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MURGON MOMENTS

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

Pratt Agencies Weaner Sale Report

Excellent prices in Murgon with Steers selling for $4.32 c/kg to return $1437.00. and Charolais heifers selling for $3.88 c/kg to return $1163.00.

900 quality weaner steers and heifers were yarded last Friday for Pratt Agencies Annual Weaner Sale. Due to current restrictions, judging of the cattle has been postponed to the June weaner sale being held on Friday the 19th ,No sign of the dry weather before and after Christmas was evident in the condition of the calves. The yarding averaged $3.88 c/kg overall with steers averaging $3.94 c/kg and heifers $3.53 c/kg.

4 pens of Charbray steers from A & R Barsby Tansey sold for $4.32 c/kg to average $1275.00, topping at $1437.00.

2019 top prices - Charolais cross steers sold for $3.22 c/kg returning $1060.00

The Davies Family Kilkivan sold Charolais steers for $1353.00 at $4.36 c/kg. Charolais steers a/c G & J Zahl Gayndah sold for $1260.00 and $4.37 c/kg. M Smith Gayndah sold Charbray steers for $1323.00 (4.28) & $1184.00 (4.26). Charbray steers from T Court Goomeri sold for $4.30 c/kg to return $1137.00. Charolais cross steers from Bandamill Johnstown sold for $4.26 c/kg to return $1117.00 & $847.00. The Nichol Family Mt Perry sold Charolais steers for $930.00 & $848.00 at $4.26 c/kg. 3 pens of Charbray steers from Willbourne Enterprises sold for an average of $925.00 at $4.07 c/kg, topping at $1122.00. 226 kg Simmental cross steers from The Beddows Family Cloyna sold for $4.20 c/kg and $953.00. 3 pens of Brangus steers a/c R & D Warren Mondure sold for $3.90 c/kg, topping at $1140.00 and averaging $1061.00. D Smith Gayndah sold Brangus steers for $983.00 at $3.94 c/kg.

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2 pens of Charolais heifers from Gayndah sold for $3.88 c/kg to return $1163.00 & $1022.00.

2019 top prices - Charbray heifers sold for $2.71 c/kg returning $854.00

M Smith Gayndah Sold 2 pens of Charbray heifers for $1108.00 (3.87) & $1003.00 (3.80). 2 pens of Charbray heifers from A & R Barsby sold for $3.88 c/kg for $1127.00 & $1041.00. Bandamill Sold Charolais cross heifers for $937.00 & $780.00 at $3.80 c/kg. Brangus heifers a/c The Warren Family sold for $902.00 at $3.66 c/kg. Charolais cross heifers from Biggenden sold for $3.61 c/kg to return $988.00 & $773.00. Santa cross heifers from L Graham Johnstown sold for $804.00 at $3.46 c/kg. Red Angus heifers a/c The Sippel family Murgon sold for $936.00 and $3.42 c/kg. Brangus heifers from PM Family Trust Nanango sold to $766.00 at $3.50 c/kg. Koobooda Grazing Gayndah sold Brangus heifers for $3.64 c/kg for $710.00 & $630.00. Light Santa cross heifers sold for $571.00 at $3.70 c/kg.

ACCESS TO COUNCIL'S FACILITIES AMENDED AS RESTRICTIONS LIGHTEN

From Saturday 2 May 2020, the Queensland Government has lessened restrictions on movement in Queensland, so residents will have more opportunities to go outside for enjoyment.

With the easing of restrictions, South Burnett Regional Council would like to advise of the following amendments:

The lessening of restrictions includes specifically the introduction of non-essential activities that can be conducted within a 50km radius of your principal place of residence. Residents can now enjoy recreational activities within 50km of their home, including: going for a picnic; sitting on a park bench and enjoying your lunch or a coffee; having a driving lesson with members of your household; going on a motorbike ride or boat trip; going to the shops to buy things other than food or drink (eg. a bookstore or clothes shop).

For essential activities, you may travel greater than the 50km radius for a bona-fide reason, such as shopping for food; seeing a doctor or healthcare professional; work.

Residents still may now go out with people from their household, or if you go out as a single person you can have one other person join you.

Recent changes have seen the introduction of non-compliance with social distancing (1.5m) as an enforceable offence.

Facilities to be re-opened to the public include:

Public park furniture (playgrounds remain closed)

Street seating

National Parks (no camping) For specific information relating to the Bunya Mountains please see https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/parks/bunya-mountains/

The Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG), in conjunction with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) will be strictly enforcing these restrictions. The QPS will be maintaining a highly visible presence in high traffic areas along with patrolling high risk and recreational assets. The LDMG also reiterates, if you do not live within a 50km radius of the recreational asset, please do not access the area.

The LDMG welcomes the easing of restrictions and thanks the good work of all community members in preventing the spread and helping to 'flatten the curve'. Council reminds residents to join us with 'flattening the curve' by ensuring hygiene practices are in place and minimising contact where possible.

Council, through the LDMG, continues to liaise with relevant authorities and will advise on any changes as they occur. Decisions on closures will continue to be reviewed in accordance with the Queensland Government advice. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and appreciates your understanding and cooperation during this time.

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Extension of time to enrol for the JobKeeper scheme

The Commissioner has extended the time to enrol for the initial JobKeeper periods, from 30 April 2020 until 31 May 2020.

"If you enrol by 31 May you will still be able to claim for the fortnights in April and May, provided you meet all the eligibility requirements for each of those fortnights. This includes having paid your employees by the appropriate date for each fortnight.

For the first two fortnights (30 March – 12 April, 13 April – 26 April), we will accept the minimum $1,500 payment for each fortnight has been paid by you even if it has been paid late, provided it is paid by 8 May 2020. If you do not pay your staff by this date, you will not be able to claim JobKeeper for the first two fortnights.

You can enrol and claim for JobKeeper earlier if you choose. For example, you can enrol by the end of April to claim JobKeeper payments for the two fortnights in April."

Clarification about the operation of the rules

The Government has issued a media release stating that to "ensure the integrity and the efficient operation" of the JobKeeper Payment scheme, the Government is clarifying the operation of some rules. Of particular interest are the following:

'One in, all in' principle: Once an employer decides to participate in the JobKeeper scheme and their eligible employees have agreed to be nominated by the employer, the employer must ensure that all of these eligible employees are covered by their participation in the scheme. The employer cannot select which eligible employees will participate in the scheme. As noted in the explanatory statement to the existing rules, this 'one in, all in' principle is already a key feature of the scheme and will be made clearer in the rules.

Employees employed through a special purpose entity, rather than an operating entity: Changes will address the circumstances where business structures use a special purpose entity to employ staff rather than staff being directly employed by an operating entity. The Government will provide an alternate decline in a turnover test for the eligibility of special-purpose service entities that provide employee labour to group members and that have not met the basic test for a decline in turnover.

This alternate test will apply where an entity provides the services of its employees to one or more related entities, where those related entities carry on a business deriving revenue from unrelated third parties. The alternate test will be by reference to the combined GST turnovers of the related entities using the services of the employer entity.

There are other points of clarification that can be found on the ATO webpage: ATO Website

Reserve Forces Day 2020

It's with regret I must advise you that RFD 2020 has had to be called off upon council's advice.

The revisit the matter mid-way through June wouldn't be encouraging chiefly because of the nature of the occasion as it has a wide sweep and people need more time than a week or two to get themselves organised to get here, etc.

As you no doubt realise RFD requires a fair bit of time to arrange and each year has a different theme which needs research and formulation. 2020 was intended to be a Navy Year. 2021 is to be an Air Force Year and work on that theme is well underway-this involves preparing a1941 diary as well as the Air Force role in the affairs of 1941. The committee is following the 80th anniversary of the Second World War on a service by service basis.

Anyway we press on. Stay cheerful and stay healthy, regards, Noel Selway,

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Supporting families in Wide Bay using child care

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has welcomed the Australian Government's child care package, saying it will ease pressure on family budgets, protecting child care jobs and ensure local services remain viable.

Under the plan, the Federal Government will pay services that continue to operate and do not charge families for care. This means working parents of children who were enrolled in childcare in the fortnight leading up to March 2 will receive childcare for free.

Services will receive payments based on 50 per cent of their average fees, up to a maximum of the hourly rate cap, based on enrolments in the fortnight before 2 March.

"This new child care package, combined with the $130 billion JobKeeper payment to keep employees in their jobs, will help ensure child care services in Wide Bay can keep their doors open and staff employed, so they are available when they are needed," Mr O'Brien said.

The Government will also:

Allow childhood education and care services to waive out-of-pocket fees for families where the centre is open, but children aren't attending because of COVID-19.

Provide $453.2 million for preschools in 2021 to support almost 350,000 children to attend preschool.

"Child care services need to remain open and not charge families fees if they accept the Government's payment," Mr O'Brien said.

"This will provide much-needed fee relief for families in Wide Bay, and ensures children can continue attending services and their parents can continue working and help our economy recover faster."

