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



Ross Inman chairman of the Burnett Area of the Historical Motor Cycle Club of Qld Inc. proudly shows off his much loved restored Australian manufactured 1916 "George Cyril Stillwell" (GCS) motor cycle when the club visited Goomeri and Murgon last weekend for the Burnett Area Flat Tank & Girder Fork Rally. The GCS is powered by a Jap V- twin 770cc engine and parts are sometimes very hard to locate but Ross was full of praise for Australian motor car manufacturers General Motors Holden and Ford as he related that the pistons were out of a FJ Holden and the seat springs were a remanufactured part of the bonnet springs of a Falcon that he used in the restoration of his motorcycle.

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The Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival is scheduled to be bigger than previous years with additional entertainers, displays and stalls booked in for the first weekend in September.

Chairperson of the Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival Committee, Jeff Connor, said "The committee is very excited about this year's line up. They have all worked very hard to ensure this year's festival is bigger than our previous festivals."

"We have secured over fifteen entertainers as well as bush poets and people busking over the weekend. There is also plenty for the kids with skate park activities, mountain bike rides, a scavenger hunt and an outdoor family movie night," said Mr Connor.

The Brisbane Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra and the Australian Dreamtime Reptiles Show are also booked for the festival.

Mr Connor said "The festival celebrates everything local, with hand made stalls, craft demonstrations and loads of competitions, including photographic, gardening and painting competitions."

"We have six themed venues situated along the festival trail, which winds its way through Blackbutt," said Mr Connor.

The Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival is a weekend of activities celebrating the arts, gardening and the history of the region. It is held from the 6-8 September in the township of Blackbutt, which is also known as 'The Gateway to the South Burnett'.

Mr Connor said "We kick the festival off on the Friday night, which is then followed by two days of celebrations. We have people come from all over Queensland and interstate."

"There is plenty of free parking at the Blackbutt showgrounds and we have a free courtesy bus to then take people along the Festival trail," said Mr Connor.

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South Burnett graziers, Simone and Brett Greer, have tested the theory that some extra TLC results in a juicy steak. "Food is very important to us and we love nothing more than a tasty and tender steak," said Mr Greer.

"We have found by giving our cattle some extra loving care, we have a much less stressed cattle and more tender cut," he said.

"We treat our cattle like family, feed our cattle good quality grass and ensure they have a stress free existence. The result is a really juicy, tender and tasty cut of meat," said Mr Greer. "We both come from large farms and we were brought up knowing that food is extremely important. My Mother is a celiac, so grain fed beef is not an option for her," he said.

Simone and Brett Greer are based on the outskirts of Murgon and have recently launched Bronel Natural Foods. Simone Greer said, "Brett and I live by two sayings 'You are what you eat' and 'You get out of it what you put into it'." "We are driven by the quality of the food we eat and we use organic principles to ensure we can achieve our vision," she said.

"We know there are plenty of other people out there with the same passion and this is why we have developed our new venture 'Bronel Natural Foods'." For more information visit www.bronel.com.au or phone Brett or Simone on 0408 638 403.

Photo: Luke Greer with our Heifers

I think it is just terrible and disgusting how everyone has treated Lance Armstrong, especially after what he achieved, winning seven Tour de France races while on drugs.

When I was on drugs, I couldn't even find my bike.

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P-P-P MAKES FOR SMOOTHER PARENTING

Barambah PaCE has now had more than 50 people do the (Triple P) Positive Parenting Program to gain confidence as carers of children. Many have returned to do the program for young children and teenagers and to be refreshed in their strategies. "I found out things I didn't even know so it did me good," one mother said after doing the two half-days course.

"It's a program that gives parents a better understanding and ways to encourage their kids to stay in school."

Another said they would encourage everybody to come along to see what Triple P was about.

"I think it will help me to be a better father," he said.

The next Triple P for parents and carers of teenagers will be held in September at the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's training rooms on September 9-10.

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Pictured at this weeks Triple P graduation are front, trainee facilitator Bronwyn Murray, parents Liscerne Warner, Marjorie Fisher, Irene Jacobs, back, facilitator Michell Forster and parents Darrie Lea and Joanne George.



Please join us for the 37th Meeting of South Burnett Shed Men on a bus tour to Highfields Pioneer Village.

