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Congratulations 5 Generations



Terrie Blundell (grandma), Maree Porter (great grandma), Phyllis Euler (great great grandma),
Rochelle Humphris (mother), Eli Cade Humphris (grandson).

Strengthening Wide Bay communities through Volunteer Grants

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local community, sporting and service groups to lodge an expression of interest for grants of up to \$5,000 to support the work of their volunteers.

"Volunteers are the backbone of our Wide Bay communities, dedicating countless hours to improve the lives of others around them, and the Morrison Government is backing their efforts with this bumper round of \$20 million in Volunteer Grants funding," Mr O'Brien said.

"Grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are available under this program, with up to \$132,450 in total available in Wide Bay for equipment such as shade structures or laptops, to pay fuel costs, train volunteers and improve their fundraising capabilities."

An expression of interest form is available from the website <https://llewobrien.com.au/grants-information/> or from Mr O'Brien's office by emailing llew.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au or telephoning 4121 2936.

Expressions of Interest must be returned to Mr O'Brien's office by 5pm on Friday, 16 April, 2021.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed by a committee, and selected EOIs will then proceed to the formal application stage.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) Community Grants Hub will send an application form to nominated organisations to apply for funding between 20 May and 9 June 2021, with successful applicants expected to be announced in November 2021.

"Small grants to local organisations have strengthened Wide Bay communities for many years, encouraging more people to put their hand up to volunteer, and equipping these local champions with the tools and resources they need to help others," Mr O'Brien said.

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Last year's round of the Volunteer Grants Program provided 18 Wide Bay community groups with a share of more than \$60,000, including Graham House Community Centre, Murgon Men's Shed, Pomona District Meals on Wheels, Noosa District Rugby League Club, Maryborough Mural Project, Hope Reins, Rainbow Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, Goomeri Pumpkin Festival, Kilkivan District Amateur Swimming Club, Woolooga Old Coach Riders, Friends of Kandanga and others.

THANK YOU

On behalf of Barry Zelinski's family we wish to thank Glen, Brock & Trish Wiley, Di & Kevin Stehbens, Paramedics and Ambulance Officers, Police & Fire Services, Murgon Hospital, RACQ Rescue Helicopter, Burns Unit R.B.W.H & anyone else who helped on the day.

Thanks also to Mark & Tim from Gregson & Weight Funeral Services Noosa, and the Wondai RSL.

Special Thanks to Blue Care & Meals on Wheels, Thank You all most sincerely

Robbyn Zelinski & Family

Editors note: The people of Murgon will surely miss Barry (the one legged guy on the motor scooter) who picked up rubbish & bottles on all our streets in the early hours of the morning. Losing his leg some years ago didn't stop Barry, I witnessed him one day with a small chainsaw on his scooter, he was going to prune something that should have been done by others. We are sorry that his voluntary services to the beauty of Murgon were not publicly recognised. RIP Barry Zelinski.

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Post-JobKeeper Support Package Announced

The Federal Government has announced a \$1.2 billion support package aimed at tourism and aviation.

While today's announcement will help drive consumer demand in Queensland's struggling tourism regions (of the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Whitsundays and Cairns), more is needed to keep businesses afloat.

The holiday stimulus scheme will hopefully bring a surge of visitors and boost economic activity to the regions, but that boost won't happen immediately. And it won't help businesses keep the lights on and pay their staff when JobKeeper ends at the end of the month.

As mentioned yesterday, the end of March is a crucial time for many businesses. As there will be no more Jobkeeper and the state government will be reinstating payroll tax, alongside the commencement of the deferred payments.

More support is needed from both the Federal and State Governments to help cushion businesses for when Jobkeeper ends.

Additionally, we will continue pushing for a defined framework on interstate borders, as if snap border decisions are made, there will be no benefit to the subsidised travel scheme.

Also announced today, was the extension of the SME Recovery Loan Scheme. This is welcomed, as we know the Queensland State Government concessional loans package rolled out last year provided access to funds, which helped businesses make decisions to grow and develop their business. You can find out more about the Federal Government scheme

We know stimulus cannot be provided forever, but today's announcement fell short of expectations. Businesses want to stand on their own feet, but they must be enabled to do that through every means possible.

We will continue advocating for this support, from both the State and Federal Governments so Queensland businesses are given the best chance of survival.

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This is an email to simply remind all of the blokes who attended Shed Men on March 27th in Kingaroy to monitor their health and symptoms. With the attendance of some of the members of the Caboolture Shed Men, our contact with the affected areas in the greater Brisbane area is a little closer than usual. So, if you have any of the known COVID symptoms (fever, coughing, etc), or are concerned, it is recommended you get tested as soon as possible.

We have been lucky in our region to have not been impacted in a major way throughout this, so lets keep that record going and continue to follow guidelines.

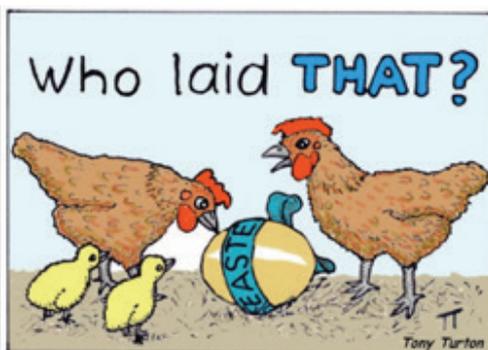
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Dob In a Dealer campaign will help clean up drugs in Wide Bay

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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Wednesday 07/04/21 Fitter for Life(50yrs+) Fitter for Life helps senior individuals keep in shape. Come on down, bring a friend and join our class. 8:30am-9am Free G Open Day(7yrs+) Come on down and have fun for our Free G Open Day in our Gymnastics room. 10am-12pm Cherbourg Complex Come to the Cherbourg Complex and play some mixed sports such as Indoor Cricket, Hockey, Basketball and many more. 1pm-4pm ..

Thursday 08/04/21 Bli Bli Waterpark Come and join us on a trip to Bli Bli Waterpark located at the Sunshine Coast. Limited seats are available, first ones in will be coming. For more information, please call the South Burnett PCYC.

Friday 09/04/21 Tiny Tots Come down for our Tiny Tots morning, fun for kids aged from 1- 5 years old. 9am-10am Colouring and Crafts Day Come down to your local PCYC club for a relaxed day and enjoy colouring in, puzzles and board games. 10am-12pm Murgon Pool Day Come down to the Murgon Pool for a swim, it will be a fun afternoon. 1pm-4pm

Saturday 10/04/21 BYTE NITE Come on down to the Murgon Pool for a night-time swim and a BBQ will be provided. 5pm-8pm

Monday 12/04/21 Fitter for Life (50yrs+) Fitter for Life helps senior individuals keep in shape. Come on down, bring a friend and join our class. 8:30am-9am Mixed Sports Come down and play some mixed sports such as Volleyball, Badminton, Indoor cricket and many more. 10am-12pm Cherbourg Complex Come to the Cherbourg Complex and play some mixed sports such as Indoor Cricket, Hockey, Basketball and many more. 1pm-4pm

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Wednesday 14/04/21 Fitter for Life (50yrs+) Fitter for Life helps senior individuals keep in shape. Come on down, bring a friend and join our class. 8:30am-9am Recreational Gymnastics Open Day(4yrs+) Come down and have fun for our Recreational Gymnastics Open Day in our Gymnastics room. 10am-12pm Cherbourg Complex Come to the Cherbourg Complex and play some mixed sports such as Indoor Cricket, Hockey, Basketball and many more. 1pm-4pm

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Saturday 17/04/21 Suncoast Spinners Wheelchair Basketball Come down to your local PCYC club and join in on a Wheelchair Basketball program from the Sunshine Coast and is open to the public. Suncoast Spinners caters for physically disable and able-bodied athletes in the sport of wheelchair basketball on the Sunshine Coast. The club has recently developed a sporting initiative that has traditionally been played by people with physical disabilities. 10am-12pm South Burnett PCYC P 4168 1889 E wylarra.duncan@pcyc.org.au

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Could you be owed a share of \$44 million in missing superannuation?

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging people in Wide Bay to check their superannuation, with more than \$44 million unclaimed super in Wide Bay alone.

"There is \$13.8 billion unclaimed or lost super across Australia, with \$44 million in Wide Bay, and that's hard-earned money that workers are owed and may not even know they are missing," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Protecting Your Super reforms introduced by the Morrison Government have helped reunite \$7 billion with workers, but with so much unclaimed money it is well worth taking the time to check."

"By logging into MyGov, and checking for lost super with the ATO, in a few clicks you could boost your super balance."

Workers may have lost or unclaimed super if they have:

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Forgotten to update details with their super fund in the last few years

Lost superannuation refers to inactive super fund accounts and ones that have lost contact with their fund member. By law, the fund is required to transfer certain accounts to the ATO, which then becomes 'unclaimed super money'.

To check if the unclaimed super is yours, you can:

1. Login to MyGov.
2. Link the ATO portal to your MyGov account.
3. Click the 'Manage My Super' button in the ATO portal.

