

The red ground in the photo's is two massive land slips on Boat Mountain that has occurred since the 2013 floods, it's like lava from a volcano and is adjacent to the roadway.



### Home of the Barambah District Aero Club Inc.

General meetings of the club are held on the second Saturday of every second month the next being 14/9/2013 at 1600 hours in the club rooms at the Wondai- Murgon Aerodrome.

**Further details of fly ins etc can be obtained from the Secretary Luke Radunz 0408 782 869**

Members of the Barambah District Aero Club are putting the final touches on their new hangar building which is being constructed at Wondai Airport. Members have been working on the 20m x 12m building for some



time and are feeling proud that it is very nearly finished. All they have to do now is affix some more cladding and it will be ready to house members' aircraft.

The club is leasing the land from the South Burnett Regional Council and have secured a long-term lease.

Other new buildings will also soon be joining the club's hangar at the airport.

Council has surveyed a number of future hangar sites along the Wondai-Proston Road side of the airstrip.

Construction of another private hangar is expected to start soon and another block is also under preparation. There are also at least two more designated blocks suitable for more hangars to be built.

"There is a lot of land here that could be utilised," Barambah District Aero Club vice-president Allan Mollenhauer told [southburnett.com.au](http://southburnett.com.au) during a break in a club meeting on Saturday.

"A number of hangar sites have been surveyed. Council has been very co-operative with the club meaning that our hangar can be built at a reasonable cost."

Wondai Airport is the South Burnett's second busiest landing strip and is used by everyone from aero-modellers to the Flying Doctor.

Last Saturday morning the tarmac was full of aircraft that had flown in for the club meeting.

Allan said the airport offered a number of advantages to flyers, including no landing charges.

Club secretary Luke Radunz said the grass strip was also popular with trainee pilots.

"A lot of the city flying schools come out here just because it is grass," he said.

The airport is also used by gliders, ultralights, gyrocopters and, of course, general aircraft such as Cessnas.

There are a number of facilities, including pilot-activated lights. The toilets and showers in the terminal building are also accessible at all times.

More upgrades are also planned, including a refuelling facility – planned by the Barambah Aero Club – and a new taxiway.

Luke said the Barambah Aero Club had 42 members and was steadily growing.

The club leases a room in the terminal building where members gather for regular meetings.

**For more information about the Barambah District Aero Club club, contact Luke Radunz by email or on 0408-782-869.**

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#### **Editors comment!**

**Why is it called the Wondai airport when the official name is the Wondai-Murgon Aerodrome (as shown at the front gate) and correct me if I'm wrong, the old Murgon Shire Council and the Wondai Shire Council paid into the aerodrome in their yearly budgets.**

**Sadly flying can also have its tragedy's but I was so impressed by the attention to detail and gauges and air traffic control shown by my pilot Steve Donald before taking off at Angelfield.**



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## **SPEED LIMIT REVIEW OPEN FOR NOMINATIONS**

Queenslanders can now go online to nominate a road as part of the Newman Government's review of speed limits. This will be the first major review of speed limits in Queensland since the introduction of mobile speed cameras in 1997.

The purpose of this review is to apply consistent speed limits across the state to make roads safer for all road users," Mr Emerson, Minister for Transport and Main Roads, said.

"Currently reviews are conducted in different regions of the state, however this is the first time we've called for nominations as part of these reviews.

The review is included in LNP Government's record \$350 million, two-year Road Safety Action Plan, announced as part of the 2013-14 Budget.

"The 2013 road toll is currently 17 above last year. We are working hard to make our roads as safe as possible and this review is an important part of that."

It includes other safety priorities such as flashing lights at 300 schools, \$82 million a year for road safety improvements and licence reforms for younger and older drivers, and motorcyclists.

Mr Emerson encourages everyone to get online or write to nominate a road they believe needs to be reviewed.

"Safety engineers will consider the potential for lower or higher speed limits where the road conditions have changed since the speed limit was initially set," he said.

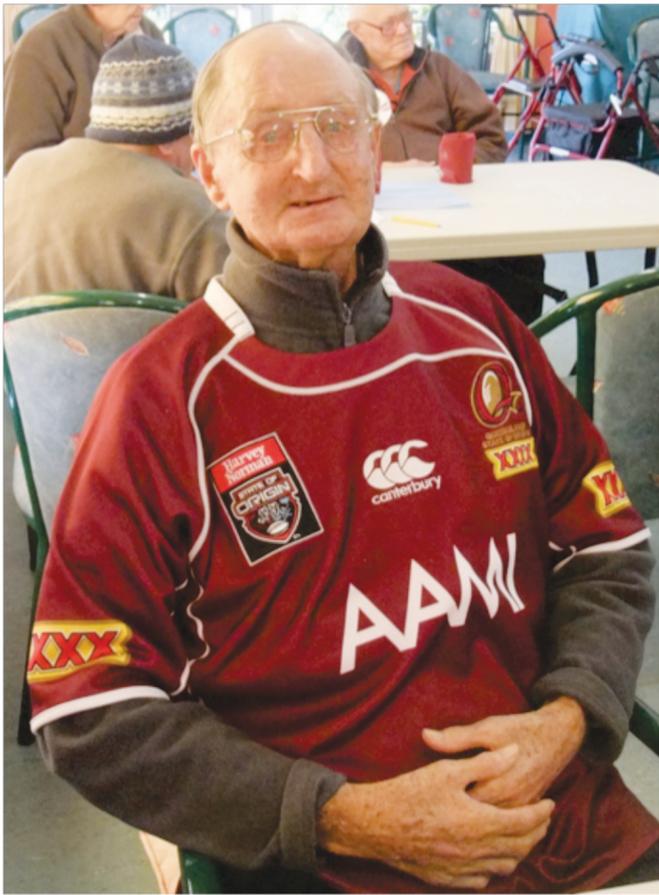
"We particularly want to hear concerns about roads with too many speed zone changes, or where there are not enough speed limit signs.

"Any changes to speed limits need to have the right balance between safety and taking into consideration traffic, pedestrians and surrounding infrastructure."

After all submissions are received, Transport and Main Roads will work with local councils to identify the top 100 roads. The review is expected to take about six months and the results will be published.