Date – 17th August 2013, Bus Departing Glendon Street Bus Terminal Kingaroy at 7.30am Nanango 7.50am Yarrmann 8.05am

Cost - \$50 Per Person (Price includes Bus Fare, Entry to Highfields Pioneer Village, Morning Tea, Lunch and Dessert)

Bus will depart Highfields Pioneer Village at 4pm.

RSVP by 10th August 2013 (any earlier would be greatly appreciated) to Neville Jorgensen Ph. 41 622 009 Or Jason Jorgensen Ph. 41 622 392

GIVE YOUR VOICE TO THE QUEENSLAND PLAN

Queenslanders can join State of Origin players such as Billy Slater, Sam Thaiday and Corey Parker to voice their thoughts about Queensland's future thanks to a new online initiative.

Minister responsible for *The Queensland Plan* Andrew Powell said *Voices of Queensland* is designed to generate online conversations and ideas for Queensland's future, providing a platform to submit video messages that can be watched, discussed and shared by others.

"Queenslanders can now add their voice to the conversation, alongside some of our leading State of Origin players, and provide their thoughts, ideas and dreams for Queensland's future," Mr Powell said.

"This initiative is part of *The Queensland Plan*, a long-term vision for our state, allowing Queenslanders to have their say about what is important for their future.

"*The Voices of Queensland* provides Queenslanders a visual and interactive way to give their views on where they want their state to be in 30 years' time.

"By posting video messages, it lets Queenslanders see and hear first-hand what people are passionate about."

Queenslanders keen to speak up on the state's future should record a short video (up to 60 seconds), go online to www.qld.gov.au/queenslandplan and follow the prompts to *Voices of Queensland* to submit their video.

"I encourage you to go online, listen to what others are saying and add your voice," Mr Powell said.

"Don't forget to also formally submit your views shared in the video via *The Queensland Plan* online survey."

Submissions to *The Queensland Plan* are open until 30 August 2013. A summit will be held in Brisbane on 9 and 10 October 2013 where the results of all the engagement from Queensland will be discussed. *The Queensland Plan* will be released in late 2013.

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The ride known as the Burnett Area Flat Tank & Girder Fork Rally stayed overnight at the Goomeri showgrounds and attracted approx twenty active motorcycle members plus support staff and partners, from as far away as Mackay, Rockhampton and Gatton. They enjoyed riding to the Moffatdale wineries, Yallakool / Bjelke-Petersen Dam, Tansey, Kilkivan Museum, Kinbombi Falls and meeting the many friendly people of the towns in this lower end of the South Burnett, culminating with the final dinner at the Goomeri Bowls Club. Some of the meticulously presented motorcycles included such names as Indian, Norton, Triumph, AJS, GCS, Douglas, Sunbeam, BSA, Panther, Ariel, and many more and were a credit to their owners. The yearly ride (The Burnett Area Flat Tank & Girder Fork Rally) which is only open to Veteran, Vintage and Girder Fork Motorcycles, is held on the first weekend in August each year and Biggenden is the destination next year with a return to Murgon in 2015.

The Historical Motor Cycle Club of Qld Inc was formed in 1970 and has over one thousand members and some of their objectives are: To encourage correct restoration and preservation of the following classes of motorcycles:- Veteran, Vintage, Post Vintage, Post War and Historic,

Queensland president Ross Rieschieck and his wife Donna-Maree attended and took part in the Burnett rally and the friendly chat to visitors admiring your machines is a credit to your club. A comprehensive full history of the club and its affiliate clubs and executives etc can be found on the web: hmccq inc.

NEWS FOR PRIMARY PRODUCERS

On behalf of our flood affected farmers, I have been lobbying the Minister for Agriculture for an extension to Category C (Special Disaster Assistance Grants) and Category D (Loans). So I'm pleased to let you know that the Minister has approved an extension for Cat C & Cat D (from 30 August) until 29th November 2013.

This is great news for farmers finding it hard to secure contractors, or start works in the continuing wet conditions. Queensland farm businesses will also be the first to benefit from concessional loans of up to \$650,000 under the Australian Government's Farm Finance scheme. The Queensland State Government has agreed-in-principle to terms with the Australian Government, allowing the scheme to provide \$60 million over two years to

support farmers struggling with debt.

