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TMR Safety Works – Bunya Highway near Webbs Road Intersection

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has advised that they will soon start safety works on the Bunya Highway near the Webbs Road intersection, north of Memerambi.

This project involves:

- curve widening works to enable heavy vehicles to more easily pass each other on the corner when travelling in opposite directions
- placing bitumen on Webbs Road at the throat of the intersection which will limit gravel material being carried onto the highway, reducing the potential risk of loss of traction for motorists
- installing vehicle activated signage to warn motorists of the need to slow down in advance of the curve

RoadTek is due to start works in March 2019 (weather permitting) with the project expected to be completed by mid-2019, weather permitting. Works will generally be carried out between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Friday. To undertake the works safely and efficiently, traffic controllers, single-lane closures and speed restrictions will be in place as required. Motorists should expect some delays if travelling during work hours and are reminded to observe all warning signage when approaching the site and be aware of changed conditions.

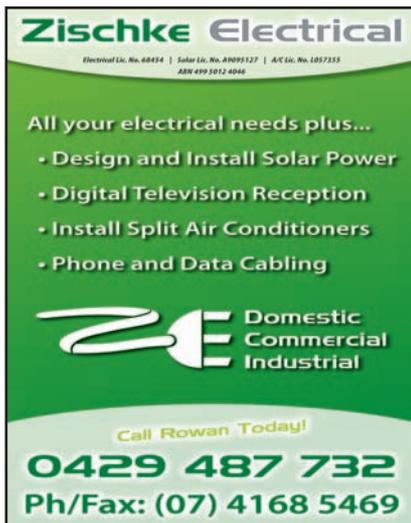
We thank motorists and the local community in advance for their patience and cooperation while these safety improvement works are being carried out.

For further information, contact Council on 4189 9100.

Monthly seeds from the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival

Things are looking good for another bumper event this year, with our team putting together a whole range of popular, regular attractions along with some new and exciting additions to the line-up. The program is building, with four days of activities and events, watch our website or Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening.

The St Patrick's Day Food Truck and Twilight Market was held on Sunday 17th March and a great night was



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had by all. Food vendors and general stall holders all reported good sales and are keen to return for our next event. Yes, there will be another one later in the year, let us get over our major event, The Pumpkin Festival and then we will set plans in motion to make it happen.

Thank you to everyone who once again supported us in presenting another successful event for our community. Our goal with these events is not to make money, we don't charge our vendors anything, but to create community resilience and involvement. We just want to give our communities something to look forward to and use these events as a meet and greet, a catch up and social get together, building better relationships throughout the communities involved.

Last month in our newsletter we put a shout out to all the community and sporting groups to get on board and get involved with the festival, it's hard to believe that to date we have not had contact from one, not one, prepared to take up the challenge, with the opportunity to earn some much needed funds for their group. It's disappointing to say the least. The Pumpkin Festival Association wants to keep as much of the economic stimulus created by our event to remain within our region. At this rate it appears that we are going to have to look outside our area to source the groups that are needed, so our region will miss out once again.

If you or a group you are a member of want to get involved, ring us: 0484 629424

2019 Festival is building, bigger and better than ever before. With 4 days of events and activities, we hope to attract people to town earlier and to stay longer. Will you be ready for it?

Watch our website for program details or follow us on Facebook. www.goomeripumpkinfestival.com.au

Till next month, watch those pumpkin seeds grow. Thanks again to all, the GPF Team

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Council Continues to Support Community Initiatives

Mayor Keith Campbell is supportive of the community initiatives lead by the State Government to tackle the problem on crime in our region.

“This is a complex issue and one which requires a State sustained approach supporting key organisations in our community to work together across local Government boundaries,” Mayor Campbell said.

In recent months, the State Government have listened to our communities by funding prevention, management and rehabilitation programs through organisations such as the Murgon PCYC.

“Council is working with local service providers and State agencies by supporting community network groups, Police consultative committees and neighbourhood watch groups across our region,” Mayor Campbell said.

Council recently secured funding to develop a Community Action Plan through the Local Drug Action Team, which will include activities to prevent addiction to alcohol and other drugs in our community.

“This Council is committed to supporting community-based models of delivery which play an important role in the implementation of crime prevention strategies.”

“We are very fortunate to have a range of locally based agencies who are well placed to deliver services that can address the various individual risk factors that increase the likelihood that a person will become involved in crime or antisocial behaviour,” Mayor Campbell added.

To this end Council will support the efforts of the Murgon Business Development Association, Cherbourg Aboriginal Council and members of both communities to help work through the lawlessness issues impacting residents and businesses.

MURGON - CHERBOURG COMMUNITIES WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE POSITIVE STRATEGIES FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY MEETING

TUESDAY, 16TH OF APRIL

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Burnett Mary Grazing Clinic a Success!

The Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG) is delighted with the response to a Grazing Clinic that the group recently organised in Kingaroy.



Almost 50 graziers and extension officers from throughout the Burnett Mary region and as far away as Numinbah, NSW attended the two-and-a-half-day workshop which was delivered by Resource Consulting Services' (RCS's) David McLean. The workshop addressed the principles and practices of grazing management and aimed to assist participants as 'grass managers'.

Practical sessions included how to set the rest period to suit the pasture's growth rate, matching stocking rates to carrying capacity and property design for water and fencing placement. Participants also learnt how to record and monitor their grazing practices through the application of tools such as grazing charts.

BMRG's Ann McKenzie said the workshops were successful in providing land managers with information on grazing management and the importance of good healthy root systems for their pastures. "The workshop also went through steps graziers can take to manage drought conditions" said Ann. "In our current climate, this subject is critical to both agricultural land and business management."

A field excursion to Andrew Zerner's steer trading operation near Murgon, provided the opportunity for practical assessments of pastures, soils and biodiversity, as well as rating the water cycle and energy flows. Andrew practises RCS's system of regenerative grazing principles and encouraged participants to, "Enjoy what you choose to do and be brilliant at the basics".

This event was part of the Resilient and Productive Farmers project, supported by BMRG through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP:

Our March morning tea was well catered for by Ann with a variety of sandwiches and cakes, boston bun and scones to satisfy the taste buds of everyone. Thank you Ann and the **Wondai Diggers Club** for your hospitality and efforts. There was a great roll up with 17 people in attendance including our supporters Phenella and Delma. As usual there was lots of laughter and much chatter. Poems were supplied by Merrilyn and Lyn and read by Merrilyn while Carmen and Dell added a few jokes.

The **Lucky Number** prize was won by Darryl while Merrilyn took home a *bottle of water* for her correct guess

of what was in the box. There were plenty of innovative answers for the box contents. The month of March had an abundance of birthdays with birthday chocolates for Phil, Wanda, Jean, Merrilyn, Paul, Ken and Delma.

COMING UP : Our **April** meeting will be held at **Castra Aged Care Facility** on **Monday April 29** starting at **10.00 am**. To celebrate this month we will have a **PLAY DAY**, wear **purple** and have all things starting with **P**. **Elva** will make the **punch** and we expect to be eating **pikelets**, **pumpkin scones** and **pineapple etc**. There will be **purple jokes** and **plenty of puzzles** to entertain with **prolific prizes**. All interested persons are invited to attend. For further information phone Darryl **4168 3116** or Carmen **54861268**.

APRIL is a special month nationally in the Parkinson's calendar being **WEAR PURPLE FOR PARKINSON'S** month and **TAKE A WALK IN THE PARK**. This month highlights this progressive disease for which there is presently no cure. We are a small friendly group who always welcome interested people to come along and



Easter Church Service Times April 2019.

Church. Good Friday 19th. Easter Sunday 21st.

Baptist Murgon		9.30am Macalister Street Murgon
AIM Cherbourg		9.30am Barambah Avenue Cherbourg
Uniting Murgon		9.30am Gore Street Murgon
Church of Christ		9.30am Thorn Street Murgon
Lutheran Wondai	8.00am	8.00am Edward Street Wondai
Lutheran Murgon	9.30am	9.30am Thorn Street Murgon
Anglican Wondai	8.00am	8.00am Baynes Street Wondai
Baptist Wondai	8.00am	9.30am Cadell Street Wondai
Baptist Proston	8.00am	10.00am
New Horizons		9.30am Bunya Highway Murgon
Anglican Murgon		10.30am Taylor Street Murgon

St Joey's Holy Week celebrations

Holy week Liturgy Times - 2019

Palm Sunday Celebrations

13th Saturday 8am Proston & 6pm Murgon

14th Sunday 8am Wondai & 10.30 am Durong

18th April **Holy Thursday Eucharist 6.00pm** Murgon

19th April **Good Friday Stations of the Cross** 9.30am Wondai

19th April **Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion** 3.00pm Murgon

20th April Mass 8.00am **Proston**

20th April Mass 10.30am **Durong**

20th April **Easter Vigil** 7.00pm **Murgon**

21st April Easter Sunday Mass 8.00am **Wondai**

21st April Easter Sunday Mass 10.00am **Goomeri**

The Murgon Baptist Church is organising a Combined Barambah Churches Good Friday Service 19th April 9am at the Rotunda in the park in Lamb Street, Murgon. All welcome.