If you have lost or unclaimed super, it will be shown on the ATO portal's superannuation page. If nothing out of the ordinary appears, your super is up-to-date.

Unlike super funds, the ATO does not charge fees, and thanks to reforms passed by the Morrison Government, proactively consolidates any unclaimed super into an eligible, active super account where possible. Those reforms have seen \$7 billion already sent back to workers.

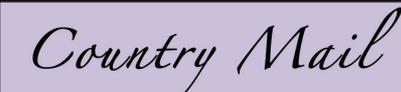
The Government's Protecting Your Super reforms have resulted in the ATO proactively reuniting more Australians with their lost and unclaimed super. Since November 2019 almost 3.3 million accounts worth almost \$4.3 billion has been proactively reunited and paid out to their rightful owners.

Further information about lost and unclaimed superannuation is available on the ATO **website at <https://www.ato.gov.au/About-ATO/Research-and-statistics/In-detail/Super-statistics/Super-accounts-data/Lost-and-unclaimed-super-by-postcode/>**



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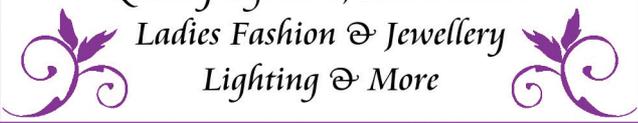
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Extract from her News Letter**

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[Qld Indigenous Youth Leadership Program](#) - Now open for nominations. Closes 25 Apr

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[Community Outreach Event](#) - An Australian Government Drought Initiative. Kingaroy Town Hall, 22 April 3-7pm.

[Australian Olympic Change-Maker Program](#) - Recognising young leaders powering positive change in their communities. Schools can nominate two students per school from years 10-12.

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[Rural Financial Counselling Service](#) - Free service for primary producers and small business owners

[Roadmap to easing Queensland Restrictions](#)

[Qld Health Direction on Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering](#)

[Qld Health Directive on non-essential business activity](#)

A new start for the Nanango Men's Shed

The Nanango Men's Shed, like all Men's Shed's are an important part of our community. Last year the men lost their shed to fire however that has not stopped them, and the group is adapting and continuing in temporary spaces. Their new shed is well underway and it was an honour to present them with a new Queensland flag.

Olivia is winner of Nanango Electorate Year 12 School Leavers Bursary

I was very proud to officially announce Olivia Almond as the 2020 'Deb Frecklington School Leavers Bursary' recipient. The annual bursary's purpose is to support students who wish to further their qualifications after completing Year 12 and this bursary will assist Olivia as she begins her study to become an Optometrist. She is undertaking three-year Bachelor of Vision Science at QUT, Kelvin Grove campus, which will then be followed by a further two-year Master of Optometry course. Olivia was inspirational, explaining that she has wanted to become

an optometrist and work in the health profession since she was in Grade 3 when she started to wear glasses. It is a big step for our young people when they head to the major centres for study, and the purpose of the Bursary is to help make that move for students and their families just that little bit more achievable.

A strong field of school leavers, representing all 5 High Schools from the Nanango electorate applied and their future plans to study was impressive. The interviews were conducted via Zoom and I would like to also acknowledge Mr Keith Campbell for his assistance on the panel. In Parliament this month I was also pleased to host several of the bursary applicants for a lunch at Parliament House. Applications for the 2021 Deb Frecklington Nanango Electorate Year 12 School Leavers Bursary will open on 5 October 2021.

Sienna's our new 'Youth Member'

Congratulations to Sienna Spencer, a Year 11 student at Nanango SHS for being selected as the Nanango Electorate's 2021 Youth Member. I applaud her on taking on this important challenge. Youth Members are chosen based on their enthusiasm, ability to represent their communities and interest and passion for issues affecting Queensland, and I'm sure Sienna will do an amazing job. 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.

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Highway to Heaven

With our HIGHWAY CHURCH services starting on the 18th April at 10am in the town hall, we are very excited and looking forward to fantastic time together.

This is all about finding a new and fresh way to worship. We are aiming to help the unchurched, those who have been out of the church for a while or any others the opportunity to connect and share the love of God with all the community.

Pastor Bruce and his wife Som, along with the launch team, have been working, training and praying together to make this opportunity a reality. No matter what your age, -1 to 100+, we know God can touch our lives in many different ways and we are here to help you find Him and bring His joy to Murgon and the district.

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Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



The "Chapel" at the Museum, is now home to this lovely Pump Organ which was kindly donated by Wayne & Winifred Winter from Cranley Toowoomba. The organ was given to Winifred by her Aunt, Ellen Steinke nee Harch 40 years ago. Ellen was a Church Organist and it is thought that it was used for the purpose of practicing at home. The age of the organ is estimated at 85 years. It is in beautiful condition and the volunteers were only too pleased to accept this piece of history and to have it displayed appropriately in our Chapel. Winifred has a connection with Murgon as there are still descendants of the Harch family residing in the area. The

Museum has just been successful in obtaining a grant of \$22,000.00 from The Gambling Fund. This money will be used on "Castra". Replacement of ramp, painting of the cottage and the surrounding fence. Very excited group of volunteers. The volunteers have a busy few months ahead with groups booked in for butter making demonstrations, tours, morning teas and lunches. Visitors are still constant. We are still looking

for volunteers to help keep the Museum maintained and grounds neat and tidy. We are situated off Gayndah Rd opposite the Murgon Saleyards. **Open Tuesday to Sunday 9.30am – 12.30pm. Phone 07 41695001.**

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Industry Training Hub for Wide Bay students to develop skills in demand

A new Industry Training Hub in Maryborough will help local senior secondary students develop relevant skills to help them find employment without having to leave the region, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced today.

Busy At Work has been awarded the contract for the Maryborough hub, which is one of ten training hubs being trialled across Australia as part of a \$50.6 million investment by the Australian Government to improve opportunities for Year 11 and 12 students in regions with high youth unemployment.

Mr O'Brien said the training hub would be managed by a full-time career facilitator who will introduce school students to opportunities in local industries, and would service the Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Gympie, Bundaberg and Burnett regions.

"The Industry Training Hub is about helping local students gain the relevant, useful skills that local employers are looking for, which in turn helps local businesses find the skilled staff they need to grow their businesses," Mr O'Brien said.

"Busy At Work will engage with local employers, especially those who are experiencing difficulty finding people with the right skills they need, and in turn, they will be able to advise senior high school students of skill shortages in the region.

"This is all about building a strong workforce that meets our local industry needs."

Minister for Education, Skills and Employment, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, said the opening of the Maryborough Training Hub follows two hubs already operating in Burnie in Tasmania and Townsville in Queensland.

"Young people can face longer periods of unemployment than other age groups, and in regional areas they are particularly at risk of falling into long-term welfare dependency," Minister Cash said.

"By focusing on vocational education and training, people on the cusp of their adult working lives in these regions will develop the skillset and confidence they need, to embark on a fulfilling career with long-term prospects."

Additional training hubs are planned for Grafton and Gosford in NSW, Wanneroo and Armadale in Western Australia, and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory.

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Planning for Bookfest



The ladies of the Murgon Red Cross group recently met to plan the Murgon Bookfest which will be held in conjunction with the Murgon Men's Shed towards the end of May. Unfortunately this was unable to be held in 2020. Our share of the proceeds will be used to mainly fund emergency toiletry bags which we assemble & place in 2 local hospitals each month. We also supply Trauma Teddies for the hospitals & other medical centres. Any donations of books can be left at the Murgon Men's Shed any Wednesday, Thursday or Saturday morning.

Position Available

We currently have a casual member services officer position available at the South Burnett PCYC. Hours and days will vary as required operationally. Pay rate will be determined based on skill and age.

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Barambah Garden Club - The Subject of Grass



Members of the Barambah Garden Club held their monthly meeting on March 12 at the property of Jean Green on Goonuloom Road, Tansey.

Guest Speaker for the Day was Damien O'Sullivan, Agriculture Extension Officer in Kingaroy. Damien spoke on the subject matter of 'Grasses'. He brought many species with him, complete with seeds and flowers. He spoke in great detail about Australia's native grasses. Kangaroo Grass was top of the list, being one of the most widespread throughout the country. The plants had evolved with unique seeds with long tails (awns) that spread and germinate easily in vast areas. Damien also mentioned how fire (the burning off practice) is very important for these native grasses; also important is spelling the paddocks so the seed beds can build up. He emphasized how over-grazing of paddocks could be absolutely destructive, taking many years to recover.

Investigations showed that our indigenous people used a huge variety of grasses for food and many other things. Many of them still do.

Damien mentioned the book **Dark Emu**, subtitled **Black Seeds**, by Bruce Pascoe, that won **Book of the Year** at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards. The mere mention had us remembering the terrible argument that erupted at the time about the hunter-gatherer tag being untrue. Pascoe supported the premise that plants and seeds were sown, harvested and stored by many of the tribes. Almost all of the evidence in **Dark Emu** comes from the records and diaries of the Explorers. The members of the Barambah Garden Club were suddenly all talking at once, giving their personal views to anyone who would listen. Who ever said the subject of Grass could be boring. **NO WAY**. It was of real interest for all of the retired Garden Club members.

