that maybe one day there will be a cure for kids like Sydney," Mr O'Brien said.

A further \$25 million will also be dedicated to broader diabetes research under the \$125 million MRFF Targeted Translation Research Accelerator initiative, to help progress early stage health and medical research discoveries to reach proof-of-concept and progress to clinical trials.

From 1 March 2019, eligibility for fully subsidised CGM products will be expanded to include: children and young people with conditions very similar to type 1 diabetes, such as cystic fibrosis related diabetes and neonatal diabetes, who require insulin; women with type 1 diabetes who are pregnant, actively planning pregnancy, or immediately post-pregnancy; and people with type 1 diabetes aged 21 years or older who have concessional status and have a high clinical need to access CGM products.

Eligibility criteria and additional information for the expanded CGM Initiative is available on the NDSS website at www.ndss.com.au.

Photo : Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien meets Sydney Ziebell with Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack at Parliament House in Canberra.

521 new aged care beds for Wide Bay

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has announced allocations have been approved for an extra 521 new aged care beds in Noosa, Maryborough, Gympie and Murgon.

"This allocation will provide a significant benefit to Wide Bay's seniors, ensuring they have future care options that are local to them," Mr O'Brien said.

"Every one of these 521 extra beds means a local senior will be able to access care that is close to their loved ones, and they can remain a part of their community."

"Each of these new places will mean local seniors and their families can have more confidence, knowing they have future care options in locations as close as possible to the communities they know and love."

The following facilities have received allocations for beds:

Signature Care Pty Ltd received 180 bed allocations for a new facility at Tinana, Maryborough.

Waterford Aged Care Pty Ltd received 100 bed allocations for a new service in the Gympie - Cooloola area.

Lutheran Church of Australia - Queensland District - has been allocated 52 beds for a new facility in the Noosa Hinterland.

Palm Lake Care Operations Pty Ltd received 120 bed allocations for a new Service, Palm Lake Care Cooroy-Noosa, on the Noosa Hinterland.

NoosaCare Inc has received 49 bed allocations for Carramar Hostel, Noosa.

Southern Cross Care Murgon - Castra received 20 bed allocations.

"Wide Bay has a rapidly ageing population so it is fantastic to have this commitment for new bed allocations," Mr O'Brien said.

"Almost 40 per cent of all new residential aged care places have been allocated to non-metropolitan areas, in recognition that improving and expanding local residential facilities and aged care services is fundamental to keeping communities like Wide Bay strong."

It is estimated that the new allocations are worth approximately \$30 million.

The Morrison Government is boosting annual aged care investment by \$5.5 billion, with annual funding to grow from \$18.1 billion to \$23.6 billion a year by 2022-23.

"I congratulate our local aged care providers on securing these new aged care places and I look forward to seeing the benefits of this funding flow to our community," Mr O'Brien said.

Details on the 2018–19 Aged Care Approvals Round outcomes, including successful providers, is available on www.agedcare.health.gov.au/funding/aged-care-approvals-round-acar/2018-19-aged-care-approvals-round.



All smiles enjoying the Wondai Garden Expo

Olive McMahon Lodge, Toowoomba.

Provides accommodation for regional Cancer patients and their carers.

Cancer Council Queensland provides accommodation for regional patients and their carers when they need to travel for cancer treatment in major cities. The Olive McMahon Lodge provides accommodation for patients undergoing outpatient cancer treatment in Toowoomba, including pre-surgical appointments, palliative care and screening services.

The Olive McMahon Lodge, located at 2 Scott Street, East Toowoomba (previously the Tudor Lodge Motor Inn), has 20 fully air conditioned motel style units, each equipped with a simple meal preparation area, television and DVD player. Access is available to a communal kitchen with cooking facilities, sitting lounge, laundries and BBQ area and internet access is available on request. Bed linen is provided and laundered. Residents are requested to launder their own personal clothing, supply their own food and prepare their own meals. Residents are also responsible for cleaning their unit and while cleaning equipment is available onsite, residents are required to bring their own cleaning products.

Accommodation fees are within the daily allowance of the Queensland Government's Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme (PTSS) with a completed Accommodation Confirmation Form required prior to stay. For any guests that fall outside of the PTSS guidelines, please discuss the specific situation with an Olive McMahon Lodge staff member.

To protect the health of all residents, the Olive McMahon Lodge is 100% smoke free and has a Smoke free Accommodation Facilities Policy which requires a 10 metre exclusion zone from all lodge boundaries.

A community Support Coordinator and Lodge Supervisor are on site and available to provide assistance

Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5.00pm. A volunteer courtesy bus service is provided to transport residents staying at the Lodge to and from medical appointments at all three Toowoomba hospitals. To access the service, hospital appointments need to be scheduled Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8.00am- 4.30pm.

As an independent accommodation facility with staff present Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5.00pm, it is a requirement that all residents are able to meet day-to-day self care and practical needs such as cooking and shopping. Those requiring assistance must be accompanied by a carer at all times. For those without a carer, a medical assessment form outlining their ability to confidently care for themselves without additional assistance is required. This form can be obtained from the Olive McMahon Lodge for completion by the treating specialist.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Olive McMahon Lodge staff.

Community Support Coordinator, Ph 074690 5805, Lodge Supervisor, Ph 074690 5813,

Olive McMahon 1923-2010

Olive McMahon born in Roma in 1923, had a lifelong passion for education and music. Her academic studies and professional dedication established her reputation as an early childhood education pioneer in Queensland.

