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

MURGON FLOOD RECOVERY BREAKFAST ATTRACTS LARGE DONORS



Ph L-R: Richard O'Neill OAM Board Member, Bendigo Bank Senior Manager David Poole, Amy Wicks Board Member, Anne Woodrow Bendigo Bank Manager and Ron Murphy Blazeaid Coordinator.



The flood recovery fundraising breakfast at Murgon raised significant funds for the rural charity BlazeAid on Thursday. The breakfast is one of a series held throughout the region sponsored by the South Burnett Regional Council.

CEO Mark Pitt, who officiated at the barbecue, expressed warm appreciation to Bendigo Bank for their \$10,000 donation to help farmers hit by recent floods with some of the funds to be spent in local businesses.

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“As BlazeAid says, when farmers suffer, so does all the community around them. It is wonderful to see local businesses make such generous contributions,” said Mr Pitt.

Other notable contributions included: -

- Jason and Amy Wicks successfully bid \$600 for a donated Crinkle Cut sculpture
- Alicia’s Spa & Hair Worx and Crow’s Barbershop donated their discounted haircut earnings back to BlazeAid
- Dr Graham McAllister and wife Sue from the Murgon Family Medical Practice donated \$1,000

“Add to these the voluntary work of staff from the Council and the generosity of members of the public and local Councillors, and we have a very successful outcome from the breakfast,” said CEO Mark Pitt.

Thank you Also Crinkle Creek for the dog donation, Paul Pratt the auctioneer & Amy Wicks the purchaser, BlazeAid & Marg Enkelmann, Matt Collins & the Council staff & everyone who helped to make it a great morning!!

Kingaroy Transformation Project MiBOOKnimises Budget Increase to Meet Impacts of Construction Industry Inflation, Supply Shortages and Heavy Rainfall Events

The South Burnett Regional Council has voted to increase the budget of the Kingaroy

Transformation Project to meet impacts of construction industry inflation, supply shortages and heavy rainfall events. The increase is anticipated to be approximately 6.4% of Council’s project budget, with a value of \$900,000. Construction prices across the country continue to skyrocket with Australian Bureau of Statistics today announcing it is now tracking inflation as the highest rises on record since the introduction of the GST.

Council was provided with a comprehensive report detailing the impact to construction across the country of the past 18 months caused by government stimulus and heavy activity in building and infrastructure sectors combined with the short supply impacts across the economy caused by COVID-19. Since the completion of the estimate for

the KTP construction, the Australian Bureau of Statistics reports that inflation across building construction and civil industries has increased between 7% and 16%, along with significant delays in product availability. As a comparison, inflation on residential building costs were tracked escalating some 27% over the same period.

Council also has been impacted by ongoing wet weather events with the region disaster declared three times in recent months. The BOM registered some 509mm of rainfall from October to December 2021 which was a peak construction period and required the project to adapt its construction methodology to remain on schedule.

Considering the impact of market and weather conditions, the KTP Project Team advised Council that the cost increase to the project could be some \$1.5M to \$2M. However, due to current efficiencies and acceleration of the KTP program it is anticipated that this be limited to approximately 6.4% of Council’s budget with an increase of \$900,000. With significant budget of the project still remaining, the forward forecast was provided to give Council early consideration regarding the project’s future.

Council’s decision to approve additional budget as part of its available funds in 2022/23 infrastructure budget ensures that the Kingaroy Transformation Project will deliver highquality infrastructure to support community liveability and the economy objectives long into the future.

The project’s civil construction schedule continues to accelerate with final landscaping, lighting and footpath surfacing expected to commence in the coming weeks.

The Kingaroy Transformation Project is a jointly funded project between the Australian Government’s Building Better Regions Fund and South Burnett Regional Council.

For further information regarding the project, please contact Council’s KTP team on (07) 4189 9100 or email KTP@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

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Melinda Tankard Reist

Does your child have a phone?

If they do, it is highly possible they have already viewed pornography on their devices. The average age of children who have been exposed to porn is 8-11. 64% of children are learning about sex from watching porn. One in ten visitors to porn sites is under 10 years old.

These statistics are shocking and scary. That is why Sistas in Sync invite Melinda to speak to school students about these issues.

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"It takes a village to raise a child".

Most young people think that what they are being told by their peers, by social media, by television shows or even porn sites is normal.

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Melinda and Daniel specialise in presentations for students, teachers and parents.

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- Navigating a Sexed-up World, • Positive Bodies

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- Too Much Too Young, • The Sexual World of the 21st Century Adolescent, • Everyday Trafficking
- A Call to Action, • Pornography and Violence

This project is sponsored by Sistas In Sync Inc. and will cost approximately \$15000 so we need YOUR help!

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But wait.... there's more for Murgon

A relaxing visit to Moffatdale Boutique Markets where BlazeAid Murgon was recipient of over \$300 from entry fees.

A special and heartfelt 'Thank you' to Sandy and Bev from Rotary Kingaroy for arranging the donation and to Felicity who runs the market. Your support is certainly appreciated.

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Deb announces community grant winners

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington has announced the four winners of the March 2022 round of her Local Hero Grants.

Mrs Frecklington said the grants will go to groups ranging from disability services, to sporting groups and early childhood education.

"These are modest but meaningful grants of \$250 to help clubs achieve those smaller projects," Mrs Frecklington said.

The winners of the March 2022 round are:

- Nanango & District Netball Assoc – new match balls, team bibs and uniforms
- Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club – stationery supplies to help with organisation of the upcoming Qld Heritage Rally (16th – 18th Sept)
- Kingaroy Kindergarten P& C Assoc – Purchase new resources
- Nanango Community Centre – Help build a ramp to improve access to facility

The Local Hero Grants are in their seventh year and are designed to provide small donations to not-for-profit community groups and individuals from across the Nanango Electorate.

Four grants of up to \$250 each are available in three rounds per year. The next round closes on 31 August and information can be found at <https://debfrecklington.com.au/online-office/debs-local-hero-grants>

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Goomeri Polished floors throughout. Open plan living and dining. Modern built in kitchen. Air conditioned living area. Modern bathroom with shower and bath. Single carport with lockable storage at the rear.

Fully and well fenced yard. Town and tank water to the house. Currently rented at \$230 pwk. \$300,000



Murgon - A delightfully renovated highset Queenslander home polished hardwood floors, high ceilings and character galore . Nicely renovated with modern kitchen, air

conditioned lounge, dining area. 3 bedrooms with built in robes the main having a walk in robe and ensuite with bath and shower. The family bathroom has a shower over the bath. There is a 3rd toilet at the back of the property. Enclosed under for a vehicle, laundry and storage. Fenced back yard. A very tidy and well maintained property full of Queenslander charm and sitting waiting for you to make it your own. \$280,000



Murgon. Established many years our owner is now looking to retire. Wanting to hand the business over to new hands. To be sold strictly on a Walk In Walk Out Basis.

The workshop is fully and well equipped for all aspects of timber and joinery work. There is a separate air conditioned office and showroom. Concrete driveway. The land area is 899m2 and access is available from either side of the shed to the rear of the property. Comprehensive list of equipment available. \$310,000

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Kathy's Comments

Murgon Farmer's Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make the farmer's breakfast a great morning in QEII Park Murgon. Thank you to Bendigo Bank for the amazing \$10,000 cheque for BlazeAid and Dr Graham McAllister and Sue for your donation to the farmers. A big shout out to Tyrone Murray and Alicia Pigeon for donating your time to cut hair and raise some dollars for the farmers. Thank you also to Marg Enkelmann for your powerful speech about how the flood affects our farmers and to Ron Murphy from BlazeAid for your kind words. Thank you also to the Council staff who helped cater and prepare the grounds for the event and to everyone who came along and dug deep into their pockets to help our farmers out.

Murgon Shops up for Lease

The Murgon Shops in front of the Town Hall are newly painted and renovated and available for lease. There are three shops located at 66 to 70 Lamb St Murgon. There have been quite a few enquiries so let's hope that we have received lots of Expressions of Interest and we get some good tenants in there.

Expressions of Interest for Council Mowers

Council has decided to donate 6 mowers that have been used by the outdoor staff and are to be replaced this year. Recipients will need to take over the ongoing maintenance and running costs of the mowers which have been regularly serviced and are in good condition. Expressions of Interest from South Burnett not-for profit community groups are being looked at with priority given to those that are offering to maintain Council-controlled land. Any interested groups can email info@sbrcc.qld.gov.au or call for details on 41899100.

Volunteering for our VICs

I had a great time volunteering at the Visitor Information Centre in Murgon on Market Day, I was amazed at the number of visitors who popped in and it was interesting to see just how much information that the Centre has available. Thank you to all those volunteers who showcase our region by working in our Visitor Information Centres. I would love to return it to how it used to be, with our VICs open 7 days a week. To ensure accreditation we need to be able to do that. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Council on 41899100.

South Burnett Festival of the Dams

The South Burnett Festival of the dams is being held again this year on the 22nd and 23rd of May. It will be capped at 40 teams and entries close on Saturday 21st May at 7am unless filled prior. For more information and to register go onto Council's website and follow the links.

Hivesville Markets up and running again.

Well done to the Hivesville Progress Association on starting up the markets again in Hivesville albeit in a different location. I thought that the new location in Memorial Park worked really well. The tacos were a great addition and thank you to Mayor Otto for travelling out to Hivesville on a Sunday to help to support the committee and the community. The committee plan to continue on the same date of the month as the previous Hivesville Markets which is the fourth Sunday of every month.



Please put the date in your diaries and support the Hivesville Markets.