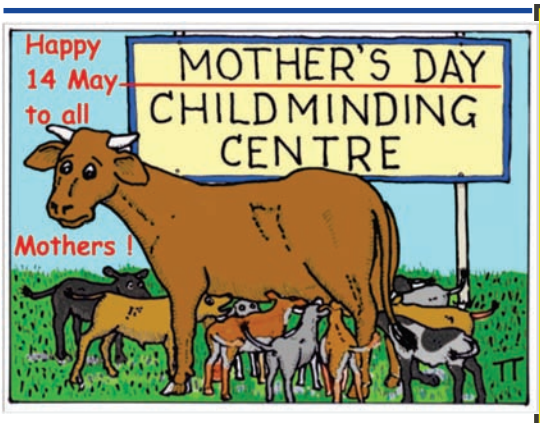
The current expert medical advice is that the child care sector should remain open except where individual services have been directed to close by health authorities.

"Child care and early education is always important, but particularly right now as our nation confronts the twin challenge of the coronavirus and its economic impact," Mr O'Brien said.

"The child care services in Wide Bay are a valuable part of our communities, where our children come together to learn and play, giving time to families to work, study and volunteer, and do all the things that are so important to keep our communities and our country running."

The new system is expected to begin on 6 April, with payments to start flowing at the end of the week. The system will be reviewed after one month, with an extension to be considered after three months. The payments will be paid in lieu of the Child Care Subsidy and Additional Child Care Subsidy payments.

Child care services information about COVID-19 should contact the 24/7 National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. Information is also available from https://www.dese.gov.au/news/coronavirus-covid-19.



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Well, the steer was raffled and won by another kind person who donated it back to Dave Freeman to be sold at the Murgon Saleyards. After raising a good deal of money in the raffle this very special steer raised another $1.360 for Care Flight through the selling agent Bill Steffensen of Aussie Land & Livestock and with all the sellers commission and yard fees also being donated.

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Extraordinary Volume of Fear

In these last months we have been exposed to an extraordinary volume of fear, especially released by the media, and it is very hard to avoid it with the daily news updates of the corona virus and its legal impacts upon our present lives.

Already we are now conditioned for the next threat, the economic repercussions following the economic shut down of our nation and all the nations around the world.

I think it is for us, living in this rural community, not hard to see a parallel with graziers droving their cattle, herding them to whatever destiny the grazier has in mind for them.

I feel very much like those herded cattle, even with all the explanations that are constantly coming our way!

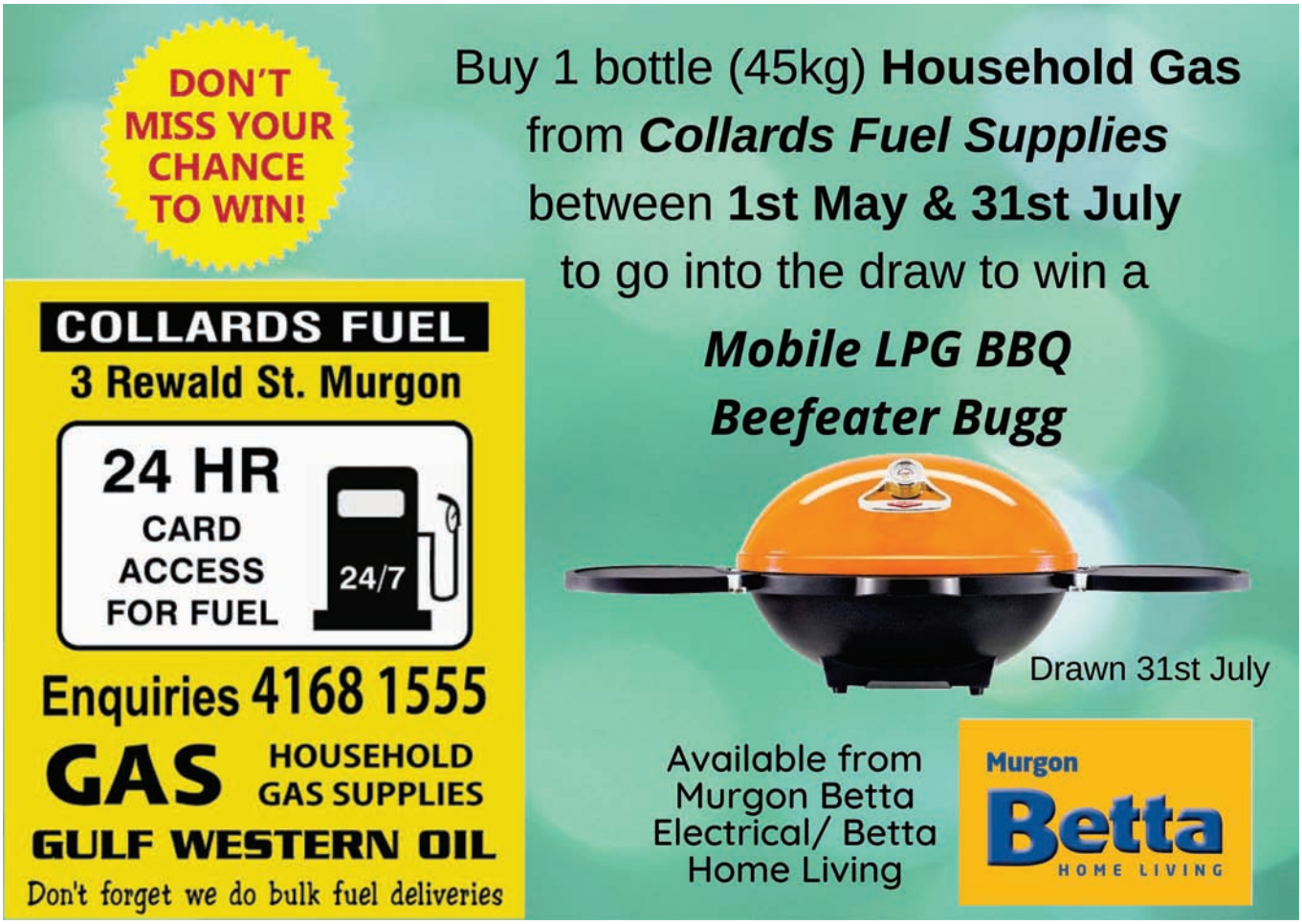
It makes me aware how much we are governed in our lives by fear. Fear of all kind of things, like spiders, cancer, lack of money, failing exams, death, and so on. There is a fear for just about anything that affects our lives, but it is our decision as to how much place we are prepared to give to it.

Some of us are ruled by fears; others may be less sensitive to the threats in our daily lives. This leads me to the thought that the apostle Paul wrote to Timothy in 2nd Tim 1 verse 7: “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”.

Therefore, if God did not give us that spirit then who did? The only other source available is the devil! Since he has been defeated at the cross and the resurrection of Christ, it is the only weapon he has left for the time God allows him. Therefore, if we give in to the spirit of fear, we are really in agreement with the devil, and that means we are agreeing with God’s enemy. Think about that!

After all, this virus will soon come to an end, but eternity is terrible if we end up having to spend it in a place we would rather not be.

Therefore we should hasten to the only way of escape that God has made available: The sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and his resurrection as we have just celebrated, the Pass over, or as we call it Easter. Pastor Adriaan Lens Van Rijn, New Horizons Christian Church Murgon.



BREAKING: Here's our back to school plan for Queensland students.

Students in Kindy, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 will return to school on May 11, while students in Years 2 to 10 will continue remote learning at home.

We will review the situation on May 15, with the goal to return the remaining students on May 25 if low COVID-19 transmission rates continue.

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children are still able to attend school.

A sensible and gradual return is only possible because of Queensland's success in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Compare our efforts to what has happened in other parts of the world and Queenslanders should feel very proud. Keep up the good work!

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As your CEO, I have been participating in Commonwealth Department of Health COVID-19 conferences two or three times a week for over a month. This has allowed me to lobby for you and people living in the community. The meetings were mostly concerned about COVID-19 outbreaks in nursing homes and some discussions about Home Care Services. I made a strong case for more community support, based on your comments coming in through Connect over the last 5 weeks. All comments were de-identified and our records are held securely with password protection.

The comments provided by you led to the announcement from Minister Colbeck of the launch of the 'Free COVID-19 support line for Senior Australians'. National Seniors will be funded to do outbound Wellness Checks as well as receiving inbound calls from the National COVID-19 Support Line. Older Australians can access information and support by calling 1800 171 866.

We now plan to publish a National Seniors research report on your experiences over the last five weeks. If you have any further comments about this research please contact me directly – j.mccallum@nationalseniors.com.au.

Anzac Day like no other. As an ex-National Service Officer in Papua New Guinea in the early 1970's I value the day. Craig Sullivan, our media man, has recorded a humdinger interview for his new Podcast with a two star Australian General, a woman, leading the United Nations in Cyprus. It's about what Anzac Day means to her. You should play it from the website. It's worth it and we should also say 'thanks for your service' to all those who have served the nation, young and old.

Regards, Prof John McCallum CEO

Vocational education and training goes online

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien has welcomed the re-launch of the Australian Government's My Skills website, which will now focus on delivering online training, increasing education options for people in regional areas.

"The repurposed My Skills website will now focus on online training for people looking to increase their qualifications, or who have the opportunity to learn new skills and change careers during the COVID-19 pandemic," Mr O'Brien said.