The Uniting Church Wondai is holding a Combined Barambah Churches Easter Sunday Morning Service 21st April 6am Coronation Park Wondai with a sausage sizzle. Gold coin donation for Chaplaincy. All welcome

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At our March meeting held at the home of Bill and Lyn Vlaanderen our guest speaker was Brett Sander from Neighbourhood Watch.

Brett gave us a hand out of useful information and to fill in a questionnaire on how secure our homes are.

Neighbourhood Watch is a program organised by the community and supported by the Queensland Police Service to reduce residential crime.

Householders are encouraged to join together in small informal groups for the purpose of improving the safety of their families and other neighbourhood

residents.

It is not a police scheme. Police only lend their expertise to enable residents to organise themselves for the purpose of minimising crime. Neighbourhood Watch will only work if YOU, the community, support the scheme.

The Neighbourhood Watch meet every third Monday at the RSL at 6.00pm.

Our next garden club meeting will be at Bill and Lyn's home and there will be a talk on Day Lillies.

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The Taabinga Rotary Club will be holding its 11th Bookarama Book Sale at the Kingaroy Town Hall on the second weekend in September.

During the year, we collect donations of books to use at the book sale.

Last year, the funds went to:

Kingaroy Hospital Auxiliary (towards the purchase of a second ultra sound machine)

Royal Flying Doctor Service. (This invaluable organisation continues to service the South Burnett)

Buy a Bale. (A plan to buy bales of hay for drought-stricken farmers)

The support that the club has had to the book sale over the last 10 years by the people of the South Burnett has been fantastic.

However, WE NEED BOOKS!

All donations of books can be left at:

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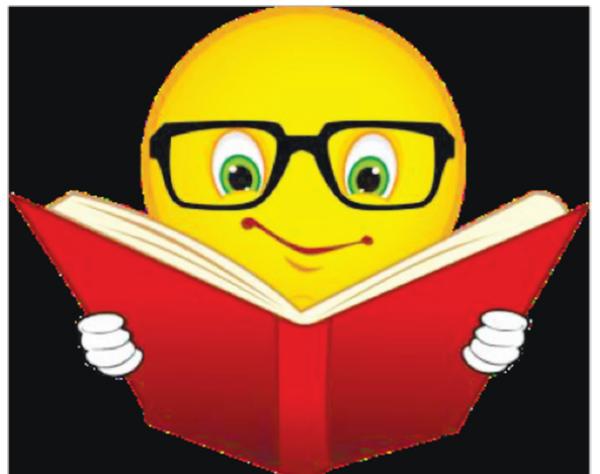
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“One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time”

Murgon Report 02.04.2019

1250 were yarded in Murgon Tuesday, many descriptions selling to dearer rates. Export cattle showed a marked improvement as did feeder descriptions and better quality weaners.

Heavy Bulls sold to \$2.46 and \$2080.00. Bullocks topped at \$2.79 c/kg for \$1470.00. Cows over 500 kg sold to \$2.49 c/kg averaging \$2.25 c/kg. Cows 400 – 500 kg sold to \$2.47 c/kg. Lighter Cows under 400 kg topped at \$2.07 c/kg. Export Heifers topped at \$2.61 c/kg for \$1230.0. Cattle were drawn from Mundubbera, Gayndah, Mt



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460 kg Charbray steers from Hivesville sold to \$1250.00 at \$2.70 c/kg. Charbray steers from Murgon weighing 400 kg sold for \$2.64 c/kg to return \$1060.00. 380 kg Gelviah cross steers from Windera sold to \$2.87 c/kg for \$1095.00 & \$2.73 c/kg and \$957.00. Quality Murray Grey steers from Hivesville sold for \$2.82 c/kg to return \$997.00. 367 kg Droughtmaster steers from Goomeri sold for \$1006.00 at \$2.74 c/kg. Charbray weaner steers from Manyung sold for \$2.81 c/kg for \$833.00. Limousin cross weaner steers from Hivesville sold for \$2.86 c/kg and \$822.00. 2 pens of Braford cross weaner steers from Mt Perry sold for \$2.81 c/kg returning \$810.00 & \$2.67 c/kg for \$680.00. Droughtmaster weaner steers from Hivesville sold for \$725.00 at \$3.01 c/kg. 456 kg Murray Grey heifers sold for \$2.61 c/kg and \$1192.00. Local Charbray heifers with a weight of 400 kg sold for \$1050.00 at \$2.63 c/kg. Gelviah heifers weighing 358 & 343 kg respectively sold for \$943.00 & \$904.00 at \$2.63 c/kg. Droughtmaster cross heifers with a weight of 393 kg sold for \$1020.00 and \$2.60 c/kg. 327 kg Braford cross weaner heifers sold for \$850.00 and \$2.60 c/kg. Fresh 265 kg Droughtmaster cross weaner heifers from Stonelands sold for \$640.00 at \$2.42 c/kg. A fair percentage of the better quality weaner heifers sold from \$2.10 - \$2.30 c/kg. Cows & calves topped at \$930.00.

The next Murgon sale is on Tuesday the 16th of April at 8.00 am.

Murgon State School News... Matty Bowen visits Murgon.



Murgon State School is part of the Try for 5 Program which is proudly sponsored by the North Queensland Cowboys. As part of this program, class attendance percentages are calculated weekly and prizes are awarded each fortnight for the class with the highest attendance rates.

On Tuesday the 12th of March, North Queensland Cowboy Ambassador Matty Bowen came to visit our school and played games with individual classes.

Our Student Action Team arranged classroom activities for the whole school and asked students to wear orange to support Bullying No Way! Day on Friday the 15th March.

On Tuesday the 19th of March, EarlyAct handed over a cheque to Haidee Kerr, a former Murgon SS student who is now a RN and Midwife with the RFDS based in Brisbane. The RFDS was nominated due to many of our school and wider

community benefiting from this service and the cheque was the amount of \$2700.00, as a result of fundraising efforts in 2018. Haidee was in communication with us last year and sent us valuable photos and information about the service to share with the club. We were appreciative of Haidee taking to time to travel from Brisbane to personally receive the cheque.

The 2nd Annual Mike Reynolds Memorial Golf Day was held on Saturday the 23rd of March at the Murgon Golf Club. The support from Murgon business houses and the school community was overwhelming, in the form of raffles and prizes and keen golfers. It was a great day had by all participants who were in attendance, and music was enjoyed into the evening from Helen Wintour.



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At C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten, we know how blessed we are to live in a wonderfully multicultural country! Every day, we perform our Acknowledgement of Country; giving thanks for our ancestors, families and country. Last year, we were lucky to receive Community Grants Program funding from South Burnett Regional Council in order that we could have a mural designed and painted. As a team, we brainstormed, discussed and reflected upon the needs of the Kindy, what we wanted the children to learn and also how we could show respect for the Wakka Wakka People. During the process, we consulted Pop John Stanley and Uncle Les Stewart, who both heartily encouraged us to go ahead with the project. The search for an artist commenced and it was soon suggested that we ask Kindy Grandad, Max Conlon to do it. Uncle Max was honoured and humbled to once again have an opportunity to use his Aboriginal art as a tool to engage the wider community. The first thing Uncle Max asked was that we write a story for him to paint. He then requested that the project be conducted at our Kindy, so that the children could enjoy and learn with and alongside him each day. With this in mind, we thought it best to talk to the children, and in doing so, our story became a perfect blend of our Acknowledgement of Country and our Early Childhood educational beliefs about Kindy and beyond. It is impossible to explain the skill with which Uncle Max took that simple story and allowed it to flourish through his artwork; explaining it to children, families and staff along the way. You only have to spend a few moments in his presence to realise that Uncle Max most certainly has an innate talent for thinking deeply and reflectively. He has effortlessly woven messages of love, peace and hope throughout our beautiful work of art and we cannot thank him enough for the gift he has given for the many future generations of our Kindy.

The Kindy Journey: Our Story

Life is a journey that begins with our family. As we wander through life, other people join us on our way. Kindy is part of that journey. We come together in this safe place and learn, play and grow beside one another. We learn to pay respect to the sovereign people who walked this exact land before us. Our Elders, families and teachers help us do this. We learn to pay respect to country; the sky, the water, the animals and the trees – North, South, East and West. When we leave this place to continue our learning, we never forget where our wonderful journey began – with family and country.



NEWSLETTER NO 3 FOR QAFCA (Queensland Amateur Fishing Clubs Association)

The Annual General Meeting is over for another year and there were no changes to our hierarchy. That tells me one of two things - they are all doing a great job, or they can't find someone dumb enough to take over their job.