I personally would like to take the middle way, for this article anyhow, just perhaps some tribes were more advanced than others. There were separate languages so, perhaps some tribes did things differently. After all, we are a huge country. Before settlement there were approximately 260 distinct language groups and 500 dialects. The explorer's diaries and journals would be the most credible source of information.

Once last thing about **Grasses** that Damien reminded us about: Grass, after all is a plant and removes CO₂ from the air. We hear about the massive planting of native trees, why don't we have some massive planting of native grasses too.

It was a very interesting day and the Barambah Garden Club thank Damien for his wonderful knowledge.

Lastly, some news for the members:

Arrangements were made for a display of plants at the annual Agricultural Show on March 19 -20. Members are asked to deliver their plants by two o'clock on Thursday 18th. Our next meeting is on the 9th April at Landcare Nursery, Memerandi. For more information please contact Ann on 0438686238.

Happy Gardening Everyone. Barbara Hartmann King 0741681675

Photo: Damien O'Sullivan talking to the guests about Grass.



Councillor Kathy Duff was very pleased to present a cheque for \$2500 to the President of the Windaera State School P&C Amanda Dennien from South Burnett Regional Council. This is to go towards their 100 year celebration on the 10th of April. Amanda gave a great power point presentation on the history of the school!

The official part of the day will begin at 11:00am and will be signalled by the ringing of the school bell. Our wonderful Head Teachers and Principals from across the decades will take turns at reading the roll, in what is hoped to be a memorable moment in time. Following the cutting of the Centenary cake, each decade of students, as well as other important official photos, will be undertaken for posterity.

A fabulous multi-draw raffle, with over thirty prizes, has been organised by the P&C. Donations for prizes have been collected over the past two years from generous Windaera folk and a few local business owners. The prizes are amazing and truly worth the two-dollar ticket!

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- > GUEST SPEAKERS - Sue Cox, Ros Heit & Sonia McMahon



COVID-19 Update as at 29/3/2021

The Greater Brisbane region is now in the midst of lockdown, with a review on restrictions to take place on Wednesday night.

The Queensland Government website has been updated with some **additional information** to reflect the current situation.

New health directives have been released, with specific details regarding business activities.

Restrictions for Impacted Areas (Greater Brisbane region)

Anyone in the Greater Brisbane region from 8.00am on the 20th March is subject to stay at home except for **essential reasons**.

A **complete list** of non-essential businesses are outlined, along with exceptions.

Masks must be carried at all times outside of your home, and worn on public transport, taxis/ubers, indoor spaces and any outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible.

Weddings are limited to 10 people, funerals are limited to 20 people.

For a full list of frequently asked questions for the impacted Greater Brisbane region,

Restrictions for Queensland

Gatherings are limited to 30 people indoors, and 500 people outdoors.

Funerals and weddings can continue to take place with the current restrictions (one person per 2 square metres, or 200 people, whichever is greater), but masks must be worn.

Masks must be carried at all times outside of your home, and worn on public transport, taxis/rideshare, indoor spaces and any outdoor spaces where social distancing is not possible.

Patrons at restaurants, bars etc must be seated. No standing or dancing is allowed.

This is a reminder to all businesses to ensure that they have the mandatory electronic **contact tracing measures in place** as required by Queensland Health.

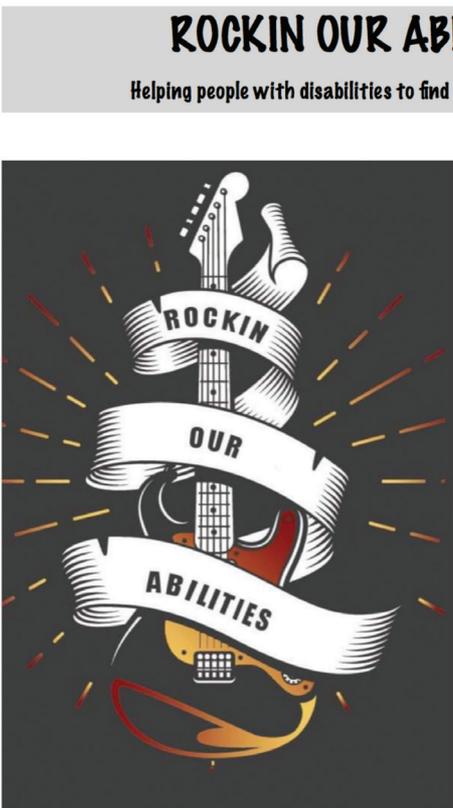
For a full list of frequently asked questions for wider Queensland restrictions, Resources & Support For Employers

CCIQ has a range of policies available to your business including a business continuity policy; workplace hygiene policy; workplace health and safety policy and working from home policy which are free to download and can be accessed

Any Queensland business with questions or needing assistance in navigating their obligations due to these current restrictions can call CCIQ's Employer Assistance Hotline on 1300 731 988.

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For further COVID information as it relates to businesses, visit the **Business Queensland website**.



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From this we are going to begin a regular Saturday wheelchair basketball program. If anyone is interested in learning how to coach basketball and run wheelchair basketball, the Suncoast Spinners will also be running a training session for facilitators after the fun day, from about 12 to 2pm.

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Across Country Real Estate & Livestock



This home boasts four roomy bedrooms all with security screens, first three positioned at the front of the home. The main bedroom perfect for wheelchair access is off the ramp at the front of the home, featuring a shower,

toilet, and air-conditioner. The second bedroom is very roomy with a built-in wardrobe, carpet, and air-conditioning. The fourth bedroom is around the side of the home. Original bathroom with a separate toilet, kitchen with a large walk-in pantry, extra toilet downstairs, internal laundry. The home is complete with a double lockable garage and two small water tanks. **MURGON \$350,000**



This cladded home is in good condition including an access ramp. Plenty of opportunity to renovate or as a rental. 3 carpeted bedrooms, a good old-style kitchen, modern bathroom.

Lounge room and an air-conditioned sitting area that could be a separate dining room. There is a second toilet in the laundry. The large level 1012sqm block provides lots of room and has a fully fenced back yard with carport. A ramp has been installed at the back door for easy access. 10 Solar panels installed. **MURGON \$189,000**



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Wondai Regional Art Gallery

April 2021 Exhibition

“2021 Wondai Garden Expo Art Competition”

Theme: A Garden Theme (Any Medium)

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Children’s Section: 4-6yrs, 7-12yrs & 13-17yrs

\$25 (1st Prize), \$15 (2nd Prize), \$10 (3rd Prize)

Note: Prizes for Children’s Section 4-6yrs will be in art materials.

A \$50 prize will also be awarded to the work voted “People’s Choice” on

OPENING NIGHT on THURSDAY, 1st APRIL, 2021

Closing Date for entries: Monday, 22 March, 2021 - 2.00pm.

Entry forms available at Wondai Regional Art Gallery or download at www.wondaiartgallery.org.au

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Opening Night: THURSDAY 1ST APRIL, 2021 from 6pm

\$5.00 entry includes Hot & Cold Supper & Punch

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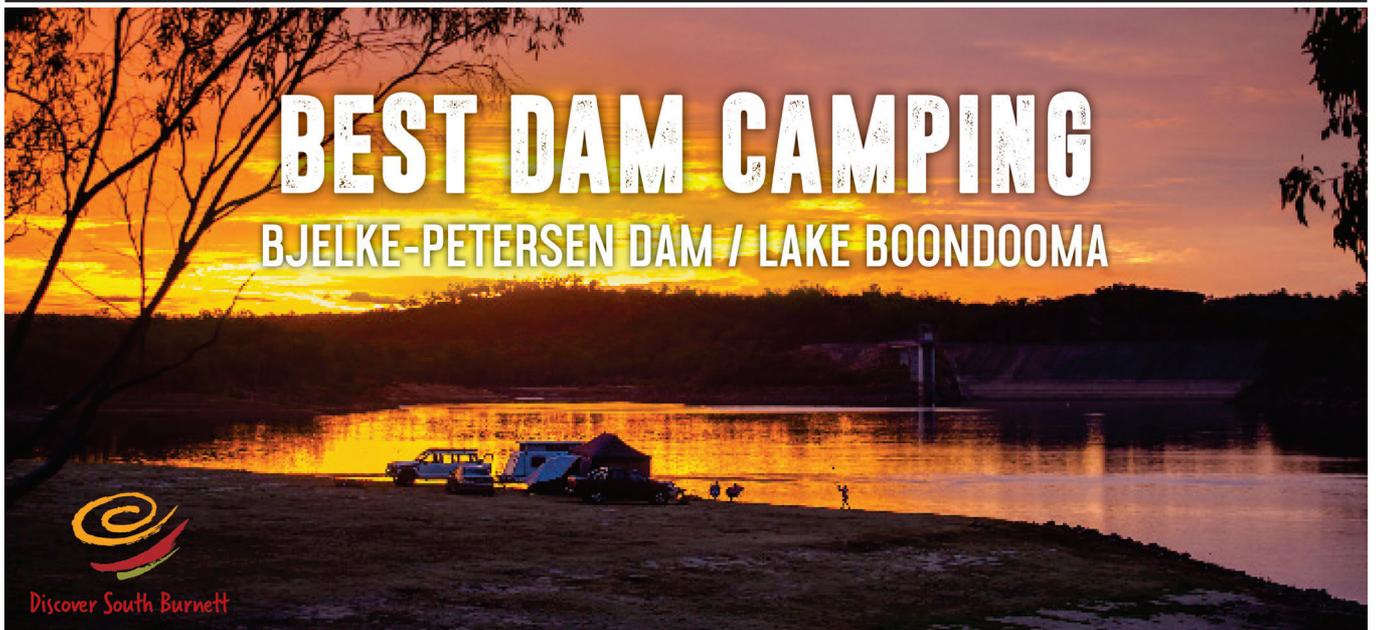
Live Entertainment

The exhibition will remain in the Wondai Regional Art Gallery until Saturday, 1st May, 2021.