Proston Happenings

It was great to have Visit South Burnett visit Proston and share a meal at the Proston Golf Club. On the same night Proston hosted a meet and greet to relaunch the Round Table. It was a successful event with some new people coming along. Thank you to Visit South Burnett for dropping into the town hall to provide some ideas and opportunities for how the group can help to promote Proston events and activities through their networks.

Booodooma Homestead Spirit of the Bush

I had the pleasure of officially open this Year's Spirit of the Bush Music Muster at Booodooma Homestead. It was another successful week and hats off to the volunteers for the magnificent job they did looking after the visitors from Tuesday through to Sunday. I attended a beautiful Church Service in the Homestead gardens on the Sunday morning with the Homestead as the backdrop. I refer to this area as "Nature's Cathedral" from the song written by Buddy Thomson.

Anzac Day across our Region

I had the privilege of attending four services, the Proston State School, the Hivesville Dawn and the Cherbourg and Murgon Commemorative Services. I was really pleased to see the large attendances and the way that the community supported these wonderful services. It was really good to see so many young people involved. Well done to everyone and thank you to the Parks and Garden staff in all of the towns for the way the parks and gardens were presented for this special day.

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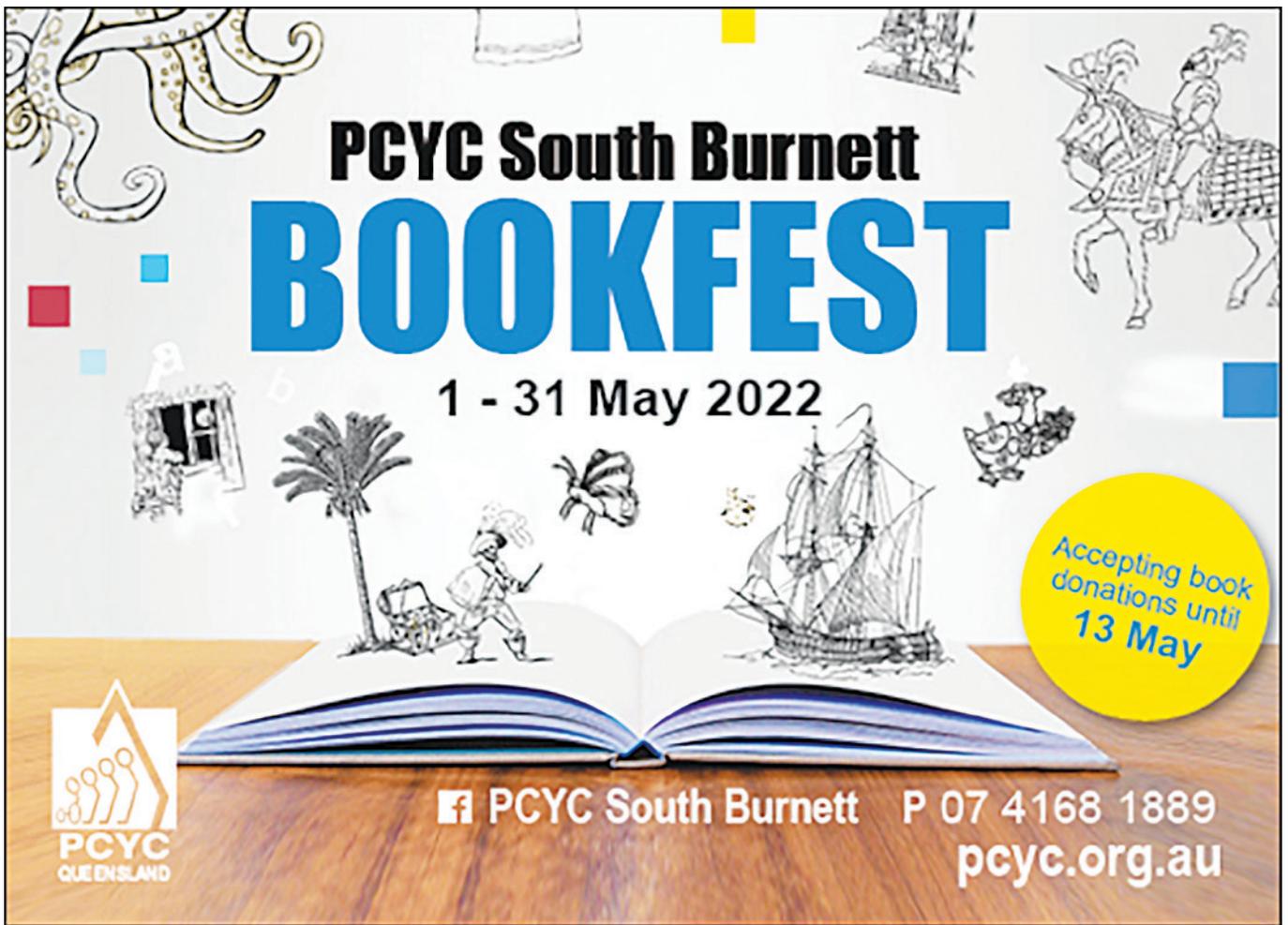
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Caring for our Community



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Don't forget bookfest is happening the whole month of May We are starting to full up our shelves and tables. If you have any unwanted book donations they can be dropped off at the PCYC during business hours. Monday-Thursday 8am-11am or 2pm-6pm, Friday - 8am-11am or 2pm-4pm

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- 4 May, **Mundubbera Hospital**, ph 4165 5200
- 5 May, **Gayndah Medial Practice**, phe 4161 3571
- 10 May, **Wondai Community Ctre**, ph 0408 762 170
- 11 May, **Kingaroy Community Health**, ph 4162 0510
- 12 May, **Nanango Medical Centre**, ph 4163 1777
- 17 May, **Monto Medical Centre**, ph 4166 1213
- 18 May, **Monto Medical Centre**, ph 4166 1213
- 23 May, **Proston Community Health**, ph 4168 9288
- 24 May, **Nanango Hospital**, ph 4171 6700
- 25 May, **Kingaroy Medical Centre**, ph 4564 7101
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RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISING KICKS OFF WITH SAPPER VETERAN



Afghanistan veteran, Sapper Sean Mulqueen, is the guest speaker at the Relay for Life Mayor's Breakfast fundraiser at the Blackbutt Hall on Friday May 6.

A Combat Engineer, Sean was posted to Afghanistan in 2010 to look for roadside bombs.

He was injured and returned home to eventually set up a veterans' charity, '42 for 42', to commemorate Australian soldiers lost in the campaign by helping returned veterans.

"We are honoured to have an Australian of the calibre of Sean Mulqueen as the guest speaker to launch our 2022 South Burnett Relay for Life campaign," said Mayor Brett Otto.

The South Burnett fundraising goal for 2022 is \$114,000 for the Cancer charity Relay for Life. "We've got a wonderful record to keep up as one of the highest fundraisers in the state," said Mayor Otto.

"Even in 2020 when every relay had to be cancelled because of COVID, the community still managed to raise \$60,000."

The Mayor urged South Burnett residents and businesspeople to come along to the breakfast and show their support for such an important charity.

Relay For Life has become the largest fundraising event for cancer in the world, celebrated by more than 4 million people in over 20 countries. Relays are now held in every Australian State and Territory, with more than 134,000 participants raising over \$14 million each year.

Every dollar raised goes towards funding Cancer Council's vital research, prevention, and support programs, many of which help people in the South Burnett community every day.

Through support from events like Relay For Life, more than 61,000 Australian lives have been saved over the last 20 years. Improvements in cancer prevention and screening and advances to cancer treatments are only possible through the support of local fundraisers.

"By continuing to participate in Relay For Life we will save more lives," said Mayor Otto.

\$30 tickets for the breakfast can be pre-purchased at the Kingaroy Customer Service Centre.

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PROGRESS ON KERBSIDE RECYCLING

Kerbside recycling bins were considered at a workshop undertaken by South Burnett Councillors last Thursday. The workshop was in response to a Council resolution in January to investigate the introduction of a kerbside recycling service.

“Council will be engaging with the community to better understand residents’ views on kerbside recycling to inform future decisionmaking,” said Mayor Brett Otto.

Discussions during the workshop explored the community’s readiness for a recycling service, opportunities to divert FOGO (food organics and garden organics) from landfill, areas of service and frequency of collection.

The South Burnett already has facilities for e-waste recycling. Kerbside recycling would add the next step to improved environmental outcomes for the region.

There was also conversation regarding the desire to support local operations such as the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) managed by the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

Workshop participants agreed that the upcoming expiry of both the South Burnett Waste

Management Strategy and the current waste collection contract presents the perfect opportunity to explore these themes with the community and other stakeholders.

The waste contract is a significant contract for Council in terms of its multi-million-dollar cost and long-term duration.

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Reconnecting at-risk Indigenous youth in Cherbourg

The Liberal and Nationals Government is investing \$400,000 in Cherbourg to help Indigenous young people improve their mental health and reduce the risk of self-harm.

The new grant will support the development of a Youth Advisory Group to administer a range of programs, including youth leadership workshops, an Annual Cherbourg Youth Festival, an online art store, the Cherbourg NAIDOC Ball, cultural exchanges, and a twice-annual Youth Forum, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

"The Youth Advisory Group will influence priority projects providing young people with a platform to advocate their concerns and ensuring that they are represented, valued and respected," Mr O'Brien said.

"This will be done through a range of activities and by creating networks and partnerships in the community, giving youth a voice and inclusion on community decisions, as well as mentorship."

Mr O'Brien has worked closely with the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to improve mental health outcomes for Cherbourg youth.

The Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture program has been co-designed with the Cherbourg community to improve mental health by reconnecting youth with their traditional culture.

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Chatur Zala said the \$400,000 funding allocated in the Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture IYCC program would allow three years of programs for youth, including mentorship and sporting events.