Most of the reports for the meeting were those given in the magazine, and if you paid your affiliation by the DUE DATE, 1 March, and met all the criteria you should have a magazine by now. Those who pay after this date will receive the magazine, once all clubs have renewed their fees. The reports were taken as read. The only person who decided a new report was warranted was me, and I would like to share that with you all – so here it is.

How it all started

The Queensland Amateur Fishing Clubs Association was officially 70 years old as of the 13-1-2019.

The following are the clubs that attended that first meeting held on the Mirimar –

A.F.A.	Maree	Shorncliffe	Booval
Oxley	Scarborough	A.N.A	Paddington
Tweed Heads	Brisbane Hospital	Qld Police	United Pastime
Postal Institute	Erica	Victory	Brisbane Markets
Moreton	Queens Arms	Qld Cam	Ips Rd Tram Depot
Mirimar			

Copied from the minutes – “Before declaring the meeting open, Mr Bill Sanders, Hon. Sec. of Mirimar Amateur Fishing Club, addressed the delegates as to the purpose of the meeting.

He commented on the work and administration as carried out in the past by A.F.A. and explained that the A.F.A had relinquished control because of the responsibility they owed to their club, and the increased hassles attending to the steady growth of affiliated club movement members. (What's changed today – 70 years later?)

He outlined briefly that the objects of the meeting were to establish an organisation which would be worthy and competent to properly control amateur fishing in Queensland, suggesting at the same time, an organisation of fishing clubs which would foster the interests of amateurs in general, control interclub competitions (State Titles), become the parent body and the official mouth piece of amateur fishing in Queensland.”

So on 13th January, 1949, QAFCA was born, and in 2019 we became 70 years of age! Did anybody hear about a party; I think 70 is worth one. Just look at what our forefathers asked us to do – that we further the interests of amateur fishing in Queensland, that we control interclub fishing (State Titles), and we become the parent body and official mouthpiece for amateur fishing in Queensland.

I believe we have achieved all those objectives set for us at that meeting, and I sincerely hope we will continue to progress the way we have in the past 70 years. Associations and clubs have always had their periods of ups and downs, but provided we come out the other side all right, it will be fine. We started the Association with just 21 clubs joining, and nobody owned a boat, so it was fish from the bank or hire a dinghy.

As reported at the State Conference in Ipswich in 1974, the number of clubs had grown to a peak of 150. This was one of our greatest growth times, because you could rely on a club to take you fishing and get a feed of fish for your trouble.

Then the advent and growth of small power boats, four-wheel drives and electronic media saw the numbers decline. No longer did people have to rely on clubs to take them on a fishing outing, as they could do it themselves. They could learn about the sport by simply hiring a video on fishing. Our membership declined so much, we got down to 1500 and just 50 affiliated clubs.

Those were the numbers when I became President in 2002 and I had a vision to introduce something new in the hope of getting new clubs, beginning with the following -

Introduce a public liability insurance to cover all clubs under the QAFCA banner

Introduce an I.D.Card

Introduce a yearly magazine – a dream of former QAFCA secretary, Clinton Barrett

Introduce freshwater fishing to our calendar

Have the history of QAFCA written by Wally Clayden

Set up a QAFCA web site

Lastly, but not one of my initial wishes – continue with having all our state titles run in the same week.

In 2018, QAFCA steadily grew from 100 clubs at the start of the year, and now to 112 to date in 2019. Unfortunately, these numbers do not relate to the numbers going fishing in our competitions; there are many joining just for the insurance. However, we are providing a service for likeminded people with the hope that one day they will join us in a fishing competition.

I received a phone call the other day, and the gentleman on the other end said he hoped we were well, as, if we were crook, it would take 10 people to do our job. Well, I would be misleading you if you believed I did half the work. I would be lucky to do one fifth of what is done; the rest can be attributed to our secretary. I'm just the 'gofer'. How she does it puzzles me and how we will ever replace her is beyond me. That time is coming sooner than you think for at the Annual General Meeting in 2021, we will not be standing for President or Secretary. It's time for us to have some ME time and do some travelling.

Thank you to all who have assisted me with my duties throughout the year, especially our new treasurer who has stepped into the role very efficiently!

John A Crone, QAFCA PRESIDENT

Editors comment: have you ever been on the Mirimar ? I have !



The Mirimar

Launched June 13, 1934, Built in Brisbane by Norman Wright & Sons, Length 30m

Made day trips to Amity on North Stradbroke Island, Was the basis for the Mirimar Amateur Fishing Club which formed in 1936, Did a Magnetic Island ferry run

A Capt Watts was fined 20 pounds in 1935 for overloading on a trip to Amity. He had 400 passengers, almost twice the allowable number. He pleaded guilty, saying he thought many of the people on the boat were just saying goodbye to passengers.

Built in 1934, the Mirimar saw service in World War II but made her name taking thousands of Brisbane families and tourists from the city upstream to Lone Pine Sanctuary.

After 75 years service, Mirimar made her last Lone Pine trip on September 29, 2009, and was replaced with another craft. She also did a Magnetic Island ferry run off Townsville and cruised Moreton Bay islands. She was known to have her quirks. She did not like to turn to starboard and popped out of gear whenever she could.

Heritage-lover Mandy Kennedy said it was hoped that a fighting fund could be set up to buy the Mirimar.

The restoration could cost \$1.5 million but it would see a major piece of the city's heritage restored.

Riverview Marine apprentice boilermaker Mark Fearon, who works at the yard, said the Mirimar was a beautiful old boat that deserved restoration.

"You don't see boats being built out of timber like this any more," Mr Fearon said.

Murgon artists paint the Kilcoy RSL murals

While painting the murals on the Visitor Information Centre in Murgon, artists Lee Porter and Carolyn Summers were approached by the President of the Kilcoy RSL to paint some murals on their walls. After some lengthy discussions on designs, the two artists have completed the WW1 mural for ANZACs and also now the WW2 mural featuring how we fought the war by land, sea and air. The final mural to be started soon, is to feature "Modern Conflicts" starting with the Korean war, etc., up to present day conflict in Iraq. The Kilcoy RSL sub branch has "the most impressive museum collection I have ever seen" stated Ms Porter. Everyone is welcome to visit the Kilcoy RSL and see the murals as well as stop off for a cool drink on a Friday night when the bar is open. No pokies here, just fantastic people and support and memories of and for our service people.



Photo: RSL President Neil Barradean, Lee Porter and Carolyn Summers

For further information please contact Lee Porter on 0477175540 or E: leeporter@bigpond.com

Woman saves herself in crocodile attack using a walking stick.

This is the story of self-control and quick thinking by a brave, cool-headed woman against a fierce predator.

Here is the story in her own words:

"While out walking along the edge of a creek just near our house in Darwin, with my soon to be ex-husband discussing our property settlement, kids and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a 5 metre crocodile which suddenly emerged from the murky water, charging at us very fast with its large jaws wide open.

The croc must have been protecting her young and her home because she was extremely aggressive.

If I had not had my little \$5.00 Reject Shop walking stick with me, I would not be here today!

Just one hard whack to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took....The croc got him easily and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible and, instead of half the assets, got the lot".

Federal Government announcement to crackdown on animal extremists

LNP Leader Deb Frecklington has welcomed the Federal Government's announcement that animal extremists could be fined up to \$420,000 for trespassing on private farming properties – but says more needs to be done by the Government at a state level.

"I welcome Minister Littleproud's announcement which will crackdown on animal extremists who illegally use personal information to attack our hard-working farmers," Ms Frecklington said.

"It is simply unacceptable that fringe groups have been exploiting personal information to terrorise Queensland families and their livestock.

"The activities of extremists endanger both humans and animals."

LNP Shadow Minister for Agriculture Tony Perrett also backed AgForce's call for firm action from the Government to act and beef up trespass laws and give stronger powers to the police so they can actually penalise these offenders," Mr Perrett said.

"This has all gone too far. The Government has to draw a line in the sand and put an end to this disgraceful extremism."

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Community Health EXPO with guest speaker Shane Webcke, ambassador for Workplace Health and Safety



Firefighters displayed what would happen if a cup of water was put on a fat fire in your house



Many of our local Health workers and organizations were on hand to give important advice for safety at Work, Home and Community including medications.



The year five class at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Murgon visited Cherbourg Radio station to record a song for school assembly. The song, called "Year Five is on Fire", provides vision and encouragement for students to be confident, nurturing and respectful.

Michael Monk and Aunty Iris warmly welcomed the students and showed the class the radio's museum before recording the song and interviewing students.



The Murgon RSL Sub Branch Inc.
Monthly General Meetings

1st Saturday of each month
 commencing at 10.00am.

Diggers Room –

Murgon Services & Memorial Club
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The South Burnett sees some much-needed rain.

Boondooma and Lake Barambah have seen a very small influx of water from some great rain over the South Burnett recently. Although it wasn't a lot, it was very welcome with Boondooma sitting at 34% and BP dam 8%. The fishermen haven't been too disappointed with mixed reports coming from both dams. It's great to see so many people coming to our dams, even with the lower water levels. Over the next few weeks, we should see the fishing improve considerably as the dropping temperatures stabilise.