The exhibition will be open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 3.00pm. Free Entry.

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In Kingaroy, display shelving will be added to the junior fiction and junior non-fiction collections, whilst in Murgon, the shelving in the junior area has been replaced with a focus on front facing displays designed to be more appealing to young community members.

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South Burnett Libraries are excited to reintroduce regular library programs to each branch in the coming weeks. Attendance to sessions including First 5 Forever Rhyme Time and Story Times will be strictly limited, so it is essential that anyone wishing to attend calls their local library to book.

Attendees to programs including Book Clubs, card groups and interest groups and First 5 Forever sessions must sign in upon entry to the library and maintain social distancing as required by COVID 19 health directives. All participants must be in good health prior to attending library programs, with attendees advised to cancel their booking if they are feeling unwell.

For further information about regular library programs and events, please visit the library website or follow South Burnett Libraries on Facebook.

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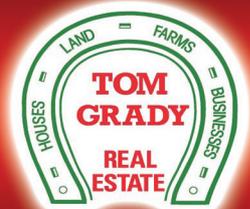
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Cake Decorators had a late celebration for last Christmas .After the meeting Sarah did a demonstration of a Thistle and it was time for a lovely lunch .Wednesday 24th. We had a get together to do Easter Eggs on April the first we will be doing red poppies . No iced cakes for the Show this year because of restrictions. Do hope everyone is getting some good rain it's not icing weather we manage by using our ovens for drying . Hope everyone had a lovely Easter break

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ChemClear Queensland Collection July-August 2021

South Burnett Regional Council advises ChemClear will take place in Queensland during July and August 2021. Disposal of unwanted or obsolete agvet chemicals are encouraged through this programme.

There are two groups of chemicals accepted in this scheme: Group 1: Chemicals collected free of charge • eligible drumMUSTER products • with readable labels • still in original containers • not mixed with other products • within 2 years of expiry or deregistration Group 2: May incur a fee for service • chemicals that have expired and are not part of the drumMUSTER program.

Register your chemicals at chemclear.org.au/register-your-chemical or call 1800 008 182. Registrations close Sunday 13 June 2021. All chemicals registered prior to the closing date will be eligible for collection during this run.

For further information, contact Council's Environment and Waste team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au

Sweeping changes, as Teys Australia transitions into new management era



A SERIES of senior management changes are about to unfold at Teys Australia, representing the biggest transitional adjustment seen since the Teys Brothers processing business merged with Cargill Australia almost a decade ago.

Teys Australia is one of Australia's largest beef processors, with large export plants at Beenleigh, Lakes Creek and Biloela in Queensland, Wagga in NSW and Naracoorte in South Australia, supported by large-scale lotfeeding operations in three states.

Promoted to fill the role as chief executive officer is **Andrew MacPherson**, previously general manager, commercial. Mr MacPherson is the first 'non-Teys family member' to fill the role in the company's 75-year history.

After 20 years as chief executive officer, **Brad Teys** will step down as head of operations from July, but will retain the Teys Australia board chairmanship he has held for the past two years. He will continue to provide leadership in areas including livestock, operations, capital projects and industrial relations.

In other key changes, after 50 years of service, including 42 years leading the Teys livestock team and 31 years as executive director of livestock, **Geoff Teys** will retire effective from 1 July. Mr Teys, well liked and much respected across the beef production sector, is the last of the second generation of the four Teys Brothers founders to work in the business.

Both Geoff and Brad Teys will remain on the Teys board as director and executive chairman, respectively.

"While we will recognise and celebrate the immense contribution that Geoff has made to the Teys organisation and the Australian beef industry in due course, I would like to express my gratitude for Geoff's unwavering support and the respect I have for Geoff's passion, dedication and contribution," Brad Teys said in a statement to key stakeholders issued this afternoon.

"There are very few people who have had such a positive impact on the industry and the people in it," he said.

Reflecting on his half-century of service, Geoff Teys said after careful consideration and planning, he was confident that now was the right time to step back from day-to-day operations.

"This year not only marks my 50th year in the business, but also the Teys family's 75th year in the Australian beef industry. In this time we have seen many changes, but one thing has remained constant – the enduring spirit, courage and determination of Australia's agricultural communities," Geoff Teys said.

"I am proud and humbled to have worked alongside so many committed and hard-working individuals, and I wish you all the greatest success in the future."

In the statement, Brad Teys said he had been fortunate over his own 40-year career to witness and be a part of immense change in the Australian beef industry.





Geoff Teys

“Through an unrelenting commitment to remaining nimble and innovative, Teys has not only adapted, but thrived. The business transformed from a small, family run business into a modern, efficient and customer focused global player. I am immensely proud of these achievements. The one constant has been a talented and dedicated team,” Mr Teys said.

While these were significant announcements, they had been in planning for a number of years, the company said.

“Andrew and I have worked closely and as ‘one team’ for the past ten years and will continue to do so,” Brad Teys said.

“Andrew brings a wealth of experience to the CEO role, having served as CEO of Cargill Beef Australia prior to the Cargill/Teys joint venture. Post joint venture, Andrew was instrumental in leading integration before being appointed to General Manager of Commercial.

As general manager of commercial, Mr MacPerson’s primary responsibilities included group strategy, sales and marketing, leading Teys value-added and further processing business (Teys Australia Food Solutions), Teys USA and a number of mergers and acquisitions in the wholesale/distribution and international trading channels.

“On behalf of the Teys board, I would like to congratulate Andrew on his appointment to CEO,” Brad Teys said.

“The business is in good hands and I look forward to the next phase of our strategy.”

Mr MacPherson said while the plans for a seamless transition had been in place for a number of years, to be entrusted with the responsibility of CEO of the company was a huge privilege.

“We have an experienced and capable leadership team and I look forward to continuing to work with Brad and guiding the business through the next growth phase and building on the legacy of the Teys family,” he said.

Courtesy Beef Central News

Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill

Yesterday, the Fair Work Amendment (Supporting Australia's Jobs and Economic Recovery) Bill (the Bill) as amended by the Senate was passed by the House of Representatives. The Bill passed with a number of significant amendments as a result of negotiations with cross-bench senators.

Major changes to come from the Bill are:

1. A clear definition for casual employment

“A person is a casual employee of an employer if the employer makes no firm advance commitment to continuing and indefinite work according to an agreed pattern of work for the person.”

Vital aspects of the casual definition were retained in the Bill, these include:

- The employment relationship is assessed at the point of offer and acceptance
- The list of factors to be considered as to what constitutes a ‘firm advance commitment’ is limited to those set out in the Bill.

The inclusion of these two aspects will limit the impact of future claims in a Court when determining whether a person was a casual or not.

2. Casual conversion after 12 months (businesses with 15 or more employees)

- For business employers with 15 or more employees, a casual employee who has worked for an employer for at least 12 months and has, during at least the last 6 months of that time, worked a regular pattern of hours on an ongoing basis may be entitled to be offered, or request, conversion to full-time employment or part-time employment.

3. Casual conversion exemption for small (business employers with less than 15 employees)

- Employees can still request conversion, however, the employer is not obligated to offer conversion or provide notification that they are not making an offer
- Small business employers are required (under the Bill) to give casual employees a Casual Employment Information Statement (this document will be released in the coming weeks) as soon as practicable after commencement on royal assent
- Business employers with 15+ employees are required to give a Casual Information Statement as soon as practicable six months after commencement of employment.

4. Casual conversion – small claims procedure

- A small claims procedure in the Federal and Magistrates Courts will be available to parties to resolve casual conversion disputes, including whether a business may refuse conversion on reasonable business grounds, whether an offer of conversion must be made by a business, and whether an employee has the right to request casual conversation.

5. Casual loading offset provisions (double dipping)

- A court is able to offset the claim amount with the loading already paid.

6. Review of these changes

- As soon as practicable after 12 months of operation with a written report within six months of starting the review.