Submissions can be made online at [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SpeedLimitReview](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/SpeedLimitReview) until Friday, 6 September or posted to Speed Limit Review, PO Box 673, Fortitude Valley 4006. Jeff Seeney MP

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## QCWA PROSTON ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



On Monday 1st July 2013 we held our Annual General Meeting for nomination and election of office bearers. President Val opened the meeting at 9.50 am. We acknowledged the Queen, recited our Motto and Creed and observed a minute silence for bereaved and suffering. Our special thoughts were for member Lyn who is still in hospital in Brisbane.

Attendance was recorded in the Attendance Book, and apologies were received from 4 members. A welcome was extended to Greg Craig, who was present to act as chairperson through nominations.

Minutes of last AGM were read and accepted; as was the Treasurer's annual report. President Val presented her annual report outlining the many and varied

activities we undertook in the last twelve months. She thanked all for their support and assistance during her recent term as president.

The current office bearers vacated their positions and Greg took the chair, congratulating all who held positions in the past year. Nominations were called for, and all were accepted, and positions filled unopposed. A thank you was extended to Greg for his part at this meeting.

A reminder was given to all re our combined AGM with Hivesville Branch on Wednesday 24 July 2013.

The meeting closed at 10.21 am.

## QCWA PROSTON GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. These were confirmed, with an amendment. The Treasurer then presented her report which was received, and accounts passed for payment. Business arising from minutes, correspondence and general business were all dealt with accordingly.

Craft report for past month indicated that no new crafts were shown, but members worked on all manner of knitting (needle and loom), and crochet, making items for our June street stall and charity donation box. A signature cloth is the next big project and this we want to be able to use at Division AGM in Proston on Thursday 29 August 2013. This event will require a lot of preparation on our part – so, we will be busy over the coming weeks.

Driver Reviver has a campaign running over these school holidays, and once again we were only too happy to volunteer to man the kiosk at Dingo Creek Park in Wondai.

Our regular 6-weekly street stall in Proston was profitable enough, even though not many people ventured into town that day – it was a chilly day!

Our president, Secretary and Treasurer attended all three days of Central Region Conference in Kingaroy in June, and I was able to attend on Tuesday 4th June. This was my first time at such an event for CWA, and to see how such a conference was organised and run was something to behold. The guest speakers had important information to impart on topics such as Power of Positive Thinking; Workplace Health and Safety; International CWA; Insurance; Forms; Conflict Resolution; Tips on Preparing Grant Applications; and Getting your Message Published in local media. This last topic was of much interest to me as Publicity officer of the Proston Branch of the QCWA. I strongly urge other members to take the opportunity, if possible, and attend such conferences. Our ladies were very busy preparing and serving lunch for conference members on Thursday 6th, and very much appreciated the help the ladies from Ballogie Branch gave them.

The meeting closed at 11.50 am. We all then enjoyed a cuppa, food and chat before setting off for home.

Judith, Publicity Officer QCWA Proston Branch

***Photo at the QCWA combined Hivesville/Proston Branch AGM with newly elected Proston Executive Val Klein, Coral Graham, Eileen Vos, Greg Craig (Returning Officer)***

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



I was on duty at the Dairy and Heritage Museum at Murgon recently and as I was enjoying my morning tea, I realized that the Museum was celebrating its 25th birthday this year. I began to think back over the years and wondered how enormous all the hours that volunteers have put into the Museum to make it the interesting place it is today would be. Volunteers become volunteers because they choose to be, and get a lot of enjoyment out of working and maintaining at what they are interested in. If you would like to join the 'merry' band of volunteers that work tirelessly at the Museum, we would love to have you join us. For any information you may want to know, phone the Museum on 41 695001 and if it is out of hours, please leave a message and some one will get back to you, to answer any questions you may have.

There is a book of newspaper cuttings at the Museum that tells the story about how the Museum was commenced. For instance, the Chairman of the Murgon Shire Council at the time, Mr Bill Roberts was quoted as saying "the establishment of the Museum at Murgon is worthwhile because of the strength of dairying in the district over many decades." Cr. Roberts continues – "the cream can was virtually the origin of the district. There would not be a farm in the district (in the early days) that did not have a dairy base."

Westpac made available the old Bank of New South Wales building in Murgon and it was subsequently relocated on the industrial estate to be used as the structural base for the Museum.

The Dairy Museum idea then became a Bi-centennial project with the support of the dairying industry throughout Queensland. A Museum committee was formed with Graham Rodgers who was Principal of the Murgon High School as the inaugural President, and when he was transferred, Cr. Rod Layt took over the job of Chairman, ably assisted by the Museum committee.

There is a lot of information you can find out about as you read the newspaper cuttings in the scrap book, for instance -Four years of planning by the Murgon Shire Bicentennial Community Committee will culminate at the 'Back to Murgon' weekend from April 22-25. The bicentennial project site at Gesslers and Gayndah roads, where the Queensland Dairy Industry Museum, fire tower and children's playground are situated will be transformed into a showcase for Murgon and surrounding districts. A procession of decorated floats showing all facets of the shire, bands and Norm Stimpson with his bullock team will start at the South Burnett Co-operative Dairy Association's factory and pass through the township to the site. The Dairy Museum will be opened by the Premier and Member for Barambah, Sir Joh Bjelke Petersen. Also in attendance will be Australian Dairy Corporation promotion officer, Mr Peter Russell-Clarke. Queensland bicentenary executive director, Mr Lawrie Strange, will also attend.

You certainly can learn a lot from reading old newspaper cuttings, and it is very interesting to learn just how hard a lot of people worked all those years ago to get the Museum up and running, so that we can continue to preserve the past for the future. We still have the hard working volunteers (but can always use more as there is always something to do at the Museum to keep us all very busy.)

Why not pay us a visit next time you are wondering what to do with those few spare hours that you may have, or if you have visitors to the area and wondering how to entertain them, why not bring them to the Museum and I am sure they will have a very enjoyable time. The Museum is very easy to find – look for the colourful cows which are along the fence line as you are driving on Gayndah road. The Museum is open every day of the week from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Entry is by donation. Bus tours are very welcome with morning tea/lunch provided by prior arrangement. For further information please phone the Museum on 41 695001.

**LYN KOY**

## CHERBOURG STATE SCHOOL HONOURED FOR TERRIFIC TEACHING



Cherbourg State School's cultural program is to be used as an example for other educators to follow.