On her father's death in 1924, Olive's mother moved with her two young daughters, Olive and her 6 week old sister Fran, back to her family's sheep property in the South West region of Queensland. They lived with Olive's uncles, the Gordon brothers, at Myall Park, Glenmorgan, where Olive spent the first nine years of her life. Her early education was at East Toowoomba State School, followed by Fairholme College. In 1941 she began studying at Brisbane Kindergarten Training College. With the Second World War underway, the Training College was closed and Olive joined the Australian Women's Army Service (Signals) where she reached the rank of lieutenant. She served until her discharge in 1945 and then recommenced her early childhood training, graduating in 1947 with a Diploma of Kindergarten Nursery Teaching.

In 1959 Olive was awarded the Alice Creswick Scholarship to undertake post graduate study at the University of London. She completed an advanced certificate in child development, specializing in music with young children.

During a diverse career Olive shared her passion for music education through roles in Queensland, West Australia, the United Kingdom and Canada. In 1969 Olive was diagnosed with breast cancer, an experience which led her to volunteer for Cancer Council Queensland. Olive overcame breast cancer and went on to use her own experience to help others.

Olive continued her passionate commitment to education by completing a master's degree in special education at James Cook University in 1976, and went on to hold several senior lecturing positions in Brisbane until her retirement in 1988. By then she was acting head of the School of Early Childhood Studies at what is now the Queensland University of Technology.

Her lifetime of dedication and learning has been honoured by many prestigious professional acknowledgements, including acknowledgement for her contribution to early childhood music education by the International Society of Music Educators' Early Childhood Commission at their World Conference in

1992.

Olive McMahon died on 3rd May 2010. Her love of life and devotion to others enriched the lives of all who met her.

Cancer Council Queensland. In preparing her Will, Olive formalized her passionate commitment to Cancer Council Queensland by entrusting us with funds from her estate. Her sizeable gift enables us to continue our vital work today, to pursue our vision for a cancer free Queensland.

We are proud to honour the legacy of Olive McMahon and are grateful to be the beneficiary of the Olive McMahon estate.

The Olive McMahon Lodge was officially opened on 7th November 2011.

Cancer Council Queensland has 6 Accommodation Lodges and are located also in Brisbane (south and northside), Cairns, Rockhampton, Townsville and the above in Toowoomba.

SAFER LOCAL ROADS SAVING LIVES IN WIDE BAY

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien, a former road crash investigator with Queensland Police, said road safety is everyone's responsibility but the Government has a key role to play in delivering safer roads.

"As a former police officer, I'm passionate about reducing road trauma and these commitments to improving road safety are very welcome," Mr O'Brien said.

The Government has announced an additional \$1.1 billion in funding for local governments under the Roads to Recovery program, as well as an extra \$550 million for the successful Black Spot Program, which targets known high-risk locations and reduces serious crashes by 30 per cent on average.

"By fixing and upgrading road locations where crashes are occurring through safety measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts, we are helping make our local roads safer for all road users," Mr O'Brien said.

Mr O'Brien said local councils in Wide Bay will receive the following extra funding from 2019/20 to 2023/24 for repairing roads:

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council would receive an additional \$39,849 taking their new five-year allocation to \$199,243.

Fraser Coast Regional Council would receive an additional \$1,912,056, taking their five-year total to \$9,560,283.

Gympie Regional Council would receive an additional \$1,361,802 for a five-year total of \$6,809,008.

Noosa Shire Council would receive an additional \$790,346 for a five-year total of \$3,951,729.

South Burnett Regional Council would receive an additional \$1,644,465 for a five-year total of \$8,222,327.

"Safer roads and bridges mean safer heavy vehicle operations, which is critical to our goal of reducing road trauma on the nation's roads," he said.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said 2018 saw 81 fewer deaths nationwide compared to 2017, but there is no room for complacency.

"We must push ahead with practical measures and infrastructure funding to drive road deaths towards zero," Mr McCormack said.

Upcoming Events

- MAY 11th - BYTE NITE PCYC
- MAY 11th – BURRANDOWN PICNIC RACES
- MAY 11th-12th – MAIDENWELL COUNTRY MUSTER
- MAY 12th – MOTHERS DAY
- MAY 12th – MURGON MARKETS
- MAY 14th – COMBINED CLUBS CLOYNA DINNER
- MAY 15th – CWCI
- MAY 16th – NATIONAL SENIORS
- May 18TH – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FAMILY FUN DAY
- MAY 18th – SOUTH BURNETT SHED MEN
- MAY 18th – BYTE – NITE PCYC
- MAY 18th – FEDERAL ELECTION
- MAY 18th – MOFFATDALE RIDGE TUSCAN FEAST
- MAY 18th – TANSEY BOWLS CLUB CARE FLIGHT FUNDRAISER
- MAY 19th – CHERBOURG RATION SHED'S RECONCILIATION FUN RUN
- MAY 20th – MURGON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
- MAY 25th – WONDAI MARKETS
- MAY 25th - BYTE – NITE PCYC
- MAY 26th – HIVESVILLE MARKETS
- MAY 26th – GOOMERI PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
- MAY 27th – PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP
- JUN 1st - BYTE – NITE PCYC
- JUN 8th – MAYORS CHARITY BALL
- JULY 21st - MURGON RAIL TRAIL FESTIVAL & MARATHON

\$32 million for breast cancer scans under Medicare for Wide Bay patients

The Government will invest \$32 million so breast cancer patients have life-saving scans covered under Medicare, saving patients up to \$1,500 per scan, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

Two new Medicare items for MRI of the breast will be available from 1 November 2019, which will help with the more accurate diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Mr O'Brien said patients will receive Medicare subsidised MRI scans to help with the diagnosis of breast cancer in patients where other imaging has been inconclusive and biopsy has not been possible.

"MRI scans will also be Medicare-subsidised for patients in Wide Bay to help pre-surgical planning, and allow patients to make the right treatment decision without worrying about the additional cost of scans," he said.