"These activities are designed to improve the wellbeing of young Indigenous people in Cherbourg, which will build resilience and reduce anti-social behaviour," Mr Zala said.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Llew for his support to our community to get this very important funding."

This program contributes to Target 14 of the new National Agreement on Closing the Gap, aiming to achieve a significant and sustained reduction in the suicide of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples towards zero.

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1st Speaker: John Allen was a farmer in the Glasshouse area before buying property in Byee and Mondure areas. John will have a story to tell about his time in these areas.

2nd Speaker: Les Penroes is a chaplain of the Proston, Nanango and Kilkivan schools. Les will share what chaplains do and how they help children during their school years.

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spent themselves. It didn't include camping fees at the dam or the Barambah Bush Caravan Park, and it didn't include what Rotary spent locally to hold the event.

It's a major event for our town and district and we will be asking for support in the months to come, especially as we have so few members left in the Club.

If you want to register your interest to help, or become a member of our Club, please contact Heath Sander 0418 786 007; Glenn Kapernick 0439 669 786; or Greg Wessling 0407 736 886.

As we've mentioned before, our Club may be called the Rotary Club of Murgon, but its members have come from all areas surrounding Murgon over the years and it has helped organisations which support the whole of the South Burnett and has supported children from various local towns in personal development programmes. The Club belongs to our whole district but it needs new members to be able to continue to support our local area and donate funds for worthy causes. What a loss it would be to lose such an organisation.



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The South Burnett Regional Council's Advocacy Action Plan 2022, Our Priorities for a Stronger

South Burnett was officially launched today by Mayor Brett Otto. The Advocacy Plan promotes

the infrastructure and funding needs of the region to state and federal decisionmakers.

"The South Burnett has a great future, but it depends on putting our case successfully to other levels of government. Funding decisions on water, roads, industry, digital access and social services are highly competitive. The South Burnett now has a document we can put in the hands of state and federal MPs and Ministers and those seeking political office," said Mayor Otto.

"I'd like to thank local councillors who worked hard putting this plan together, recognising

that unity of purpose will help deliver crucial benefits for the South Burnett."

"This is transformation time for the region. Urgent investment is required to give rural and regional communities a fair go and to give all of our communities the same opportunities and living standards as those living in our cities."

Key priorities of the Action Plan include: -

- Increased affordable housing supply and improved community health services
- Increase in agricultural water supply and reliability, with assessment of Gordonbrook

Dam for irrigation use, off-site water collection from Boondooma, new water for Blackbutt irrigators, the Barill Weir and a potential weir project on the West Barambah Catchment

- Improved road infrastructure including the Mundubbera-Durong Road, Memerambi – Gordonbrook Road, Kingaroy Barkers Creek Road, and Byee Road; upgrade of guardrails and bridges
- Critical transport assets including rail trails and cycleways
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South Burnett Libraries Collection Spotlight

Did you know that as a member of South Burnett Libraries you are able to suggest a title to be added to the collection? Our service aims to provide resources that meet the needs of our community, so if there is a particular item you are chasing, please talk to your local library team member. Each request will be considered in accordance with the Libraries Collection Development Policy, which is available to peruse on the South Burnett Regional Council website.

Check out these amazing titles that have recently been requested by library members...

National Simultaneous Story Time



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated

by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes.

This year NSS takes place on **Wednesday 25 May 2022 at 11:00am** and South Burnett Libraries would love it if you could join in the fun! Each branch will be hosting special NSS events so be sure to keep an eye on the South Burnett Libraries Facebook and Instagram pages. We'd love to see you!

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Funding to reduce natural disaster risk and build resilience in Cherbourg

Cherbourg will prepare to beat this summer's bushfire season thanks to an Australian Government grant of \$89,450.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the Cherbourg community knows what it needs when it comes to reducing their level of risk to bushfires.

"It shouldn't be up to a bureaucrat in Canberra to decide how to beat bushfires in Cherbourg. We are funding Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council because they have local knowledge and experience to reduce the natural disaster risk level in their patch," Mr O'Brien said.

"This funding helps improve Cherbourg's local disaster preparedness and reduces the cost to the community and taxpayers through projects that build resilience."

The funding will be delivered through the Preparing Australian Communities Program, an investment by the Liberal Nationals Government of \$600 million over six years to build the nation's resilience to natural disasters.

The Cherbourg Fire Mitigation Project 2022 was one of 158 projects across the country that shared \$150 million from the Commonwealth Government.

"Disasters currently cost Australian taxpayers \$18.2 billion per year and it's expected to rise to \$39 billion per year by 2050, even without increased frequency and intensity of weather events," Mr O'Brien said.

"This funding is designed to prepare the Cherbourg community against the risk of bushfire, through a range of risk-reduction projects, including firebreaks, prescribed burns, tree lopping, removing fuel loads and delivering a community education awareness campaign about bushfire hazards and the need for disaster preparedness."

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council CEO Chatur Zala said the council would work closely with the local fire services to assist in back-burning and clearing major roads to ensure road access during a fire, particularly for fire trucks and emergency vehicles.

"It's been a very wet season which has left us with a high fuel load around access roads into remote locations,

as well as in the Wondai State Forest behind us, so it is essential for bushfire defence that we remove undergrowth, create fire breaks into remote locations, and undertake prescribed burns to create a fire break around the community," Mr Zala said.

Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience Bridget McKenzie said the Liberal and Nationals Government wants communities to be as prepared for and protected from the threat of natural disasters, as much as possible.

"We know that we can't disaster-proof the entire nation. However, by delivering this program, our Government is increasing disaster preparedness and resilience and reducing the costs in both time and money of recovery following future disasters. By reducing disaster risk, it's also anticipated that this investment will encourage reductions in insurance premiums," Minister McKenzie said.

For more information and a complete list of projects funded under Round One of the Preparing Australian Communities Program – Local stream, visit: <https://recovery.gov.au/disaster-risk-reduction/preparing-australia-program>





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I would like to thank everyone involved in the creation of this new facility, in particular the staff of Kingaroy Hospital for their professionalism and commitment during the construction over the past two years.

There is no doubt that this new building is of vital importance to the health and wellbeing of the people of the South Burnett.

It is a beautiful new building and my community deserves this investment. Deb Frecklington MP



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Charlie starts role as Youth Member for Nanango

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has officially welcomed Charlie Plant of Murgon to his new role as the 2022 Youth Member for Nanango.



Mrs Frecklington met with Charlie to congratulate him on his selection to the role and discuss issues relating to his assigned portfolio of Agricultural Industry, Resources and Rural Development.

“It was great to meet with Charlie and learn more about his aspirations for his time as the Nanango Youth Member,” Mrs Frecklington said.

“Charlie is studying to be a secondary school teacher at USQ and currently works as a Youth Worker with South Burnett CTC.

“He explained that he loves regional communities and small town culture, and is passionate about securing long-term economic viability and social cohesion for these communities.

“I was impressed with his passion for regional areas and we discussed the important role of the YMCA Youth Parliament process.

“These types of opportunities are so important for our young people so we can encourage them to get involved and learn more about how they can initiate change to tackle issues and help improve our

communities,” Deb said.

“The Youth Parliament program kicked off on 9th April with a three day forum in Brisbane, and Charlie will be involved in meetings with his Portfolio group throughout the year to write a Youth Bills and engage in community consultations.

“They will come back together in late September for a full sitting week at Parliament House in Brisbane to debate their Bills and deliver personal statements.

“Youth Parliament brings together 93 young people aged 15-25 each year to teach them about the government decision-making process, while providing an excellent leadership opportunity for young people like Charlie who may one day become our future decision makers,” she said.

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May 2022 Exhibition

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Travelling with Sue by Sue Lederhose (First Gallery)



The paintings in this exhibition are a snapshot of people and places that have caught Sue's eye. They cover a huge area from New Zealand to Thailand to Canada, and within Australia the Northern Territory and all over north and central Queensland. Sue paints to express herself, to capture the essence of something that interested her. It may be the light, a colour, shape, or a reflection or a shadow.

“Tole'd in Paper and Mixed Media” by Rosemarie Matthews-Frederick (Main Gallery)



After a skiing accident in the USA in 1999 Rosemarie attended a craft show in Brisbane and then decided to start doing Paper Tole. Starting with a few simple kits she was delighted with the results. She took some pieces to the local craft group who asked her to teach. Having only just begun herself she was reluctant but soon found herself not only teaching them but also learning how to frame her own work. As a result she is now a self-taught Paper

Tole Artist and Framer. She conducts workshops in Kingaroy and enjoys

teaching and seeing her student's faces when their work is finished and framed. Work by students who attend Rosemarie's workshops are included in this exhibition.

The Spice of Life by Sue Warry (Third Gallery)



Sue Warry is a Wondai local with a passion for all things creative. She trained in fashion design and pattern making at college and later, fashion illustration. She taught herself acrylic and mixed media painting techniques and her first solo exhibition was of textured mixed media with clay and acrylic paint. She recently found great challenge and reward in exploring the use of watercolours and also the fun of pen and wash as a medium. Exploring various styles is the greatest source of fun and this exhibition is no exception. While some artworks are carefully planned, others are born out of

experimentation as shapes are formed on the page and develop with line, colour, texture and shadow.

“Kidz Korner” Wheatlands State School

Opening Night: Friday 6th May, from 6pm \$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch, Wine will be served by Nuova Scuola (Barambah) Live Entertainment

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A blind man was walking down the street when his guide dog stopped and peed on his leg. Reaching into his pocket, he took out a biscuit and gave it to the dog. A passer-by who had seen everything was impressed with the man's kindness. That's a nice thing to do after what your dog just did.! Not really, replied the blind man, I just needed to find out where his mouth is so I can kick him in the backside.