For more information see the QRAA website. I am also pleased to advise that Farm Financial Counsellor, Mr Alan Broome, will continue to be available through DAFF throughout July and following this he will move into a contract with the Federal Farm Financial Counselling Service. A new advisor, Mr Ian Buck, is also available during the next few months for producers in the South Burnett - contact him on 0428 880 645

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GOVERNMENT AND DEAF SERVICES QLD JOIN FORCES FOR SMOKE ALARM SCHEME

Eligible deaf and hearing impaired Queenslanders will continue to benefit from the Smoke Alarm Subsidy Scheme. The Scheme is a joint initiative between the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) and Deaf Services Queensland (DSQ), made possible with funding from the Queensland Government.

Police and Community Safety Minister Jack Dempsey said the scheme is important for people who couldn't afford a specialised smoke alarm. These specialised smoke alarms have a vibrating pad that is placed under a pillow and activates when smoke alarms sound. A standard smoke alarm can cost up to \$50, however, a smoke alarm with a vibrating pad can cost around \$400.

"The Queensland Government and QFRS have been assisting hearing impaired people since 2007 with this scheme, providing assistance to more than 6,200 people," Mr Dempsey said.

"We will continue this assistance through a new partnership with DSQ, which already provides a huge range of services for the deaf community.

"Queensland smoke alarm laws require all homes and caravans, owned or rented, throughout the State to be fitted with a working smoke alarm."

"This cost is often prohibitive, which is why the Queensland Government and QFRS established the Smoke Alarm Subsidy Scheme in 2007 and this assistance will continue through DSQ."

Deaf Services Queensland Chief Executive Officer Brett Casey said deaf or hearing impaired people who had a current Pensioner Concession Card and were a resident of Queensland were eligible to apply.

"This scheme means all eligible deaf and hearing impaired people will pay only \$50, with the rest of the cost covered by funding from the State Government," Mr Casey said.

"It is simply too risky not to be equipped with the right smoke alarm.

"We believe this subsidy ensures the safety of our community, particularly during the winter months when the risk of fire events occurring is higher."

To purchase a smoke alarm suitable for deaf or hard of hearing people, or to find out more about the Smoke Alarm Subsidy Scheme, phone DSQ on 3892 8500 or TTY 3892 8501 or visit www.deafservicesqld.org

Jeff Seeney MP

We sadly mourn the loss of :

Harold Robert Stanton 5th December 1917- 26th July 2013 aged 95 years.

Willemina Borninkhof, (Minnie) passed away Sunday 14th July 2013. Aged 73 years

James Leonard Bryce, Late of Cloyna, Passed away peacefully Sunday 21st July 2013 Aged 74 years.



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GENTLE THOUGHTS FOR TODAY

- A penny saved is a government oversight.
- The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Did you ever notice The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.
- If you can smile when things go wrong you have someone in mind to blame.
- The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.
- Ageing – eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.
- Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me, I want people to know why I look this way. I've travelled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.
- One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young. Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable.

MISS SHOW GIRL - WONDAI

Miss Show Girl Awards come within the provenance of the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies sponsored by Queensland Country Life rural newspaper. The aim of the Miss Showgirl Awards is to find the girl most suited to represent the shows of Queensland, or in our local case the sub-chamber district, in her term as showgirl. Among some of the important abilities of the girls is that they should have confidence, have good composure and have a good general dialogue.

In 1923 it was the Show Ball Queen after which information became scarce with only two others mentioned prior to 1963 when there was a Princess and a Queen. In 1970 there was added a Mrs Wondai which continued until 1986. Since 1983 the Miss Show Girl became a new category and after 1995 it became the only title. Needless to say the Show Girls do a stirring job on what is a quite hectic day of the Show. For 2013 there are more than 20 different sections to visit which include pavilion exhibits and then the outside arena's where cattle judging occurs and the horse events take place.

Things get moving at 8.30am on Saturday the 31st of August for what will be Wondai's 102nd Show when the cattle judging and ring events get under way and after that stamina is required to stay cheerful and interested so our Show Girl needs to be a person of character as does our Junior Rural Ambassador. A

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schedule has been worked out to make the Section visits as painless as possible.

The Show will have as its special guest to open the Show, Minister McViegh. It will be a big day for everyone I am sure.