What does this mean for you as an employer?

1. Give casual employees a **Casual Employment Information statement (this document will be released in the coming weeks)**

- Businesses with less than 15 employees as soon as practicable after commencement
- Businesses with 15 or more employees as soon as practicable after the transition period (six months)

2. If you have 15 or more employees you must make an offer to a casual employee for conversion after 12 months, unless there are reasonable grounds not to make an offer.

- Employers with less than 15 employees are exempt from positively offering this (as well as notification that they are not making an offer) however, employees are still able to request to convert

3. Businesses must also consider their obligations under the relevant Modern Award or Enterprise Agreement covering their employees.

Further assistance

Members with any questions or need help understanding how these changes might impact are encouraged to contact the CCIQ Employer Assistance team on 1300 135 822 or by email advice@cciq.com.au.

Educational resources to help commemorate Anzac Day

Wide Bay schools and community groups will soon receive educational materials and creative resources to help commemorate Anzac Day, with Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien encouraging students to learn more about our local military history.

Mr O'Brien said the Anzac Day mail-out resources, made available through the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), would help Wide Bay schools and communities commemorate in a meaningful way and learn more about Australia's military history.

"Learning about our military history is an important part of education for our younger generations, and it's a significant part of commemoration as it provides an understanding of events that have shaped Australia and the sacrifices that our service personnel have made for our nation," Mr O'Brien said.

"This year's mail-out includes resources that commemorate 100 years of the Royal Australian Air Force, with this milestone falling in 2021, as well as information on the war in the Pacific and the end of the Second World War."

The Anzac Day mail-out contains posters, educational materials including flyers and the book *Shifting Tides: Australia and the Pacific in the Second World War*.

"These educational resources will help the children and teenagers of Wide Bay learn about our military history, and understand the meaning of Anzac Day," he said.

"Extending their understanding of service and sacrifice will also help them appreciate why it's important that Wide Bay and the rest of Australia honours our past and present service personnel on this day, and remember the more than 102,000 Australians who have given their lives in service of our nation."

All resources are free and available to download on the Anzac Portal (anzacportal.dva.gov.au).

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CAMP OVEN COMEDY AT MONOGORILBY HALL



A Fundraiser for LifeFlight will be held at Monogorilby Hall from **16-18 April 2021 – Camp Oven Comedy & Music Muster**. Let's keep COVID safe so please remember to book in.

From 4.00pm Friday, there will be a variety of well known & not so well known artists to entertain you- **Alec Beckett**, (Bush Balladeer to Contemporary Country singer), **Alice Benfer** (singer, songwriter from Gympie, solo artist,, **Bob Pacey**,(bush poet),**Jack Viljoen**, **Lilly Goller**, **Manfred J Vijars**, **Rod Bryant**, **Peter Campbell**, **Robert Hopkins**, **Clyde Cameron** (Doghouse band). "Walk up" entertainers are always

welcome. There is quite a line up of "walk ups".

We celebrate 14 years of this event but only 8 for LifeFlight, in the past 7 years, we have raised just over \$ 23 000.00 for LifeFlight. Like Monogorilby Camp Oven Comedy on Facebook.

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let us look at 'the facts

Today evolution is taught in schools as 'fact' whereas the teachings of the bible concerning Creation are ridiculed. However, let us look at 'the facts.' Following is a definition of what constitutes a 'fact' proven by science. 'A scientific theory becomes accepted as fact when it is a well-substantiated explanation of some aspect of the natural world, based on a body of facts that have been repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment.' Please note: 'repeatedly confirmed through observation and experiment.' So what is evolution? The belief that life 'made itself' from inert or non living elements, etc. So – has anyone ever observed this miraculous event? No! Has anyone ever been able to repeat this experiment? No! (Even though scientist have tried thousands of times in ideal laboratory conditions). Evolution fails the first basic test of proof. So – what about Christianity? Firstly of course it is a belief BUT no scientist has ever been able to prove that the bible is not true. God says 'he who seeks me will find me.' Now many atheists have set out to prove that the bible is a lie, such as CS Lewis (now famous Christian writer) and Josh McDowell (He wrote the book Evidence that demands a verdict). However, try searching on your browser for Sarah Irvine and read her 'atheist to Christian' story. Also try looking at 'Creation Ministries' on your computer. So if the biblical record of Creation is true and evolution is a lie, why do so many people believe in evolution? Simple really – they don't want to be accountable to anyone for their actions. They want to be able to 'run' their own lives without some 'God' setting the rules. This is what happened right at the beginning of history (Adam and Eve) and explains why the world is in such turmoil today. Sure - go your own way. Do what you like. Answer to no one. But don't blame someone else when you reap the inevitable consequences of your actions. In the end you are to blame. How about seeking and finding the truth? Ask God if He is real to reveal himself to you. Earnestly seek Him. By the way, there is no fence to sit on when it comes to God – you are either with Him or not!

May God bless you abundantly as you seek the truth, for the truth will set you free.

Glen Vonhoff. Murgon Church of Christ.

Jammin' on 17th April 2-5pm. Saturday

Yes, it is on again. The last Jam was a great success and enjoyed by all. We had to turn the coolers on. Why not come to the next session? Treat yourself to an afternoon out. There will be an afternoon tea break at around 3:30pm with Tea/Coffee and scrumptious tasty munchies provided.

"Jamming on a Saturday Afternoon" is a free musician's jam session being held in the hall of the

Murgon Uniting Church, 55 Gore Street on the 3rd Saturday April(17th).

The session starts at 2pm, going to 5pm. The jam session is open to all musicians and singers in the Murgon and South Burnett region who are welcome to come along, join in with others and share their musical gifts.

Anybody can just come along and listen in.

All government COVID recommendations will be followed. But that won't stop people having a ton of fun.

All instruments and music styles are welcome. Come along, join in, share, learn and have fun.

Enquiries to Wayne on 0409870853. Call after 4pm.

South Burnett Regional Council Waste Facility Operating Times

Council operates 17 waste facilities throughout the South Burnett. Some are staffed with specified operating hours, or only accessible by a pin code or key provided by Council. Residents are advised of Council waste facilities' operating hours as follows:

- Blackbutt Transfer Station - Open Thursday to Monday 8am to 5pm. Closed Fridays from 12noon to 1pm. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Brigooda Transfer Station – Open 7 days a week
- Bunya Mountains Transfer Station - Open 7 days a week
- Chahpingah Waste Facility - Open 7 days a week.
- Cloyna Transfer Station - Open 7 days a week
- Durong Waste Facility - Open 7 days a week
- Hivesville Transfer Station - Open 7 days a week
- Home Creek Transfer Station - Open 7 days a week
- Kingaroy Waste Facility - Open 7 days a week 8am to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Kumbia Transfer Station - Restricted keypad access open 7 days a week 6am to 6:30pm. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Maidenwell Waste Facility - Open 7 days a week
- Memerambi Transfer Station - Open 7 days a week. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Murgon Waste Facility - Open 7 days a week 8am to 12noon. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Proston Transfer Station - Restricted keypad access open 6:00am to 6:30pm seven days a week. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Nanango Waste Facility - Open 7 days a week 8am to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Wattlecamp Transfer Station - Open Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday 8am to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.
- Wondai Waste Facility - Open 7 days a week 1pm to 5pm. Closed Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day*.

For full details on waste services and facilities, visit Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au>.

*Anzac Day falls on Sunday 25 April 2021. Facilities are open Anzac Day public holiday Monday 26 April 2021. To access a locked facility or for further information, contact Council's Environment & Waste team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

South Burnett Regional Council to use EFTsure for Supplier Verification

As part of South Burnett Regional Council's commitment to having strong risk mitigation procedures in place, it has been decided to implement EFTsure for supplier verification. EFTsure is a service provider that offers electronic funds transfer (EFT) payment protection while abiding by strict privacy, data protection and compliance controls.

Their unique solution helps reduce payment fraud and errors by ensuring that electronic funds transfers go to the right payees. Additional compliance checks are also done for supplier's ABN and GST status ensuring that Council is adhering to its Australian Taxation Office (ATO) responsibilities.

Over the next few weeks, suppliers of Council may receive various emails from EFTsure asking for them to perform an onboarding process. This onboarding will ensure that all suppliers' details and bank account information can be externally verified by EFTsure and will be set up in their system for when Council makes payments. After the initial onboarding process, new suppliers and any changes to bank details by existing suppliers will all be externally verified by EFTsure. By having supplier details verified by EFTsure, Council is adding an extra layer of protection against supplier payment fraud.

Please note that the implementation of this service will not affect who the supplier receives payment from. EFTsure does not pay any funds on Council's behalf and are only used to verify the accuracy of data used by Council for payments. For further information please contact Council's Finance team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

New service paves The Way Back from suicide

Beyond Blue's suicide aftercare initiative, The Way Back Support Service, which provides critical support for people after a suicide attempt, is now available in the Wide Bay.

Beyond Blue Chief Services Officer Alistair Stott said The Way Back provides practical support for people for up to three months after they leave hospital.