"People seeking to upskill will now be able to search the increased online offerings of registered training organisations (RTOs) and vocational education and training (VET) options currently available so they are well-prepared for future employment opportunities."

Mr O'Brien said this would provide an excellent opportunity for people of all ages in Wide Bay to study a whole range of course offerings from a range of training institutions from around the country, including potentially courses and subjects that may not have been available locally before.

"A VET qualification opens the door to so many job opportunities, and nationally recognised qualifications can be gained in a matter of months to help people engage their skills and interests and find new career paths," Mr O'Brien said.

Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, Training and Apprenticeships, The Hon Steve Irons MP said RTOs have been working with the Government to offer more online courses for Australians.

"The increased delivery of online learning would improve flexibility, whilst providing another avenue for Australians to update their skills, or to re-train," said Assistant Minister Irons.

My Skills is the national directory of VET organisations and courses — an Australian Government initiative that helps consumers search and compare VET courses and training providers.

The launch of the improved and repurposed My Skills website complements the Morrison Government's existing programmes to support Australian workers with the Skills Match Tool prominently featured on the website.

The Skills Match Tool provides intuitive career guidance for Australians looking to choose or change careers based on the user's previous work experience and qualifications. This includes providing information on a career's likely income, whether the industry is in growth and what future pathways are available.

For more information visit: www.myskills.gov.au

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon

As you are all aware, the Museum is closed because of the Covid19. Although our gates are closed, we have some dedicated volunteers who have been working to keep the grounds maintained. We also have work going on in "The Barn" in preparation for our kitchen, so even though we are closed there are things going on.

With some restrictions being lifted, maybe we will be able to open our gates sooner than expected. We will all be looking forward to that day and maybe we will have to celebrate in some way.

I hope everyone is staying safe and we look forward to the day that we can welcome you all to once again visit our wonderful Museum.

Stay Safe, Joy Fennell

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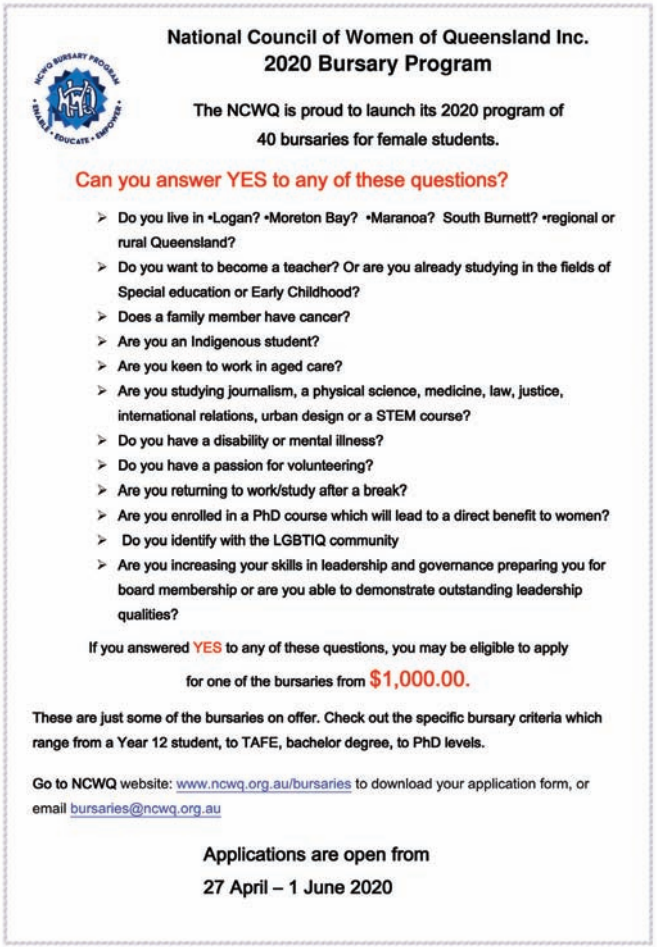

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The NCWQ is proud to launch its 2020 program of 40 bursaries for female students.

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- Are you an Indigenous student?
- Are you keen to work in aged care?
- Are you studying journalism, a physical science, medicine, law, justice, international relations, urban design or a STEM course?
- Do you have a disability or mental illness?
- Do you have a passion for volunteering?
- Are you returning to work/study after a break?
- Are you enrolled in a PhD course which will lead to a direct benefit to women?
- Do you identify with the LGBTIQ community
- Are you increasing your skills in leadership and governance preparing you for board membership or are you able to demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be eligible to apply for one of the bursaries from $1,000.00.

These are just some of the bursaries on offer. Check out the specific bursary criteria which range from a Year 12 student, to TAFE, bachelor degree, to PhD levels.

Go to NCWQ website: www.ncwq.org.au/bursaries to download your application form, or email bursaries@ncwq.org.au

Applications are open from
27 April – 1 June 2020

Applications for the National Council of Women of Queensland Inc. (NCWQ) 2020 bursaries opened today and will close on Monday 1 June.

Opportunities are available to Queensland women from Year 12 to PhD level and cover a wide range of study.

There are 40 bursaries available.

All information, including all Application Forms, are on the NCWQ website – www.ncwq.org.au/bursaries

Help us make a difference to the lives of Queensland women as we assist them with their educational expenses.

Kind regards,

Noela O'Donnell AM, Vice-President & Recording Secretary

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Expanded support for mature-aged job seekers in Wide Bay

Mature-aged workers in Wide Bay can now access funded training more easily and quickly to help them find work, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

Changes to the Career Transition Assistance (CTA) program will provide more opportunities for job seekers aged 45 and over to access training and support to improve their digital literacy, job opportunities and identifying transferrable skills.

"Importantly, the Career Transition Assistance Program will be available online during the COVID-19 pandemic, so mature age Australians in all areas of Wide Bay can continue to access this valuable program," Mr O'Brien said.

"To be competitive in today's job market some mature age workers may need support to improve their digital skills, and it's important, practical skills like these that the program delivers."

The program has been boosted by $41.7 million from early May until June 2022. This means jobactive providers can more readily refer mature age job seekers into the program.

"The CTA program is effective and is popular with participants and the facilitators who deliver it. We are increasing the number of people who can access it, particularly during these challenging economic times.

"This means more mature age job seekers can build their confidence and gain experience in using a range of technology and platforms, like smartphones, tablets, apps, social media and computers."

The CTA program empowers mature-age job seekers in Wide Bay to build confidence and learn new skills and enables participants to become more competitive in their local labour market through a short form, targeted training.

New funding arrangements will be available until 30 June 2022. More information can be found at https://www.employment.gov.au/career-transition-assistance

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ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING FLOWS IN WIDE BAY

Road maintenance in the South Burnett, Noosa and Cherbourg will receive a boost thanks to funding under the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien said the Roads to Recovery funding would support councils to progress a number of high-priority projects, using local knowledge to deliver the best local roads.

"Safer roads save lives and the Roads to Recovery program helps local councils build better and safer roads," Mr O'Brien said.

"Infrastructure investment is more important now, during COVID-19, than ever before, to keep people in jobs and help the economy."

The March quarter Roads to Recovery projects funded in Wide Bay include:

Noosa Council - $275,165 for upgrades to Black Mountain Road.

South Burnett Regional Council - $865,612 for works on Wooroonden Road; Glenrock, Brand, Freemans and Bradleys Roads at Wooroonden; Annings Road and Silverleaf Road, Murgon; Crownthorpe Road and Nangur Road, Crownthorpe; Carters Road, Tablelands; and Tipperary Road, Redgate.

Cherbourg Regional Council - $108,925 for upgrades to Murgon to Cherbourg Road at the Stan Mickelo Drive intersection and the Broadway Street intersection; maintenance to several locations on Barambah Avenue; and road reconstruction and widening at multiple locations on Murray Road and Wondai Road.

The Federal Liberal and Nationals Government is delivering more than $212.7 million this quarter to 425 Local Governments across the country for safer and better-maintained roads.

"Enabling road infrastructure works to continue under strict social distancing measures is crucial to keep the wheels of the economy turning during the COVID-19 pandemic," Mr O'Brien said.

"These local projects mean more people will stay in jobs and spend money in their towns and businesses."

The Morrison Government committed an addition $100 million a year as part of the Local and State Government Road Safety Package announced in the 2019-20 Budget.

From 2013–14 to 2023–24, the Government will provide $6.2 billion under the Roads to Recovery Program, with an ongoing commitment of $500 million each year following.

Federal support for Local Governments include Financial Assistance Grants, Bridges Renewal, Black Spot, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity and Roads to Recovery programs.

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS TAKE DECLARATION OF OFFICE

South Burnett Regional Council's new Mayor and Councillors took the Declaration of Office at Council's Post-Election meeting held Monday 20 April 2020.