MISS SHOW GIRL & JUNIOR RURAL AMBASSADOR (a worthy ambition)

Application forms are available at Wondai Newsagency and through the show Secretary on phone

0427 211 992. Applications for both positions close Friday 23rd August, with Judging and presentation taking place on Wednesday 28th August, At the Hotel Cecil Dining Room.

MOISHE PLOTNIK'S LAUNDRY

Walking through San Francisco 's Chinatown, a tourist from the Midwest was enjoying the artistry of all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners.....When he turned a corner and saw a building with the sign 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry.'

'Moishe Plotnik?' he wondered. 'How does that belong in Chinatown?'

He walked into the shop and saw a fairly standard looking dry cleaner, although he could see that the proprietors were clearly aware of the uniqueness of the store name as there were baseball hats, T-shirts and coffee mugs emblazoned with the logo 'Moishe Plotnik's Chinese Laundry.'



Then she look at me and say, 'What your name?'
I say, 'Sam Ting.'

The tourist selected a coffee cup as a conversation piece to take back to his office. Behind the counter was a smiling old Chinese gentleman who thanked him for his purchase. The tourist asked, 'Can you explain how this place got a name like 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry?''

The old man answered, 'Ah..Evleebody ask me dat. It name of owner.' Looking around, the tourist asked, 'Is he here now?' 'It me, Me him!' replied the old man.

'Really? You're Chinese. How did you ever get a Jewish name like Moishe Plotnik?'

'It simple' said the old man. 'Many, many year ago I come to this country. I, standing in line at ' Document Center of Immigration.' Man in front of me was man from Poland ...'

'Lady at counter look at him and say to him, 'What you name?' He (Polish man) say to her, 'Moishe Plotnik.'

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Local woodcrafters will be there to display their creations and to demonstrate their skills, and for those with a more robust approach to timber there is a **chainsaw racing** section to view.

A variety of traders & caterers will be there to service your needs, and concurrent with all the displays and the judging, "Wondai Town Band", and of course all the thrills and the rides of **Sideshow Alley**, and all overseen and reported on with broadcasts by **Crow FM** on the day with Music provided in a concert by the **Wondai Town Band**. They're back also, the **Flair Action Riders** who will be appearing throughout the day. Also we have Viv's animal farm where you can Cuddle and feed your favourite farm animals including sheep, lambs, goats, kids, alpaca, crias, hens,

chickens and ducks. Get close and personal with these lovely creatures.

DEAN AND HELEN—DEALIN' DUO, will entertain you between 5 & 7 pm and you can just relax, grab a bite to eat from the Bar-B-Q, sip a cold beer and have a chat with your mate. To round off a top day, the after-dark feature at 7pm is the "**Bucking Bull Bonanza**" Sponsored by Wondai IGA.



DEAN AND HELEN—DEALIN' DUO



2013 C&K MURGON COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN LADIES LUNCHEON



The C&K Murgon Community Kindergarten has yet again conducted a hugely successful Annual Ladies Luncheon. What began a few years ago as just a few mums getting together for a Mother's Day Lunch at a local winery, has now turned into an incredibly successful (and fun!) fundraiser for the Kindy.

This year's Luncheon was held on the 16th of June 2013 at the Dusty Hill Winery and raised an amazing \$4500! This was primarily due to the funds garnered from the huge multi-draw raffle which was drawn on the day. Over 130 prizes were up for grabs and a huge THANK YOU must go to virtually every local business in (and out) of town who kindly donated in one way or another. It is our sincerest hope that business owners realise the extent of our gratitude for their continued and generous support. The money raised goes a long way toward making the Kindergarten an even better place of learning for the children of our wide community.

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South Burnett Regional Council allocated \$150,000 to build a Skate Park in Murgon which is now finished including a shade shed and an adjacent climbing wall.

Child Protection Week 2013 will be celebrated from 2 to 6 September this year. As many of you know, CP Week events is a big deal in the South Burnett, with an annual dinner, awards, celebrations at schools, and wonderful professional development opportunities.

Detailed information will be provided over the next few weeks. To kick things off- ***please consider nominating someone for a CP Week award this year.***

If you have noticed the many talented and dedicated people going about their business, looking after families, and enriching the lives of children and young people- show them you notice by nominating them to be publically acknowledged. All the details are in the attached form.