"Access to MRI scans keeps the cost of healthcare down for families and will help Wide Bay patients in their fight against breast cancer."

About 14,000 patients a year are expected to benefit from adding these services to Medicare and it expected to save patients up to \$1,500 per scan.

Health Minister Greg Hunt said the Government will also add PET scans for advanced breast cancer as a Medicare item from November 1 this year.

"An MRI is a commonly used medical scan which gives a detailed view of the soft tissues of the body such as muscles, ligaments, brain tissue, discs and blood vessels. It is used by doctors to diagnose and monitor number of different medical conditions including cancer and trauma or sporting injuries," Minister Hunt said.

"A PET scan is whole body scan that takes computer images and will help manage and plan treatment for advanced breast cancer patients," Minister Hunt said.

"This addition to Medicare will save an average of 1000 Australian patients per year up to \$1,000 per scan."

"I want to ensure we support Australian diagnosed with breast cancer by reducing out of pockets costs and ensure their diagnosis and treatment is supported by the most contemporary scans."

"Our commitment to Medicare remains rock solid. It is a cornerstone of our universal health system and a key pillar in our long term health plan."

LNP investing \$390,000 for a healthier Cherbourg

The Liberal Nationals will invest \$390,000 into better services so that Cherbourg families can enjoy new sports and recreation programs such as netball, touch football, cricket and other sports as part of the Government's commitment to creating healthier, happier and safer communities across Australia.

Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced that Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council will be funded to deliver the comprehensive sports and recreation program to the Cherbourg community.

Mr O'Brien said this investment would improve the lives of Cherbourg families and as part of the Government's \$5.2 billion Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

"This program will provide a fun way to stay active, healthy and engaged, with sports like volleyball, touch footy, boxing; fitness programs like Jump Rope For Heart, and after school and vacation activities," Mr O'Brien said.

"Through the IAS, we are investing in local projects like this one, across our priority areas of school attendance and education, employment and business development and community safety.

"I am pleased to support this programme which demonstrates the Government's commitment to working with First Australians in communities like Cherbourg."

Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion said everything the Coalition had delivered since coming to office was delivered in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and designed to help close the gap in disadvantage between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"We have ensured that the priorities and needs of Indigenous communities have been at the centre of the Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

"Importantly, 60 per cent of the organisations we are funding are Indigenous organisations, compared to only 30 per cent at the start of the IAS. We are committed to this because we know Indigenous organisations are best placed to deliver these services and are more likely to employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

Funding for this project has been allocated out of existing resources in the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.



Proston salutes you, Recognised at the Council Presentation night for Raymond over 20 years and Heck Dionysius over 30 years of service to Council.



Council donating a cheque to The Proston Men's Shed for the purchase of an outdoor movie screen & projector.

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

The MBDA "Easter Fair" was a successful night and the Museum showed their support by having a stall. Our thanks to everyone who supported us by purchasing our fruit salad and raffle tickets. Our Easter Basket was won by Jennifer McDonald, Murgon.

Volunteers from The Museum once again attended Boondooma Homesteads "Spirit of The Bush" on the 27th April to demonstrate butter making and to sell damper. We had a successful day even though numbers were down.

During the weekend of the 27th/28th April, the Museum was once again the venue for Murgon Kindy Family Portraits. The buildings and surrounds provide the perfect backdrops for photos.

Anyone wanting somewhere to have unique photos taken, maybe weddings, graduations or just family photos, can contact the Museum.

The Museum is now offering tea/coffee/biscuits cost \$4. Cold drinks are also available.

Would you like to volunteer? Please feel free to contact the Museum on 07 41695001 or you can just call in any morning between 9.30.am and 12.pm. And have a chat to one of our

volunteers. Joy Fennell

Murgon Cattle Sale Report 30.04.2019

Numbers were back to 550 in Murgon Tuesday. Export cattle and any heavier feeder types sold to firm rates. The market for younger weaner animals was tougher. Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.48 and \$2050.00. Bullocks topped at \$2.98 c/kg for \$1850.00. Cows over 500 kg sold to \$2.39 c/kg averaging \$2.25 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg sold to \$2.27 c/kg. Lighter Cows under 400 kg topped at \$1.97 c/kg. Export Heifers topped at \$2.40 c/kg for \$1250.0. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt Perry, Durong, Nanango, Kingaroy & locally. 445 Droughtmaster steers from Binjour sold for \$1235.00 at \$2.77 c/kg. Charbray steers weighing 440 kg sold to \$1171.00 at \$2.66 c/kg. 334 kg Santa cross steers from Murgon sold for \$2.50 c/kg to return \$836.00. Droughtmaster steers from Goomeri sold for \$545.00 at \$2.50 c/kg. Angus cross weaner steers from Kilkivan sold for \$681.00 and \$2.29 c/kg and \$515.00 at \$2.30 c/kg. 312 kg Santa cross heifers sold to \$655.00 at \$2.10 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross heifers from Goomeri sold to \$2.06 c/kg returning \$532.00. Cows & calves sold to \$1070.00.

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SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP:



It was a perfect Autumn day for a Parkinson's meeting. The theme was all things starting with the letter "P" with lots of purple as well. There were plenty of prizes, a large presence of purple people and plenty of peanuts, pikelets, pavlovas etc and even a purple cake.

The meeting was set down to be a day of **PLAY** but there was more prattle than puzzling. However a small group of the ladies did persevere with the puzzles while Ken and Dell preferred to play **Chinese Checkers**.

The morning included a poem, a postcard, some roses (purple and pink of course), petunias and a pelican. Peg's creativity shone through when she came with her pet who was more interested in sleeping than performing.