Whilst some Councillor contact details remain the same, residents are asked to note the below contact details:

Mayor - Cr Brett OTTO I 4189 9155 the.mayor@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Deputy Mayor-Division 2 Councillor - Cr Gavin JONES I 0419 769 994 div2@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Division 1 Councillor - Cr Roz FROHLOFF I 0417 767 444 div1@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Division 3 Councillor - Cr Danita POTTER I 0409 490 175 div3@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Division 4 Councillor - Cr Kirstie SCHUMACHER I 0475 007 705 div4@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Division 5 Councillor - Cr Kathy DUFF I 0437 020 705 div5@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Division 6 Councillor - Cr Scott HENSCHEN I 0477 010 743 div6@southburnett.qld.gov.au

You can also contact your Mayor or Councillor via Council's phone numbers 1300 789 279 / 4189 9100, email or online via Council's website - 'Contact Council'.

Did you miss South Burnett Regional Council's livestream of Council's Post-Election meeting? Please see Council's website - 'Council Meetings' to view a recording of this and future meetings, meeting schedules, agendas and minutes.

Recording of Council meetings will provide our community greater access to Council decisions and debate, while eliminating barriers that may prevent the public from attending in person.

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The new portfolio responsibilities are:

Mayor Brett Otto: Social and Corporate Performance; People and Culture; Communications and Media; Finance and ICT

Cr Kathy Duff: Rural Resilience; Parks and Gardens; Property and Facility Management; Indigenous Affairs

Cr Danita Potter: Community; Arts; Heritage; Sport and Recreation

Cr Roz Frohloff: Water, Wastewater and Waste; Local Disaster Management

Cr Gavin Jones: Roads and Drainage

Cr Kirstie Schumacher: Economic Development incorporating industry, agriculture, water security and tourism

Cr Scott Henschen: Rural Services; Natural Resource Management; Planning; Compliance Services

COUNCIL BRIEF - WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL 2020

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto is pleased to advise that a brief of Council's General Meeting will be provided to the public at the conclusion of each meeting.

Mayor Otto explained, "To ensure the South Burnett community is updated with the latest news as it is discussed by Council, I will be providing a monthly Council Brief following each General meeting."

"The brief will provide an overview of current Council decisions, and I urge community members to read both the agenda and minutes of each Council Meeting to ensure you are up to date on relevant information as it comes to hand," Mayor Otto said.

The April Council Brief covers the below items:

South Burnett 2020 Marketing Plan

Council received for information the South Burnett 2020 Marketing Plan which is closely aligned to Tourism and Events Queensland's Marketing Plan and is a key initiative of the South Burnett Tourism Advisory Committee, and will review for impacts of COVID-19.

Adoption of Portfolio Representative Policy

Council has adopted a Portfolio representative Policy where the Mayor and each Councillor is a representative for specific portfolios that reflect the organisation structure and the strategies within Council's Corporate Plan for 2018-19 to 2022-23. A policy is required to provide clear guidelines on the roles and responsibilities of the Mayor and Councillors as portfolio representatives.

Assignment of Councillor Portfolio Representation

The portfolios are focused at a strategic level of Council policy. The portfolio system is intended so that ratepayers and residents can identify which Councillor to approach according to a strategic issue at hand. The Portfolios have been defined as follows:

Mayor Brett Otto - Social & Corporate Performance; People & Culture; Communications/ Media; Finance; ICT

Cr Kathy Duff - Rural Resilience; Parks & Gardens; Property & Facility Management; Indigenous Affairs

Cr Danita Potter - Community; Arts; Heritage; Sport & Recreation

Cr Roz Frohloff - Local Disaster Management; Water; Wastewater Waste

Cr Kirstie Schumacher - Economic Development – industry /agriculture / water security / tourism

Cr Scott Henschen - Rural Services; Natural Resource Management; Planning; Compliance Services

Cr Gavin Jones - Roads & Drainage

Appointment of Councillor Representatives on Council Committees and Other Organisations

The Mayor and Councillors have been appointed to various Council committees and as representatives to external organisations, associations and other bodies, which have been predominately aligned with Councillor Portfolios.

Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) Executive District Representative Council

resolved to: nominate Mayor Brett Otto to the Local Government Association of Queensland for the Executive District Representatives for 2020-2024 to represent Wide Bay and Burnett District; and delegate Mayor Brett Otto and Deputy Mayor Gavin Jones to vote on behalf of South Burnett Regional Council at the Local Government Association of Queensland Executive Elections in June 2020.

Adoption of Council Policies

The following policies were reviewed as part of Council's commitment to good governance and were adopted at today's meeting:

Expenses Reimbursement Policy for Councillors

Councillor Code of Conduct Policy

Acceptable Request Guidelines

Revenue Policy 2020/2021

Annual Operational Plan 2019/2020 Implementation Third Quarter Progress Report

The Annual Operational Plan details the projects, services and initiatives that Council plans to deliver for the 2019-20 financial year. Pursuant to Section 174(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a report must be presented to Council at regular intervals detailing the progress towards the implementation of the Plan. Council adopted the Annual Operational Plan 2019/2020 Implementation Third Quarter Progress Report for the period 1 July 2019 to 31 March 2020.

Water and Sewerage Declared Service Areas

As a requirement of the *Natural Resources and Other Legislation Amendment (NROLA) Bill 2019 and Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, Council has declared its water supply and sewerage service areas.

South Burnett Regional Council Customer Service Standards Water and Wastewater 5 Year Review

As a requirement of the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*, Council has reviewed and adopted the South Burnett Regional Council – Customer Service Standards: Water and Wastewater.

Monthly Financial Report Including Third Quarter Review of 2019-20 Operating and Capital Budgets

In accordance with Section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Monthly Financial Report including Capital Works, Road Maintenance Expenditure and Works for Queensland (W4Q3) as at 31 March 2020 and in accordance with Section 170(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the revised 2019-20 operational and capital financial budgets was discussed and adjourned for further consideration and to be re-presented to the May General Meeting.

Fees and Charges Schedule

The 2020/2021 Fees and Charges were received and adopted effective from 1 July 2020 continuing in place until further reviewed by Council.

South Burnett Regional Council, at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 29 April 2020 resolved to approve a write-off valued at $308,298.34 in unpaid rates and overgrown allotment charges.

Made up of $306,047.87 in unpaid rates and interest charges, plus $2,250.47 in overgrown allotment charges, that were not cleared by the proceeds of the rates auction. The sale of 17 properties did result in a recovery of a further $288,568 in rate revenue.

In line with Council's Rates Collection Policy, Rates staff conducted a review of properties with overdue rates to establish which properties had three (3) or more year's overdue rates. Final notices were issued in December 2018 to the identified property owners requesting payment in full or alternatively to enter into an approved payment arrangement before 28 February 2019.

A report and resolution to commence the Sale of Land process was presented and adopted by Council at the meeting held on 20 March 2019. This resulted in 36 formal Notices of Intention to Sell being prepared and posted to ratepayers on 30 April 2019. The notice stipulated that property owners had a maximum period of six (6) months in which to pay the rates in full or Council would sell their property at public auction.

Nineteen (19) properties either paid their rates in full (either by themselves or their mortgagees) or entered into a satisfactory arrangement to pay off the debt, approved by the Chief Executive Officer. Seventeen (17) properties were subsequently offered for sale at the public auction held on Tuesday 19 November 2019 at the Kingaroy Town Hall Reception Room.

Approximately thirty (30) bidders registered for the auction, which once again was managed by a local real estate company. Council engaged valuers to provide current market valuations for each of the land parcels offered at auction. In nearly all cases, the current market value was assessed as being lower than the unimproved/site valuation provided by the Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy.

As a result, Council adopted these market valuations as the Reserve Price for each land parcel. This provides Council with a level of protection should any land parcels not "sell" and Council becomes the new owner. When this situation occurs, Council must pay the previous owner the "reserve" price less costs and outstanding rates and charges.

All of the seventeen (17) properties were bid on; however, all were passed in as they did not reach the set "reserve". Council was then able to negotiate with (and only with) the highest bidder. Consequently, fifteen (15) higher offers were received resulting in "sales". Two (2) properties were passed in and in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council automatically became the owner of these properties.

Whilst the write-off of the unpaid rates, interest and overgrown allotment charges does not affect Council's overall bank account, it does lower the amount of revenue reported on the income statement, which has budget implications.

For further information regarding the write-off of unpaid rates and overgrown allotment charges please contact Council's Finance section on 4189 9100 or email.

Sale of Land for Overdue Rates Update - Auction Held 19 November 2019

The Sale of Land for Overdue Rates report was received and Council approved a write-off to the value of $306,047.87 in unpaid rates and interest charges, plus $2,250.47 in unpaid overgrown allotment charges, that were not cleared by the proceeds of the rates auction. The sale of 17 properties resulted in a recovery of a further $288,568 in rate revenue.

Please Note: Specific information and related documents can be found in both the agenda and minutes (once

complete) of the **General Meeting for Wednesday 29 April 2020**.

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Phillip Bishop with wife Elva celebrating his 80th birthday on the 26th of March.

ANZAC STORY

Canada offered 30,000 men, Australia pledged 20,000 and New Zealand already had compulsory military training. For the war In Europe, Australia raised a new army of volunteers - the Australian Imperial Force (the AIF).Recruiting began within days of the declaration of war.

Those who were too young raised their ages - and most were accepted!