Please forward your nominations to Joan Franks or Kate Roth by 21 August for consideration by the Committee

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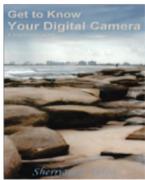
We all have the boxes in our cupboards or drawers. Those old slides that we loved as kids because if our parents brought them out, it was “movie” night.

Slides hold their value and stay in great shape more than their photo cousins, partly because of what they are, the way in which we keep them and because they don't fade as much as a photograph that's been left out in the light. But they still can get dirty, scratched and ruined.

I have been doing a lot of scanning for clients lately. The current job I'm working on has me scanning slides in the hundreds. It's time consuming but rewarding and I always love seeing people's pasts come to life on my computer screen as I scan each slide and it pops up on my computer screen.

There are a lot of affordable places to get slides scanned so they can be printed as photos, or better yet, put on DVD so you can once again experience childhood movie nights on your big screen TV. And it is getting easier and cheaper to do it yourself. There are now many affordable scanners which will scan both slides and negatives and you can do it at home.

Whichever way you do it, I recommend getting it done. Those pieces of our past are too important to leave in a box. Bring them back to life so those memories can be shared with the next generation.



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ARTISTS TURN INSIDE OUT & BACK TO FRONT



Local Artists Dot Rowland and Robyn Dower have joined forces to bring you another exhibition Entitled 'Inside out & Back to Front', this exhibition will be a little different from their normal work, guaranteeing lots of colour with interesting and experimental pieces. The Exhibition will run for the month of August at the Nimue Art Gallery, 6 King Street, Kingaroy – Next to the Carrollee Hotel. Opening hours are Sat-Sun 10am- 1.30pm, Tues 12pm- 3.30pm, Wed 10am-3.30pm, Thurs & Fri 10am-3.30pm. All enquiries phone the gallery on 0409 622 772

TO THE EDITOR

I wish to respond to the question "What do you think" in the latest publication of the Murgon Moments (Issue 87 July 2013 page 44).

I argue that the authors' interpretation of this issue lacks depth of understanding of what these reforms would mean to our local schools.

The article clearly shows the author's lack of understanding of local schools and issues regarding this reform initiative. I encourage the author of this article to have conversations with the Principals and teachers of our local schools and listen to how these reforms are so important and what it would mean in dollar terms if they are delivered.

The premier & deputy premier would try to have the public believe that Great Teachers = Great Results is a better plan for Queensland students. A document (published in the Courier Mail) looked at the amount of increased school funding for our local schools these reforms would deliver in Murgon.

I assert that Great Teachers = Great Results policy is not an acceptable alternative to the reforms that Gonski would deliver.

I argue that the Great Teachers = Great Results: doesn't put any money in schools directly for students, is designed to remove systemic/government responsibility for student outcomes and places it solely on teachers shoulders, will remove collegiality from the teaching profession and that it negates the benefits of having highly qualified teachers by not funding support mechanisms or the resources to support them deliver quality educational programs

If Queensland doesn't sign up it now means that independent and catholic schools will get the extra resources but state schools will miss out. Just have a think about what that would look like in Murgon!

I see this as an understanding about education that I have held for all of my critical thinking life....that every child regardless of socio-economic background deserves the best education a system can provide.

Our present federal allocative system is unfair. Gonski is not about Gillard, Rudd, Shorten, Newman or Langbroek. It is about educational opportunity for the children sitting behind the desks in our Murgon and district schools. The reform package is no longer called Gonski but Better Schools Brighter Futures.

No matter what name, no matter what political party is in power, we need a fair education funding system to be delivered across this nation.

Regards, Paula Nunan, Murgon Resident

Editors comment; Queensland have now agreed to sign up if offered the same deal as Victoria!

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The growing Murgon Neighbourhood Watch is settling nicely into its new location in the Diggers Room at the Murgon RSL. Our next meeting is on the 19th of August and we would love to have you there!

Our special guest for the night will be an officer from the Child Protection Investigation Unit (CPIU), Plain Clothes Constable Martin Forrest, who will tell us about the amazing and important work of the CPIU. The CPIU deals with children under 17 years of age who, among other things, have fallen victim to a crime or have committed a crime themselves. If this is a topic of interest to you then we encourage you to come along and enjoy the evening with a great group of like-minded people.