Everyone went home with a purple prize for their purple attire or their prolific imaginations. Ancy won a package, Gary a pack of cards and Peg a purple mug. Shirley was awarded top prize for the longest P word - Pineapple.

We partied later than usual as a passionate group of people.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY MAY 27 at Elva and Phil's if available. **CONTACTS: CARMEN 5486 1268** or **DARRYL 4168 3116**

Dead snake fights back, don't play with snakes

A husband who decapitated a rattlesnake that menaced his wife almost died after the head bit him 10 minutes later when he picked it up.

The husband learnt the hard way, that snakes can still bite and inject venom for at least an hour after their head has been chopped off.

The husband, 40, and wife had been tidying up the garden of their home when she disturbed the four foot long Western Diamondback, one of the US's deadliest snakes. The husband needed 26 doses of anti-venom.

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Pratt Agencies Annual Weaner Sale Report 3.5.2019

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Pratt Agencies held their Annual Weaner Show & Sale last Friday with 1200 quality calves yarded for the event. The quality of the yarding was outstanding and the freshness of the calves was surprising considering the very dry period experienced since Christmas. Greg & Julie Zahl from Gayndah were awarded Most Successful Exhibitor. Ross & Beth Shanks Boobyjan won the best pen of Droughtmaster Infused weaners. G & J Zahl Gayndah sold 2 pens of Charolais cross steers for \$3.22 c/kg returning \$1060.00 & \$918.00. Their draft of 40 steers averaged \$3.18 c/kg. Bandamill Murgon sold Charolais steers 316 kg for \$2.85 c/kg & \$903.00. Simmental steers a/c D & D Morris Wondai sold for \$2.66 c/kg (\$940.00) & \$2.74 c/kg (\$916.00). Charbray steers from M Smith Gayndah sold for \$2.93 c/kg and \$838.00. Wildhorse Pastoral Manumbar sold Santa steers for \$721.00 at \$2.87 c/kg. 257 kg Charolais steers from Murgon sold to \$2.85 c/kg and \$733.00. A & R Barsby Tansey sold Charbray steers for \$881.00 (2.69) & \$806.00 (2.78). Charbray steers from Goomeri weighing 266 kg sold to \$2.83 c/kg to return \$755.00. G & A Sippel Murgon sold 313 kg red Angus steers for \$843.00 at \$2.69 c/kg. 275 kg Santa cross steers from Nanango sold for \$778.00 and \$2.82 c/kg. 285 kg Charolais steers from Murgon sold for \$2.79 c/kg returning \$795.00. Brangus steers from Mondure sold to \$2.70 c/kg and \$745.00. A & R Barsby Tansey sold 315 kg Charbray heifers for \$2.71 c/kg and \$854.00. They also sold 332 kg heifers for \$858.00 at \$2.58 c/kg. 2 pens of Charolais cross heifers from Gayndah sold for \$726.00 (2.37) & \$703.00 (2.45). R & D Warren Mondure sold 2 pens of Brangus heifers for \$2.41 c/kg returning \$713.00 & \$629.00.

Photo : Greg & Julie Zahl from Gayndah were awarded Most Successful Exhibitor.



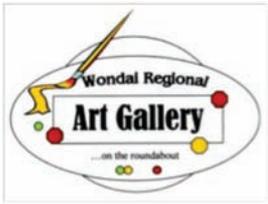
You are invited to attend Murgon Neighbourhood Watch meeting Murgon Services Club Diggers Room, 6.00pm to 7.30pm Monday 20th May, 2019, Come and enjoy an informative night with other members of your community.
****There is no cost to attend and no joining fee****

We Sadly mourn the loss of:

CROWE, Jeanette Caroline (nee Price), Late of Murgon, formerly of Fick's Crossing.

KINSELLA, Marie Elaine (nee Collard), Late of Crownthorpe, Murgon.

HARCH, Glenda May, Late of Goomeri



May 2019 Exhibitions

“DARE TO DREAM” -

Gallery 1 – Belinda Kranz of BAKZ Photography

This exhibition is a simple message for everyone to remember to keep your dreams. Pursue what you want no matter what. As a disabled photographer I want to positively promote those with a disability, as well as inspire those living with their own challenges. Often I drive to locations and take photos through the car window. As I become more incapacitated and unable to walk long distances or up and down trails for my beloved landscapes, I have begun to shoot more 'studio' work and learning photoshop to create art to process my feelings and also as an extra dimension to my photography.



“COLOUR MY WORLD” - Gallery 2 - Graham House Spinners & Weavers

This exhibition brings a group of inspired spinners and weavers who have been meeting for over 33 years. They all love dabbling in natural dyes, creating a spectrum of hues you can't reproduce synthetically. All members have their own style for spinning, weaving, knitting and other associated crafts. This exhibition highlights their natural dying skills and the display shows the results

“CONNECTIONS” - Gallery 3 – Wendy Olsen

This exhibition brings together Wendy's passion for nature and art. In putting together this collection, she enjoyed learning about Australian flora and fauna, including our local lost species of parrot, the Paradise Parrot and the local man who contributed much to our knowledge of this bird, Cyril Jerrard. She was inspired to consider how we connect with our environment, both positively, in terms of being within and experiencing nature and negatively, in terms of our impact on the environment and our native species of plants and animals. Combining different styles, techniques and media, this exhibition attempts to move the viewer – through emotion, humour and storytelling – to consider their own connection with nature and the role they can play in helping to create a more sustainable future for all living things.

“Kids Korner” - Wooroolin State School



The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until 4pm on Saturday, 1 June, 2019.

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Anzac Day Message 2019

As we pause today to remember the fallen, I have been reflecting on why Anzac Day so important to our nation.