A short film is to be made of the program's high quality teaching and put on a Queensland Government website to demonstrate best practise.

Principal Peter Sansby said it was a coup for the school and its cultural staff. This includes Martina Jacobs, Sophia Jacobs, Frank Malone and Lewis Langton.

"It's an acknowledgement of how the whole school has worked to bring cultural teaching to the students," Mr Sansby said.

The children learn local, State and national Indigenous history, cultural dancing and practises, and the need to feel proud about being Aboriginal.

Mr Sansby said the program was devised after a survey of Cherbourg people showed they value their Indigenous culture and wanted it to be part of their children's education.

"It's a great example of consulting and delivering what the community wants instead of telling it what it should have," he said.

"It's something the whole of Cherbourg should be proud of."

***Photo: Dressed for work: Lewis Langton is one of the Cherbourg State School staff who's work in teaching Indigenous culture has been recognised by the Queensland Government.***

## STREET SIGN VANDALISM COSTLY

Street signs in the South Burnett are being targeted by both the vandals and the police but for very different reasons.

South Burnett Regional Council's Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said, "We are sick and tired of replacing signs on our town's streets that are damaged by vandals and have enlisted the help of the police to catch these people."

"Street signs are costly to replace as is the labour to have them reinstated in the ground. Someone has to pay and unfortunately it is the Council which in effect is costing ratepayers' hard earned money when these scarce dollars could be better spent elsewhere', said Mayor Kratzmann.

He went on to say that if these people are wanting to be physical then let us see them on the footy field or volunteering for the many charity organisations that could use their energy, but leave the street signs alone.

Council has asked the police to assist by patrolling the areas that appear to be targeted by vandals. Anyone that is aware of who is responsible for this stupidity is encouraged to phone Crime Stoppers, which can be done anonymously.

Mayor Kratzmann said "The vandalism is usually caused late at night and on weekends which would suggest that party goers are walking home when they get the urge to attack the street signs. If this is the case then I suppose the good news is that after a night out on the town they are choosing to walk home and for that the community can be thankful."

"If I had the chance to talk to these vandals, I'd remind them that this is your community, so look after it! This will ultimately cost them and their families' money. They can reduce the unnecessary cost that is associated with such behavior, simply by making smarter decisions" said Mayor Kratzmann.

If you know of any information that would assist the police, phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Crime Stoppers is a community volunteer organisation that believes the general public can help make a difference in solving and preventing crime.

### CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

Murgon Business and Development Assoc Inc. meetings will now be held on the second Thursday of the month and your attendance is welcomed

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## JOKE FOR THE MONTH

### Scotch with two drops of water.

A lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender gives her the drink she says, 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday and it's today.'

The bartender says, 'Well, since it's your birthday, I'll buy you a drink. In fact, this one is on me.'

As the woman finishes her drink, the woman to her right says, 'I would like to buy you a drink, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want a Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming up,' says the bartender.

As she finishes that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy you one, too.'

The old woman says, 'Thank you. Bartender, I want another Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming right up,' the bartender says. As he gives her the drink, he says, 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'

The old woman replies, 'Sonny, when you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue.'

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**Murgon State School senior students attending the University of Queensland Science Experience**

Friday, 12th of July, a group of 19 blurry-eyed Year 10, 11 and 12 students set off at 4:30am to the annual UQ Science Experience in Brisbane.

The group of Murgon High's best and brightest, had the opportunity to explore the science facilities at the University of Queensland, listening to a lecture from a world renowned plant biotechnology professor, as well as participating in hands on science experiments in state of the art laboratories. The activities throughout the day varied from studying the effects of fatigue in the workplace to investigating the effects that flood water run-off into the Moreton Bay has on microscopic organisms and the impact of this on the ecosystem as a whole. (printed by kind permission Murgon State High School Newsletter)

## FLOODED FARMERS HAVE MORE TIME TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

The cut-off date for farmers, businesses and not-for-profit organisations affected by flooding earlier this year to apply for natural disaster assistance has been extended to the end of November.

This extension applies to Category C and D assistance under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry John McVeigh said the eligibility period was due to end on 30 August, but producers and small businesses needed more time to find suitable contractors and finalise their applications.

Applicants now have until 29 November 2013 to lodge their applications with the Queensland Rural Adjustment Authority (QRAA).

Many farmers are still cleaning up after ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald and are struggling to complete repair and recovery activities before the start of the next wet season.

Many fields are still extremely wet preventing heavy machinery access and access to contractors, tradespeople and other labourers is constrained due to high demand.

The other good news, as announced by the Premier and Federal Government on Tuesday 9 July, is that all flood-affected primary producers in Rockhampton Regional Council now have access to recovery assistance after the Newman Government successfully lobbied for additional funds.

Category C provides clean-up and recovery grants for primary producers and small businesses up to \$25,000.

The application period for the exceptional disaster concessional loan and grant scheme under Category D of the NDRRA is also being extended to 29 November 2013 in all areas that have been granted access to grants under Category C, including Rockhampton Regional Council.

This provides access to concessional loans up to \$650,000, including a 25 per cent grant component to a maximum of \$50,000. Repayments and interest on these loans do not start until the third year of the loan at an interest rate of 1.7 per cent.

Producers in Rockhampton Regional Council already had access to Category B assistance for ex-Tropical cyclone Oswald, including freight subsidies to a maximum of \$5,000, and standard natural disaster loans of up to \$250,000 with an interest rate of 1.7 per cent.

Primary producers, small businesses and not for profit organisations should keep all receipts and invoices of expenditure and contact QRAA on 1800 623 946 to discuss eligibility or visit [www.qraa.qld.gov.au](http://www.qraa.qld.gov.au).

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A Meat Standards Australia producer workshop, held in conjunction with Teys Cargill, will provide beef cattle producers with information on how to supply cattle to the MSA program, how cattle are MSA graded and on-farm management of cattle to optimise eating quality. The workshop will also include an update on the new Pastured Cattle Assurance System (PCAS).