Also if you missed the last meeting, then you missed a fascinating presentation on what it takes to be a police officer and their day to day duties. We were even privileged to get a detailed glimpse into the life of one of our very own Murgon police officers.

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Medical Services to the South Burnett receive massive boost (Blackbutt, Qld. July 26th 2013)



Permanent General Practice services have been guaranteed in Blackbutt with the opening of the new Blackbutt Medical Centre at 91 Coulson Street, Blackbutt by Dr Daphene and Jeffrey Connor. Dr Daph and Jeff have been servicing the medical needs of the local community since January 2006 when Dr Daph and Jeff purchased the Timbertown Medical Centre and made a commitment to supply medical services to the Blackbutt and Benarkin communities. That is now seven years down the track and they have decided to firm their commitment to the community and invest in a privately funded 'State of the Art' medical facility.

Historically, the town of Blackbutt has had difficulty finding and keeping a GP in town. Doctors have visited from other centres running clinics in the Memorial Hall and in other buildings around town. At different times a GP has set up practice in Blackbutt but they were for short terms only and soon the Blackbutt and Benarkin communities were again wanting for medical services.

Somewhere around 2000-2001, the then Nanango Shire Council became very proactive in their efforts to secure regular, long term medical facilities and services in Blackbutt. The Nanango Shire Council found a GP who was prepared to come to Blackbutt. They subsidized the rental of premises for a period resulting in a permanent doctor being present in Blackbutt from approx 2001 to 2005. Family issues saw this GP finding it difficult to commute from the Coast to Blackbutt and after the long term locum had left it looked like Blackbutt would again be without a doctor.

In January 2006, Dr Daph and Jeff purchased the Timbertown Medical Centre business and setup medical services again in the rented premises at 75 Coulson Street. The facilities offered, while basic but adequate, did not allow for growth or advances in e-Health requirements and provisions for training GP Registrars. No teaching facilities and no accomodation existed for GP Registrars and Medical Students. The pharmacy was nearby but their lease had expired. Wheelchair/disabled access was poor. Toilets were located outside.

In addition, the tenure of a stable and regular supply of medical services for Blackbutt and the wider community had outgrown the need for only a solo GP practice. Since 2006 the client base at Timbertown Medical Centre had grown steadily. With a growing community, come the multi-faceted health needs of a diverse population.

Supply of "doctors to the bush" has always been an ongoing issue in rural and remote Queensland. Timbertown Medical Centre has, since 2006, been committed to offering positions at the surgery for third year UQ Medical Students to complete their Rural Rotations. On average five UQ MBBS III students do their Rural Rotation at Blackbutt. Five students are timetabled again for 2013.

Blackbutt Medical Centre has also been accredited as a GP Registrar Training Facility through Qld Rural Medical Education by both the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine. Dr Moe Hein, the third of hopefully a steady stream of GP Registrars commenced work at Blackbutt in January 2013. These registrars need support through an ongoing education program that can now be provided at the new medical centre by and with the support of the principal GP, Dr Connor. Facilities for this training and education were urgently required. The new Blackbutt Medical Centre offers a dedicated Training Room with access to tele-health and tele-conferencing resources.

So began a journey. With the wisps of vision forming in the imaginations of Daph and Jeff, a plan began to emerge and in late 2010, they purchased a house and land at 91 Coulson Street with the vision of building a purpose built medical facility that would cater for the growing needs of the Blackbutt and Benarkin communities as the town grows into the true Gateway to the mighty South Burnett and takes its rightful place as a tourist, historical and agricultural entity in its own right.

"Build it and they will come," quotes Jeff.

Almost three years in the making, the Blackbutt Medical Centre will be officially opened by the Hon Bruce Scott, Member for Maranoa at a local gathering at the Blackbutt Medical Centre from 7.30am on Tuesday 6th August 2013. The community and representatives from all stakeholders have been invited and a large and excited gathering is expected.

MURGON QUOTA CELEBRATES KATH'S 90TH



On Monday 29th July, the Murgon Quota Ladies joined together in celebrating the 90th Birthday of one of their much loved charter members, Kath Braithwaite. The elegant Morning Tea Party was hosted by Joyce Robinson at her home in Armstrong Street.