In the early hours of 25th of April 1915, troops from Australia and our cousins from New Zealand assaulted a beach in Turkey that we now call ANZAC Cove. Major Duncan Chapman, from Maryborough, was the first ashore and was joined by many men from towns and farming communities in Wide Bay.

It was a proud moment for these men, but a momentous undertaking for our country. It was the first time soldiers from the independent Commonwealth of Australia, barely a decade old, had come to fight for our sovereign King, assisting our former mother-country, Great Britain.

The Gallipoli battle proved to be poorly planned and executed. Many lives were needlessly wasted, but the ANZAC troops clung to their small beachhead valiantly for seven arduous months; suffering enormously through battle casualties, disease and severely lacking in supplies to sustain their effort.

But they endured.

And when the time came to withdraw back to the ships and sail away, it was successfully conducted through detailed planning, good communication and disciplined military skills. That last walk from the trenches to the boats, past the graves of their fallen mates, must have been distressing for these men. As they moved to the beach, they knew it represented the defeat of the mission.

These ANZAC soldiers truly believed that they had not failed as individuals or as mates. As they silently walked to the boats, each man vowed that the many feats of valour witnessed and the sacrifice of the fallen - the 8709 Diggers and 2701 Kiwis that remained behind, buried in the hills - would be forever remembered.

The first ANZAC Day service occurred 12 months later in 1916, with marches and gatherings in London, Australia and New Zealand.

Anzac Day provides allows us to mourn, and reflect on the contribution made by all sailors, soldiers and airmen and women who have served our country.

We also give thanks to the current Defence personnel serving on operations world-wide. The Australian and New Zealand Defence Forces are now known world-wide for their courage, commitment, endurance and mateship – this reputation has been gained through the challenges shouldered by generations of Australians emboldened by the spirit of those first diggers.

This year, we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Binh Ba when two companies from 5 RAR, supported by armoured personnel carriers, tank troops and Australian helicopter gunships, engaged in house-to-house fighting to oust North Vietnamese Army (NVA) from the town. The fighting destroyed much of the town and left 100 NVA dead, for the loss of one Australian.

We also acknowledge the 75th anniversary of the D Day landings in Normandy, in which about 3300 Australians participated including 2800 members of the Royal Australian Air Force and 500 members of the Royal Australian Navy.

While the overall number of Australians was small in comparison with the millions mobilised in Europe, for a small nation they are not insignificant - especially considering that in the course of the war a total of 27,000 Australian airmen served in the European theatre – and their action and courage is recognised still today.

It is sacrifices such as these that make Anzac Day an integral part of our nation's story.

On this day, we take time to pause, reflect and remember those who have served and those who have given their lives for our country, and acknowledge their role in shaping our country, allowing us the freedom and security we enjoy today.

Lest We Forget.

Llew O'Brien Member for Wide Bay











Guest speaker Trudi Lines, South Burnett Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff, Richard O'Neill OAM who compared the Murgon commemoration and Cherbourg Mayor Arnold Murray.

Guest speaker Trudi Lines at Murgon's Anzac Day commemoration, who was deployed twice to Afghanistan, shared how she came under fire while deployed in Afghanistan, even though she was not in a combat role.

Trudi Lines told the crowd that nine mortar shells landed nearby, thankfully "they were atrocious with their accuracy".

A new generation of war veterans are appearing at military commemorations throughout Queensland ... men and women who have served in Iraq, Afghanistan and on dangerous "peace-keeping" missions in places as far apart as East Timor, Bougainville and Rwanda.

To emphasise this, two veterans from Afghanistan carried the flags at the head of the Murgon parade.

Trudi – possibly the first women to be invited as a guest speaker at the Murgon service – said she had been deployed twice to Afghanistan in an RAAF logistics role.

She comes from a military family. Her grandfather was a RAAF bomber pilot during WWII and her grandmother served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force (WAAF).

One of her proudest moments was to have marched with her grandfather in an Anzac Day Parade, and then sharing a beer afterwards.

Trudi was responsible for cargo loading and unloading in the RAAF, including the “ramp” ceremonies for deceased soldiers.

It was while dealing with cargo that she came under fire, with the shells landing behind the aircraft.

She was deployed to Afghanistan again in 2010, but by this time she had “become a different person”.

In 2011, Trudi transferred to the role of electrician and was the first female in the RAAF to be trained in that role.

“I was proud to be part of a defence force that recognised the abilities of women,” she said.

She worked in humanitarian missions to Papua New Guinea, Malaysia, Thailand and East Timor.

Trudi received a medical discharge in 2017 after being diagnosed with physical injuries as well as post-traumatic stress disorder.

Since then, sport had helped her mental and physical health.

Last year she took part in the Invictus Games in Sydney in wheelchair tennis and wheelchair rugby, and won a gold medal! Media release courtesy South Burnett Online.

The parade of ex servicemen and women and relatives was led by many old army vehicles kindly loaned by John Kratzmann.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Council Mayor, Mr Arnold Murray performed the welcome to country and Mr Richard O’Neill OAM welcomed the assembly of special guests, visitors, mourners and participants to the Anzac Day Observance.

Numerous balloons provided by the Murgon Men’s Shed were released in honour of all the animals used in wars and Hymn’s and scripture readings followed before the address. Deputy Mayor Councillor Kathy Duff read out the Anzac Day resolutions.

During the reading of the names the selected school children placed a cross with a poppy and the name of the soldier attached to it in a special look alike cemetery. The crosses were made by the Murgon Men’s Shed.

Numerous Wreaths were laid by veterans, associations, relatives and organizations in memory of our fallen. Mr Trevor Williamson OAM delivered the Ode followed by the playing of the Last Post by Mr Mark Birch, broken by the firing of a volley of bullets by Darryl Koy, Rex Shelton and John Kratzmann.