"People who have attempted suicide often experience severe distress in the days and weeks afterwards and are at high risk of attempting again," Mr Stott said.

"The Way Back addresses a significant gap in the current service system and eases this distress by guiding them towards the right support and informing them about how to stay safe."

The service was commissioned by Commonwealth-funded primary healthcare organisation Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN and is delivered locally by mental health services provider Richmond Fellowship Queensland (RFQ).

PHN CEO Pattie Hudson said The Way Back Support Service had shown promising results in helping people since it started as a pilot program in 2014.

"The PHN is proud to play a role in bringing The Way Back Support Service to the Wide Bay," Ms Hudson said. "It's a dynamic model that combines an evidence-based approach to recovery with that all-important personal connection and integration with existing health services."

"The Hospital and Health Service will provide the pathway to the service and ensures we have the best understanding of a person's needs and mental health, so that we can give them the best possible care."

Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service's Executive Director Mental Health Robyn Bradley said The Way Back Support Service provides the community with access to much-needed services.

"There are identified gaps within the healthcare system and it's important the community has not only a number of available services, but a number of access points to them," Ms Bradley said.

"The Way Bay Back Support Service is another way we can meet those needs."

People are referred to The Way Back by the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service and are assigned a support coordinator to guide them through their recovery.

RFQ Area Manager Karen Suey said their coordinators would provide people with practical support to help them find their way back to life.

"RFQ recognises that tailored, timely support is critical to people's safety," Ms Suey said.

"Our coordinators use several techniques, like face-to-face and over the phone contact, help build a personalised safety plan as well as link them to health and community services that address some of the issues leading to their initial distress.

"Our individualised support promotes strength and resilience, and delivers assertive outreach to participants."



Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the Liberal and Nationals Government invested \$44 million in The Way Back program nationally.

"This funding for The Way Back Support Service provides additional support for those who are statistically shown to need it

the most, and helps them connect back into their lives and communities," Mr O'Brien said.

"Our goal is simple – to lower the Australian suicide toll to zero; to show that each life matters; and that we are doing everything we can to provide hope and help to those who need it."

The Way Back Support Service is just one example of how the federally-funded PHN and state-funded HHS work together to achieve positive health outcomes for the community, as outlined in their Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Regional Plan 2020-2025.

While referrals to The Way Back Support Service must be made via the HHS, mental health professionals are available at the Beyond Blue Support Service 24/7 via phone on 1300 22 4636 or via www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support for online chat between 3PM – 12AM AEST. Email responses are otherwise provided within 24 hours.



Local high school students experience a day in medicine

The University of Queensland Rural Clinical School (UQRCS) Toowoomba kicked off its 2021 School Work Experience Program (SWEP) .

SWEP is a one day work experience event held twice a year for Year 11 students interested in studying medicine at UQRCS.

Approximately 30 local high school students from across the region attended SWEP where they heard from current students at UQRCS Toowoomba, they will participate in clinical skills workshops and heard about the various pathways into medicine at UQ.



Boondooma Homestead comes alive from 20 – 25 April 2021.

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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS WILL APPLY THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

Enquiries: The Caretakers: 07 4168 0159; Pattie Brown 0408 070 769

Revised opening hours for QEII toilets in Murgon

South Burnett Regional Council advises a change in opening hours for QEII toilets in Murgon as a safety precaution due to a spate of recent damage from vandalism. The time change is as follows: • Current hours: 6.00am to 8.00pm • New hours: 6.00am to 6.00pm The community is encouraged to report any vandalism or anti-social behaviours to Council or to police. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused. For further information, contact Council's Property team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au. Images:

South Burnett has extended the swimming pool season

To assist the community until the reopening of the South Burnett Aquatic Centre in Nanango, which is temporarily closed for construction until mid-April, South Burnett Regional Council advises the following swimming pools have extended their summer season before closures over winter. • Wondai Swimming Pool: End of day Thursday 1 April 2021 • Murgon Swimming Pool: End of day Thursday 15 April 2021 • Kingaroy Swimming Pool: End of day Sunday 18 April 2021 • Blackbutt Swimming Pool: End of day Sunday 18 April 2021 (with reduced hours – 11am to 3pm) • Proston Swimming Pool: End of day Sunday 18 April 2021 Council apologises for any inconvenience caused whilst the South Burnett Aquatic Centre in Nanango is closed and appreciates your patience while works are in progress. For further information, contact Council's Property team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Margaret Court AC MBE, awards are given for what people have done, not for what they think.

With an unparalleled record as a tennis player in achievement, and exemplary behaviour, her win/loss performance in all Grand Slam singles tournaments was 90.12%.

She is the only tennis player in history to complete a multiple Grand Slam set, that is, all the Singles, Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles of the Australian, French, Wimbledon and US Championships in one year; but she won the lot twice.

The International Tennis Hall of Fame states, "For sheer strength of performance and accomplishment, there has never been a tennis player to match her."

Beyond that, in 1991, she became a Christian Minister, establishing the Margaret Court Community Outreach.

Independently of the views, the gender, the politics, the sexuality of those she serves with food and clothing, Margaret Court's Community Outreach seeks to provide life skills to people to give them hope for a future.

In that capacity, in one year, Margaret Court Community Outreach served over 30,000 people, 1.8 million kilos of food was distributed, 192,000 meals have been served and the value of the food distributed approximates \$3 million.

No one should feel guilty for feeling joyous and celebrating the country we love

Ask a simple question, what have her critics done?



Glen Perrett from Bowenfels has had a very rewarding last few weeks taking out major prizes at Proston, Murgon and Goomeri Shows.

Proston Show's Supreme Champion Stud Beef exhibit, "Bowenfels Miss Kodiak", (with three-week-old calf at foot) with Mayor Brett Otto, Cr Scott Henschen, McKayla Stanley, Kingaroy; Glen Perrett, from Bowenfels Angus Stud and competition sponsor Cr Kathy Duff

ANZAC DAY 2021



In these uncertain times, it is difficult to predict the future with Covid-19. However, following the announcement from Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's in late February that ANZAC Day dawn services, marches and other commemorations can proceed as normal this year (with social distancing), it is planned to hold traditional services as follows:-.

MURGON

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.

MARCH AND SERVICE

The March steps off at 9.45am (Parade assembles from 9am in the car park of the Murgon Services Club) with Mr Joseph Thompson 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.

Note – numbers limited to current covid-19 restrictions.

Anyone who would like to either March on the day to represent their organisation or would like to lay a wreath, please contact Ritchie O'Neill on 0427 133 408 no later than Tuesday 20th April.

GOOMERI

DAWN SERVICE

5.15am – Dawn Service held at Memorial Clock, Cnr Wide Bay & Burnett Hwy, Goomeri.

7.30am – Pilgrimage to the Cemetery – Meet at the Cemetery, Goomeri West Road, Goomeri.

MARCH & SERVICE

9.45am – Assemble at Dickinson's Park. March to cenotaph for wreath laying followed by Service in Hall of Memory.

Please contact David Pitstock on 0427 169 043 with any questions.

CHERBOURG

MARCH & SERVICE

Commencing at 8am - Barambah Avenue, Cherbourg.



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Murgon Sub Branch

LIGHT UP THE DAWN

As a supplement to local commemoration activities, RSL Queensland will once again – by popular demand from the community – assist with a Light Up the Dawn marketing campaign for those who wish to show their support for veterans in this way.

In the coming weeks, a map of services and commemorative activities across the State will be published on the RSL Queensland website when they are confirmed.

As information comes to hand, it will be advertised in the Murgon Moments, on posters and on the Murgon RSL Sub Branch Facebook Page. Or call the Sub Branch on Tel. 0427 915 533.

Regardless of the form this year's Anzac Day commemorations take, let's show that Australians will always remember those who have served and sacrificed for this nation.



The Supreme Champion of the Show was 30-month-old 'Jen-Daview Summit Temptress', which had a calf at foot ... the Jen-Daview Limousin stud, near Kingaroy, is taking 14 exhibits to Beef 21 plus four calves (Photo: Jenny Evans)

The regular Saturday night entertainment program did not go ahead, however there are plans for the rodeo to be held as a separate event later in the year.

Margaret Hardwick (nee Nutt)

The family of Margaret Hardwick wish to advise that Margaret is leaving her much loved Murgon to relocate closer to family on the Sunshine Coast.

We would like to recognise all of the wonderful people who have generously given their time, love, patience and support to mum. We could not have given mum the extra 2 years in her much loved home that she has enjoyed without YOUR help. We are just amazed and so grateful for the support and kindness we have witnessed from the Murgon community. Thank you so much.

If anyone would like to catch up with mum before she leaves, we will be at The Coffee Bar in Murgon on 11th April, 10am – 11am.

Kind regards, Toni, Diana & Carolyn

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ORDER.

Australia to wit.
FORSTER,
Governor-General.

By His Excellency the Governor-
General of the Commonwealth of
Australia.