COOPERATION HELPS FLOOD RECOVERY EVENTS

The South Burnett region has been fortunate to have rural charity BlazeAid help on the ground with recovery from recent flooding events.

South Burnett Regional Council CEO, Mark Pitt, said that recent fundraising events for BlazeAid have been well supported and farmers will soon see the results. "BlazeAid do a great job."

"I would also like to acknowledge assistance from the Australian government's National Recovery and Resilience Agency (NRRRA) which has contributed to covering the costs of Council's local fundraising and information events."

The NRRRA works hand-in-hand with communities, all levels of government, charities and agricultural organisations to give a voice back to the Australian Government on how natural disasters, drought and other challenges are affecting their families, businesses and communities.

"The flood recovery information sessions and successful fundraising breakfasts at Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango and Wondai, are worthy recipients of the federal funding," said Mr Pitt.

"It's great to see local and federal governments and charities like BlazeAid working together to benefit communities on the ground."

Wondai Flood Recovery breakfast in aid of BLAZE AID

A great morning and a big thank you to Council staff who volunteered and everyone who attended!!

Latest volunteer work figures 87 kms cleared, 53 kms rebuilt, 941 volunteer hours given.

Many thanks Blazeaid



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South Burnett Parkinson's Support Group

Our April meeting was held at the **Murgon Welfare Drop In Centre**. Fourteen people were in attendance. Several arrived wearing their best purple tops, scarves etc to show their support for Parkinson's Awareness Month. Our visitors included Doug and Bruce from the Murgon Cancer Group and Bev and Bill who are recent arrivals in Kingaroy.

To go with the month's purple theme, we had purple jokes (provided by Phenella), a Parkinson's poem (Lyn) and some purple "Show and Tell".

Ancy spoke about the Cooktown orchid, while Merrilyn talked about her original Nanango Music Muster shirt. Other items of interest included an infrared hat (Bill & Bev), a fancy sign device (Doug) and even a granddaughter's headband (Darryl). The creativity of the group certainly shone brightly.

There were plenty of purple prizes for unusual items with Carmen winning one for the smallest purple object (glasses).

Emily won a very useful bowl holder/warmer (locally made) for her Lucky Number choice. It was a happy group with Doug and Bruce full of good humour.

Next meeting: Monday May 30th. **Venue:** Graham House Murgon **Guest Speakers:** Kerry & Bob with another interesting first aid presentation. **Time:** 10.00 a.m.

All community members are welcome to attend. Without supporters the group would be very low in numbers. The group is friendly and meetings alternate between social events as well as local guest speakers. There is no joining fee. Contacts: **Darryl 41683116** or **Carmen 5486 1268**.

Parkinson's disease is a common disease which can affect a person at any age. It is a chronic disease for which there is presently no cure. Symptoms are varied and deterioration is often slow. People with Parkinson's can lead a changed but fulfilling life.

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SCHULZ, Clive Leslie, Late of Nambour formerly of Mondure

SENG, Harold Frederick, formerly of Murgon.



South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Brett Otto congratulated the Wakka Wakka people on the historic occasion of the handing down of the Federal Court Native Title determination on country today.

“It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the Wakka Wakka People as the traditional, and now, legally recognised native titleholders of approximately 9,393 square kilometres of land covered by this determination,” said Mayor Otto.

Mayor Otto paid tribute to Wakka Wakka family representatives and other First Nations elders and family members present.

“With the original Native Title Determination application lodged over 10 years ago in 2011, there has been an unwavering commitment from the Applicants, on behalf of all Wakka Wakka People to bring us to today.

“I acknowledge the dedication, determination and diligence in their efforts.

“South Burnett Regional Council has always had a great relationship and close friendship with the Wakka Wakka People.

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South Burnett Orchid Society Inc

We enjoyed a great time at the Wondai Garden Expo

We would like to thank the people who visited our stand and bought Orchid plants, we hope you enjoy them for years to come. Care for them and they will reward you with their magnificent beauty.

Our raffle was won by a supporter in Kingaroy.

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This year, on International Guide Dog Day, we are reinforcing with the media, our partners, supporters, businesses, and broader community the message that Guide Dogs legally have the same access rights as the person handling the Guide Dog.

While our education programs over many years have significantly improved awareness about access rights of our Guide Dogs and Guide Dogs in-training, a recent Guide Dogs survey highlighted there were still Queenslanders with a Guide Dog being denied access to public spaces, cafes, restaurants, businesses, and from some forms of transport including ride-shares and taxis.

In response to these concerning statistics and stories from Guide Dog handlers, Guide Dogs' Rethink Refusal campaign aims to educate businesses, industries and the community on how a Guide Dog refusal – illegal in the first place – can have further implications for the immediate safety of a person with low vision or blindness.

Today you may see and hear stories in the media of Guide Dog Handlers sharing their experiences with access and refusals. If you have your own stories to share - both of concerns and positive stories - please let us know by emailing media@guidedogsqld.com.au

I hope that you will join us today - and every day - in ensuring Guide Dog Handlers are able to live their life without refusals affecting their confidence and safety.

Kind regards, The team at Guide Dogs

We are all responsible for our own sin, said the preacher' It's no use trying to put the blame for them on someone else: Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent and the serpent hadn't a leg to stand on.

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The Murgon Show Society will get two new commercial fridges in early May to help community fundraisers, thanks to a \$5000 grant from the Powering Communities Program.

Mr O'Brien said the Cattleman Bar kitchen had outdated appliances, which required replacing, including one fridge which was so noisy it had to be turned off during meetings until they began holding them in a different room altogether.

Murgon Show Society president Alan Eagleson said upgrading the Cattleman's Bar Kitchen meant the Show Society would be able to run more community events and take on extra fundraising opportunities.

"It will cut our power bill down to replace these fridges with nice modern units," he said.

Mr Eagleson said volunteers were busily preparing for a show on July 9 and 10.

"It's so good to get them back in the arena again," he said.

The Powering Communities Program allows not-for-profits to reduce their power bills, allowing them to spend more funds on helping their communities.

The Morrison Government focuses on empowering community groups, businesses and households to be part of the journey to energy efficiency

Each Federal MP, with the assistance of a community representative, nominated projects and invited groups to apply for the funding.

The Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources selected the successful applicants after considering them for eligibility and completeness.



This is what keeps you doing this after 15 years, many thanks.

Dear Editor

I am an ex-resident of Cherbourg and lived in a suburb of Brisbane for 60 years. On visits to my family in Cherbourg and Murgon, I discovered your publication 'Murgon Moments'. I share this magazine with another ex-Murgon resident and she catches up on the news and is delighted to receive it.

We are an odd couple, a Murgonite and a Cherbourgite, our ages are 92 and 94 years. Her family are the Smyths, she is now Dorothy Shaw, widowed and is attending the Zillmere Respite Centre called Nalingu with mixed group of women. I was raised in the dormitory in Cherbourg, my maiden name is Duncan.

Dorothy enjoys the Murgon Moments and like me says "not enough jokes"...I like to read to the clients who are in early dementia and still enjoy jokes.

Of course Dot and I talk of the days of prejudice and separation without hatred and are very happy to see the change and what each community gives to the other. I left Cherbourg back in 1967 to seek a better future for our children. I am a widow of 37 years and have had success in writing having published 5 books including children's books.

I am public speaker on injustice and received a honorary Doctorate from the Australian Catholic University in recognition of my contribution to Australian Literacy, Indigenous education and community leadership. I have just retired having given hundreds of speeches to educational institutions, government and community gatherings.

I have permission from Dorothy to write about her family. She talks about Lucy Jerome (deceased) from Cherbourg who was a great help to her own mother and Cora Brown (deceased), they were girls together. There maybe those who will remember the Smyths.

I look forward to your next magazine and hopefully more jokes.

Ruth Hegarty

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Anzac Day message 2022

As we pause today (April 25) to remember the fallen, we reflect on the sacrifices made by our first Anzacs and the efforts of every service man and woman who has served in defence of our nation.

Today, we consider the importance of our national identity – our loyalty, mateship and fair-minded Australian values – and honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we could continue to live in the peaceful, free Australia that we know today.

With the current situation evolving in Ukraine and a changing geopolitical landscape closer to home, we are reminded that the safety of our shores is something Australians must not take for granted, and we offer gratitude to our current Australian Defence personnel who continue to serve our country, risking their lives to keep Australia safe, and secure peace and freedom around the world.

We recognise the more than 1.5 million service men and women who have served our country in all conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations, and in particular, we remember the more than 102,000 Australians who sacrificed their lives in our country's name.

This year we observed the 80th anniversary the Bombing of Darwin, when on the morning of 19 February 1942, the harsh realities of war reached the shores of mainland Australia for the first time.

Two Japanese raids devastated the city of Darwin, and took the lives of more than 250 Australian and Allied service personnel, and civilians.

And so began a dark and challenging chapter in the history of our nation – a series of air raids across north-western Australia which continued for 21 long months, until November 1943.

With the very real danger of invasion, our country and the people of Darwin rose to the occasion.

Men and women, defence personnel and civilians alike, they all showed incredible courage in rescuing people from burning ships, while local doctors and nurses tended the wounded and dying.

They showed resolute determination and bravery, and most of all, the mateship that Australians are so rightly proud of.

And following this shocking attack on Australia, our defence personnel in New Guinea, Borneo, Solomon Islands, and across the South Pacific and Southeast Asia, helped to halt the Japanese forces.

Working alongside our allies, Australia's defence forces turned the tide against militarism, and won a heroic victory.

The Bombing of Darwin and the events that followed had a heartbreaking impact on all Australians, and shaped our nation's course.

But as time marches on, there are fewer survivors of that terrible attack who are still with us to share their stories.