Mr Clive Weier released his pigeons remembering the huge part pigeons played in the wars.

Josephine Kemp sang the NZ anthem, “God Defend New Zealand” and Emily Kinsella sang the Australian anthem, “Advance Australia Fair” The Murgon State High School band played the musical accompaniment to the National Anthems and hymns.

The combined schools gave a great performance singing the song “Lest We Forget”

A Guard of Honour was formed by the many schools and organizations for a Formal March Off to the Murgon Services Club for refreshments and further celebrations and inspections of the competitions of our school children’s ideas and drawings re War, our Soldiers and our Lost Ones.

Many thanks to the South Burnett Regional Council for their presentation of the gardens around the Cenotaph and road closure signage and to Mr Richard O’Neill and his committee for the presentation they carefully plan and present and to the SES organizations that volunteered bottles of water when they were desperately needed.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP at TANSEY BOWLS CLUB



Life membership was recently presented to Tansey Bowls Club member Bill Owens on the occasion of the club President's Day. President Alex Barsby paid tribute to Bill who has been a member since 1978 and in doing so, stated that Bill's Dad Arthur Owens, a foundation member, had also been awarded life membership of the club. Needless to say, Bill was at a loss for words.

Bill has fulfilled nearly all positions in the club - President on 4 occasions, Secretary 2 years, Assistant Secretary nearly too long to count and Treasurer 8 years. Two years after becoming a member he joined the greens committee, a position from which he retired a few years ago. He has been involved in preparing or assisting to prepare the green for over 30 years. Bill is known in the club as the 'fix it man'. He knows where every piece of pipe is and the purpose of each pipe. His first club championship was in Fours with John Dobson, Tom Mackaway and Reg Harch. Bill can be described as humble, modest and a man who quietly goes about his business helping in the community. Alongside Bill is his wife, Elizabeth who is also a steadfast and committed member of the club. Tansey is proud that the club has been able to recognise the work done by Bill. Congratulations Bill Owens!

Tansey President's Day Winners: Binjour team: Steely; G. Trott; G. Butler; G. Taylor Runners Up: Nanango team: R. McCallum; H. Bleisner; M. Holley; M. Smith

Coming Up: LifeFlight Charity Bowls Afternoon, BBQ & MultiDraw Raffle Saturday 18th May

Men's Shed

Men's Sheds in Wide Bay will receive a share in \$24,620 for improvements and community activities, Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced Murgon Men's Shed Incorporated will receive \$7,500 for the installation of a 8 Kw solar system.

The funding was awarded under round 18 of the Liberal National Government's National Shed Development Programme.

"As well as bringing men together to work on meaningful projects, one of the great successes of Men's Sheds is that they provide a forum for men to talk about health issues and encourage men to look after themselves," Mr O'Brien said.

"They provide a friendly space to talk about the type of issues that a lot of men might not be comfortable talking about, like mental health and loneliness, and they also provide the opportunity for mentors for those facing uncertainty in life and who are looking to acquire new skills.

Barambah Garden Club



A visitor's perspective on the Barambah Garden Club...

It was not without a little trepidation that I fronted up to the monthly meeting of Barambah Garden Club as the daughter of the April hosts, Bill and Lyn Vlaanderen. Arriving fashionably late, I was introduced, welcomed by all members and yarning about country living and plants to one of the members in minutes. What a warm welcome! As a Gold Coastie, it was lovely to feel so welcome, so quickly! With a cuppa and a homemade treat brought by members (okay maybe two or three), it was meeting time.

A formal meeting process to approve last month's minutes and then it was time to discuss plant problems and solutions and maybe a few other things! I learnt what to use to spray pests on geraniums – with three different options, why some pesticides are bad and a novel way of keeping cats out of your garden.

Unfortunately a prior engagement meant I had to leave then, but not before a quick photo of the group. There was not too much complaining, in fact the group was way more cooperative than the kids I usually work with! I am sorry that I missed the talk by Harry Franz from 'Aruacaria' Native Nursery in Kingaroy. And lunch (another bring a plate). And the walk through the hosts beautiful garden. I might just have to come back!

Oh, and if you want to find out about any of the things discussed in the meeting to solve your gardening woes you might just have to attend next month's meeting – 2nd Friday of the month. I know that you will be made welcome!

Contact Ann Rehbein, President 41686238 barambahgarden@hotmail.com for more information.

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MORE DROUGHT SUPPORT FOR WIDE BAY

The Liberals and Nationals Government is standing by our farmers in Wide Bay affected by drought, Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

"We know the importance of looking after our farmers, and the Morrison Government will invest a further \$57.4 million to ensure our farmers, their families and communities get the support they need as the drought continues," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Liberals and Nationals Government has made drought a national priority - we are investing over \$6.3 billion in drought support to help our farmers and rural communities."

This new suite of initiatives builds on the Coalition Government's commitment to establish a \$5 billion Future Drought Fund.

"We will establish a new restocking and replanting concessional loan of up to \$200,000 through the Regional Investment Corporation, to make sure Wide Bay can bounce back when the rains come. These loans will be available with a two year interest free period and no interest accrual."

Mr O'Brien said this will help farm businesses immediately rebuild and restore their business following successive years of financial hardship brought about by harsh drought conditions.

Further to this, the Coalition Government will progress the recommendations of the Farm Household Allowance (FHA) Review with the agricultural sector, including making the FHA available to farmers for four in every ten years.

"We will also make the \$5 million farm asset threshold permanent so the FHA is even more accessible," Mr O'Brien said.

"We understand that when our farmers are in drought, so are the small regional businesses that support them. If re-elected, we will deliver \$7 million to establish a pilot rural financial counselling service to help small regional and rural businesses with financial planning, mentoring and coaching."