In little over a month, marches were held in the main capital cities hoping to encourage others to join them. They were called “six bob a day tourists” because their pay was considered high and many thought the war would soon be over - when Britain’s navy and army would tackle the German enemy.

The convoy with the Australian Division assembled in late October, and they were then joined by the New Zealanders. They formed the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps - the Anzacs - on their way Europe via the Suez canal But the Anzacs disembarked In Egypt where they encamped near the pyramids ready for action against Turkey which had joined Germany in the war.

The Russians who were fighting on Germany’s eastern front, wanted the British and French to tackle the Turks to reduce pressure on Russia. The Anzacs Joined the British and French in a dreadful baptism of fire at Gallipoli. The British commanders anticipated that the Gallipoli peninsula would be “open to landing on very easy terms” and Turkey would have a force of only 40,000 to meet them.

Anzac Cove April 1915

On 25 April 1915, the Anzacs landed at a difficult and desolate spot on the Gallipoli peninsula and the Turks appeared to be ready for them. The Anzacs made little headway over a series of rocky heights covered with thorny scrub. At great cost the Anzacs, British and French made small advances, but Its force was wasting with casualties and sickness, while the Turks were able to reinforce their forces.

In August another offensive was made against the Turks, casualties were heavy, but it failed and a defeat was inevitable, The Gallipoli campaign was a debacle, Military censorship prevented the true story being told but a young Australian journalist, Keith Murdoch (father of Australian newspaper tycoon Rupert Murdoch) smuggled the story about the scale of the Dardanelles disaster back to the Australian Prime Minister who sent it on to the British Prime Minister David Lloyd George, who was no friend of the British military establishment. It led directly to the dismissal of the British commander, Sir Ian Hamilton who never again was to hold a senior military position.

The British Government ordered an evacuation. By day, the Anzacs kept up their attacks with more Anzacs observed to be landing - by night the force was withdrawn, broken only by sporadic rifle and gunfire. On 20 December 1915, the Anzac retreat was complete, unnoticed by the Turks who continued to bombard the Anzacs’ empty trenches. On 9 January 1916, the Turks carried out their last offensive on Gallipoli, revealing only that the entire force had withdrawn without casualty. The evacuation was the Allies most successful operation in Gallipoli.

A British Royal Commission into Gallipoli concluded that from the outset the risk of failure outweighed Its chances of success. The British had contributed 468,000 in the battle for Gallipoli with 33.512 killed. 7,636 missing and 78,000 wounded.

The Anzacs lost 8,000 men in Gallipoli and a further 18,000 were wounded. The Anzacs went on to serve with distinction in Palestine and on the western front in France.

Australia had a population of five million - 330,000 served in the war, 59,000 were killed.

New Zealand with a population of one million lost 18,000 men out of 110,000 and had 55000 wounded. These New Zealand figures (62%) represent the highest percentage of all units from the Anglo-Saxon world.

SING ME TO SLEEP

Sing me to sleep, where bullets fall,
Let me forget the world and all
Damp in my dugout, cold my feet,
And nothing but bully and biscuits to eat.

Sing me to sleep where bombs explode
And shrapnel shells are a-la-mode.
Over the parapets helmets you find
Corpses in front of you, corpses behind.

Far, far from Anzac I long to be
Where Turkish snipers can't pot at me
Think of me crouching where the worms creep
Waiting for someone to sing me to sleep.

Sing me to sleep in the same old shed
Where the rats are running above my head.
Stretched out on my waterproof
Dodging the raindrops through the roof
Sing me to sleep where campfires glow
Full of good bread and Café-a-l-eau
Dreaming of home and night in the East,
Somebody's overseas boots on my chest.

Far, far from trenches I long to be
Lights of old Sydney I'd like to see
Think of me crouching where the worms creep
Waiting for someone to sing me to sleep.

A First Aid Moment –

with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

With everyone conscientiously exercising these days, occasional bumps and bruises, sprains and strains are inevitable – common, but painful, **soft tissue injuries**.

Immediate First Aid can be beneficial for soft tissue injuries - when significant pain, bruising and swelling affect a joint or muscles of a limb.

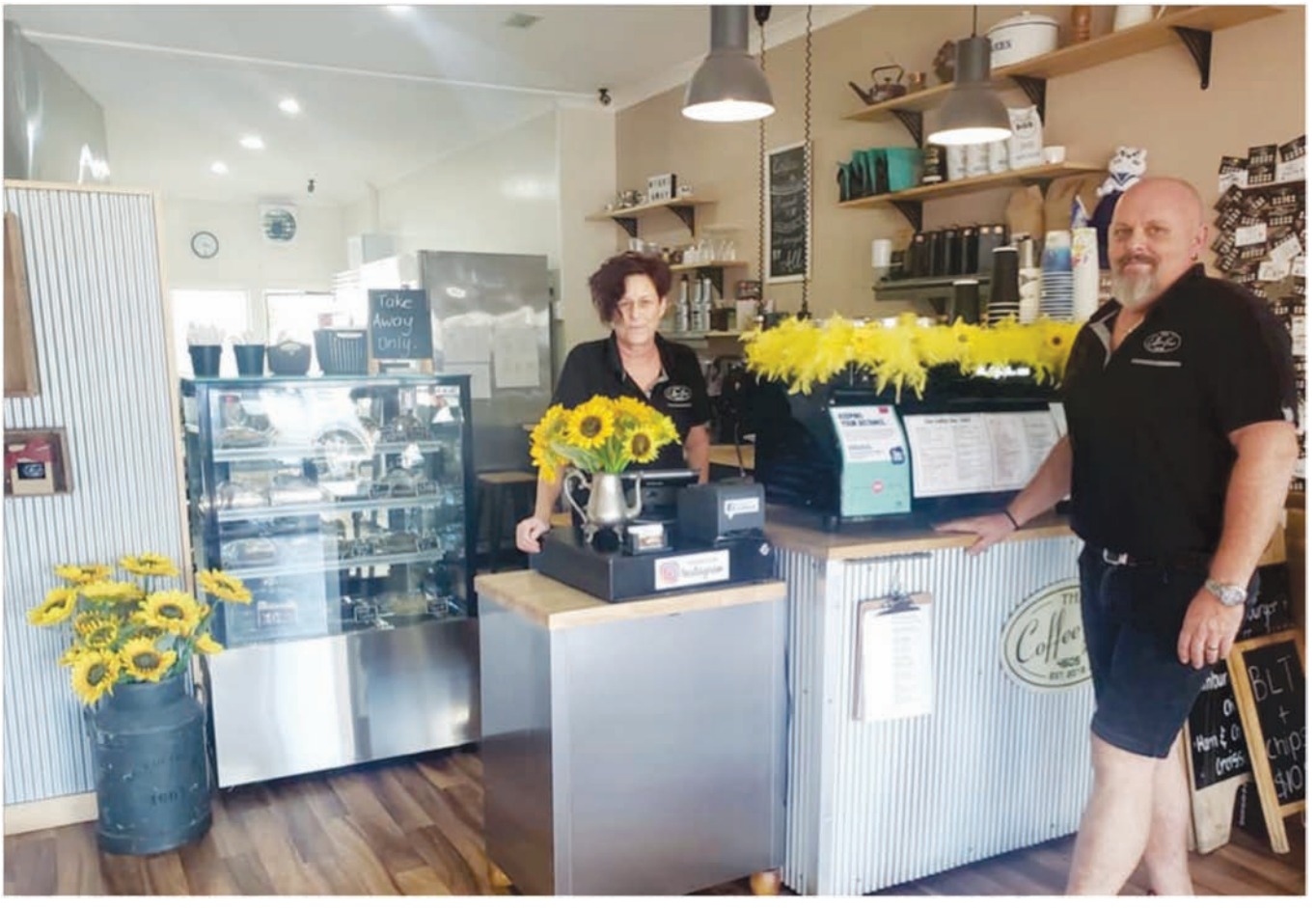
R.I.C.E.R. is a recommended procedure for soft tissue injuries.

1. **R**-EST – cease activity
2. **I**-CE – apply ice or cold pack to the area
3. **C**-OMPRESSION – apply a firm (not tight) bandage
4. **E**-LEVATION – raise the limb
5. **R**-EFERRAL – to medical personnel, if pain continues or gets worse

Remember: Do NO H.A.R.M.

NO

1. **H**-EAT
2. **A**-LCOHOL
3. **R**-UNNING/ACTIVITY
4. **M**-ASSAGE



Thank you Murgon Coffee Bar for being part of the Ray of Sunshine South Burnett & adding yellow to promote sunshine, hope & happiness during these challenging times.