Like those who came before them, and those who continue to serve in defence of our country today, we must ensure their stories are told; their legacy is remembered; and that their courage and sacrifice are never forgotten.

Lest We Forget.

Rains Came, Crowds Remained



Wet weather and a chilly morning could not deter South Burnett residents turning out in force at Anzac Day commemorations across the region on Monday.

There were Dawn Services in most of the larger centres followed by gunfire breakfasts at local RSL clubs.

The morning commemorations were accompanied by parades of veterans, their family members and many, many schoolchildren.

This was the first year since the pandemic started that all Anzac Day services across Australia could run without restrictions, and it was obvious people have been missing the camaraderie on what has become one of the nation's most important days.

Kingaroy



Lieutenant Jacob Selby and South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto took the salute for the parade in Haly Street

The crowds that gathered in Kingaroy's Memorial Park for the morning Anzac Day commemoration braved the weather with several scuds of rain sweeping the park during the service.

But no one seemed to mind, especially the catafalque party which stood unflinchingly around the monument.

Guest speaker was Lieutenant Jacob Selby, an operations officer in the Electronic Warfare Wing at the Defence School of Signals, Cabarlah.

Lieutenant Selby said Anzac Day was not about celebrating battle or glorifying war but to remember those who have served the country in conflicts and crises.

"Anzac Day is more than a national holiday but rather a fundamental Australian tradition. Wherever Australians or New Zealanders are found, it is more than likely that an Anzac Day service of some description is taking place; such is the feeling that Australians have for April 25," he said.



Kingaroy-Memerambi Sub-Branch president Don Davey with guest speaker Lieutenant Jacob Selby



Members of the Vietnam and Veterans Motorcycle Club ... from left, Stephen McNamara, Tweed Heads; Len Scrase, Cooroibah; Ross Vickers, Bundaberg; Grant Sefton, Hervey Bay; "Pedals", Bundaberg; and Mal Slack, Warwick





South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto addressed the crowd,

Mr President and members of the Kingaroy and Memerambi Sub-Branch, guest speaker Lieutenant Jacob Selby, ex-service men and women, Minister for Agriculture and Northern Australia and member for Maranoa, the Hon David Littleproud MP, member for Nanango, the Hon Deb Frecklington MP, fellow councillors, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls.

It is wonderful that all Australians can attend Anzac Day commemoration services again this year, not just here in Australia but overseas as well, including Gallipoli. And doesn't our local Memorial Park look great, with flowers a plenty and the lawns looking green and vibrant after what has been a wonderfully wet summer. Mr Barry Krosch tells me that the palm trees in this park were planted over 100 years ago and the rotunda was officially opened in 1932, with the foundation for the Stone of Remembrance being laid on this day 100 years ago, ANZAC Day 1922.

The South Burnett Regional Council is in the process of developing a new master plan for Memorial Park and of course ensuring the park retains an appropriate and respectful acknowledgement and reminder of all who sacrificed so much for our community and nation will remain at the forefront of our minds throughout the park's redevelopment. Please see our council staff here today in having your say on the park's redevelopment. We would love to hear your thoughts and welcome your input.

Looking back over the past two years, who would have thought that anything would stop us from gathering as a nation on ANZAC Day at every cenotaph around the country? While some communities,

including here in Kingaroy were able to gather, millions of our fellow Australians could not. Yet during this historical pause, we found new ways to mark Anzac Day, as we always will. There were candles at

dawn on driveways. Young children played their bugles and even bagpipes. We remembered them. We always will, come what may.

That two-year hiatus between nationwide public assemblies on Anzac Day has only served to show how much this day means to us and to our national identity. Country towns throughout the South Burnett have an unwavering loyalty to the flag and to our fallen soldiers because our communities gave so much.

Families here today and those whose names are engraved on our monuments have given everything.

The situation in Ukraine reminds us of the terrible nature of war, the brutality, the lost innocence, the tragedy.

We can't imagine what it must be like to see a brother or sister go off to war, to face a totally unknown and uncontrollable future. We desire above all else for this situation never to happen again. But evil exists and can emerge on even the most peaceful horizon. That demands courage to overcome, courage by our Defence forces that we shall never forget in Australia.

Today is when we gather as a grateful community to honour that courage, that sacrifice, rendered more precious by the COVID shadow of the past two years.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. We will not forget.



Murgon



Former Murgon SHS student Jonte Speedy, centre, with Ryan Brown, from the Clontarf program at the school, and Mark O'Halloran, who served in East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan ... Mark returned to Murgon to march with the Clontarf students

Murgon marked Anzac Day with a well-attended Dawn Service at the Murgon War Memorial with local residents and veterans backing up at 9:45am for the traditional march and service.











Our salute and guest speaker duties was taken by Snr Constable Brock Kienhe and Councillor Kathy Duff. Snr Constable Brock Kienhe, is a serving officer with the Murgon Police Station.

Brock enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 22nd May 2001. Following completion of his Initial Employment Training at Singleton, he was posted to the 6th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

In 2008 Brock undertook training with the Rifle Company Butterworth rotation 58 Malaysia. In 2004 Brock deployed on PO Citadel with 6 RAR Charlie Company to East Timor. On completion of the deployment he was promoted to Lance Corporal. Subsequently Brock went on to complete the Direct Fire Support Weapons course and further promotional courses.

Brock was selected to deploy on OP Catalyst with 6 RAR on Security Detachment 7 to Iraq. In 2006, he was promoted to Corporal within 6 RAR. Shortly after he took up a short-term posting to Rifleman Wing at Singleton to train infantry IET's. in late 2006, he was posted back to 6 RAR to continue in the role of training IET's within 6 RAR.

After 6 years of service in the Regular Army, he transitioned to the Army Reserve in 2007 and was posted to 9th battalion Royal Queensland Regiment.

In 2008, he again deployed on OP Anode to the Solomon Islands. In 2010, Brock took the opportunity to support the Rifle Company Butterworth rotation 84.

He was of 2 x JNCO's selected to stay in Malaysia for an extended period to undergo Jungle Training Survival Course run out of Johor Bahru.

During 2014 to 2015 he underwent promotional courses for the rank of Sergeant and was promoted to Sergeant in 2016 and appointed Platoon Sergeant of 12 Platoon D Company 9th Royal Queensland Regiment.

In 2018 Brock, now a Sergeant was deployed as part of OP Resolute where he was attached to the Royal Australian Navy in Darwin where he conducted border patrols off the northern waters of Australia in the Indian Ocean.

His speech followed after a parade down Gore and Lamb streets which included old and new military vehicles, veterans, schoolchildren, representatives from local sports clubs and even "Simpson" and his (somewhat unwilling) donkey.

Church of Christ Minister Glen Vonhoff delivered prayers and the scripture reading before Cr Kathy Duff read the Resolutions.





Photo by Rachel Jolley

A volley of shots and the release of pigeons have also become a tradition at Murgon ceremonies.

The catafalque party was formed by soldiers from the 26th Transport Squadron, based at Amberley.



Richie O'Neill OAM ... Richie was presented with a small gift by Cr Kathy Duff as a thank you for his many years of service to Murgon's Anzac Day events

Nanango

Nanango's Anzac Day commemorations attracted a bigger crowd than has been seen the past few years thanks to the lifting of pandemic restrictions.

The day began with a fellowship for RSL Sub-Branch members and their families and visiting ex-Defence personnel at Tara's Hall at 5:00am.

This was followed by a march from the RSL to Nanango's War Memorial for a Dawn Service, then a Gunfire Breakfast back at Tara's Hall before a pilgrimage to the war graves at Nanango Cemetery.

After this, the annual Anzac Day march assembled in Howlett Lane at 8:15am to march down Drayton Street.

Veterans, their family members, schoolchildren and members the 177 Australian Cadet Unit took part, watched on by residents gathered on footpaths and balconies.

The rain came but the crowds stayed on for the traditional Anzac Day Commemoration Service held at the Nanango Memorial.



Nanango army cadets marched in the parade and mounted the catafalque guard (Photo: 177ACU)



Member for Maranoa David Littleproud and Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington with members of the 177 Army Cadet Unit (Photo: Roz Frohloff)

Wondai



Wondai residents turned out in force for the Dawn Service at 5:00am and returned five hours later for the morning ceremony at the town's monument outside Wondai Town Hall.

A parade proceeded down Mackenzie Street before the speeches and wreath-laying ceremony.

Cadet Under Officer Ally Kent, from the Wondai-based 135 Army Cadet Unit, was the guest speaker.

She spoke about Private James Slater, a farmer who had the courage and strength to fight in World War I.

Private Slater served in the 26th Battalion. He was wounded and suffered shell shock during his service.

After the war he returned to life in the Wondai area.



Wondai RSL Sub-Branch secretary David Scrimgeour was the compere for the service



A big crowd turned out for the morning commemoration at the Wondai monument

Blackbutt



Australian and New Zealand flags led the parade down the highway to the Memorial in Blackbutt for the town's morning commemoration; earlier residents attended a Dawn Service followed by a gunfire breakfast at the nearby Radnor Hotel (Photo: Blackbutt RSL Sub-Branch)

Bunya Mountains



About 100 people braved the cold, wet and foggy conditions on Monday morning at the memorial near the Lone Pine on the Bunya Mountains (Photo: Sandy Learmont)

Cherbourg

Students from Murgon State High School read out the names of people who served in conflicts after WWI. Cherbourg marked Anzac Day with a rally and service at the monument in Memorial Park.

Uncle Eric Law, who compered the morning, spoke about the community's proud record of service in the Defence Force and how the Aboriginal men who went abroad in World War I returned home to another war, the fight to be treated equally to their white friends.