Lake Barambah

BP has been a little tough of late for the lure casters due to the cooling weather and low water levels but fish are still getting caught if you're willing to put in the time. Bass and goldens in some areas have been thick and sessions in the double digits still aren't uncommon, so keep working on them if you've found a good show of fish. Best areas of late have been wide around the lightening ridge area and the quarry, fishing down the drop offs. The deeper water from Bass point right down the middle to the public boat ramp is also worth a drift or two. Best baits have been 1/2 ounce rigged plastics, 1/4 ounce blades spinnerbaits and chatter-baits.



Anglers young and old are still enjoying the fishing at BP, this bass was caught walking the bank at BP by Dion.

Because BP is a shallow dam most fish generally congregate around areas in the dam where drop offs are. The best way to find these drop off, is to use your sounder and find them or look for points or banks that drop away quickly. Cast your lure up shallow and slowly wind it down the slope and try to keep it close to the bottom. I always try to imagine where my lure is sitting close to the bottom to keep in contact with the fish or the "strike zone". I consistently let the lure touch the bottom so that I know I'm always close as I wind my lure back to the boat. Using this method usually puts you onto fish eventually.

Be wary from Bass point onwards towards the timber is very shallow.

Trollers are getting some nice bass and goldens trolling over the drop offs out from Bass point and down the middle of the dam between bass point and the caravan park boat ramp also try trolling over the prominent points of the dam using spinnerbaits and blades.

Bait fishermen are getting heaps of table fish, fishing just about anywhere on the dam that is over 10 feet deep and near any structure. Best baits have been shrimps and worms.

There is some red claw still about as well so make sure you pack the pots.

Boondooma

Boondooma has been fishing reasonably well in the main basin of the dam. There are a few good options when your fishing during this time of year, though it does pay to be patient. The dam has grown some scattered weed edges over the summer months and these edges will now come into play now that the water is beginning to cool. I'd start the day along these weed edges and begin my throwing lipless cranks, chatter-baits or spinnerbaits up to the weed edges and begin a slow retrieve back to the boat. This is your most likely chance of coming across some big healthy bass and some yellow belly.

There are plenty of bass schooled around the major points of the dam, particularly around areas that the wind blows past and creates current eddies. Sound around areas like the points around the rock walls near the dam wall and the major rocky points around the front of the dam. Here, the water is at its clearest due to the recent inflow. When a school has been located start by casting 5/8 spinnerbaits, 20 gram spoons and 1/2 rigged soft plastic and count from 5 to 7 seconds depending on how deep the fish are sitting. Consistent fast retrieves have been working best and it pays to put in multiple casts before you get a bite or a fish. 1/2 ounce rigged plastics have been a popular choice amongst anglers as the bait is a smaller profile and can be burnt fast as well to initiate a strike from any hungry fish.

Another great option, particularly if you have young kids is to jig 30 to 40 mm blades around the above-mentioned points. The most consistent depth out wider of these points is 20ft. Dropping down a blade and jiggling it vertically off the bottom is a great way to catch some fish and an easy technique for the kids.



Some great catches of Bass are still coming from Boondooma if your patient during the cooling water temps.

Trollers are catching some nice bass and goldens in the main basin trolling 5/8 spinnerbaits and deep diving hard bodies around the major points and tight along the big steep rock walls.

Red claw have been coming in pretty thick of late and some big lobster size ones as well. Set your pots close to any rock structure or thick timber and you're in with a good chance of a feed. Soft fruit and vegetables have been the best bait as well as dog biscuits.

Charter News

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

Hope to see you on the water soon, Tight Lines and Bent Rods

Matthew Langford

MURGON ROTARY NEWS



The Rotary Club of Murgon was pleased to be able to make a recent donation to Castra, through the Castra Ladies Auxilliary, of a special monitor for various health related issues, commonly called an Obs Trolley. Pictured are staff Nellie, Mavora, Emma, Angela and Sandy proudly showing it off. The funds for this machine were raised through the 2018 Murgon Music Muster.

Brochures for the 2019 Murgon Music Muster are now available at various outlets including the Visitor Information Centres. Don't forget to collect one to see our list of amazing artists this year. Info is also available on our Facebook page and our webpage: www.murgonmusicmuster.com

There's only just over a month to go until we depart on our 4WD tag along trip, the Barambah Bush Bash. Don't forget to contact Mark Quinn on quinnmkba@bigpond.com if you're interested in joining us.



ANDREW MULLER



Andrew Muller celebrated his 102nd birthday on the 14th March 2019 with family and friends at Southern Cross "Castra" Murgon. Long time resident Jane Baker supplied the music on the piano.



Preps having fun at Wheatland's State School. a photo you will remember in years to come.

We Sadly mourn the loss of:

CHILCOTT, Glen Thomas, Late of Goomeri

MAYNARD, Ellen Annie, Late of Kinleymore, Proston

DINTE, Jennifer Meryl "Meg" Late of Toowoomba and formerly of Halls Creek, Murgon, and Wallumbilla,

McCORMACK, Gladys Jennie. Late of Murgon

Deb and Katy secure safer roads for Kilkivan



Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington and local Kilkivan businesswoman, Katy McCallum have secured a win for road safety in Kilkivan.

Mrs Frecklington said there will be significant improvements to line marking and the installation of new and larger directional signs through the main street of the town.

"Katy contacted me in January this year to share her concerns about the road safety issues she had experienced in Kilkivan," Mrs Frecklington said.

"We had a meeting in early February in Kilkivan to discuss the problems and inspect the roads, in particular James Street, which has become a popular 'rat running' road for drivers trying to bypass the Wide Bay Highway through the main part of the township.

"Concerns were also raised about heavy vehicles 'overshooting' the 90 degree bend in the Wide Bay Highway in Kilkivan when travelling west, resulting in the heavy vehicles approaching the school zone area at high speeds.

"Following our meeting, I wrote to the Department of Transport and Main Roads, who took the issues to the Gympie Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting, and it was agreed that improvements needed to be made," Deb said. Katy McCallum said it is a huge win for Kilkivan and a big relief when it comes to road safety for both vehicles and pedestrians.

"Our businesses are on the main highway, and I have seen many near misses and heavy vehicles 'racing each other' down James Street. James Street also borders the main recreational park in Kilkivan and it's a dangerous situation for families with young children playing in the vicinity," Mrs McCallum said.

"When the fully loaded truck overshot the 90 degree bend on the Wide Bay Highway, it was 8.15am when our school children were walking to school. It was a very scary scenario, and the truck actually ran straight over the pedestrian crossing – it was just fortunate there were no kids on the crossing at that moment.

"These improvements to road markings and the installation of new signs will greatly improve the safety of traffic through our town. It's overdue, but I'm really pleased to have been able to finally have these issues raised and to have created some change for our community.

Every bit of assistance no matter how big or small that is given to Kilkivan contributes to a happy, thriving community and makes for a strong solid town for our children to grow up in, our elderly to retire in and our workers to have jobs in - thanks Deb," Katy said.

The following road safety changes will be implemented in coming months:

'Local traffic only' signs will be installed on the Wide Bay Highway at both James Street intersections to deter vehicles rat running along the road.

Line marking improvements will be made on the Wide Bay Highway at the Council/Bligh streets intersection to clearly identify the Wide Bay Highway as the priority movement.

New and larger directional signs will be installed to clearly identify the direction of travel for highway motorists.

Photo: Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, with Kilkivan business own, Katy McCallum at

the James Street intersection with the Wide Bay Highway. James Street will have 'Local Traffic Only' signs installed.

'Leven Little Lonsdales' by Merle Johnson

A review of the Book by Doon

McColl from Cairns.

The hard work, humour and love shared by eleven children and their parents form the heart of this memoir of a Queensland farming family.

Author Merle Johnson has faithfully captured what life was like for bush kids from the 1950s to 1970s, and it's a story that will be familiar to many rural Queenslanders.

The book begins with the wartime marriage of parents Ned and Doris and their early family life on a dairy farm in the South Burnett region.

The original farmhouse was typical of the time, with no electricity, limited internal plumbing, chamber pots under the bed and an outhouse was up the back. "Proper baths were for Wednesdays and Saturdays," Merle recalls, "the other nights you just washed your feet and face."

The children were expected to help on the farm. They hand milked the dairy herd before breakfast, changed into school clothes and walked bare foot several miles to their one-teacher school.

The eleven little Lonsdales created their own fun when their daily chores were done, exploring the farm and building cubbie houses and billy carts. They held pram races, recruiting younger siblings to the sport: "We had a few busters and they all fell out or tipped over at times, but no harm was done."

With eleven children the household was never dull: "The strap was used regularly and sometimes had the desired result." Merle recalls that when her mother was stressed she either yelled at her children or baked

biscuits. "She was quite capable of yelling and baking at the same time, and we always had plenty of home-made biscuits."