Joyce and her daughter-in-law Tracie delighted the guests by serving tea and coffee in fine china with a variety of divine cakes and pastries. A lovely time was had by all.

Photo: Kath Braithwaite surrounded by friends. Back: June Magnusson, Barbara King, Joyce Robinson, Bev Garrad, Thelma Rewald, Lyn Norton, Shirley Sakrzewski.: Front: Mary Roberts, Kath Braithwaite and Cynthia Hatchett.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE OR THINK

A policewoman stops a young woman for speeding and asks very nicely if she could see her license.

Huffily, the woman replies "I wish you people would make up your minds, just yesterday you take away my license, and then you expect me to show it to you."

I have learned that regardless of which Bank Teller's line you get in, the other ones move faster.

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I have learned that when bad times come, you can let them make you bitter or you can use them to make you better.

Also that it is just as important to forget a wrong as it is to remember a kindness.

Dear God – So far today I've been alright. I haven't gossiped, and I haven't lost my temper; I haven't been grumpy, nasty or selfish.

But in a few minutes God, I'm going to get out of bed and that is when I'm going to need a lot of help.

THE DOMO BOYS FILM LAUNCHED AT THE RATION SHED AS PART OF THE NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS.



The Dormitory Boys from Cherbourg who reunited at the Ration Shed Museum on Wednesday, June 10, to watch the Domo Boys documentary of their up bringings from the 1920s to 1982. Included Ken Watson, Warry John Stanley, Onslow Phillips, Robert West, Steven Duker Hart. Arnold Murray, Eric Blair, Laurence Bond, Jack Anderson, Patchy Doctor, David Wragge, Michael Wragge, Lucas Dynevor. Warren Collins, Ashely Malone, Norman Wragge. and Ken Bone.

Dear Editor

May I thank all the teachers and kids who did the South Burnett proud at Creative Generations in Brisbane.

What a performance and what a concept to build children's self-esteem and belief.

Every year I go to see my son as part of the 700-or-so main choir and the very talented locals who play a much larger role in putting on a spectacular show.

They're the true reflection of today's youth.

May I also thank Cherbourg for the amazing week of NAIDOC celebrations it put on at the Ration Shed Museum, they were brilliant, entertaining and highly educational.

I would urge everybody, who's anybody, to make a trip to the town, take in the Ration Shed Museum and have a great coffee at the Yurri Muntha café.

As Cherbourg mayor Ken Bone said in one of his addresses: "If this is your first visit, please don't make it your last. We're trying to build something here."

All the very best, Marcus Priaux

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DOING TOO MUCH!

Think about all the dishes, emails, meetings, reports, drives, calls returned, laundry folded, children to sports, pick up children from school, friends comforted, errands to run, etc, etc. Most of a person's tasks, even all of them, could be individually rewarding and done for a good purpose, but taken as a whole they are too much. It is certainly that way for me.

All this doing, crowds out the urgent and the important, and you go to bed after working hard all day feeling frustrated and maybe self-critical that you didn't get more done. Meanwhile, the stress chemistry of your body has risen with all the hurrying, multi-tasking, and feeling pressured trigger essentially the same hormonal and neural mechanisms that helped our ancestors run away from charging lions. At the heart of it all you feel chained to obligatory tasks. What do we do?

Take on fewer tasks? Of course it's good to make an effort, to hold up your end of the bargain. You honour your previous commitments. And sometimes new things come your way – some are wonderful, some not – that are unavoidable or just too good to pass up that do require a lot of work, like having children, finishing college, starting a new business or getting through an unexpected and serious illness.

But when you can – and this has become very important for me lately – be careful about adding new, discretionary items into the commitments you all ready have. Give yourself time to think. Be really clear about all the things that will come with this additional obligation, including new things you will have to think about or take time doing. Are the rewards of the new commitment really worth these costs?

Don't be hypnotised by rewards of the new thing. Wisdom is choosing a greater happiness over a lesser one. Sometimes you have to give up the lesser rewards of the new thing for the greater rewards of allowing some new space to clear in your life.

Slow down a little. Take a deep breath. Try to stay aware of the big picture, that things as a whole are fine. It is not worth getting tense or intense about. When you finish a task, take a moment to register it. Let an appropriate sense of completion and satisfaction land before rushing on to the next thing.