Deputy Mayor Tom Langton recited the Resolution, the "Boys From Barambah" WWI roll call was read by Aunty Aileen Bell Hegarty, and captains from Murgon State High School read out the names of community members who served in World War II, Korea, Vietnam and other conflicts.

A number of wreaths were laid by students from Cherbourg and Murgon schools and community members.



Cr Kathy Duff laid a wreath on behalf of the South Burnett Regional Council.

After the Last Post and Rouse were played, Rocko Langton's song, "Boys From Barambah", was broadcast to the crowd. [Photos by Cherbourg Radio / CASC]



Murgon RSL Sub-Branch president Kevin Gill lays a wreath at the Cherbourg

Hivesville

A large crowd gathered at Hivesville's Memorial Park for the village's traditional Anzac Day Dawn Service.

Students from Proston P-10 were joined by representatives from St Mary's Catholic College, Kingaroy State High School and Murgon State High School, veterans and local residents in the chilly pre-dawn light to pay tribute to the Anzac tradition.

After the service, guests enjoyed a community breakfast prepared by volunteers from the Hivesville Progress Association.

[Hivesville photos by Kathy Duff]



A large contingent of students from Proston P-10 took part in the Hivesville dawn service ... the school also holds its own Anzac Day commemoration service each year on the last school day before Anzac Day

Kumbia



Members of the South Burnett Caledonian Pipe Band led the Anzac Day march, ignoring a chilly light drizzle that descended over the town

Kumbia residents applauded the return of the “long march” down the Bunya Highway at their Anzac Day commemoration.

The parade was shortened last year, which caused some angst among veterans.

But this year things were back to normal, led by a police car and the South Burnett Caledonian Pipe Band.

In all, roughly 100 people took part in the march, which was watched by an equal number of residents who sheltered under umbrellas or awnings along Bell Street to escape the early morning drizzle.

Afterwards, a commemoration service was held at the Memorial outside the Kumbia School Of The Arts, which was followed by a morning tea inside the hall.

This year, 20 members of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club of Central Queensland were special guests at the commemoration.



In all, about 100 residents and visitors took part in the march, which was watched by an equal number of residents sheltering from the rain.

Wooroolin

Guest speaker at the Wooroolin Anzac Day service was Petty Officer David Jamieson, son of local QCWA member Janice Jamieson.

His presentation in the Wooroolin Memorial Hall followed the traditional parade along the Bunya Highway led by the Wooroolin State School band.

More music was supplied by the Wondai & District Town Band, fresh from performing at the Wondai Anzac Day ceremony.

The hall was packed for the more formal part of proceedings, compered by local resident Ros Heit, with presentations by local students and more performances by the Wondai band.

Petty Officer Jamieson was presented with a wall hanging with a naval theme, made by Noela Wingfield.

[Wooroolin photos by Ros Heit]



Compere Ros Heit with Noel Selway, Petty Officer David Jamieson and students from Crawford, Tingoorra and Wooroolin State schools



Wooroolin Memorial Hall was packed for the Anzac Day ceremony

Yarraman



Marchers head down the highway towards the Yarraman Cenotaph (Photo: Murray McGee)

A large crowd gathered around Yarraman's war memorial on Monday morning for the town's Anzac Day commemoration.

The service followed a march down the D'Aguiar Highway which included veterans, community members, schoolchildren from Yarraman P-9 and emergency services personnel.



Photo Tina Torrens, Boondooma Homestead - ANZAC morning at Boondooma ~ ANZAC coverage Courtesy & help South Burnett Online



Winners – Anzac Day Raffle

Drawn 25/04/2022

1st Prize – Megan; 2nd Prize – Lesley; 3rd Prize – Colin; 4th – Lesley; 5th – Maree

All winners have been notified.

The Murgon RSL Sub Branch and Citizen's Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support.



Great to see the popularity of BP Dam, 1340 bookings over Easter.

People everywhere enjoying camp fires, jet ski's, skiing, fishing. the pool & tennis courts. Managers **Heath Sander** and **Rowena Sander** doing an awesome job. With my Dad **Jack Tracker** who built much of the camping grounds and road infrastructure back in the **Murgon, QLD** council days



Groups Share \$56,700 In Grants



The Wondai Parkrun group was established in 2017 and meets every Saturday morning for a 5km run/walk along the South Burnett Rail Trail ... since then, other Parkrun groups have been formed in Nanango and Proston, and now a Council grant will help a fourth Parkrun group to be formed in Blackbutt (Photo: Wondai Parkrun)



Community, Arts, Tourism and Health Services portfolio chair Cr Danita Potter South Burnett Regional Council will give \$57,600 to 28 community groups in the latest round of its twice-yearly Community Grants and Regional Arts Development Fund programs. Cr Danita Potter announced the successful grant applicants at Wednesday's standing committee meeting.

The grants will contribute towards the upkeep, maintenance or expansion of a number of community-owned facilities, including insurance for four community halls and the establishment of a new Parkrun group in Blackbutt.

They will also fund four cultural events, two of which are aimed at children.

The successful applicants are:

Community Hall Insurance

Chahpingah Reserve – \$1000

Tableland Hall Association – \$1000

Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum – \$1000

Kumbia & District Memorial School Of The Arts – \$1000

Community Sponsorship

National Council of Women of Queensland – SBRC Bursary sponsorship – \$1000

Wondai Tennis Association – Repair and paint Tingooro Tennis Club – \$3000

Nanango QCWA – Purchase of kitchen equipment – \$2798

Nanango & District Netball Association – Training equipment – \$2276

Blackbutt State School P&C – Tuckshop mural – \$1500

Blackbutt-Yarraman QCWA – Purchase of electronic equipment – \$2000

Parkrun Australia – Establishment of Blackbutt Parkrun – \$3000

Bunya Mountains Community Association – Purchase of gazebos – \$2295

Wondai Junior Rugby League – Building repairs – \$3000

Kumbia Kindergarten – Kumbia Cricket Day – \$500

South Burnett Junior Rugby League – Beyond The Nest – \$3000
Murgon Junior Rugby League – DV Awareness Round – \$2500
Murgon Business & Development Association – Security camera repairs – \$3000
Kingaroy Netball Association – Clubhouse canteen upgrades – \$2580
Relay For Life – South Burnett Relay For Life 2022 – \$3000
Nanango History Room – Soundtrails annual hosting fee – \$440
Blackbutt & District Community Organisation – Focus on Blackbutt culture night – \$1000
Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum – Indoor/outdoor floor covering – \$1515
South Burnett Rail Trail Users Association – Website development – \$3000
Kingaroy State High School – School awards – \$500

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Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival – Creative Kids – \$1796.65
Topology Inc – Queensland Stories: Tales of the Timbertowns – \$3000
Kingaroy State School P&C – Creative Writing Workshops and Under 8s show – \$3000
South Burnett Community Orchestra – Jazz Instrumental Music Workshop Series – \$3000

Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



After two years of restrictions because of COVID, five of our volunteers were happy to be able to return to Boondooma Homestead for “Spirit of the Bush”. Despite the windy conditions, we had a successful day on Saturday 23rd April making butter and serving damper. Thanks to the organizers for the invitation to attend.

The Museum has bookings for May, June and August for tours and morning teas. Always a pleasure to welcome visitors from far and wide. Our visitor numbers are still constant with some great comments about our Museum.

We would still love to have new volunteers come on board. Any time given would be appreciated. Ph 07 41695001 or call into the Museum Tuesday to Sunday between 9.30am and 12 pm. Our volunteers would be only too happy to talk to you about what we do. Joy fennell

Blackbutt Avocado Festival seeks aspiring performers



The team behind the Blackbutt Avocado Festival is pleased to launch the Resilience through Laughter workshop series, welcoming clown and mask theatre specialist Clint Bolster to Blackbutt from June – September 2022.

The organising committee is calling for participants from the South Burnett to register for one of two **free** workshop streams:

1. **Youth group (ages 12 – 17):** Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/resilience-through-laughter-workshops-youth-tickets-319210125077>

2. **Open community group (ages 18+):** Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/resilience-through-laughter-workshops-community-tickets-319240094717>

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a series of 5 workshops, learning performance techniques including comedy and non-verbal mask theatre, and how to apply these skills to a live group performance. Each workshop group will develop a live performance piece to be staged at this year's Blackbutt Avocado Festival on Saturday 10 September 2022.



President Jeff Connor said, “We are thrilled to welcome teaching artist Clint Bolster from Homunculus Theatre Company (Brisbane) to Blackbutt for these workshops. Last year our Committee was honoured to lead the development of the *Blackbutt Arts Strategy 2026* and this program is a direct result of this process. In our public consultation survey conducted last year, over 60% of respondents indicated they would like to see more arts workshops and classes offered in the Blackbutt district. We welcome performers of all abilities and experience levels to ‘avo’ go – no experience is necessary to take part.”

Clint Bolster brings to Blackbutt over 15 years of performing and teaching experience, with regular performances at festivals and on stage across Australia and internationally (United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan and New Zealand). Through Homunculus Theatre Company, Clint has delivered countless workshops, artist-in-residence programs, professional development workshops for teachers and performances for primary and secondary students, including

many in regional Queensland.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Festivals Australia program. The Blackbutt Avocado Festival is supported by the Queensland Government through Tourism and Events Queensland and features on the It's Live! in Queensland events calendar.

For further information or comment, please contact Olivia Everitt (Arts Project Officer, Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival Inc.) on arts@avofest.com.au or 043 556 830.



Leo Geraghty (president Murgon Business & Development Assoc) presented Joy Fennell (Murgon Dairy Museum) with this lovely laminated poster of Mondure history to be displayed at the Dairy Museum and donated by Joan Crawford.