While times were tough, Ned and Doris ensured there was always enough food on the table. A hot roast lunch every Sunday was followed by rice pudding, tapioca or baked custard. Some of the favourite family recipes are listed in the book, including a recipe for German sausage with ingredients of "1/2 cow and 1/2 a pig" – with eleven hungry children to feed, economies of scale were required.

Education was very important to Ned and Doris and they made many sacrifices to help their children get the best schooling available. When it was time to go to high school, the Lonsdale teenagers boarded in a student hostel in Murgon.

As the Lonsdales grew up, prams and billy carts gave way to motor bikes, trucks and racing cars. Ned and his sons went on to build a state-wide reputation as resourceful mechanics, technicians and master builders who could fix anything with their bush ingenuity and strong work ethic.

Merle doesn't hide the stressful side of remote living when medical care was limited. There are heart-breaking times when one of the boys is killed in a motorbike accident and six brothers carry his casket from the church.

As the children grew up and scattered over Queensland, they began their own families. Every wedding is characterised by hand-made wedding dresses (it wasn't until her 40th wedding anniversary that Doris bought her first dress) and the logistics required for such large family gatherings.

Once most of the children had grown up, Doris and Ned moved into town and became heavily involved in civic duties especially the CWA, local schools, and the Masons. There were always extra people and extended family sleeping over at the Lonsdales.

Ned passed away in 1983 aged 71 years, a much loved role model. Doris continued as the family matriarch

for another 30 years. She took care of generations of grandkids and great-grandkids, teaching them little known nursery rhymes and the joys of licking cake batter from a spoon. Over 20 babies spanning five generations and one hundred years slept in a little baby cot made for Doris by her father.

Doris died in 2012 aged 93 years. Three of the eleven little Lonsdales have also passed on and the remaining eight have reached retirement age. Their own children have grown up and are carrying on the Lonsdale legacy of working hard and making better lives for themselves and their communities.

With contributions from family members and letters from her mother and father, Merle has woven a story that charts the lives of a hardworking and resourceful Queensland family.

If you don't actually know one of the eleven little Lonsdales, you will know people like them and you will enjoy their story.

About the author:

Merle Johnson is well known in North West Queensland as an active member of the Normanton community, and a former Carpentaria Shire Councillor for 10 years. With her husband Floyd, they operated a heavy machinery business before retiring. She grew up in the South Burnett district as one of the 'Leven Little Lonsdales' and is keen for others to read their story.

Q: Why did you decide to write the book?

A: I always had the idea to write a story of our childhood at the Abbeywood Farm. Family get togethers always resulted in much laughter and storytelling. Our Mum was a master story teller. The family reunion scheduled for 2019 was the catalyst to get it written.

Q: How did you go about writing it, how long did it take?

A: With this book in mind, I have collected stories, anecdotes, and kept letters for a long time. It took 2 years to write. I decided on a time frame of 30 years for the story, and made a suggested chapter list to cover this period. I sent a typed questionnaire to each sibling, asking for information on dates, i.e. when did you start school, where, work history etc. this was expanded then to other events and happenings.

I spent many hours with each sibling writing notes and asking questions, and many more hours on the phone, as well as emails, and reading letters and diary notes.

Q: What would your advice be for other would-be authors of family history?

A: Ask lots of questions and write notes. Establish a time for the history to start and finish. Check similar books for ideas. Be prepared for different responses from your family, in relation to particular events/happenings

Q: Do your recollections differ from your siblings?

A: Sometimes. This can be sorted by including different versions, or saying 'this is how I remember it'.

Q: Are there any stories that you didn't include?

A: Yes. Lots have come to mind since I finished the script, some I remembered and others my siblings reminded me of. I had a 'mantra' in big letters on the fridge:-

Is it the truth: - Is it necessary: - Is it kind.

I found that I could work well with this guiding me, with what to include.

Q: With eleven children fighting over who would lick the spoon when your mother baked - who mostly won?

A: When Frankie was still at home, he pinched the spoon at every opportunity and took it to the verandah. This was one of the few things he initiated by himself.

The 'Leven Little Lonsdale book is self-published by Merle Johnson and will be launched at a Lonsdale Family Reunion at Lake Tinaroo Hall, Atherton Tableland,

on the 12th April 2019. Later in the year, Merle will host other gatherings to showcase her book.

These will be in Normanton in the Carpentaria Shire, and **Proston, Murgon and Kingaroy** in the South Burnett District of Qld. Dates to be advised.

Please email Merle Johnson:- floydandmerle@bigpond.com Phone: 0409 053 122

National Council of Women of Queensland Inc. 2019 Bursary Program



Applications for the National Council of Women of Queensland Inc. (NCWQ) 2019 bursaries are open.

34 bursaries for female students are available to assist Queensland women with their educational expenses.

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If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be able to apply for one of the bursaries.

More information and the application forms are available on the NCWQ website – www.ncwq.org.au/bursaries - and Facebook page. Applications close 20th May

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April 2019 Exhibition
2019 Wondai Garden Expo Art Competition
THEME: A Garden Theme (Any Medium)

Kids Korner: South Burnett Home Schooling Group

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until Saturday, 27 April, 2019

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry

Telephone: 07 4168 5926 or email wondaiartgallery@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Sponsored by Wondai Garden Expo Inc



A thank you dinner of 30 Wondai Art Gallery volunteers was held to thank two long standing volunteers Roza Lear and Jenny who have retired from the gallery. We thank them for their many years of dedication and support of the

gallery. Long standing Wondai Art Gallery President Elaine stood down at the last AGM and Amanda has taken up the reins, although Elaine has stayed on as vice president to support and help Amanda.

Also acknowledgement was made of Gil and Michelle Smith, long standing supporters of the gallery for their wide ranging and ongoing support of the gallery.

Wondai Art Gallery have a strong team of loyal supporters and it is much appreciated by the community and wider Art world.



It all starts here...

School Holiday Activities

South Burnett PCYC Branch

15th April – 18th April Week 2 (closed 19th April)



Monday 15 th	Tuesday 16 th	Wednesday 17 th	Thursday 18 th	Friday 19 th
8am-9am Fitter For Life \$5 per person.		8am-9am Fitter For Life \$5 per person.	8am- 1pm Colour Run Murgon Rail Trail. \$10 to register.	GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED
10am-11am Gym Fun \$5 per person	9am-10am Tiny Tots. \$5 per person.			
1pm-2pm Tennis Free	10am-11am Easter Crafts \$2 per person.	10am-11am Parkour. \$5 per person.		
2pm-4pm Indoor Sports & Games. Free.	1pm-4pm Indoor Sports & Games. Free.	1pm-4pm Table Tennis. Free.		

***Bookings: For Bookings please contact the South Burnett PCYC either by phone p: 4168 1889 or email e: southburnett@pcyc.org.au**

Contact  South Burnett Murgon Branch
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From the Principal's desk

Term 2 has come and gone in a flash. It has been a very busy term with lots happening across the whole school. Today and over the holidays is a perfect opportunity for students to reflect on missed opportunities and

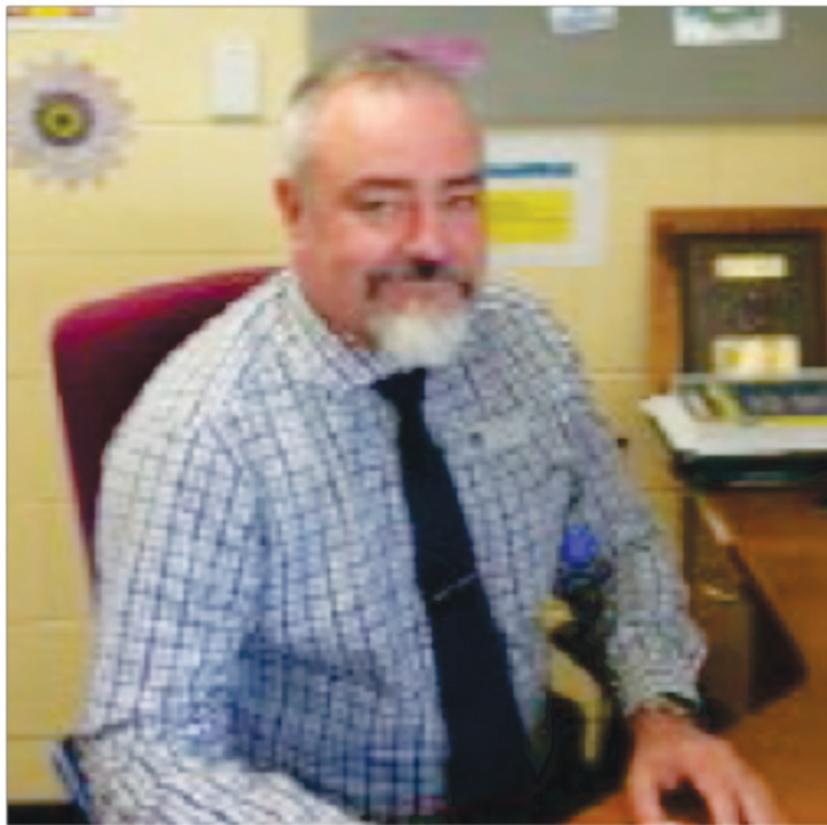
what they can do next term to be actively engaged in learning every day and in every class.