Keep in mind the ways that a mundane task is linked to larger things. Like changing a nappy is linked to loving and protecting a child. Look at the things you are doing in a positive way, what is the end result, why are you doing this job. You will get a lot done, but in a more positive and peaceful way. Enjoy yourself!

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Federal Member for Wide Bay has welcomed the announcement of new aged care places for the region.

"An additional 29 aged care places have been allocated to service providers within the Wide Bay electorate under the latest Aged Care Approvals Round," Mr Truss said.

"Ny-Ku Byun at Cherbourg has been allocated five new high care places and Cooina Aged Care Centre at Gympie has been allocated 24 high care places. The total value of the places is \$1,863,511.

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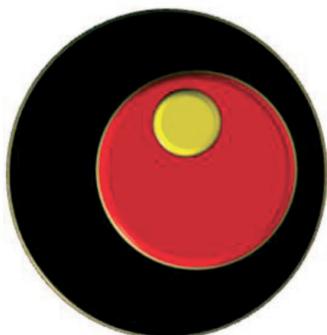
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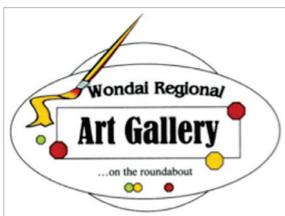
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Wondai Regional Art Gallery

August 2013 Exhibition



Main Gallery: 'Paint What You Love'

Pastelist Graham Mitchell's latest exhibition "Paint What You Love" is inspired by advice given to him by his first pastel teacher to paint what you love. This exhibition is the result of that advice given to him back in 1998. Graham has exhibited in numerous galleries throughout Queensland for the past 15 years and enjoys attending workshops to further his 'Artist Journey'. The paintings in this exhibition will put a smile on your face as you experience "Paint What You Love".

Front Gallery: 'Pieces of my Heart'

This is a photography exhibition by local artist, Roberta Schablon. Roberta and her husband moved from the city to Cloyna almost 5 years ago. Not long after the big move from the city, their daughter Evie was born. Roberta is now inspired every day to pick up her camera. Roberta is calling her exhibition 'Pieces of my Heart', as her love for travel, the farm and her family are what is in her heart and they always will be.



Third Gallery: Deidre Sonya Amos

Deidre has had a love of painting and drawing since the early age of seven and will paint whatever inspires her at the time. Deidre uses many mediums including pencil, charcoal, ink, watercolour, acrylics and oils. Deidre says "My style depends on the effect I want to create and how I visualise the end result. So I guess you could call my style experimental and varying. Nothing that fits neatly into any box."

Kidz Corner: St Joseph's Primary School

The exhibition will remain in the Gallery throughout the month of August 2013.

The Wondai Regional Art Gallery is open 7 days a week, 10.00am till 4.00pm. Free Entry.

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MURGON AND WONDAI HAVE BECOME GREAT FLY IN DESTINATIONS FOR VISITORS AND CLUBS



Malcom Alcorn visited Murgon as part of the Burnett Flyers fly in, that's his plane, he is a retired bank manager and lives in Gympie. Malcom and his parents lived on a farm on the Burnett highway near Nanango and attended St Joseph's convent school in Murgon with Leo Geraghty in 1958.



35 planes flew into Angelfield from places like Moranbah, Caboolture, Archerfield, Gympie, Kingaroy, Forrest Hill and others, and the Burnett Flyers served 80 people for breakfast including former pastor and flying doctors pilot Glen Noble 87 years of age from Kingaroy who still fly's in. The club is very grateful to an anonymous donor who just donated a Davis Precision Weather Station valued at over \$4,000 for the club and yes it's been at least 40 years since I was in a six seater let alone a Savannah two seater with a 100hp Rotax engine, these are my photo's and I'm sorry if there a bit blurry, the pilot Steve Donald from Caboolture assured me it was safer than driving a motor car but I don't believe him. (There's heaps of gauges and switches). The pilot said to me look at all those birds up there and I assured him they were gamer than I am. When I got home Glenda said to me where have you been and I said up there. She said did you w.. your pants, did you d.... your pants and finally did you get sick , I said no to all of that but I was glad when we hit the ground. I did try hang gliding from the top of the railings on the old railway house in Proston when I was eight but ended up in Wondai hospital after nose diving onto the wood heap (my mum and dad were not impressed).