Murgon Report 5/05/2020

950 were yarded in Murgon for the fortnightly sale. Increased demand for all descriptions saw prices fully firm to a shade dearer on the previous sale. Bulls topped at to $2.85 c/kg and $2750.00. Heavy Cows over 500 kilograms topped at $2.63 per kilogram and $1840.00 averaging $2.44 c/kg, up 10 cents on the previous market. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to $2.53 per kilogram for a $2.22 average. Lighter Cows under 400 kg topped at $2.40. Export heifers sold to $2.77 per kilogram and $1780.00. Cattle were drawn from Biloela, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Biggenden, Mt Perry, Kumbia, Nanango, Yarraman, Kingaroy and locally. 500 kg Charbray steers sold to $3.30 c/kg and $1656.00. Angus steers 435 kg sold to $3.56 c/kg for $1550.00. 404 kg Angus cross steers from Goomeri sold for $1362.00 at $3.37 c/kg. Local Red Angus steers weighing 421 kg sold for $3.31 c/kg returning $1394.00. Droughtmaster steers from Windera sold to $1513.00 at $3.28 c/kg. 386 kg Angus cross steers sold for $1303.00 and $3.37 c/kg. Shorthorn cross steers from Redgate also sold for $3.37 c.kg to return $1163.00. 347 kg Droughtmaster cross steers from Goomeri sold for $1161.00 and $3.34 c/kg. Limousin cross weaner steers ex Hivesville sold for $1093.00 at $4.07 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Eidsvold sold for $1120.00 and $4.00 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Tansey also sold for $4.00 c/kg returning $990.00. Shorthorn/Santa weaner steers from Cinnabar sold for $932.00 at $3.94 c/kg. Santa weaner steers ex Gayndah sold for $829.00 at $3.91 c/kg. Droughtmaster weaner steers from Booubyjan sold to $961.00 at $3.90 c/kg. 457 kg Charbray heifers sold for $1368.00 at $2.99 c/kg. 2 pens of Santa heifers from Gayndah sold for $2.91 c/kg to return $972.00 & $872.00. 311 kg Brangus heifers from Goomeri sold for $903.00 at $2.90 c/kg. Charolais cross heifers from Mt Perry sold for $2.81 c/kg to return $1096.00. Limousin cross heifers topped the weaner heifer market at $3.51 c/kg to return $974.00. Charbray heifers from Tansey sold for $807.00 at $3.40 c/kg. Charolais cross weaner heifers from Proston sold for $750.00 at $3.26 c/kg. Charbray Cows & Calves sold to $1640.00.

The Next Murgon Sale is on Tuesday the 19th of May at 8.00 am

Visit the lakes of the South Burnett and experience fishing, water sports and fun in the outdoors. Camping, cabins, villas and caravan sites are available. Both dams have excellent amenities including ensuite facilities, hot showers, laundry facilities, kiosks with groceries, bait and tackle.

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Haager Drive Moffatdale Q 4605
Call 07 4168 4746 www.yallakoolpark.com.au

lakeboondooma
40 Bushcamp Road via Proston Q 4613
Call 07 4168 9694 www.lakeboondooma.com.au

Stick to the rules

Long weekends are normally a great opportunity to relax with a barbecue or go camping with mates – but we have to proceed with caution.

Australians everywhere have been doing a great job at stopping the spread of COVID-19, and because so many people have adhered to the health advice and recommendations, Wide Bay is tracking well to stamp it out altogether in our region.

But we can't make the mistake of thinking we have defeated it and we can now relax. While some restrictions have been eased, this long weekend will be a true test to see how we handle the pandemic in the coming months.

If we stick to the rules and get it right, it's likely that restrictions will continue to be eased and we will gradually be able to get back to normal living again.

If we don't, then we're likely to see more cases of coronavirus – and that not only endangers peoples' lives but also means we will face increased restrictions again, denting morale and damaging the economy.

From Saturday 2nd May, you can travel for recreation within a 50km radius of your home – you can take the bike for a spin, go fishing with one mate, or take the kids for a picnic in the park. You can even support a local business and shop for a Mother's Day present.

But everyone still needs to abide by the 1.5-metre social distancing rules, and stick to the strict regulation of socialising outside with only the members of your household, or with only one other person who does not live with you.

The Australian Government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be updated as the situation changes, and for more information on current guidelines, I would encourage everyone to visit www.australia.gov.au.

I hope everyone can safely enjoy weekends so we can get back to our normal work routines sooner, helping our communities and our economy bounce back from the coronavirus.

- LLEW O'BRIEN, Federal Member for Wide Bay

Deputy Speaker for the House of Representatives

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PENSIONS AND WELFARE SERVICES
SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

SPEAK TO THE TEAM
secretary@murgonrsl.org or 0427 915 533

RSL
Murgon Sub Branch

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock

Ideal for first home owner or investor is this lovely well maintained brick home, giving a rental return of $230.00 per week. Open plan kitchen, dining & separate lounge with an air conditioner, security screens, double lock up garage, fully fenced & established gardens. 3 good sized bedrooms with built ins & 2 with ceiling fans. Large 2 way bathroom boasting a corner spa. Cemented & covered entertainment area $189,000

Brick home on 1214SQM block comes with many features. Spacious open plan kitchen & dining with a breakfast bar, separate living area. 3 bedrooms with main having ensuite & walk in robe, that leads you to the main bathroom with a separate shower, bath & vanity. Bedrooms with builtins, fans & carpet. Remote single garage with a laundry. Back yard has plenty of space for a pool or entertainment area, as well as room for the children to play amongst the established native trees. Fully fenced yard for security, poly rain water tank & garden shed. $229,000

Well presented fully fenced yard with colourbond fencing, 3 bedroom home complete with split system air conditioning. Open plan kitchen, lounge and dining. Kitchen featuring cupboard space, large pantry, wall oven, built in hot plate & dishwasher. 3 carpeted bedrooms all with ceiling fans & the main with an ensuite. Main bathroom has separate shower, bath & toilet. Covered outdoor entertainment area where you can sit back & relax $229,000

VERANDAHS WITH FANTASTIC VIEWS OF BP DAM! 3 bedroom brick home, French timber doors. Polished concrete floors, built in kitchen with solid timber bench tops with views out the window. Bathroom and ensuite, fly screens, gas hot water and grey water system. 2 x 5,000 gallon rain water tanks, double bay carport on spacious 4571SQM block of land. $295,000

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St Josephs School, Murgon Anzac Day and Fr Bryan lent us his army memorabilia.

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Australia really is the best country in the world to live.

Thank you to everyone who is reaching out and supporting others in need in their community during these tough times.

We are all in this together.

SCOTT MORRISON
27 APRIL 2020

SB Vets

Our clients are our most valuable asset

The South Burnett Veterinary Group has practices conveniently located at Murgon, Kingaroy and Wondai.

We provide a comprehensive and professional service to all species of animals, in a caring and friendly environment.

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WHAT'S ON @ SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES

MAY 2020 | **www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries**

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Stay home, stay well

With the health and safety of our community members and staff remaining paramount, Council would like to advise residents that there is no need to make a trip out of the house to return library items.

ALL library items including books and DVDs have been automatically renewed until Monday 1 June 2020, so rest assured that there will not be any fines or charges incurred.

If you have any queries please phone South Burnett Libraries on (07) 4189 9256 or email kingaroy.library@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Don't forget... your membership card grants you access to a variety of free resources, all from the comfort of your own home via the library website https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/facilities-recreation/libraries/elibrary.

Learning & Technology

LYNDA.COM

Free online learning tools including tutorials and training videos. Covers topics such as business photography, design, marketing and many more!

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Browse hundreds National Geographic titles and high definition photographs from around the world.

Movies

KANOPY

Free film streaming. Limit of 10 views per membership card per month.

BEAMAFILM

Watch all the latest docos and indie features with no monthly cap.

eBooks & eAudiobooks

BOLINDA

Free downloadable eAudiobooks and ebooks with a loan term of 14 days with renewal capability.

Just for Kids

ZIPTALES - Online literacy "Library" including over 500 interactive stories with voiceovers, animations, games and quizzes.

THE STORY BOX LIBRARY - The best place for children to watch celebrated stories read aloud by our favourite storytellers. It's storytime, anytime!

Discover the magic... @ YOUR LIBRARY

South-Burnett-Libraries

We need our Anzac Spirit

There is no question about it; our world looks remarkably different to what it was like just three weeks ago. However, what will always remain the same through war, drought, bushfires and health crises, is our strength as a community. We can no longer meet up for an impromptu BBQ or attend the events we had planned, but we can still pause to remember our Anzacs on the 25th. This Anzac Day was different. There were no marches or gatherings, but our remembrance and commemoration was no less. The Pandemic has put a stop to many things but it can't stop our Anzac Spirit and how we remember and honour our Diggers.

At 6am on Saturday, April 25, people across our region were out to Light up the Dawn together from home for Anzac Day, standing at the end of their driveway, at their farm gate, on their balcony or in their living room to remember all those who have served and sacrificed. Crow FM (South Burnett), the ABC or RSL Queensland held live streams to watch the commemorative service and share the Anzac spirit.

Anzac Day 2020 in Murgon, I started at 5.30 this morning taking photos for the Murgon Moments of your wonderful Anzac Day tributes, there was so many people out on their footpath at dawn in Murgon, some with candles and some still in their PJS , it was truly amazing, sorry if i didn't get to your street.

09 FVN
AWNINGS

LEST WE
FORGET

THERE WERE NO PARADES
BUT WE WILL REMEMBER THEM
Lest we Forget

MURGON
POLICE STATION

St Joey's Staff have joined in with the Ray of Sunshine South Burnett to share some hope and happiness. Have a beautiful day!