Today is also a time for myself as Principal, to reflect on my last two terms at Murgon State High School, as I will not be returning next term. The school was re-banded early this term to a band 11 school, reflecting the complexity of the broader community and the challenges faced.

I was not successful in the recruitment process for the permanent Principal position.

I would like to let everyone know that Simon Cotton will be taking up the Principal's position as of next term. Simon has been working in the community as a Community Education Coordinator. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the school. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming Simon to the school community.

We have had some great gains in reading data over the last since 6 months, with students actively reading and engaging in strategies to strengthen comprehension of what they are reading. I would like to commend parents who are working with students at home around reading. It is important for students to read every day. It is very simple to engage your children in reading, simply find what it is that interests them and purchase reading materials



aligned to that topic. For example, if your child loves footy, purchase them a footy magazine subscription.

Once again thank you to everyone for your support over the last 6 months. I look forward to keeping in touch with newly made friends and acquaintances. Thank you, farewell, God Bless!

Rod Prior, Principal

Girls Academy, Girls who received Participation awards were Aquilla Malone and Mia Sandow, Perfect Attendance; Rose Fisher and Kate Briggs, Achievement; Ayana Murray and a Leadership award; Lataya Fisher.

True story written by a WW1 soldier from his Diary's Private Frank Baker, Pomona QLD.

Lovingly given to us by his Daughter in Law Joy Baker and Grand Daughter Tricia Beckett



When you read these transcripts, you can't believe how our forefathers travelled, mainly by train, horse, bus, tram and boat and the hardships that these WW1 veterans endured for us to enjoy the world in which we live.

Final Edition of the letters of Private Frank Baker, Pomona QLD.

Feb.. 7th.Revallie at 4am. this morning breakfast at 4.30. Parade at 5.0 o'clock. Left no 1. Command Suttonferry 5.30. Arrived in Warminster 6.30.had cup of Coffee and biscuits at Y.M C.A. from there into the train.Left Warminster from Devonport at 7.30.am.Arrived at Devonport Quarters at 3 o'clock off the train onto troopships called Lancashire Down on bottom deck. Messing at 21 table.

Feb..8th. Left Devonport Wharf this morning 10 o'clock arrived out through the Heads at 11 o'clock.

Feb ..9th. This last 24 hours has been very rough going through the Bay of Biscay.

Feb.11th. Weather taken up a little bit of sun. Showers at intervals. Passing the Spanish Coast on our left.

Feb..12th. In the Straights of Gibraltar. Passed the Rock last night 12 midnight. Feb..13th. In the Mediterranean Sea , weather calm and sunshine. Passed Ciciley Island.

Feb..18th Arrived at Port Said at 6.30, last night. Dropped anchor in mouth of Canal took on board fresh water and eatables. Left Port Said this evening 2.30. through the Suez Canal

Mar.14th..Arrived at Fremantle this morning. Anchored out in Bay Western Australia. Disembarking, the place in quarantine and they were taken across to Rottenest Island for 7 days .

Mar..22nd..Arrived in Hobart this morning, anchored off in Port Macquarie. Tasmania. Soldiers disembarked and taken across to the quarantine Station on Burnie Island. Weighed anchor at 1o 0'clock in the evening, well out at sea ship

Mar..26th..Passed Gabo Island 3am this morning. Passed Little Coogee Beach and Big Coogee Beach. Long Bay, Darling Point . Arrived Sydney 3p.m. Anchored off Manly Jetty and disembarked the N.S.W. troops.

Mar..30th.Sunday morning and still anchored out in bay. There is Redcliff just behind us, Sandgate, Woodenpoint, 30

Wynumm and Manly, King Island, St Lina,

Apr..19th. Arrived Gladstone 11.30. Embarked on the A.V.S.N.Steamer, bound for Cairns Bibgard.

Apr..25..ANZAC DAY 1919,

Left Kaorowa en route for Atherton. Arrived at Tolga. Train departed in 10 mins, after a look at the town proceeded to Atherton. Went to the Shrine Hall at night and had a service for those chaps who had fallen at Gallipoli.

Editors Footnote: We hope you have enjoyed these transcripts, you can't believe the suffering that our forefathers endured and the hardships that these WW1 veterans endured for us to enjoy the world in which we live. Many thanks to Daughter in Law Joy Baker and Grand Daughter Tricia Beckett for letting us share these remarkable and sad memories of War.



MURGON 25th April - ANZAC DAY Program 2019

Dawn Service

4.45am - Fellowship at Diggers Room (Rum & Milk) for RSL Members.

5.15am - Guard Mounted

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

5.30am - Service commences

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

All donations to Legacy.

March and Service



The March steps off at 9.45am (Parade assembles from 9am in the car park of the Murgon Services Club) with Miss Trudi Lines taking the salute and giving the address. There will be a flyover from the RAAF during the march. Refreshments provided in the Diggers Room following the service.

Please contact the Sub Branch Secretary on 0427 915 533 with any questions.

We extend an invitation to everyone to attend the Anzac Day commemorations on 25th April

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PROSTON SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



Photo L-R: Proston Show Society president Tabitha Bleys with Les and Dell Blanch who were made Life Members of the Proston Show Society ... Mayor Keith Campbell presented them with their pins

The 61st annual Proston Show was another celebration of everything that's good about life in a country town ... a community pulling together to make things happen.

Recently elected Show Society president Tabitha Bleys said cattle numbers were down, as expected, due to the drought, but to make up for it, entries were up in the wood-chopping, dog show and Stockman's Challenge.

"This 61st show is a really good one even in this dry time," Tabitha said.



Photo: BIEDO CEO Kristy Frahm and South Burnett mayor Keith Campbell

Fourth generation Proston resident Kristy Frahm, the CEO of the Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation (BIEDO), officially opened the show.

She recalled that her grandfather, the late Gordon Buchanan, had been called on to do the same task back in 2004 and she was honoured to be asked. Kirsty said Proston excels at special events.

“As long as I can remember, come what may, Proston community has always held special events for us all to be part of,” she said. **“The show, the campdraft, spring fairs, Christmas carnivals, fundraisers ... they bring us together and give us a reason to celebrate.”**

“No one does events quite like this community. “Proston has given me the spirit of community and I can’t tell you how much I draw on that.”



Senior Champion Tropical Cow,

HH Park Miss Charlotte, 40 months, from HH Park Brahmans at Gympie, was sashed Supreme Exhibit of the Show ...

Les Lee, from Leegra Fitting Service at Silverleaf, was presented with the trophy by Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff



Amanda Weber, from Leegra Fitting Service, with Battalion Speckled Park Stockade ... Stockade was named Grand Champion British and Supreme Bull of the Show and is now on his way to the Easter Show in Sydney



Cattle steward Michael Nott, from Proston, with 2018 Queensland Rural Ambassador runner-up Nathan Trace, 2018 South Burnett Miss Showgirl Stacey Sanders and South Burnett Deputy Mayor Kathy Duff



Photo L-R: 2019 Proston Miss Showgirl Hayley Flint with Kate Roberts, Proston; and chief Pavilion steward Brenda Johanson, 2019 Proston Junior Rural Ambassador Chloe Scanlan and Junior Miss Showgirl Jessica Jackson at the official lunch.



The Pavilion theme this year was dragons, and there were lots of them in paintings and craftwork ... Maureen Bowden won first prize for fretwork with this Dragon clock



The Murgon Men's Shed had the task of cutting out 200 roosters which were decorated by Proston schoolchildren for the Decorate a Wooden Rooster competition.



The Crack-up Sisters from Winton provided great entertainment and gave whip cracking lessons.

Mondure Couple Celebrates 50 Years



Leo Kleiss and Jenny Brennan were married in Geelong in 1968

December 22, 2018

A pair of “grey nomads” who came to the South Burnett to lend a hand with BlazeAid – and stayed – celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday.

Leo and Jenny (nee Brennan) Kleiss live at Mondure.

The couple was married on December 21, 1968, at St Mary’s Catholic Church in Geelong.

They lived on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria before shifting to Woombye on the Sunshine Coast in 1976.

Over the years they had three children, and eight grandchildren.

When they retired, they hit the road as “grey nomads”, travelling around Australia for about 10 years.

In 2013, they joined the BlazeAid camp at Murgon which was set up to help local farmers whose properties had been damaged in the Australia Day floods.

They made the decision then to settle permanently in the region.

“We liked the people around here so much,” Jenny said. “The people are really lovely.”

Leo and Jenny bought a rural residential block at Mondure three years ago and quickly became involved with the local community.

Jenny is a member of the Mondure Rural Fire Brigade and also volunteers at Meals on Wheels and the Wondai Driver Reviver stall.