Mental Health the focus of Parliamentary Committee hearing in Kingaroy

Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, says a visit by the Qld Parliament Mental Health Select Committee to Kingaroy on Tuesday 20th April was an important opportunity to highlight the mental health issues faced by the South Burnett community.

Mrs Frecklington said the Committee is undertaking an inquiry into ways to improve mental health outcomes for Queenslanders and it was critical that the South Burnett was heard.

“Unfortunately, our region suffers from the impact of limited access to mental health services, and the highest suicide rate in Queensland,” Mrs Frecklington said.

“On behalf of the South Burnett, I urged the Committee to include us in their regional hearings. In fact, this was the first time a State Parliamentary Committee has travelled to the South Burnett for some time.

“The Kingaroy hearing was a chance to explain the significant barriers our community faces when they need mental health support, and other factors which also impact people, such as no public transport, no locally based paediatrician and the distance to specialist services.

“I would really like to thank the agencies who took part in the hearing, including South Burnett CTC, SB Regional Council, Kingaroy Chamber of Commerce and Bunyarra Counselling.

“The evidence they presented was so powerful and will certainly inform the report prepared by the Committee for the State Parliament.

“They were able to shine a light on the gaps in mental health services in our region and the lack of mental health professionals, resulting in the burn-out of the overworked staff we do have.

“I think one of the key themes that came out of the hearing is that timely, face-to-face support for people who need mental health care is the key.

“I have always held the belief that just because we choose to live in a regional area, it doesn’t mean we should accept poorer health outcomes.

“This is especially relevant when it comes to access to mental health services by people from all parts of our community, from our farmers, to young people, to our businesses and families.

“I look forward to reading the report when it is handed down on 31 May and the recommendations made by the Committee to the improve mental health outcomes for our community,” Deb said.



SOUTH BURNETT WOMEN'S BURSARY CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications for the 2022 South Burnett Mayor Bursary valued at \$1,000 are now open and close on Monday 23 May 2022.

The National Council of Women Queensland (NCWQ) Bursary Program offers a range of bursaries through sponsors like the South Burnett Mayor, to assist Queensland women with their educational expenses.

The South Burnett Mayor Bursary is open to female student residents of the South Burnett Regional Council area. This is the sixth year of sponsorship of this bursary by the South Burnett Regional Council.

The South Burnett Mayor, Brett Otto, said that the bursary recognises the additional difficulties faced by students living away from major cities, with studies often requiring time away from home and families. "The bursary, valued at \$1,000, also recognises the importance of community activities in maintaining the fabric of the rural environment."

All applicants will be advised of the selection panel's decision after 11 July 2022. The Bursary Presentation will be held in Brisbane around the end of July.

To be eligible to apply for this bursary, applicants must meet each of the specified Eligibility

Criteria and be able to address the Selection criteria. This includes being enrolled in a fulltime, part-time or distance education course – either university or TAFE - to further develop skills as a primary producer, or for the benefit of residents of the local region.

Applicants must also demonstrate their contribution to their local community, for example through a sports group, school, church, service club or CWA.

"We want to hear from local women about their interests and activities and future aspirations," said Mayor Otto.

Interested women can apply by visiting <https://ncwq.org.au/bursary-2022/south-burnettmayor-bursary/>

COUNCIL WEARS DENIM TO OPPOSE SEXUAL VIOLENCE

South Burnett Regional Councillors wore denim to the Council meeting this week as a visible means of protest against misconceptions of sexual violence. Mayor Brett Otto addressed the meeting saying that the South Burnett was not immune to sexual assault and that men in particular needed to step up and acknowledge that sexual assault is never acceptable.

"'No' means 'no'. There is no excuse for sexual violence," said Mayor Otto.

Wearing denim began as a protest against victim blaming. It developed into a 'Peace over Violence' movement. The South Burnett's local Centacare agency organised the wearing of denim on Wednesday as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Ph Councillors, Mayor and staff Denim Day 2022



Barambah Garden Club

ROCK MINERALS

Members of the Barambah Garden Club held their monthly meeting on April 8th at the home of Mary Mitchell of 12 Arnell Street, Murgon.

The Guest Speaker for the day was Earthlife Manager, Colin Purnell who talked to the members about using Rock Minerals for soil management, and how to solve problems pertaining to any soil type. He enlightened his audience on matters of Mineral Depletion and improving the structure of soil. He touched on ways to improve moisture holding capacity with the aid of Earthlife products and spoke about environmental issues and weather extremes.

Knowledge was readily available concerning clay soils and sandy soils; also how to achieve results where plant root systems were more robust, allowing them to search a larger area of soil for moisture and nutrients.

Colin was adamant that Soil Conditioning was necessary to support all growing plants. His advice centred around unique products that could turn any soil type into the ideal growing conditions.

The Gardening group thanked Colin for his time and knowledge and all enjoyed a hearty lunch prepared by the ladies.

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

Phone Barbara 0741681675 or President Anne 0438 686 238

Happy Gardening Everyone. Barbara Hartmann King





Murgon Market Report 19/04/22

Numbers were back to 480 yesterday in Murgon partly due to the short weeks and the Easter break. Values remained reasonably firm on the previous market. Heavy Bulls sold to \$3.48 per kilogram and \$2260.00. Bullocks topped at \$4.05 per kilogram and \$2840.00. Cows over 500 kilograms topped at \$3.69 per kilogram and \$3040.00. Cows 400 to 500 kg sold to \$3.38 per kilogram for \$1630.00. Cows under 400 kg topped at \$2.94 per kilogram and \$1100.00. Export heifers sold to \$3.84 per kilogram and \$2320.00.

Cattle were drawn from Gayndah, Mt Perry, Kingaroy, Yarraman, Nanango, Kandanga, Kilkivan & local areas.

Brangus steers from Kandanga sold for \$5.10 c/kg & \$4.98 c/kg returning \$2450.00 & \$2340.00 respectively. Local 413 kg Simmental cross steers sold for \$2110.00 at \$5.10 c/kg. 2 pens of Braford steers from Yarraman sold for \$5.30 c/kg & \$5.36 c/kg for \$2170.00 & \$1990.00. Local Santa steers weighing 406 kg sold for \$2070.00 at \$5.10 c/kg. Droughtmaster steers 349 kg sold for \$1920.00 at \$5.50 c/kg. 285 kg Brangus steers sold for \$1750.00 at \$6.16 c/kg. 312 kg Charbray steers from Woorooden sold for \$6.10 c/kg returning \$1900.00. Santa steers from Crownthorpe sold for \$1720.00 at \$6.04 c/kg.

Droughtmaster weaner steers from Gayndah sold for \$1440.00 at \$6.74 c/kg. Local Charbray weaner steers sold for \$1630.00 and \$6.44 c/kg. 2 pens of Charbray weaner steers from Mt Peery sold for \$6.38 c/kg averaging 230 kg & \$1470.00. Angus cross heifers 430 kg sold for \$4.70 c/kg and \$2030.00. 380 kg Brahman heifers sold for \$1600.00 at \$4.22 c/kg. Santa heifers from Gayndah sold for \$5.70 c/kg and \$1770.00. Droughtmaster weaner heifers also from Gayndah sold to \$1580.00 and \$5.664 c/kg. Angus cross weaner heifers sold for \$5.86 c/kg and \$1370.00. Light Droughtmaster weaner heifers sold for \$1080.00 at \$5.90 c/kg. Brahman Cows & Calves sold to \$3500.00. Angus Cows & Calves sold to \$3400.00.

VOLUNTEERING AT SOUTH BURNETT INFORMATION CENTRES WE NEED YOU

Are you friendly, motivated and passionate about the South Burnett and what our community has to offer? Visitor Information Centres around the South Burnett are on the recruitment drive for much needed volunteers. COVID-19 has depleted their ranks leading to occasional closures which affects the promotion of the region's attractions.

The Council is encouraging a new wave of volunteers to apply, even for a couple of hours a week. People of all ages, men and women, are invited to play a part. Volunteering has many rewards including making new friends, learning a lot about the area and interaction with a variety of visitors that contributes to the community.

Cr Kirstie Schumacher praised the work done by volunteers for ensuring all visitors go home with a fond memory of the South Burnett. "Every hour you can give is valued. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our Visitor Information Centres as they share the stories of our regions," said Cr Schumacher.

Duties include providing residents and visitors with details of key tourist attractions and venues and information on Council's facilities within the region.

Volunteering at the VICs is also a way to meet Centrelink obligations for volunteer work hours. This is a very pleasant way to spend your time and contribute to the community.

If you're interested in volunteering with any of the South Burnett VICs in Kingaroy, Nanango, Wondai and Murgon, contact Council's People & Culture team on 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au. To access an Expression of Interest form, visit any South Burnett Visitor Information Centre, Council's Customer Service Centres or download it from Council's website.

Looking Forward in 22

There is no better time for real estate and industry opportunities in the Murgon area, with guaranteed water supply and available land.

With help from the Federal and State Governments and our local South Burnett Regional Council along with our local Murgon Business & Development Association Inc we would welcome you to Murgon and help with your investment both big or small.

Opportunities exist here in many manufacturing industries with quick and easy access by major highways to the city or coast. A airfield is within 10 minutes away should you wish to avail of it and you could be transported to Murgon. We have very large schools with high education with students drawn from Murgon and outlying areas that could supplement employment needs. There is a limited number of shops in different sizes available for sale or rent that are available for immediate occupation & Land is being bought and sought after by developers.

Thinking of making a Move ? Sick of where you Are ? Looking to live in sunny Queensland ?

Contact us now and enjoy life.

Contact details would be strictly confidential and can be made by contacting the Mayor Brett Otto Ph 0467 625 269 or Councillor Kathy Duff Ph 0437 020 705 or the Editor 0429 024 041 who would direct you to the right people or any of the 4 real estate businesses in Murgon.