WHEREAS It is enacted by the *Defence Act 1903-1918* that the Governor-General may, subject to the provisions of that Act, raise, maintain, and organize in the manner prescribed, such Permanent and Citizen Forces as he deems necessary for the defence and protection of the Commonwealth and of the several States:

And whereas it is desirable that Military Forces, to be called the Australian Air Force, should be raised, maintained, and organized in the manner aforesaid:

Now therefore I, Henry William, Baron Forster, the Governor-General aforesaid, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, do hereby order that a Force, to be called the Australian Air Force, be constituted as part of the Australian Military Forces as from the thirty-first day of March, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-one:

And I do further order that the said Force be raised, maintained, and organized in the manner prescribed by the *Defence Act 1903-1918* and the Regulations made thereunder.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth,
* at Melbourne, this twenty-fourth day of March, in the
(L.S.) year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and
twenty-one, and in the eleventh year of His Majesty's
reign.

By His Excellency's Command,

G. F. PEARCE, Minister of State for Defence.

CRANBERRY STUFFED OYSTER BLADE ROAST

The ultimate roast to share with your family. By Doug Piper, MLA Butcher

SERVES 6, PREP TIME 20 mins, COOKING TIME 70mins

INGREDIENTS

1.8 kg Beef Oyster Blade roast, denuded and butterflied
¾ cup dried cranberries
2¼ cups fresh breadcrumbs
1 small brown onion, finely diced
2 tbsp fresh rosemary, chopped
¼ cup orange juice
2 tbsp wholegrain mustard
1 tbsp olive oil
2 whole oranges, scrubbed and sliced
salt & pepper
½ cup cranberry sauce, to serve.

Almond Green Beans

½ cup slivered or sliced almonds, toasted
600g green beans, trimmed
2 tbsp olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
zest from 1 lemon
2–3 tsp lemon juice

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METHOD

Preheat oven to 170°C, fan-forced. Line a large roasting pan with foil and arrange orange slices over the base. Open butterflied roast onto a board, with the fat-cap down, and allow to come to room temperature for 20 mins.

In a medium bowl, combine dried cranberries, breadcrumbs, onion, rosemary and orange juice. Season with salt and pepper, and mix well.

Season the inside surface of the roast with a good pinch of salt and pepper. Spread stuffing evenly over beef, leaving a 2 cm border around the edges. Roll tightly to enclose, and with the fat-cap on top, secure with string or food grade bands every 3 cm.

Transfer tied roast to the pan and place on top of the orange slices. Combine oil and mustard in a small bowl and spread over the top of the roast.

Roast the beef for 60 mins. Remove from oven, cover loosely with foil, and rest for 10 mins. Carve into rounds, removing ties as you slice. Serve with pan juices.

To make the beans, bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add green beans and cook for 1–2 mins until bright green. Drain.

Drizzle oil into a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook for 1 min. Add the toasted almonds and drained green beans to the skillet, season with salt, pepper, and lemon zest, and toss to coat. Stir through lemon juice to taste. Serve warm or at room temperature with the roast.

TIPS

To make fresh breadcrumbs, pulse bread in a food processor until crumbs form.

Stir fresh orange zest through cranberry sauce for an extra flavour boost.

Courtesy MLA

Proston Show



Lowering energy costs for Wide Bay community groups

Wide Bay community groups can now apply for grants up to \$12,000 as part of a new Coalition Government program to lower energy costs, support local jobs and help reduce global emissions.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced expressions of interest are now open for the Powering Communities Program, which will fund up to 12 projects worth a total of \$67,700 in Wide Bay.

Grants of between \$5,000 and \$12,000 will be available to eligible community organisations, with no co-contribution required.

"Energy bills are often one of the biggest overheads for not-for-profit organisations and these grants will help reduce that cost by assisting with measures such as installing solar panels or a battery, upgrading air conditioners, replacing a hot water system or refrigerator with more efficient models, replacing lighting with LEDs or conducting an energy audit," Mr O'Brien said.

"These grants will ease the financial pressure for local organisations, such as community halls, sports clubs, senior citizens clubs and charities, by helping to reduce power bills so they can better focus on meeting the needs of Wide Bay communities."

An expression of interest form is available from the website <https://llewobrien.com.au/grants-information/> or from Mr O'Brien's office by emailing llew.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au or telephoning 4121 2936.

Expressions of Interest must be returned to Mr O'Brien's office by 5pm on Friday, April 30, 2021.

Expressions of Interest will be assessed by a committee, and selected EOIs will then proceed to the formal application stage.

The formal application stage for nominated EOIs will open on 1 July and close on 20 September 2021.

"Wide Bay community groups do an incredible job to support local people, and we know that many have done it tough during COVID19. The program will help them to do what they do best, which is serve and support the community," Mr O'Brien said.

Further information on the program, including eligibility guidelines, is available at business.gov.au or by telephone on 13 28 46.

\$30 million grants program to support local manufacturing

Wide Bay manufacturers with bright ideas that are ready to be turned into world-beating realities can now apply for a slice of a new \$30 million fund from the Morrison Government.

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said the Commercialisation Fund will provide matched funding of between \$100,000 and \$1 million to help manufacturers with projects bringing industry and researchers together to commercialise new products.

"Wide Bay is home to some incredible innovation in manufacturing and the sector is critical to our region's future growth and local jobs," Mr O'Brien said.

Consistent with all programs under the Modern Manufacturing Strategy, this fund will support projects within the Government's six National Manufacturing Priorities.

These priorities are: Medical Products, Food and Beverage, Resources Technology and Critical Minerals Processing, Recycling and Clean Energy, Defence, and Space.

Commercialisation Fund grants will be between \$100,000 and \$1 million and must be matched by industry. These smaller-sized grants will complement the larger projects that will be supported through the \$1.3 billion Modern Manufacturing Initiative.

Projects must include collaboration with a research partner and a minimum of one industry partner.

The fund will run over an 18-month period. The first round of funding, which is open now, will provide \$20 million while a subsequent round will deliver the remaining \$10 million.

For more information and to apply for a grant go to <https://www.amgc.org.au/projects/>



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Last Thursday we were fortunate enough to have Kate and Pam visit our classrooms with their Wunderdogs. Yarn, Bella and Oscar!

Students were taught how to greet dogs by using the Pat, Pet and Pause approach. There was plenty of handshaking, patting, high fives and a DaaDaa!

Staff and students also recently joined in the fun of having 'A Bad Hair Day' at school to raise money for the rural fire brigade. Dean, Cooper, Abby, Jordyn, Coby, Shaun, Elijah, Charli and Mrs Stanley were among the participants.



Deb announces Winner of Bursary for Nanango Electorate Year 12 School Leavers



Member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington, has announced the winner of the Nanango Electorate 2020 Year 12 School Leaver's Bursary worth \$1000 – Miss Olivia Almond, a graduate of Kingaroy State High School.

Mrs Frecklington said there had been a strong field of applicants representing Year 12 school leavers from each of the five High School's across the Electorate.

"The calibre of students and their plans for further study was impressive, so it was a very difficult task choosing just one recipient," Mrs Frecklington said.

"I'd like to thank Mr Keith Campbell, who assisted me with all of the interviews. Thanks to the benefits of Zoom technology, we were able to talk with each of the applicants, many of whom have already made the move away to start their various courses.

"Olivia is studying to become an Optometrist and has begun her three-year Bachelor of Vision Science at QUT, Kelvin Grove campus, which will then be followed by a further two-year Master of Optometry course.

"She was inspirational, explaining that she has wanted to become an optometrist and work in the health profession since she was in Grade 3 when she started to wear glasses.

"I am so pleased that this Bursary will help Olivia with the costs associated with moving from her home at Pimpimbudgee in the South

Burnett to her new accommodation in Brisbane.

"It is a big step for our young people when they head to the major centres for study, and the purpose of the Bursary is to help make that move for students and their families just that little bit more achievable.

Applications for the 2021 Deb Frecklington Nanango Electorate Year 12 School Leavers Bursary will open on 5 October 2021.

25 Years of NATA Accreditation for the South Burnett Regional Council Materials Laboratory

South Burnett Regional Council Materials Laboratory marked 25 years of NATA (National Association of Testing Authorities) Accreditation on Tuesday 2 February 2021. Our Materials Laboratory team consists of highly qualified technicians, with a combined experience of over 95 years in testing construction materials.

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For further information, see the Materials Laboratory flyer on Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/downloads/file/4931/materials-laboratory-fact-sheet> or contact Council on 4189 9100 or info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.



St Joseph's School; Murgon show display

HELP!

Our dedicated history buffs Jeff & Muriel Schultz are saving Murgon's history. They are searching for any input or photos on "**CARISHBROOKE**" hospital in Murgon.

Please reply to the editor
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Murgon's Phantom Ghost Steam Train



For some days the sound echoed across Murgon, the sound of a steam train entering Murgon from down Manyung / Goomeri way. I followed the noise out of curiosity and found a diesel rock crushing plant crushing the old concrete footpath material that was coming out like sand. It is being used as bedding under the footpath constructions in Kingaroy. That solved the puzzle of the steam train coming back to Murgon.