She’s also keen on gardening and is a member of the local gardening club.

Jenny and Leo celebrated their Golden Anniversary quietly ... and were more than a little embarrassed that they’d been “dobbed” in to southburnett.com.au by their daughter, Donna!

NATIONAL SENIORS

The next General Meeting of the Murgon & District Branch is on Thursday 18th April at the Murgon Bowls Club from 10.00am after Morning Tea at 9.30am. There is a photo competition and the topic is “a holiday photo with you in it”. The National Seniors Australia Zone 103 Conference is being held in Murgon at the Murgon Bowls Club on Thursday 16th May 2019. We will have 5 other NSA Branches visiting our town and they are Capricornia; Gladstone; Hervey Bay; Gympie & Nanango. The June General Meeting is on Thursday 20th June at the Murgon Bowls Club.

Yours sincerely, Patricia Seiler, Publicity Officer



You are invited to attend Murgon Neighbourhood Watch meeting Murgon Services Club Diggers Room, 6.00pm to 7.30pm Monday 15th April, 2019, Come and enjoy an informative night with other members of your community.

****There is no cost to attend and no joining fee****

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Kingaroy Supa IGA Mayor's Charity Ball. Saturday 8th June 2019

'I am delighted to announce that Kingaroy Supa IGA are the event sponsors for the 2019 Mayor's Charity Ball. Kingaroy Supa IGA has supported the Ball since 2015 and it's terrific to have them on board once again', said Mayor Campbell.

"Kingaroy Supa IGA is proud to be supporting an event that sees profits going back into its community and we encourage businesses and individuals to support this worthy cause", said Trace O'Neill.

The Red Earth Community Foundation are the charity that will receive and distribute all proceeds from the evening. The Red Earth Community Foundation has been supporting the South Burnett since 2013 and one of its first projects was to coordinate and deliver funds raised through the "2013 Mayor's Red Earth South Burnett Flood Appeal". Over \$90,000 was raised and distributed to property owners, businesses and community organisations, helping our region get back on its feet after the damaging floods.

Mayor Campbell said, "I encourage all South Burnett residents to build on their strengths - for their families and community, so we can all enjoy an even better South Burnett for many years to come. Organisations like Red Earth Community Foundation can help us to reach further than we once might have imagined."

The evening will commence with forecourt entertainment followed by a sit-down dinner inside the town hall showcasing regional fine food. After dinner, guests can enjoy a laugh with sell-out comedian Joel Ozborn and music by Franky Smart. There will be a short fundraising auction and plenty of time for dancing and socialising.

Tickets go on sale today. Contact Council on 4189 9100 or visit our Kingaroy Customer Service Centre to book your table and/or tickets.

If you can't attend this event, Mayor Campbell is happy to discuss other options with you that can assist. Please contact him on 4189 9155.

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FIRST 5 FOREVER

First 5 Forevery Story Time sessions continue to be held every Tuesday at 9am in Wondai Library.

First 5 Forever Rhyme Time sessions are every first and third Tuesday of each month at 9am in Proston Library and every Tuesday at 9.30am in Murgon Library.

Parents and caregivers with children aged between 0 - 5 are welcome to come and join in on the fun as we share stories, rhymes, songs and activities.

A local Child Health Nurse is also available every second week at Wondai Library to answer any questions.

CONVERSATION GROUPS

Members of the community are invited to join Wondai's Conversation Group. This friendly and informal group gathers on the last Thursday of every month at the Wondai Library from 10am to 12noon.

Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation to discuss all sorts of current and popular topics.

Morning Tea is provided (gold coin donation).

Proston Library's



Conversation Group commenced their meetings on Wednesday 20 February at 10am with 9 attendees. Come and join in with the Proston Conversation Group every second Wednesday at 10am in the Proston Library.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOPS AT MURGON LIBRARY

Join us at Murgon Library for card making every third Thursday of the month from 9.30am till 12.30pm. See you there on 18 April.



MAHJONG @ WONDAI LIBRARY

Every Friday morning @ 10am
Wondai Library

Mahjong is an ancient Chinese tile game of strategy, calculation and skill with a measure of chance, which is traditionally played by 3 or 4 players. It's an excellent 'brain gym' exercise, and is open to all ages and levels.

GATHERING OF THE SCOTS

All Scots and those of Scottish descent are called to a Celebration of the Scottish culture and Scottish people to be held at Kingaroy Library at 12noon on Thursday 11 April. This will include a discussion about the possibility of starting a group to fellowship and to celebrate various events throughout the year. The talk will be by Lindsay Fryer, Commissioner of Australia for Clan McKinnon. Alba gu Braith! (Scotland for Ever!)

WONDAI LIBRARY CARD GROUP

Every Wednesday
@ 10am Wondai Library

Anybody is welcome to come along and join in a friendly game of cards.

Card games are to be decided by the players and no bookings are necessary.

Tech Savvy Sessions

Wondai Library offer Tech Savvy Seniors sessions that are open to everyone who might have little to no knowledge about technology.

These sessions provide participants the chance to learn about computers, smart devices (iPads/smartphones), the internet & email, as well as online shopping and internet banking in a safe and friendly way.

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Murgon Golf Club - 2018 QLD Golf Club of the Year (under 400 members)



Murgon Golf Club is a volunteer operated club situated in the South Burnett region, three hours north of Brisbane.

Financially, the Club has transformed from being on the verge of closure a few years ago, to now being in a strong financial position.

By running both women's and junior programs to encourage the growth of golf in the local community, Murgon GC increased its membership in the last year by 16%. Further, the club is proud to have 14 adult indigenous members amongst its ranks.

The golf course has a well-deserved reputation as an excellent country course with fully irrigated fairways and greens constructed to USGA standard. Since 2007, Golf Australia Queensland Office has chosen Murgon as the venue for the Queensland Indigenous Championships.

Murgon GC is not alone in having passionate volunteers involved at a club, but it is a standard bearer in its governance and community engagement. Congratulations



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\$20,000 grant to boost Murgon Town Hall amenities

A \$20,000 grant from Member for Wide Bay Llew O'Brien will kit out Murgon Town Hall with new furniture including a mobile audio-visual projector and screen.

"From movie screenings for community events and fundraisers, to business presentations and educational forums, this AV equipment is a valuable addition to the amenities at Murgon Town Hall," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Town Hall is an essential community facility for not just Murgon but throughout the South Burnett, and this equipment and furniture will make it even more useful to community groups, local organisations, schools and businesses throughout the region."

The funding will be delivered by the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities.

"The Government is committed to supporting local communities to prosper and grow, and local infrastructure projects like this are critical if we want to boost economic growth and improve local amenities and facilities," Mr O'Brien said.

Welcome to Murgon's new web site
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JOKE FOR THE MONTH

The boss isn't always right.....

A major steel company feeling it was time for a shakeup, hired a new CEO.

The new boss was determined to rid the company of all slackers. On a tour of the facilities, the CEO noticed a man leaning against a wall..

The room was full of workers and he wanted to let them know that he meant business.....

He asked the man, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young man looked at him and said, "I make £300 a week. Why?"

The CEO said, "Wait right here." He walked back to his office, came back in two minutes,

and handed the man £1200 in cash and said,

"Here's four weeks' pay. Now GET OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself the CEO looked around the room and asked,

"Does anyone want to tell me what that lay-about did here?"

From across the room a voice said, "Pizza delivery man from Domino's."

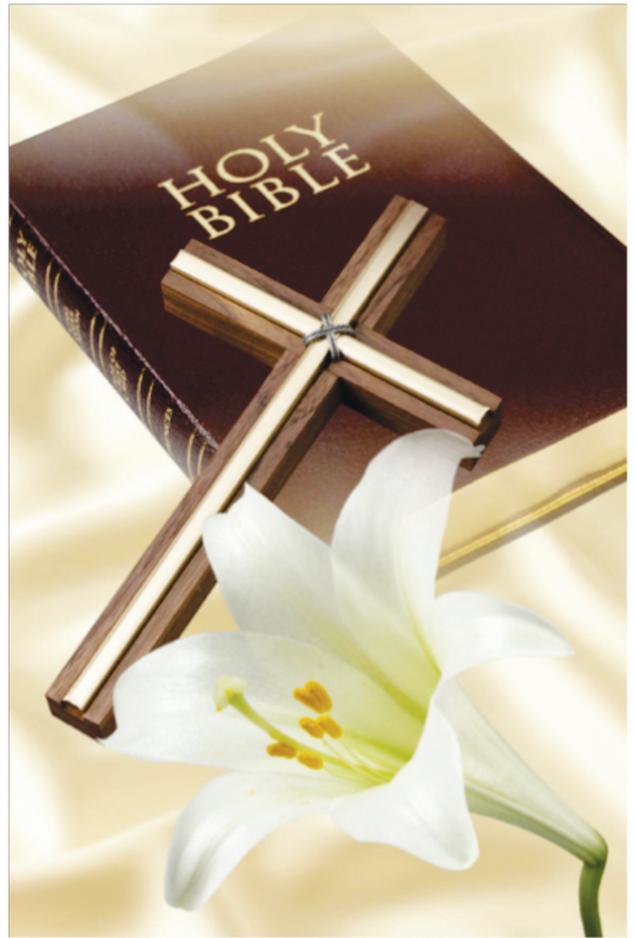
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Kathy's Comments

Fantastic Easter Fair

I would like to congratulate the MBDA Christmas/Easter Fair Committee on a wonderful Easter Fair. It was great that the weather was favourable and it was also great to see everyone relaxed and having an enjoyable evening. The rides for the kids were spectacular and the great big wooden Easter Egg hand-made and painted by the Murgon Men's Shed was a fantastic backdrop for photos with the Easter Bunny. Murgon should be proud of this great event and hopefully the committee continues to have some luck with the weather when they make a decision on future events.