Unite against COVID-19

COVID-19 Update (as at 4pm, 1 May 2020)

Overview and key developments

- As at 7.00am Friday 1 May, Queensland has recorded 1033 confirmed cases, with no new cases since yesterday. This includes 948 cases who have recovered.
- As at 6.00am Friday 1 May, Australia has recorded 6762 confirmed cases, 16 more than yesterday. Of the 6762 confirmed cases nationally, 92 have died from COVID-19. Six of these deaths have been Queenslanders.
- **Today marks 100 days** since Queensland declared the virus a public health incident of state significance on 21 January 2020.
- Queensland will start to ease restrictions this weekend. From tomorrow (2 May), **Queenslanders may leave their home for some recreational activities**, but they must practice social distancing, good hygiene, only go out with one other person or the people they live with and stay within 50kms of home. Visit: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/gatherings.
- Authorities are pleading with Queenslanders to **drive safely** this long weekend, with eight more lives lost this year, compared to the same time in 2019. Police are increasing speed detection activities, including the use of random speed cameras and proactive patrols.
- **If you are on the water**, social distancing rules always apply – special attention must be paid at congestion areas like boat ramps and refuelling points. Additionally, there is also the unnecessary contact risks you may create if you need assistance when out of the water so prepare well before departing. Boaties should be on their boat alone, or with no more than one other person; or with family who ordinarily live in the same household.
- National Cabinet met today. Federal Government announced **$205 million to Aged Care providers** across the country. Providers will receive a $900 per bed support payment, or $1350 for facilities in residential areas.
- The National Cabinet will make a decision on **relaxing national restrictions next Friday**.
- The Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (**QCAT**) has made changes to its operations in response to the emerging situation. QCAT has also finalised how it will hear disputes in accordance with new COVID-19/residential tenancy laws in force from 24 April. For more information visit www.qcat.qld.gov.au/about-qcat/covid-19.
- Biosecurity restrictions regarding **entry and re-entry into remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities** remain in place. For example, if you are on Palm Island and travel to Townsville, or are in Yarrabah and travel to Cairns, you will need to ensure you adhere to the Biosecurity restrictions including quarantine requirements. People travelling outside of the designated area for personal reasons such as for shopping, recreation including fishing, or visiting family and friends, must factor quarantine time and costs into their travel plans. For more information: www.datsip.qld.gov.au/coronavirus.

Public Health advice

- Wash hands often and properly with soap and water, or use alcohol-based rub.
- Practise social distancing, which means:
  - Stay home as much as possible.
  - Keep 1.5 metres away from others as much as possible.
  - Avoid shaking hands, kissing or hugging others.
  - If you can, work from home.
  - Limit outdoor gatherings to two people, unless you live in the same household.

- The number of people in a household is limited to the usual occupants, plus two visitors who are family or close friends.
- Currently, all Australians must stay home unless leaving for essential reasons, such as:
  - shopping for essentials - food and necessary supplies;
  - medical or health care needs, including compassionate requirements;
  - exercise in compliance with the public gathering requirements;
  - work and study if you can't work or learn remotely.
- The Queensland Government is urging Queenslanders to book in for their **flu vaccination** as soon as possible with the peak season from June to September. Vaccinations are available at doctors' surgeries, local pharmacies or at the workplace.
- A Queensland **COVID-19 data website** provides a regional breakdown of COVID-19 numbers by Local Government Area and is updated daily. For further information, visit http://health.qld.gov.au/covid-data.
- Any form of aggression or violence towards Queensland Government staff will not be tolerated. During the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, any person who intentionally coughs, sneezes or spits at a public official or other worker, or threatens to do so, can be fined up to $13,345, and may also face criminal charges.
- **Testing has been expanded** in Queensland and may be done for people who have fever (or history of fever) OR acute respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, shortness of breath). If you are unwell and you meet the above criteria, you should contact a doctor immediately. Your doctor will decide if you need to be tested for COVID-19. For more information on testing and self-quarantine requirements visit: www.health.qld.gov.au/coronavirus.

Other services

- In line with the National Cabinet announcement last week, and in recognition of the excellent work that has been done to flatten the curve, Queensland Health has begun to **gradually** . **reintroduce services** that were previously postponed to allow our hospitals to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes specialist outpatient appointments, cancer screening services, elective surgery and gastrointestinal endoscopies. Every Hospital and Health Service has its own plan appropriate to them, their circumstances and the needs of their local communities. How and when this is implemented will look different for each health service as they consider their current demand, capacity, PPE stock and resourcing.
- As long as good hygiene and social distancing is practised, family members can visit their loved ones in **aged care homes**. From today, **visitors to residential aged care facilities** must be up-to-date with an influenza vaccination, if the vaccination is available to them.
- **Taxi and rideshare services** are running but standard social distancing measures should be followed.
- The Australian Government has launched a voluntary **coronavirus contact tracing app, COVIDSafe**. The app is an important initiative to help slow the spread of coronavirus through early notification of possible exposure. COVIDSafe is available on both iOS and Android. Visit www.covidsafe.gov.au.
- Government funded quarantine is available in **Cairns for people currently living away from home** due to the Biosecurity determination restrictions. Travel plans will be put in place for residents to ensure that they can return home once they have completed quarantine.
- Anyone returning to Queensland from interstate will require a **border pass** to cross back into Queensland. Travellers to Queensland from other states and territories will not be allowed to enter, unless they are an exempt person. For more information: https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass.
- **COVID-19 hotspots** are listed on the Queensland Health website, along with an update to the Border Restrictions Direction (No 4). Anyone returning to Queensland who has been in a COVID-19 declared

hotspot in the last 14 days will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days, unless they meet an exemption category.

- The Queensland Government has announced a **five-point plan for seasonal workers** during the regional harvest season covering self-isolation, a health management plan, communication, additional compliance measures and ways to ensure local disaster management groups have appropriate information. Further information: http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2020/4/29/queenslands-annual-harvest-season-can-go-ahead-safely-and-effectively-during-covid19.

Financial assistance

- The Queensland Government will waive more than $33.8 million in **State land rent** for 1 April to 30 September 2020 to help support business during COVID-19. Land rent relief applies to Land Act lessees, licensees or permit to occupy holders who conduct a business on state land.
- An **online rental hub** has information and resources to help tenants, property owners and agents. Visit covid19.qld.gov.au/the-hub.
- An **online jobs portal** is available to connect Queenslanders who have lost their jobs due to COVID-19 with new job opportunities. Visit www.jobsfinder.qld.gov.au.
- Several changes have been made to help Queenslanders with costs and requirements relating to **personal and business vehicle registration** if they are not currently using the vehicle. There is also a freeze on heavy vehicle registration fees until 30 June 2021. For more information: https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration.
- For information on all financial assistance and business and industry support announced by the Queensland Government, visit https://www.business.qld.gov.au/ and www.covid19.qld.gov.au/.
- The Australian Government has announced a range of support measures including the JobKeeper payment, Higher Education Relief Package, Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package and a Jobs Hub. For more details on Australian Government measures and assistance, visit www.australia.gov.au.
- **Centrelink** - If you're affected by coronavirus (COVID-19), you can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/.

Community assistance

- Australians are urged to donate blood to maintain our blood reserves in the coming months.
- To support seniors who don't have family, friends or neighbours, register for the Care Army on the Community Recovery Hotline 1800 173 349 or at qld.gov.au/CareArmy.
- Translated Australian and Queensland health resources on COVID-19 are available at www.covid19.qld.gov.au/translations-and-resources.
- People experiencing domestic and family violence may be vulnerable during periods of isolation. For help call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) or visit www.qld.gov.au/domesticviolence.
- A domestic and family violence reporting tool is available: https://www.police.qld.gov.au/domestic-violence.
- Counselling services for anyone at any time are available from www.lifeline.org.au or phone 13 11 14.
- Additional Mental Health services and resources are available here: https://www.qld.gov.au/health/mental-health/help-lines/services.
- In support of mental health at this difficult time, the Australian Government has announced a new Beyond Blue coronavirus mental wellbeing service (https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/ or 1800 512 348).

GrantConnect - New Grant Opportunities and/or Forecast

eSafety Commissioner: Online Safety Grants Program, Community Safety

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Stand up for our region's small businesses

LNP Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, is calling on local residents to stand up for small businesses that have been ignored by the Government in the Covid-19 crisis.

Mrs Frecklington said Queensland was the only state where small businesses were not being given emergency assistance grants by their State Government.

"I'm urging residents to sign a petition demanding the Government reverse its decision.

"There are more than 438,000 small businesses in Queensland, including thousands right here in the South Burnett, and they are doing it tough right now.

"I'm asking people who value our small businesses to sign our petition and send a message to the State Government that they must act.

"It's time to give our small businesses in the South Burnett the same support that small businesses get in every other state."

Around 97% of Queensland's small businesses have not received a dollar of coronavirus payroll tax relief as their annual wage bills do not meet the $1.3m payroll tax threshold.

Meanwhile, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia have all introduced direct grants of between $10,000 - $17,500 for small businesses.