The workshop is free to attend and morning tea and lunch will be provided. Teys Cargill will provide an overview of their MSA and PCAS programs

Participants will also preview carcass feedback tools to aid in their on-farm decisions

## Registration details:

Register by Monday, 12 August 2013 by calling either Jessica Loughland on M: 0400 003 012; or

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## PULSE TO CONTINUE WITH PRIVATE HOSPITAL

The Pulse Health Board has confirmed its intention to continue managing the South Burnett Private Hospital in Kingaroy. South Burnett Regional Council (SBRC) was advised of this decision late last week.

"This is an exciting new beginning for the South Burnett Private Hospital", said Mayor Kratzmann. SBRC will work collaboratively with Pulse Health and the South Burnett medical fraternity to deliver private health services. In the future we also hope to identify new opportunities to expand services.

Council's CEO Ken McLoughlin said "Whilst there are some points to be finalised in the new lease arrangement, I was pleased with Pulse health's change of strategic direction which brings with it a fresh approach to hospital administration. I'm looking forward to working with the Pulse Health CEO for the benefit of the community".

Pulse Health's CEO Phillipa Blakey said, "The Board's intention is to continue to operate the hospital under the new arrangement. I will be visiting the hospital again in the next few weeks and am confident the lease arrangements will be finalised around that time".

"Staff of the hospital have been most supportive of the proposed changes and patient services would continue without disruption", said Ms Blakey.



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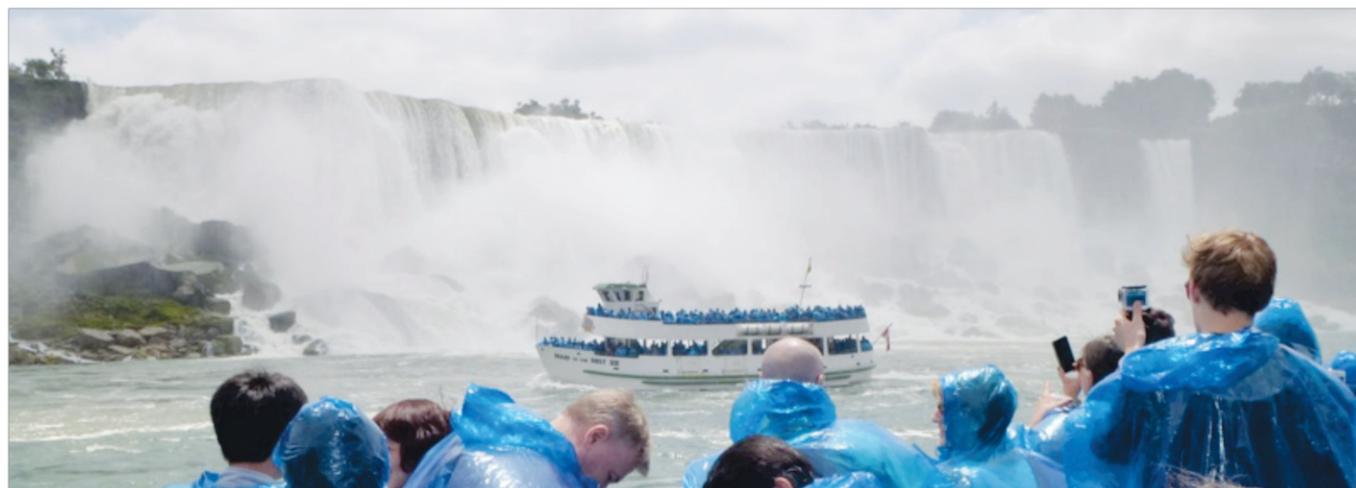
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## A HOLIDAY TO REMEMBER



Yes it was a holiday to remember, Murgon locals Rosemary & Phillip Braithwaite enjoyed looking at the many and varied types of police vehicles used in New York, the Amish buggies at Sunday church service at Arlington and the Korean War Memorial at Washington, and in New York - Times Square and the Painted Ladies, the houses at San Francisco, and the notorious Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco but probably the most breathtaking part of their holiday was at the fabulous Niagara Falls.

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# Kathy's Comments

## Murgon Budget Highlights

The long awaited curbing and channelling of Cooper Street and around to join the existing work in Nutt Street will finally happen. This is to compliment the magnificent new Castra facility. After feedback from the Business Community and the Murgon VIC volunteers we have allocated money in the budget to put a dump point at the Murgon Caravan Park site, remove the laundry and power access and make it a 24 hour overnight free park for travellers to try to attract more visitors to stay in Murgon. We are looking at the cost of putting in coin operated showers and the Parks and Garden Staff will continue to maintain the area. We will also move Rotary Park to the Skate park area but from feedback received we will leave some swings as children often play there while parents shop at IGA. The Thompson Street bridge will also be completed in this year's budget. We will also renew the footpath from Macallister Street to the ambulance and join up the missing link of footpath near the Hospital. These are just some of the plans for Murgon.

## Budget supports Rural areas.

Our Council realises the importance of agriculture to our region and the importance of our rural communities and I am pleased that there has been a good distribution of money allocated to our rural areas. This year in particular we will see a substantial increase in money spent on our rural road network. The budget also includes money for an upgrade to the Proston Main Street footpath, a new Transfer Station for Hivesville as well an allocation for improvements to the Mondure Hall.

## The Road Levy and Why?

Both the State and Federal Government have reduced the grants that Council receive and last year we were cut back by around 1.3 million dollars. Our roads have been smashed to pieces with the floods and the timber bridges right across our region are now all reaching their "use by" date. The community are demanding better roads and with a roads levy all of the money collected will go towards roads. There is an allocation of 1.6million dollars that will be spent on maintenance of our rural road network.

## Grants & Donation August Round now Open!!

Community Groups don't forget Council's funding round is now open and closes at the end of August. Applications are available on the website or from Council Offices. The annual funding and other concessions that Council allocates for community groups and events will continue again for this financial year.

## Skate Park Opening is on Friday the 23rd of August between 1.00pm & 2.00pm.

Leah Purcell is coming to open the Skate Park. We are closing the streets around the schools for 600 students and parents, teachers and community members to attend. CTC are doing a sausage sizzle and cold drinks will be available. This opening is going to be a focus on the young people of our community. We are planning to have a skate park demonstration and hoping to have the students involved in conducting the opening ceremony. The whole community is invited to enjoy this exciting event.

## Scots in the Bush at Boondooma Homestead

Boondooma Homestead will be the place to be especially if you have a kilt, like bagpipes and love the taste of Haggis.