Congratulations Murgon Golf Club

Hats off to members of the Murgon Golf Club for being honoured with the award for best Golf Club in the State with less than 400 members. This is a huge honour and one that Murgon should be justly proud of. The Club was up against 270 other Golf Clubs around Queensland so it was a big win for our small Club.

Proston and Murgon Shows great for our community

I was able to attend these two great country shows that once again were a big success. Proston always punches above its weight and this year was no exception with lots of people and plenty of activity to show case the area. Murgon as always brought the crowd to the night event with a spectacular fireworks and I think the best bulls and bull riders I have seen in a long time. Congratulations to the two committees led by Tabitha Bligh for Proston and Alan Trim for Murgon.

Murgon/Cherbourg Community Safety Meeting

Pastor Max Conlon and I organised a recent community meeting that I think was quite successful. The meeting was called to try to come up with solutions to the community problem of youth crime. I was pleased to see that both Murgon and Cherbourg were on the same page and everyone was working towards positive outcomes. One of the suggestions that we are trying to progress is to have the PCYC open on Saturday nights from 9.00pm to 1.00pm in the morning. This is to try to encourage roaming children to go there for a meal and some activities. This model is based on what is happening at Moree where they have a similar problem but in a greater magnitude. They said that one night is working so far as youth crime is decreasing because the kids not only have a meal and activities but the time spent with the Police and other volunteers helps with relationship building. The community stepped up in Moree because they had had enough and decided to try something for themselves. I am hoping that our community steps up to help to trial this program. If you would like to help please contact the Branch Manager Rene at the PCYC on 41681889.

Real Life Barambah

Congratulations to the Barambah Ministers Association for the success of the Bill Newman crusade. It is a Christian movement and sometimes particularly in this day and age it can be difficult to encourage people to be involved. There was a lot of preparation and careful planning to bring the Youth with a Mission Group, the band Iron and Clay and Bill Newman to the community. I attended most of the sessions and was pleased to see a lot of support and particularly a number of young people attending. It was also great that the youth groups travelled around and went into a number of the small schools in the outlying areas.

Proston Golden Spurs Campdraft a Huge Success



How great is it that the Proston Campdraft Association organised the Campdraft events as well as organising auctions and donations to go towards the Sisters of the North appeal to help flood affected farmers. The event raised around \$46,000 towards the appeal and was an overwhelming success. Congratulations also to the Committee on the upgrades to the grounds. The wheel chair accessible grandstand enabled at least three extra people who would have struggled to attend sit in comfort and enjoy the spectacle. I was pleased that our Council was able to help with \$3000 towards the upgrades to the cattle yards and \$3000 towards a new PA system.

Upcoming Events

Don't forget the Anzac Day ceremonies and the annual Spirit of the Bush Heritage Muster at Boondooma Homestead from the 24th through to the 28th of April. There is also a whole weekend of Easter fun in Proston with the Easter Parade & Regatta and in Wondai they are hosting the Garden Expo and Orchid Show.

Thanks to the Community

I would like to sincerely thank the community for the love, support, cards, flowers, kind words and messages that have simply poured in after the sad loss of my Dad. I am extremely grateful and appreciative of the overwhelming support that my family and I have received during this difficult time.

Contact Details

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

Cr Kathy Duff (Division 5) South Burnett Regional Council (Deputy Mayor)

Phone 07 41680225 or 0437020705 or email kduff@southburnett.qld.gov.au



A MOMENT – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee

Our first community event for the year was February's Health Expo, "Focus on You", at the PCYC. New committee member, Louise, joined the team for this occasion – as did 'Brayden', our new "illuminating" CPR demonstration manikin. Our new LAC shirts also made their first appearance.

Our first community CPR Awareness training session for 2019 was organised by Wooroolin Lions in March. It was a great night after a storm-delayed start. CPR Awareness demonstrations at Murgon Show will be followed by Seniors' programs at Goomeri and Kilkivan, and the Murgon Easter Fair.

The CPR Awareness program provides community members with the basic knowledge and hands-on skills to respond, promptly and calmly, in a life-threatening emergency - when someone suffers a suspected heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest. That response could save a life!

Our CPRA team will endeavour to provide a training session - for families, community groups or clubs - at your venue, at a time that suits you. Cost is a gold coin donation per person. For further information, please phone Kerry or Bob, 4169 0909

Thank you for spending - a Moment with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee



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Land Valuations - Have you recently received a land valuation? If you disagree with the valuation, you can lodge an objection. Closes 7th May 2019

Community Heritage Grants - Up to \$15,000 for groups to help preserve Australian cultural heritage collections. Closes 6th May.

Qld Indigenous Youth Leadership Program - Applications now open. Closes 15th April.

2019 Multicultural Qld Awards - Nominations now open. Closes 18th April.

Sexual Violence Prevention Framework Consultation - Have your say. Closes 30th April.

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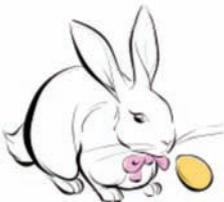
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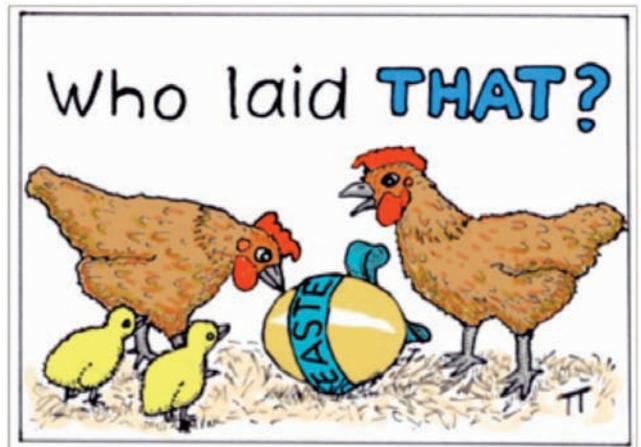
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Llew O'Brien delivers \$3 million for Cherbourg to Murgon footpath

The Government has announced up to \$3 million for a footpath connecting the communities of Cherbourg to Murgon for pedestrians and cyclists.

Member for Wide Bay, Llew O'Brien, said the footpath had been a long time priority for the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council.

"This is an important project that will not only add a missing piece of infrastructure in the local region but will support local jobs through the construction phase.

"We have listened to what the community want, and this project will deliver better infrastructure, more opportunities for local businesses and jobs for locals through this new investment in the region.

"Once constructed, the footpath will provide a safe alternative route between Cherbourg and Murgon for pedestrians who are currently forced to use the verge of the road," Mr O'Brien said today.

"Not only will this project create local jobs, but it will also give young people in the area the skills and experience needed to help prepare them for their lives ahead."

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion said that the Government had a strong record of investing in local priorities in the Wide Bay region.

"Llew O'Brien is a champion for Cherbourg and all communities in his electorate and has secured this funding that will deliver more investment and more jobs for the residents of Wide Bay.

"The Liberal Nationals Indigenous Advancement Strategy invests in local projects that deliver for local communities and has a strong focus on supporting adults into work, growing Indigenous businesses and creating safer communities," Minister Scullion.

The Australian Government has approved up to \$3 million towards this project from the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and will work with the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council on final costs.

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Additional Information

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- APR 13th – GRAHAM HOUSE MURGON GOLF DAY
- APR 13th - NANANGO SHOW
- APR 19TH - 22ND EASTER AT MANAR PARK
- APR 20TH - REGATTA IN THE PARK - PROSTON
- APR 20th - CAMP OVEN COMEDY & MUSIC MUSTER MONOGORILBY
- APR 21ST - 22ND WONDAI GARDEN EXPO
- APR 21ST - EASTER SUNDAY FUN DAY - KINGSLEY GROVE
- APR 21ST - EASTER BOUTIQUE MARKETS - BP DAM
- APR 21ST - NANANGO RACES
- APR 23RD-28TH SPIRIT OF THE BUSH - BOONDOOMA HOMESTEAD
- APR 25th - ANZAC DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES
- APR 25th - WONDAI ANZAC DAY RACES
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