South Burnett community safety and suitable dog fencing

South Burnett Regional Council advises all dog owners of their responsibilities to contain your dog(s) in adequately fenced enclosures on their property for the safety of the community. There has been an increase in dog attacks reported to Council due to dogs escaping domestic homes without proper fencing and roaming the community. Dog attacks are traumatic and can have lasting effects on the physical and mental health of the victims and their families. It may also result in your dog being declared dangerous or menacing and will have to abide by special conditions listed in the legislation. Dog owners have a duty of care for the safety of the community within the vicinity of their dog(s) and to anyone lawfully entering your property, such as electricity meter readers. For further information on your responsibilities as a pet owner, visit Council's website <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/environment-health-waste/animal-management> To report a wandering dog or concerns about a dog escaping contact Council's Environment and Waste team on 4189 9100 or info@sbrc.qld.gov.au. Alternatively, visit any of Council's Customer Service Centres.

All smiles at the 2021 Goomeri Show



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A Scottish farmer was in his fields digging up his tatties. A young American farmer looked over the fence and said. In Texas we grow potatoes five times larger than that!

The Scotsman replied, Ah but we just grow them for our own mouths Son.

Drink Whisky!

Jack once attended a Temperance lecture given by Scotland's Top medical man, a noted anti-drink campaigner. The speaker began by placing a live wriggling worm in a glass of whisky. After a moment or two it died and sank to the bottom. The speaker said quietly to the audience, Now my friends, what does this tell us?,

Jack piped up, if you drink whisky you'll not be bothered by worms.

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Kathy's Comments

Council Meetings Open to the Public

The Council Meetings as well as the Standing Committee Meetings are now all livestreamed and open to the public. Our final budget discussions before we adopt the budget will now be live streamed. The community will have the opportunity to hear the discussions that lead into the budget so that there is a better understanding of how and why decisions are made. These can also be replayed if you miss them by simply going onto the Council website.

Target Country Murgon

Goodbye and Good luck to the staff of Target Country Murgon. It is the end of an era so thank you to Kendall Stower, Emma Schneider and the team who have served us well for many years. Best wishes to all of you as you face a new adventure and thank you for the memories.

Windera and Cloyna Centenaries

Two exciting milestone events just around the corner with Windera celebrating after last years cancellation on April 10th and Cloyna on May 1st. Best wishes and hoping you can hold these events without covid complications again this year.

Proston Show

Congratulations to Viv White and the team who led the Proston Show. It was a difficult time working with the changes due to Covid, but it was still a very successful show. It was great to see over 150 entries in the Stud Beef section which was fabulous.

Murgon Show

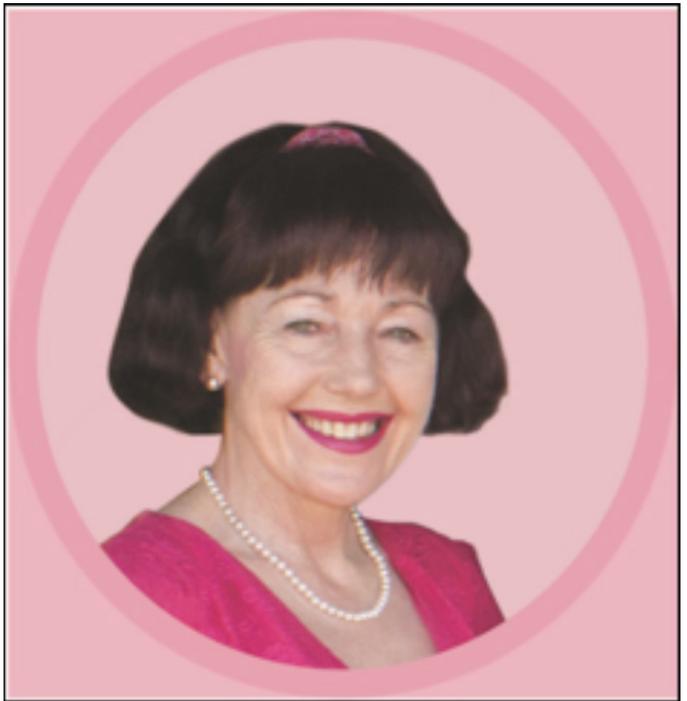
Congratulations to Alan Trim and the show committee on a great event for Murgon. It was nice to see a hometown boy Mayor Otto return to Murgon as the Mayor to open the Show. I enjoyed the whole show, but my favourite part was competing in the billy boiling competition on the Friday night near the Stud Beef cattle. Annabelle Dennien and I blitzed everyone in the billy boiling competition. We were up against some strong competition, but girl power paid off!! Congratulations to Amy Wicks and Troy Dennien for your part in organising this fun event.

Goomeri Show

I had the honour and incredibly tough job of being one of the judges of the Showgirl competition for the Goomeri Show. The girls were simply stunning in both their presentation and the way they spoke. I think the future of the shows are in good hands with the quality of the young people that were presented in the competition from the Goomeri community. Thank you to the organisers for a wonderful event and best wishes to Jacinta Rockemer who will continue her journey as Goomeri Showgirl to the Sub Chamber finals competition.

Hivesville Progress Association Success

I was excited to be told that the Hivesville Progress Association has been successful in a Gambling Community Benefit fund grant for \$32844. They will use the funding to do improvements to the shed and for a power upgrade. Congratulations to Barbara Hockey and the committee for the success of the grant. Also, a big shout out to Sharon Trim who has been one of the driving forces behind the success of the proposal.



Smith Family History at Hivesville and Murgon Anglican Church Centenary

There are two exciting events planned for April 11th the Smith Family Reunion and plaque unveiling and the Centenary of the Murgon Anglican Church. I have been invited to unveil the plaque that will be placed on a rock underneath the magnificent bottle tree that forms part of Hivesville's history in Memorial Park. The late Robert Smith was killed in a train accident on the railway line at Hivesville and some of his descendants including our local carrier Brian Smith will be in attendance. Brian was Robert's grandson and he has helped to position the rock in preparation for the day.

Proston Park Run

There is a lot of support to have a Parkrun in Proston and I am doing everything I can to help the community to achieve this. We have an area that is suitable in Railway Park and there are lots of community members keen to put on their joggers and be part of this exciting opportunity. The Proston community need to raise \$7500 to get started with Parkrun Australia. Please let me know or contact Proston Qld if you would like to help the community achieve this goal.

Happy Easter

At the time of writing we are heading into Easter and there are some more Covid outbreaks. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a blessed time during this Easter period and I pray that you can keep safe and happy. The Covid crisis is ongoing and can be challenging mentally, physically and emotionally. Please look out for each other and use this period to more than ever reach out to your friends and loved ones even if it can only be by phone, email or messenger. We are all in this together so be kind to each other, follow the rules and please stay safe.

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Grants open for Wide Bay ex-service organisations

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging local ex-service organisations (ESOs) to apply for the 2021 Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) grants program.

The program, which is open now, provides funding to help organisations supporting veterans and their families with costs such as paying the salary costs of administrative assistants and advocates, and any equipment they might need to deliver their services.

"Ex-service organisations play a vital role in supporting our veterans and their families, and this funding means they can have the right tools, equipment, and resources to carry out this important work," Mr O'Brien said.

"BEST grants help Wide Bay's ESOs provide vital services for current and former serving men and women, from advocacy work such as helping with their entitlement or compensation claims, to leisure activities or hosting commemorative events.

"The services provided by ESOs can make a real difference to veterans and their families in Wide Bay, empowering them to improve their health and wellbeing, stay healthy, and engage in a full life, so I encourage all veterans' organisations to apply for a BEST grant."

Applications for the grants are now open online, with advocacy service providers encouraged to submit their application before the closing date of 14 April 2021.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs offers a range of grant programs to assist with providing support to veterans and their families. To apply for a grant or for further information on BEST grants visit the Community Grants Hub website <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au>.

Has anyone noticed the new addition in Murgon?

The new Rotary Club Fountain in Ted Klohs Park. absolutely beautiful.

The changing colours at night time are amazing. Ted Klohs (decd) would be so thankful that this has happened to the park named after him for his work on parks and gardens for many years.



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Subsidy creating hundreds of new apprentice and trainee jobs in Wide Bay

The Morrison Government's Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements program is supporting 488 trainees in Wide Bay and its extension will help to support even more, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien said today.

The Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements program is part of the Morrison Government's National Economic Recovery Plan and provides a 50 per cent wage subsidy for new apprenticeships.

The Program is being further enhanced to become demand-driven and expanded for a full 12 months for new apprentices and trainees signed up prior to 30 September 2021.

"The Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements wage subsidy extension can create hundreds of apprenticeships and traineeships across Wide Bay, helping people access new employment opportunities and kick-start their careers," Mr O'Brien said.

"It's a win for local businesses too, as with a 50 per cent wage subsidy for 12 months on offer, there has never been a better time to sign up an apprentice."

"By expanding this wage subsidy for another 12 months, we'll be helping businesses to create even more jobs, further supporting our National Economic Recovery Plan for Australia."

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