Don't forget this week-end on the 17th & 18th of August 2013.

## Honoured to Open the Di Woodall & Kerry Dunn Art Exhibition

I was honoured to open this exhibition of this fantastic children's book put together by two proud Murgonites. Well done Di & Kerry!!

## South Burnett & Cherbourg Regions on Show is the Theme

This is an exciting project for the new October long week-end as we run events across the region to make our area the place to be. The Business Community can look at ways to attract more visitors such as decorating shop windows, sidewalk sales or other attractions. The Bjelke Peteresen Dam Fishing Comp is on that week-end and the Dairy & Heritage Museum are now holding a Heritage Working Day on Saturday the 5th of October to compliment the occasion.

## Where to from here with Murgon Transfer Station and Cloyna Tip?

I have had lots of complaints about the position of the Murgon Transfer Station. It is having an impact on nearby tourist attractions and businesses. Council is looking for an alternative site and the old Murgon Worm Farm site is an option being considered. There is also trouble at the Cloyna Tip with somebody lighting it up regularly causing problems for neighbouring houses. I am keen to stop this happening as it may force the closure of the Cloyna Tip if this practise continues. If you have any thoughts on these issues please let me know as I realise how important these facilities are to our community.

## Councillor Contact Details

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

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## RECORD EXPENDITURE ON ROADS

South Burnett Regional Council's 2013/14 Budget will see a record expenditure on roads throughout the vast road network in the South Burnett. This work is able to be funded by a Roads Levy.

Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said "The focus of this Budget is roads and infrastructure. \$66.2 million will be spent on roads this financial year. This includes the flood restoration work."

"A large amount of our road work will be funded through the introduction of a Roads Levy. This has been brought about by Council's desire to get our roads system back to where our community requires it to be, safe and sustainable," said Mayor Kratzmann.

"After the floods of earlier this year a decision had to be made, do we find additional funds to get our roads back in shape or do we let roads deteriorate further. When put into perspective this Council had only one choice and with no additional funding available from 'cash strapped' Federal and State governments then the decision became obvious," said Mayor Kratzmann.

"One of the defining reasons for the Road Levy was to ensure that every cent raised was spent directly on roads and our rural roads will see the biggest proportion of this spend. The difference with a Roads Levy compared to a larger rate increase is that it ensures all revenue from the Levy will be spent on our Council roads and due to this a difference will be seen within 12 months of today's Budget," said Mayor Kratzmann.

Roads repairs, resealing, kerb and channelling, maintenance, upgrades and bridge work are scheduled throughout the South Burnett.

Spokesperson for Roads, Councillor Damien Tessmann said "\$1 million will be spent on drainage, including kerb and channelling for the townships of Blackbutt and Benarkin over the next five (5) years. This will help the eastern gateway to the South Burnett come of age as a wonderful place and integral part of the South Burnett."

"Over \$3 million has been allocated to our resealing program for 2013/14 much of which will be spent in Kingaroy," said Cr Tessmann.

"Just under \$1 million is allocated for street scaping for the Nanango CBD and a new off street parking complex. These funds combined with the State government approval for traffic lights at the intersection of Drayton and Henry Streets will see a revitalisation of Nanango's business area," said Cr Tessmann.

### LIVE AND LEARN

People ages 5 to 95 share what they've discovered about life, love and other good stuff!

- I've learned that if you want to know who's the boss in a family, just check to see who holds the TV remote control – Age 48
- I've learned that I would like to be a horse and live on a ranch, if only cowboys didn't wear spurs! – Age 8
- I've learned that after age 50 you get the furniture disease. That's when your chest falls into your drawers. – Age 53
- I've learned that you can tell how good a parent you were by observing your children with their children. – Age 82

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## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES



In the May 2013 edition of the Murgon Moments, we commenced our journey around the Murgon Dairy and Heritage Museum grounds to check out what there is to see if we choose to visit. If you decide to visit the Museum at any time, there is so much to see. We have already visited the main building and discovered many interesting items, and now continue our journey to see what else we can discover.

As you can imagine, there is a lot of machinery which has been used over the years on farms, on roads or at the milk and cheese factories around the area, and they are now on display at the Museum. One of these items, which is located near the machinery shed is the powdered milk machine. We would like to thank Harold and Reg for their help with the following story about what went on in the Butter Milk Room -

Two steam-filled steel rollers revolved towards each other. Steam was pumped into the rollers from the engine room through insulated steam pipes. Milk was slowly fed onto the rollers from above by stainless steel pipes with holes drilled every few inches. The milk flow was controlled by hand-operating a stainless steel tap which slowly fed the milk according to the steam pressure available. The plant operator was dependant on the engine driver maintaining a constant supply of steam. The milk was supplied by pump from storage vats fed from the Butter Room.

The milk dried on contact with the hot rollers and stuck to the surface. As the drums revolved the milk was scraped off the surface with a steel blade on each roller. The powdered milk then fell into a trough and was carried by a worm-drive shaft to the back of the rollers where it moved into another worm-driven trough carrying the powder to the bagging room to be packaged for sale.

The bagging room consisted of an elevator of metal buckets on a belt taking the powder from the trough up to a storage bin where it fell into the two attached bags. When full, the 30kg bags were sewn up with a hand-held sewing machine and stacked ready for transport to the buyers – usually pig and cattle customers. All the stock food was recorded in a book for daily reports to management.

The butter milk was fed through a separator and the small amount of cream was sent back to the Butter Room. The remaining whey was sent to a nearby holding tank where the amount was measured and recorded for sale. It was then pumped to a local piggery who bought it from the Dairy Factory.

Hygiene was always an important issue. The milk vats, pipes and all other equipment were cleaned after use and the rollers, troughs and floor were hosed clean with high pressure water.

The Butter Milk Plant at Murgon was commenced about 1960. The equipment was supplied from Kyogle in NSW.

There are many interesting things on display at the Museum – small or large they all have their own story to tell. Next time when you have some spare time, or have visitors and you are wondering how to entertain them, why not visit the Queensland Dairy and Heritage Museum at Murgon. The Museum is open 7 days a week from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Entry is by donation. The Museum is situated at 2 Sommerville Street, Murgon – look for the colourful cows around the fence line and you will find us.

If you need any further information, please phone the Museum on 41 695001 and leave a message if it is after hours and we will get back to you.