Please sign the petition at queensland.typeform.com/to/dX92Rp

Re-think dam demolition plan !

Halt the demolition of the Paradise Dam spillway as the Commission of Inquiry hands its report to the Government.

The Government has pressed ahead with the proposed tearing down of the spillway despite growing evidence that the dam can be repaired – and at a fraction of the $100m the Government plans to spend.

"The future of jobs and businesses across the region depend on Paradise Dam.

Look at all of the evidence, consider the economic future of the Wide Bay Burnett region and stop the demolition." And look closely at the independent advice of US dam expert Dr Paul Rizzo, who has reported that the dam can be repaired for $25m.

"Water means jobs and jobs are desperately needed in the Wide Bay right now,"

"More than 1000 people became unemployed in the region in March, and that was before coronavirus restrictions began to hit the economy.

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Waiter: "What then, is it too cold?"

Guest: "No. Please try my soup."

Waiter: "Is it too hot?"

Guest: "No it isn't. Can you just please try my soup"

Waiter: "But there's no spoon."

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Humbled to be re-elected

Thank you to everyone who supported me in the Election. I feel humbled and privileged to serve you for another four years. I have a wonderful community to work with, and I am eager to do as much as I can to help progress our region. I am always keen to hear feedback on what you would like to see happen or if you have issues or projects to progress. Please keep in touch and let me know if you are happy or unhappy with what is happening.

New positions on Council.

There have been quite a few changes in Council. We now have a new Mayor, Brett Otto and a new Deputy Mayor, Cr Gavin Jones. Ros Heit has been replaced by Cr Scott Henschen and Terry Fleischfresser has been replaced by Cr Kirstie Schumacher. My Portfolio is Rural Resilience, Parks & Gardens, Properties, Facilities and Indigenous Affairs. I am looking forward to working with the new team for a challenging and exciting four years.

Coronavirus affecting everyone

Thank you to everyone in our community who has continued to do the right thing with physical distancing and embracing the changes that keep coming. It has been challenging for Council with most of our facilities closed. We have a strong Disaster Management Team and a Disaster Recovery Team who are meeting regularly to keep everyone updated as changes occur.

Anzac Day an Extra Special Touch this Year.

Anzac Day this year I think will be remembered by everyone for many years to come. It was magnificent to see so many people out on their footpaths at 6.00 am in the morning to honour our Anzacs. They will not be forgotten was the loud and clear message on our rural properties, in our villages, in our towns, in our cities and right across Australia. I felt proud to be an Aussie helping to keep the Anzac spirit alive.

Ray of Sunshine South Burnett

The colour yellow symbolises sunshine, hope & happiness. During this challenging time Cr Danita Potter and I, have launched the Ray of Sunshine South Burnett Facebook Page. Everyone is encouraged to wear some yellow, paint a picture or take a photo of a sunflower or a sunset or decorate your gate, your business or even just a room. It is about lifting everyone's morale, about advertising your business or simply to put a smile on someone else's face. Please help to spread some happiness by posting something with yellow on our Ray of Sunshine South Burnett Facebook Page.

One Million Dollar Drought Package

It is exciting to hear the great news that our Council has been approved to receive one million dollars' worth of drought projects for our region. For Murgon we are revamping the Queen Elizabeth Park Amenities and finally fixing up Burton's Lane behind the shops. In Proston the Hood Street drainage will be fixed which will also stop the walking track washing. The Show Pavilion will also have some work done on it as well as the Cloyna Hall. We will have around $209,000 to work with farmers to strengthen our rural communities and build resilience across our region.

JobKeeper Payment Package

It is really important that everyone who is eligible to apply

for the JobKeeper payments does not miss out. This is an opportunity to put millions of dollars back into our economy, so please talk to your accountant and find out if you are eligible. Please don't self-assess, ask the questions and check it out. The opportunity to enrol for the JobKeeper scheme has been extended to May 31st 2020.

Online Prayers

I have been working with The Barambah Minister's Association, the Kingaroy & District Minister's Association and Damien Martoo from the Martoo Review to produce online prayers for the whole region. Please check out the Facebook Page and watch the videos. We are all in this together and prayers are being said for our whole region.

We Have a Wonderful Community & Help is Available

There are lots of people in our community doing great things to help during this challenging time. Graham House are offering Care Packs to people in our community each week. If you know someone who is struggling, isolated or needs a little cheer you can call Graham House on 4169 8400. Murgon Fruit Mart have been offering a click and collect for a contactless collection of pre-ordered groceries and they have a big yellow smiley face on their shop to promote Ray of Sunshine South Burnett. BIEDO has been very active with Breakky with BIEDO each Wednesday morning at 7.00am. I would encourage you to check out their Facebook Page for details with extra promotions this month as it is Qld Small Business Month. A big thank you to everyone who is helping in any way to make life easier for others.

Contact Details

Please contact me if you have an issue that you would like me to follow up. Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council (Deputy Mayor)

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The **designated COVID-19 landing page on our website** continues to be updated frequently with the most relevant and up-to-date COVID-19 information and resources for businesses and individuals. New information added just this week includes the State Government's Coronavirus Business Assistance Finder, which is an easy-to-use tool for businesses working out what support they may be eligible for.

We also acknowledge that businesses continue to be impacted by drought across the Wide Bay region, which remains fully drought declared. Don't forget to access our Hand Up resource for details on where to find support if your business or family is feeling the effects of drought. There is also new support available through the **Professional Services Fund** for those working with small business financial counsellors to access additional, specialist third party advice on financial and business planning. For more information on this scheme, please consult this fact sheet from the Small Business Financial Counselling Service Southern Queensland.

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Additional support for Wide Bay charities and community organisations

Charities and community organisations in Wide Bay will receive immediate funding to help them continue to support local people in the wake of the coronavirus economic downturn, Federal Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien announced today.

"There are many people in Wide Bay who are doing it tough right now, and this much-needed funding boost will help local groups continue their support including emergency cash payments and food, as well as help with everyday bills, transport and school supplies," Mr O'Brien said.

"Many people reaching out to these services may have never needed this type of assistance before, so it's important we have this support in place to help people through this pandemic and help them recover when it's over."

As part of the Australian Government's new Community Support Package, organisations in the Wide Bay region will receive an additional $775,015, and organisations in the Sunshine Coast area will receive a $496,453 boost.

The funding will be shared between organisations including Community Action Inc, Graham House Community Centre, Regional Housing Limited, St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland, The Salvation Army, IFYS Limited and United Synergies Ltd.

Mr O'Brien said the Commonwealth funded providers would be working with other local organisations to ensure people can quickly access the assistance.

"I encourage local organisations and charities in Wide Bay to work with the providers to ensure that the people who need support can receive it, when and where they need it," he said.

Minister for Families and Social Services Anne Ruston said the Morrison Government understands this is a trying time for relief providers facing rapidly increasing demand while dealing with challenges in maintaining the workforce and distribution lines needed to operate.

"This funding injection will enable Wide Bay organisations to streamline supply chains, increase workforce capacity and help increase local support and outreach services," Minister Ruston said.

Contact details for funded providers can be found on the Department of Social Services' directory at https://serviceproviders.dss.gov.au/

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From Saturday 2 May, until further notice, access to both Lake Boondooma and Bjelke Petersen Dams will be limited to:

Open to the public between 6am and 6pm, with the gates locked at the end of each day.

One boat ramp together with one public amenity block nearest to the boat ramp will be available for use.

Fishing and boating activities only (Restrictions will remain on swimming, camping and some facilities at our sites - barbecue facilities, campgrounds, kiosks and fuel will remain closed).

Social distancing and hygiene must be maintained.

Visitors must stay within 50km of their principal place of residence.

Strictly no camping.

South Burnett Regional Council reinforces that this easing of restrictions is to allow the community to engage in limited recreational activities however, should the above social distancing and restrictions not be followed, access may be reviewed.

The LDMG, in conjunction with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) will be strictly enforcing these restrictions. The QPS will be maintaining a highly visible presence in high traffic areas along with patrolling high risk and recreational assets. The LDMG also reiterates, if you do not live within a 50km radius of the recreational asset, please do not access the area.

The LDMG welcomes the easing of restrictions and thanks the good work of all community members in preventing the spread and helping to 'flatten the curve'. Council reminds residents to join us with 'flattening the curve' by ensuring hygiene practices are in place and minimising contact where possible.

Council, through the LDMG, continues to liaise with relevant authorities and will advise on any changes as they occur. Decisions on closures will continue to be reviewed in accordance with the Queensland Government advice. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and appreciates your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these arrangements, please contact Council by phone on 4189 9100 or email.

For further information:

View the Media Statement - Seqwater and Sunwater dams to reopen here.

View the Qld Gov Factsheet – Changes to being out and about in Queensland flyer here.

View the Qld Gov Factsheet – Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering Direction (No.2) – Questions and answers about staying home and going out in Queensland here.

View the QPS Flyer - Some restrictions will be eased from Saturday, May 2 here.

Map – Boondooma Dam 50km radius

Map – Bjelke Petersen Dam 50km radius

Map – Bunya Mountains 50km radius

Table – 50km radius travel

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