Around 45 specialist counsellors will be employed in rural communities around the country where drought is having a major impact on local small businesses.

The Liberals and Nationals in Government will also extend the Drought Communities Program to an additional 14 Councils that are facing severe drought. This brings our support to 110 Councils across NSW, Queensland, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania.

The Coalition's drought plan is backed by a strong record of delivery including:

\$266.9 million provided to over 11,200 farmers in Farm Household Allowance fortnightly support payments.

\$40 million in additional FHA lump sum payments to about 6,400 farmers since September 2018.

\$77 million investment in the Rural Financial Counselling Service – 4,000 farming business are being assisted.

\$30 million to support more than 10,000 households in drought areas delivered in cash and vouchers through charities.

\$131 million for the Drought Communities Program to deliver local infrastructure and drought relief projects.

\$5 million provided to the CWA to support their drought efforts.

\$29.4 million in mental health support.

\$15 million for 48 projects to tackle wild dogs, pest animals and weeds in drought.

\$50 million for on-farm water infrastructure.

\$2.7 million for localised weather guides.

A **\$72 million** special drought round of the National Water Infrastructure Fund.

\$36.9 million for the Great Artesian Basin to implement a range of immediate and long-term capping and piping measures.

"Only the Liberal and Nationals Government is standing by our farmers and their communities through the drought. Labor has no plan for drought, no plan for agriculture, and no plan for rural and regional Australia," Mr O'Brien said.



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Baptizing an Irishman

An Irishman, is stumbling through the woods, totally drunk, when he comes upon a preacher baptizing people in the river. He proceeds to walk into the water and subsequently bumps into the preacher.

The preacher turns around and is almost overcome by the smell of alcohol, Whereupon he asks the drunk, 'Are you ready to find Jesus?' The drunk shouts, 'Yes oi am.'

So the preacher grabs him and dunks him into the water.

He pulls him up and asks the drunk, 'Brother have you found Jesus?'

The drunk replies, 'No, oi haven't found Jesus.'

The preacher shocked at the answer, dunks him into the water again for a little longer.

He again pulls him out of the water and asks again, 'Have you found Jesus me brother?'

The drunk again answers, 'No, oi haven't found Jesus.'

By this time the preacher is at his wits end and dunks the drunk in the water again—

but this time holds him down for about 30 seconds and when he begins kicking his arms and legs he pulls him up. The preacher again asks the drunk, 'For the love of God have you found Jesus yet?'

The drunk wipes his eyes and catches his breath and says to the preacher, 'Are ya sure dis is where he fell in?'

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Anzac Day in Goomeri, had a wonderful turn out for the Dawn Service with over 200 people attending, not too bad for a little town with a population of just over 600.... The Dawn Service was followed by a Gunfire Breakfast provided at Joe's Grand Hotel in Goomeri, a long standing tradition proudly offered by Joe. The pub was packed to capacity for breakfast with many sharing stories and tales of old.

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Kathy's Comments

Byte Nites

This is what we are calling the eight -week trial at the PCYC to try to improve the current situation with youth crime. I would like to thank Rene Bond from the PCYC and everyone who has helped to get it up and running. We are following the Moree Model where the community were sick of the youth crime and sick of people simply complaining about it. They started a similar program that they think has made a difference. The project is not just about one night, it is about using the opportunity to try to change attitudes, build relationships and work with the young people in a whole of community approach. Anybody who would like to help by volunteering or just coming up with ideas will be most welcome.

Anzac Day

It was great to see some beautiful Services across our region with large attendances. The Murgon and Cherbourg Services were really well attended and a wonderful tribute to the Anzac tradition. Congratulations also to the Proston State School Service and the new Hivesville Committee on the moving Dawn Service.

Boondooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush

I was very pleased to open the recent Spirit of the Bush Muster. My brother Michael and his family attended the event that has always been a family favourite. Our property "Di Di" was an outstation of Boondooma Homestead. My late Dad loved nothing more than to attend the event and listen to the Bush Balladeer's songs about the things that were close to his heart. The Duff family sponsored the Walk up Artists and Bush Poets competition and presented certificates and prizes in Dad's honour. I would like to thank the Homestead Committee on a very successful weekend and it is pleasing to know that a number of vans have already booked in for the upcoming Scots in the Bush.

Land Valuations

The State Government has recently adjusted land valuations. This has caused concern particularly in the rural community with properties going up by large percentages across our region. Our Council is looking at every possible option including averaging and capping to help to minimise the impact of large variations in the valuations. There will also be adjustments made to rates paid if anyone who has lodged an objection is successful in reducing their valuation.

Easter Parade and Regatta in the Park

Congratulations to the Proston QCWA on a wonderful street parade, market stalls and Easter Bonnet hat competition and to the Covert Creek Committee on a spectacular Regatta. It was heaps of fun to get in one of the hand- made boats and run around a circuit to try to outsmart someone else in their boat, cause them to tip over or sink. Thanks to the Proston Men's Shed for my special pink boat that carried the "Di Di" Pink Lady logo on the back end. We all had lots of fun and it was a great day for Proston.

Wondai Garden Expo and Orchid Show

Congratulations to the Wondai Garden Expo Committee on another huge event for our region and to the South Burnett Orchid Show Committee for a spectacular display of orchids. South Burnett hosting the Kiwi Woggle



It was fantastic to see over 100 students go bush for the weekend as part of a large Scouting event for our region. The students camped out on a property near Kingaroy and roughed it for the weekend. I did not see many mobile phones, computers or ipads. It was about building a camp- site, cooking your own meals, learning bush skills and just getting back to basics. I was pleased that I was able to assist the group to obtain 300 poles cut from "she oak" for their camps from one of our old family properties near Boondooma called "Delger".