# IN MURGON THIS MONTH

Particulars available at the Visitor Information Centre

Wednesday	14	Rotary, Bowls, HF Walk, Murgon Judo Club,
Thursday	15	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, PCYC Meet, Spinners & Weavers, National Seniors,
Friday	16	Community Bingo, Shab's, HF Walk, Social Tennis, Blue Light Disco,
Saturday	17	Bowls, Golf, South Burnett Shed Men, Chattels Auction
Sunday	18	Bowls, Golf, Church Services, Buffalo Lodge, Catholic Mass,
Monday	19	Murgon Judo Club, SES, Shab,s, HF Walk, Murgon Neighbourhood Watch,
Tuesday	20	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Squash, Murgon Moments Deadline
Wednesday	21	Rotary, Bowls, HF Walk, Murgon Judo Club, STEPS care for carers,
Thursday	22	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, APEX,
Friday	23	Community Bingo, Shab,s, HF Walk, Social Tennis, Goomeri & District Garden Club, Opening of the Murgon Skate Park,
Saturday	24	Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass, QLD Dairy & Heritage Museum Meet,
Sunday	25	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Camera Club, Hivesville Markets,
Monday	26	Shab's, HF Walk, Murgon Judo Club, SES,
Tuesday	27	Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Squash, Cattle Sale, Diabetes Support Group, Lions, Uniting Church Friendship Group, Sports strapping w/shop
Wednesday	28	Bowls, Rotary, Murgon Judo Club, HF Walk,
Thursday	29	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music,
Friday	30	Community Bingo, Shab,s, HF Walk, Social Tennis,
Saturday	31	Bowls, Golf, Wondai Show,

## DATE CLAIMERS SEPTEMBER

Sunday	1	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Catholic Mass,
Monday	2	SES, Shab,s, HF Walk, QUOTA. Murgon Judo Club, Start of child protection week,
Tuesday	3	QLD Rural Women's Network, Art classes Graham House, Creative Friendships, Squash
Wednesday	4	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, HF Walk,
Thursday	5	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, Nursing Mothers, Spinners & Weavers, South Burnett Cake Decorators, APEX,
Friday	6	Shab,s, HF Walk, Social Tennis, Community Bingo, The Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival, St Joseph's Parish Fete, Sakinas Friday night meals,
Saturday	7	Bowls, Golf, Dance lessons Tablelands Hall, Catholic Mass, The Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival, Federal Election,
Sunday	8	Church Services, Bowls, Golf, Murgon Markets, The Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival I
Monday	9	SES, Shab's, HF Walk, SB Parkinsons Support Group, Murgon Judo Club, start of The Murgon QUOTA book festival week,
Tuesday	10	Sakina's Seafood, Art classes Graham House, Cattle Sale, Creative Friendships, Squash, Lions, Murgon Show Society,
Wednesday	11	Bowls, Murgon Judo Club, HF Walk, Chef Sudha's Indian Delight takeaway,
Thursday	12	Social Golf, St Joseph's Bingo, RSL Bingo, Guides, Mainly Music, Murgon Business Development Assoc Meet, Ambulance Meet,
Friday	13	Community Bingo, Shab,s, HF Walk, Social Tennis, Friday Night Live, Barambah Garden Club, Last day The Murgon QUOTA book festival,

THANKS N.A.B.



The Queensland Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon were delighted to accept the very generous donation of chairs and a table from the National Australia Bank. The warm padded office chairs quickly replaced our cold and hard chairs. We now sit at our desks in comfort especially in this cold weather. Our visitors, Helene & Owen Wessling, were invited to try them out. Once again thanks N.A.B.

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## OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT OPEN GOVERNMENT

The Newman Government wants to know what Queenslanders think about the state's current right to information and privacy laws. A series of discussion papers were an open invitation to help create an even more open government.

One reform we are considering is making documents of government owned corporations and non-government contractors accessible. Currently, many are exempt from providing information so we are asking the question: should they be subject to more public scrutiny?

We are also looking into whether some non-disclosure provisions can also be eased to allow even more access to current applicable government agencies.

As well as shining more light on our services, we want to make it easier for people to access information.

The current system is bogged down in red tape and confusing processes and we plan to simplify how people apply for information.

Other concepts to be debated include:

Aligning fees and charges more closely with the fee structure for court documents. Providing applicants with more options to review a decision where they believe there are further documents that have not been located

Simplifying the explanation of decisions (e.g. reasons behind approving/rejecting an application and processing and access charges)

We also want to hear of any other ideas on how to make Government information available.

Another question is, as information and communication technology evolves and expands, is Queensland's privacy legislation keeping up? These discussion papers will complement our Open Government Forum later this month and let Queenslanders have their say about these important issues. I certainly welcome their input. The discussion papers can be accessed at: [www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/community-consultation/community-consultation-activities/current-activities/review-of-right-to-information-and-privacy-laws](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au/corporate/community-consultation/community-consultation-activities/current-activities/review-of-right-to-information-and-privacy-laws).

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## MORE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SKILLED WOMEN

Applications for the second round of the Newman Government's \$10 million Supporting Women Scholarships are now open.

Education, Training and Employment Minister John-Paul Langbroek said the scholarships, worth up to \$20,000 each, would help women of all ages and backgrounds gain qualifications in traditionally male-dominated industries like engineering and agriculture.

"Queensland needs a highly skilled and motivated workforce to build our four-pillar economy, and increasing women's participation rates in high-priority areas will help deliver that talent," Mr Langbroek said.

"This is a double-win for our state - alleviating skill shortages and helping women to take a lead role in sectors which have traditionally been male-dominated.

"Our government delivered more than \$2 million worth of scholarships to more than 120 worthy recipients earlier this year.

"We've got more than 300 more scholarships available to dedicated women over the next three years."

The program provides scholarships of up to \$5,000 each year for women studying agricultural, environmental, architecture, building, engineering, earth sciences and information technology courses.

The funding can be used to offset costs associated with study such as fees, textbooks and course materials.

Mr Langbroek said scholarships were available for vocational education and training, undergraduate degrees and post graduate qualifications.

"Whether straight out of school, looking for a change of career or seeking skills to return to the workforce, all women are encouraged to put their hands up for a 2014 scholarship," he said.