Murgon is a vibrant and friendly country town

Based in the northern end of the South Burnett region. It is a town with great facilities and amenities including loads of great shopping outlets with something on offer for everyone. Former MBDA president and owner of a local menswear store, Mark Smith explained how the businesses in Murgon love the feedback from locals and tourists. "Customers often comment about how friendly not only the shopkeepers are, but also the townspeople," he said. "Murgon is a friendly place with so much character." "With wide streets and plenty of easy-access for parking. Visitors and our local residents are able to explore the town of Murgon with ease and with safety," Mark said. Treasurer of MBDA, Lorraine Goodchild said "We have a great range of businesses available here in Murgon and visitors to our town are often pleasantly surprised and remark on how many great shops we have and how the town seems to be bustling. We are so proud of the vast-range of options available for shoppers," she added. The main shopping centre has Lamb Street running both ways through town with the wide streets being separated by parkland in the middle where you can take a rest... perhaps with a treat from the Bakery. There are plenty of options available for a nice casual lunch at one of the Cafes, Hotels or the Murgon Services Club and of course the Moffatdale wine region is just a 10-minute drive from town. Take a browse through the well-stocked Newsagency which includes beautiful giftware and a toy section. Murgon has a great selection of Gift & Homeware stores... be sure to visit them all...each with their own point of difference. A Menswear Store, Ladies Fashions, Sports Store & Country Clothing are all located within easy walking distance of each other. Keep an eye out for a brand-new store opening soon which will be bringing you clothing for all the family. You can shop for plants and garden supplies, hardware, and pet supplies... all your purchases will be carried and loaded into your car for you with the friendliest of service. And after all that shopping, take some time out for yourself and enjoy some pampering at one of the Hair & Beauty salons. Murgon also has a choice of Service Centres and an Industrial Estate for all those vehicle and machinery needs along with Supa IGA, Murgon Fruit Mart and a great Pharmacy for all those weekly essentials. The Murgon Business & Development Assoc. Inc. (MBDA) supports their local businesses and community, meeting regularly to promote ideas and actively lobby on various issues on behalf of their members. Any business servicing Murgon and district is welcome to apply for membership at any time. Visit www.murgon.net.au for more information on MBDA. Come and explore all the shopping options that Murgon has to offer...you'll be pleasantly surprised.



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

List of participating stores for the MURGON GIFT CARD

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



Several months ago, with Mark Smith's impending retirement, he and his wife Janelle decided to start culling 29 years of bits and pieces in their store, Mark Smith's Menswear, including hundreds of coloured pocket squares, which were provided with each polo purchased during this time. Along with these excess pocket squares they had dozens of reels of embroidery thread. Janelle didn't want to toss them all to the dump and decided to approach Adrienne Dunne from the Creative Friendship Craft Group, Murgon, to see if they could utilize them somehow.

Recently Mark and Janelle were asked to attend the regular morning gathering of the Craft Group ladies who meet at the Baptist Church Hall from 9am-Midday each Tuesday. On behalf of the Group Adrienne presented Mark and Janelle with a magnificent quilt made by the ladies, which included Suffolk Puffs made from 230 of the colourful pockets. A message embroidered on the back of the quilt reads: "Sewn with love using pockets from Mark Smith Menswear by Creative Friendship Craft Group Murgon 2022".

The ladies also presented Mark and Janelle with a beautiful card signed by everyone in the Craft Group, including the following message:

"This quilt has been made for you by our Group in appreciation of your service and dedication to our community. Thank you so much Janelle for the donation of the 'pockets' which was the inspiration to get our creative ideas flowing. We love fabric, threads, buttons, colour, creating and sharing and all things sewing related. We have enjoyed making these pretty circles known as 'Suffolk Puffs' from a bygone era or 'yo yo's' as they are known in modern times. As we stitched, we all shared memories of our connection with your shop. You provided children with uniforms for school, work clothes for our husbands, a white shirt for special occasions, a tie for a formal, and many many sporting uniforms etc. etc. We hope this quilt imparts warmth and great memories for both of you as the years roll by. God bless you both. From the girls at Creative Friendships Craft Group, Murgon."

Mark and Janelle pass on their heartfelt appreciation to the Craft Group ladies for their most generous gesture.



JOKE FOR THE MONTH

A seven year old and a four year old are upstairs in their bedroom.

I think it's about time we started swearing, the seven year old says. When we go down for breakfast, says the older boy, I'm gonna say "hell" and you are going to say "arse", okay.

In the kitchen, their mother asks the older boy what he wants to eat.

Aw, hell Mum! I guess I'll have Rice Bubbles. Smack! The kid flies out of the chair, picks himself up and runs upstairs crying.

What do you want, the mother asks the four year old, I don't know, he blubbers, But you can bet your arse it won't be Rice Bubbles.

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March 2022



SOUTH BURNETT'S FIRST REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL



Eighteen young people from across the South Burnett and Cherbourg regions gather today for the first time for the induction of the new Regional Youth Council, an initiative of the South Burnett Regional Council.

Participants in the Youth Council will meet monthly to advocate for the needs of young people who live, work and study in our communities. Members will help organise youth and community events, take part in leadership forums and self-development activities. They will also gain a deeper understanding of how local government works in regional communities.

The Youth Councillors come from all areas of the region and all demographic backgrounds. The Council is open to young people between the ages of 14 and 24.

Youth Councillors have been appointed for a one-year term following an interview and selection process.

The South Burnett Regional Council wants to listen to and learn from our region's young people and warmly congratulates all Youth Council members on standing up and being counted as local community leaders.

The first official South Burnett Regional Youth Council meeting took place on Tuesday, 12th April, in the Council Chambers at Kingaroy.

MBDA MEMBERS 2021-2022

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BARAMBAH BUSH CARAVAN PARK
BOONDOOMA HOMESTEAD - CAMPSITES
CLOVELY ESTATE - COTTAGES
REDGATE B & B - COTTAGES
THE ROYAL HOTEL

*ACCOUNTANTS – BUSINESS

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MURGON TYRES & MORE
MURGON OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

*AGRICULTURAL – RURAL

CARNEY'S FEED STORE
SOUTH BURNETT MACHINERY
BARAMBAH MACHINERY
BALGREE GRAZING CO.
REMKO ENGINEERING
MURGON SAND & GRAVEL
SANDERS BOBCAT & MINI EXCAVATOR HIRE
PRATT AGENCIES
WICKS & CO AGENCIES
ACROSS COUNTRY REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK
TEYS AUSTRALIA
NORCO RURAL AGRI - MURGON

*ARTISAN WORKSHOPS

THE LITTLE WHITE COTTAGE

*BUS LINES - COACHES – TRAVEL

PURSERS COACHES
PURSERS TRAVEL & CRUISE

*BUTCHERS

TOP OF THE TOWN MEAT HALL

*CAMPING & FISHING SUPPLIES

THE TACKLEBOX
HANWOOD FISH HATCHERY

*CELEBRANTS

LOVE STORY CELEBRATIONS

*CHEMISTS

MURGON AMCAL+ PHARMACY

*CAFES - COFFEE SHOPS - MEALS

MURGON BAKERY
THE COFFEE BAR 4605
RIYAS CAFÉ & RESTAURANT
BIG SAUSAGE FEST
CAFE MURGON
MURGON SERVICES CLUB
MOFFATDALE RIDGE WINES
THE ROYAL HOTEL
MURGON GOLF CLUB (Friday nights)

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MURGON HOME DÉCOR & GIFTS
GH CLOTHING CO.

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P & P ELECTRICAL

ZISCHKE ELECTRICAL

RAFFIN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS PTY LTD

MURGON BETTA ELECTRICAL

*EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

JOBMATCH EMPLOYMENT

*FLORISTS

THE MURGON FLORIST

*FUEL SUPPLIERS

COLLARDS FUEL SUPPLIES

*FURNITURE & HOMEWARES

MURGON BETTA HOME LIVING

SUPA CHEAP CARPETS

*GIFT STORES

MURGON HOME DÉCOR & GIFTS

COUNTRY MAIL GIFTS (PO)

ROBINSONS NEWS & GIFTS

MURGON MITRE 10

MURGON AMCAL+ PHARMACY

THE MURGON FLORIST

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Cr KATHY DUFF

DEB FRECKLINGTON MP

LLEW O'BRIEN MP

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MURGON FRUIT MART

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ALICIA'S SPA & HAIR WORX

*HARDWARE - GARDEN SUPPLIES

CARNEY'S FEED STORE

MURGON MITRE 10

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MURGON GARDEN CENTRE

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MURGON STORAGE SHEDS

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QLD DAIRY & HERITAGE MUSEUM
 BOONDOOMA HOMESTEAD
 THE MURGON ANCIENT SONGBIRD CENTRE

***VETS**

SOUTH BURNETT VETS

***WINERIES**

CLOVELY ESTATE
 MOFFATDALE RIDGE WINES
 LIGHTNING TREE WINES

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

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| EMERGENCY- AMBULANCE - POLICE - FIRE | 000 |
| BARAMBAH REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTRE | 41698600 |
| BEYOND BLUE (National Depression Initiative) | 1300224636 |
| BIEDO MURGON | 0400 695 456 |
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| BOONDOOMBA DAM-TOURIST PARK | 41689694 |
| CASTRA RETIREMENT HOME | 41681076 |
| CENTACARE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS | 41625439 |
| CR KATHY DUFF | 41680225 |
| CRIME STOPPERS | 1800 333 000 |
| DEB FRECKLINGTON MLA STATE MEMBER for NANANGO | 41907100 |
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| DISASTE web site - | dashboard.southburnett.qld.gov.au |
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