Burrandowan Races

In 1922 my Grandfather, John Patrick Duff had a horse called Thunderclap that he entered in the 7 furlong Ladies Bracelet. The owner had to nominate a horse in a ladies name so John Patrick (Pat) asked Dorothea Ruth Mortimer Evans (Billie) who he had just met at the races if he could nominate the horse in her name. She agreed and he rode the horse, won the first ladies bracelet, and presented it to her on that day. They married four years later on St Patrick's Day in 1926. The bracelet has been passed on and is still in the family. Every year since the 90th Anniversary of Burrandowan, I have been making a silver bracelet and presenting it to the winning jockey in the Burrandowan Cup to honour my family's heritage. This year the races are on the 11th of May and I am looking forward to another great event for our region.

Contact Details

As always I am working on following up jobs and concerns that have been brought to my attention. Please contact me if you have an issue or wish to make an appointment.

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Deb's Round 8 Local Hero Grants announced

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has announced the Round 8 recipients of her Local Hero Grants with six local groups and sporting representatives chosen as 'local heroes'.

Mrs Frecklington said she normally awarded four grants in each round, but the high quality of applications meant an extra two grants have been awarded.

"Each application was equally as deserving, so I extended the number of grants being offered, and in this round, three groups and three local sporting representatives have been successful," Mrs Frecklington said.

"I would like to congratulate them all, and in particular, wish our young sporting reps all the best for their upcoming competitions," Deb said.



The successful Round 8 applicants, who will each receive a \$250 Local Hero Grant, include:

South Burnett Mountain Bike Club - to assist members attend the Mountain Bike National Schools Championships

Tanduringie SS P&C Assoc – to support their annual bull ride fundraiser

Nanango Netball Club - to help purchase new bibs for the teams

Jorja Pointon (Kilcoy) - to help attend the Clay Target Junior South East Zone Shoot in Emerald

Chelsea Whye (Kingaroy) – to help attend the Netball State Titles in Townsville.

Grant Lahiff (Kilkivan) – to help attend various representative swimming competitions

To find out more about Deb's Local Hero Grants head to www.debfrecklington.com.au or contact the Nanango Electorate office on 4190 7100 for the guidelines.

Photo: One of Deb's Round 8 Local Hero Grant recipients, Jorja Pointon of Kilcoy who has been selected in the Clay Target Junior team to go the South East Zone shoot in Emerald in May.

Rotary
Club of Murgon



From funds raised at the Murgon Music Muster, the Club was pleased to recently present a NIKI pump to Blue Care South Burnett for use with at home Palliative Care patients.

It was accepted by Ronnie Holland, R.N. Community Care, Blue Care South Burnett, who also spoke to us about the origins of Blue Care, its local service and the use of this pump to ease pain. It was interesting to hear that Blue Care was launched in Queensland in 1953 and originally called the Blue Nursing Service.

One full time paid nurse and four volunteers commenced the service. They were called Blue Nurses as their uniforms were blue. Their initial role was to care for people recently released from hospital to convalesce at home, and for those at home with chronic illnesses.

Within 3 months, a second full time nurse was employed plus three people to help with housework for the sick, and the service grew rapidly from there.

Some Club members were recently able to attend the Rotary District Conference in Brisbane and found it very inspiring. It was amazing to hear first hand of some of the wonderful projects undertaken by clubs, not only in our district but also around the world. Polio eradication has been a major project of Rotarians worldwide for several years and has now reached the stage where only a small number of cases have been recorded by the World Health Organisation annually in comparison to the thousands which were the norm previously.

The Rotary Club of Boroko in PNG has several water projects underway.

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ambulance, fire and police services, crisis care centres and S.E.S. The teddy is knitted from 8ply wool but no mohair or angora. The pattern is really easy - all garter stitch - and may be knitted in one or two

pieces. The face embroidery, filling and sewing on of labels are done by Red Cross members.

Although Trauma Teddies are off a standard pattern, no two teddies are alike...each seems to have its own personality. Since this initiative had been adopted by the Australian Red Cross it has proved very worthy in giving comfort to thousands of sick, traumatised and chronically ill children

Except for emergencies, locally created teddies are distributed in the local area.

Please contact us if you can help with knitting or scrap 8-ply wool. Patterns are available by contacting local convenor at 4168 9784, and anything may be left at the Business and Development Association in Lamb Street. We thank them for their constant support.



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Llew O'Brien recognises vital work of volunteers through grants in Cherbourg

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien is recognising the valuable work of volunteers, with almost \$14,500 in grants for Cherbourg community groups.

Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 will be provided through a \$20 million Volunteer Grants program to help 34 local community organisations in Wide Bay with needs including buying equipment, paying fuel costs, and training volunteers.

Mr O'Brien and Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Nigel Scullion announced the following grants today:

Cherbourg Ration Shed - \$5,000 for new furniture, catering and landscaping equipment, and workshops in First Aid and well-being.

Cherbourg Sports Club Inc - \$4,500 for gardening and cleaning equipment and outdoor furniture.

Cherbourg Men's Shed - \$5,000 for a trailer and shipping container for storing art materials.

"These groups make Cherbourg a stronger community, and help deliver important services, support and assistance," Mr O'Brien said.

"Wide Bay simply would not be the same without volunteers, who are the lifeblood of our communities. The energy, expertise and time they give represents what Australian communities are all about – offering a helping hand.

"I am glad to be able to extend a helping hand in return with this funding from the Coalition Government so they can continue their work and build a stronger, safer Cherbourg."

Mr O'Brien said volunteering also had a significant economic benefit to local communities.

"The enormous value of volunteering is estimated at \$290 billion per year. Australia's 8.7 million volunteers and their organisations are the backbone of community life," he said.

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