"This is a great opportunity to gain the necessary skills for a challenging and rewarding career, as well as contribute to Queensland's economy."

Applications close 11 October 2013 for scholarships commencing at the beginning of the 2014 academic year.

For more information about the Supporting Women Scholarships program, visit [www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au](http://www.supportingwomen.qld.gov.au) Jeff Seeney MP

## RIVALRY BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN WONDAI KIDS



Wondai State School has raised its student attendance by a massive amount since entering its front gates became a public competition. Each week children want to see themselves recognised in the school's newsletter as having been in class every day. They pressure mums and dads to take them, even when they're ill, and teachers make their lessons as fun and interactive as possible to lure them onto their seats.

Principal Ruth Miller is phoned or fetched to join the mini celebrations held in all the classes that are full on any day. Larger events are organised for any class that has 25 days of full attendance in a term.

Students who have 100 per cent attendance within the same timeframe are taken to a mystery restaurant for lunch with Mrs Miller. "When I arrived at the school we could fit all those children in one car," she said.

Now it needs a bus with 34 of its students qualifying last semester.

In just over five years the Wondai's school attendance rate has risen to 92.5 per cent.

This is no mean feat for a National Partnerships school with a low socio-economic student population.

But Mrs Miller said there was now a sense within children they had to get to school to give their class a chance of winning the attendance competition.

### **Rivalry boosts success:**

She said teachers did their best to self-analyse their performance in order to improve their lessons so they could claim victory. "We make a big deal about any class or person who gets to 95 per cent attendance; that's only two-and-a-half days missed in a 10-week term," Mrs Miller said. One hundred per cent is always the ultimate goal though. "Attendance is our school's number one priority," Mrs Miller said.

"There's a lot of laughs amongst teachers within the competition because it's a friendly rivalry and we all have a common purpose. They understand it's vital for children's working memory to be extended and they need to be there learning every day." Four out of five days is not enough.

"Years ago, we used to think 80 per cent attendance was pretty good," Mrs Miller said.

"Now we strive to have all our children in class every day because it's vital to their future learning and success as an adult. "To have the best chance of reaching their dreams, children need to be in class every day."

**Photo: Celebrating success are four of the 34 students who haven't missed a day all year. They are Elizabeth Miller, Quanarl Conlon-Chapman, Thomas Bath and Maddison McLean.**



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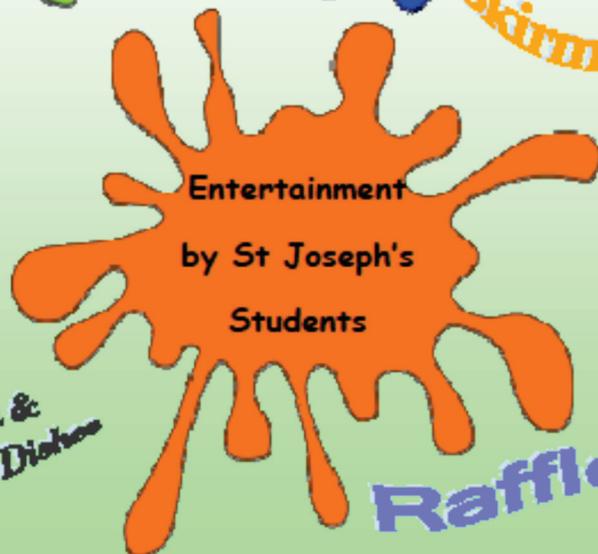


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## MAYOR LOBBIES FOR MORE MONEY

South Burnett Regional Council's Mayor Wayne Kratzmann has lobbied for local government to get a larger share of Federal government's funds in a letter to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd.

Mayor Kratzmann said, "I have written a letter to our newly appointed Prime Minister to request more of our tax payers dollars being given back to local regions."

"In particular, I raised my Council's concerns about the small amount of funding that currently finds its way back to Local government despite this sector of government being responsible for a relatively large public infrastructure asset base," said Mayor Kratzmann.

Some figures that have been produced would suggest that of the 100% of taxation revenue collected by the Federal government (excluding GST revenue), about 83% is retained for its own purposes. About 14% is distributed to State government and only about 3% goes to Local government.

Mayor Kratzmann said, "This break-up of revenue may have been reasonable and appropriate in the past but today it does not have validity in respect of the relationship between funding, expenditure and service provision by Local Councils."

"Local government services continue to grow, both in number and type, but they are doing so without adequate resources. Ratepayers are expressing dissatisfaction with their rate increases yet infrastructure such as bridges, roads, water supplies and Council owned buildings are in chronic asset decline. This decline cannot be abated due to the financial situation of Local government and the cost of maintaining this infrastructure," said Mayor Kratzmann.

In the South Burnett we have 35 bridges and 3,270 kilometres of Council roads.

Mayor Kratzmann said, "The asset condition of our bridges and roads are poor and they have and will increasingly impact on the economic performance of the Region. I invited the Prime Minister to tour the South Burnett to see first-hand the state of our infrastructure assets so that he can make an informed decision about the tax break-up before future budgets."

The Mayor proposed a funding model be introduced where Local government receives about 10% of taxation revenue (excluding GST) where the amount is increased from the current 3% by 1% each year until this goal is reached.

Mayor Kratzmann said, "I am very interested to hear the Prime Minister's response and I look forward to personally taking him on a tour around our Region."

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### **MILLA BROWN ENJOYED THE PROSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

"American Independence day", 4th July 2013, along with other children making Native North American Indian rainmakers and dream catchers; with the use of lots of feathers, buttons, wool, sequins, glitter, petals. They created some stunning results.

## MANY HANDS MAKE A GREEN THUMB

Growing the Burnett Inc. will take the next vital step in developing a food hub by building a cold room at Red Earth Meadows in Memerambi. (just past all the empty houses)

Founder of the Growing the Burnett Committee Brian Jarvis said "We need a few extra hands to assist us in taking the next step in setting up a food hub."

"We have a lot of work to achieve in a short space of time. Our target is to complete some essential projects before spring," said Mr Jarvis.

"Growing the Burnett is seeking the assistance to construct a cold room, a grow tunnel and a glass house. We also need some help to build raised garden beds to assist less physically able people to participate in growing produce," said Mr Jarvis.

Growing the Burnett is a regional not-for-profit organization formed by a group of Burnett residents who are concerned about the region's future and food security.

The organisation is focused on encouraging small acreage growers through education, support and the development of a food hub to redistribute their produce.

Mr Jarvis said "Growing the Burnett would really appreciate the help from anyone who can spare a couple of hours.

"We have over 20,000 vegetables currently growing at our Demonstration and Trial Site at Memberambi, as well as produce from local growers. By spring we will be ready to start redistributing the produce and we will need these projects to be completed to be able to do this," said Mr Jarvis. For more information phone Growing the Burnett on 0417 756 528.

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## STANWELL OUTLINES CHANGES TO TARONG POWER STATION'S WORKFORCE

Stanwell Corporation, owner of the Tarong power stations and Meandu Mine, today (10th July) announced a preliminary decision to reduce the size of the sites' workforce as part of a review of its Operations Division.

Tarong Power Station Site Manager Dennis Franklin outlined the proposed changes to power station employees today, including a reduction of 58 positions.

The proposed changes are necessary to reduce costs for Stanwell, which is making an unsustainable loss on power generation due to the lowest wholesale electricity prices in a decade.

Stanwell announced on 5 March this year that it was reviewing its largest division, Operations, which is responsible for electricity generation and the care of plant at Stanwell's power stations across the state, as well as Meandu Mine in the South Burnett.

The review aims to improve the profitability of the Stanwell's core business of power generation.

Mr Franklin said Stanwell commenced consultation on its proposal with Tarong employees and unions from today, as required under its Enterprise Agreement and that feedback would be considered prior to making a final decision. There will be no forced redundancies.

Queensland has an oversupply of electricity generation capacity that is forecast to continue for at least another two to three years. Wholesale electricity prices also are unlikely to improve for some time.

Mr Franklin said Stanwell had to change the way it operated to survive as a business, so it could continue to employ Queenslanders and generate power for the State.

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Answer to **what am I ??** (these are the new industrial cake making utensils in the kitchen at Castra)

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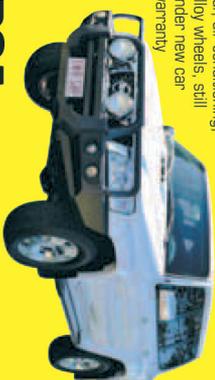


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3L turbo diesel, 1 owner  
low km, log book vehicle,  
bullbar, side steps, tow  
bar, air conditioning,  
alloy wheels, still  
under new car  
warranty

**\$POA**

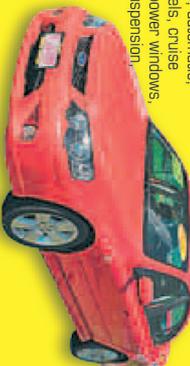
## 2010 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER LS AWD WAGON



2.4L automatic, towbar,  
one local log book owner,  
only 13,000km, still  
under new car warranty

**\$27,990** DRIVE AWAY

## 2006 FORD BF XR6 FALCON SEDAN



6 cylinder, automatic,  
alloy wheels, cruise  
control, power windows,  
sports suspension,  
low km,  
locally  
owned

**\$13,495** DRIVE AWAY

## 2008 MITSUBISHI PALERO PLATINUM EDITION



3.2L turbo diesel,  
5 speed manual, nudge  
bar, towbar, reverse  
sensors, fog lamps,  
power windows,  
cruise control

**\$29,990** DRIVE AWAY

## 2009 HOLDEN JG CRUZE CD SEDAN



1.8L auto, power  
windows, cruise  
control, 6 air  
bags, one local log  
book owner, only  
20,000km

**\$18,490** DRIVE AWAY

## 2005 MITSUBISHI 380 PLATINUM EDITION



3.8L V6, 5 speed  
manual, alloy wheels,  
rear spoiler, reverse  
sensors, Bluetooth,  
cruise control, power  
windows

**\$11,990** DRIVE AWAY

## 2007 HOLDEN RODEO LX DUAL CAB



Common rail turbo  
diesel, automatic, alloy  
wheels, towbar, tonneau  
cover, power windows,  
dual air bags, 3000kg  
towing capacity

**\$24,990** DRIVE AWAY

## 2009 MITSUBISHI CJ LANCER VRX SEDAN

2.4L 4 cylinder, T-bar automatic, 1 local log book owner,  
alloy wheels, rear spoiler, full service history

**\$17,990 Drive away**

## 2004 HOLDEN VY ACCLAIM WAGON

V6, T-bar automatic, alloy nudge bar, tow bar, log books

**\$5,995 Drive away**

## 2004 HOLDEN VY COMMODORE 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEDAN

V6, T-bar automatic, 1 local log book owner, good 'rego',  
moderate km, air conditioning, power steering.

**\$8,995 Drive away**

## 2007 VE COMMODORE OMEGA SEDAN

V6, auto, power windows, cruise control, dual air bags,  
ABS brakes, one local log, book owner, low km

**\$16,990 Drive away**

## 2011 VE COMMODORE SV6

V6, 6 speed auto, reverse camera & sensors, 18" alloys,  
body kit, sports suspension, power windows, cruise  
control, only 6500km

**\$32,490 Drive away**

## 2007 VE HOLDEN COMMODORE SV6 SEDAN

Automatic, one local log book owner, sports body kit, alloy  
wheels, beautiful car. Test drive me now!

**\$17,990 Drive away**

## 2008 HOLDEN BARINA 3 DOOR HATCH

4 cylinder 5 speed manual, one local owner, low km, air  
conditioning, 4 air bags

**\$8495 Drive away**

## 2003 NISSAN PULSAR ST SEDAN

4 cylinder, 5 speed manual, one local owner, low km, air  
conditioning, great condition

**\$8495 Drive away**

## 2009 VE COMMODORE OMEGA SEDAN

V6 auto, air cond, power windows, alloy wheels, cruise  
control, side & curtain airbags, ABS brakes, spoiler

**\$18,990 Drive away**

## 2002 MITSUBISHI PALERO GLX 7 SEAT WAGON

Turbo diesel, 5 sp manual, bullbar, towbar, air cond, side  
steps, locally owned

**\$19,790 Drive away**

## 2007 MITSUBISHI ML TRITON 4x2

Drop side alloy tray, one owner, as new

**\$15,490 Drive away**

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