



MURGON MOMENTS

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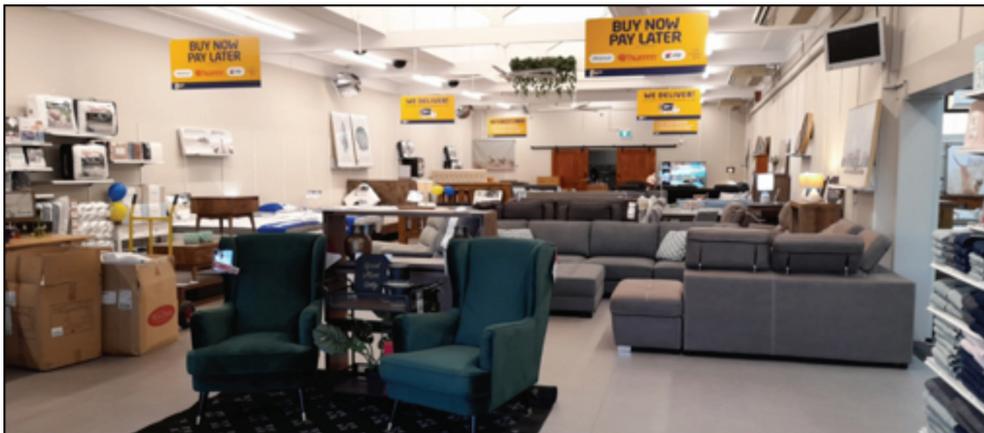


We are moving into our new building over the next few days!

We will be open Saturday Morning, the 24th July as normal and will re-open mid-week in our new bigger store.

If you need us in the meantime, we will still be available via the Electrical Shop, by Phone (41682200) or through our Facebook page.

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Congratulations to Shane Sippel and your team on the exciting opening of your new furniture store in the old Target store in Lamb Street Murgon.



Fire-affected Wide Bay communities eligible for a share in \$280 million bushfire recovery funding

Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien is encouraging organisations in the local government areas of Noosa, Gympie, Fraser Coast and South Burnett to consider applying for a share of \$280 million for projects to assist in bushfire recovery.

Mr O'Brien said the Australian Government has released guidelines for the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery (BSBR) grants program, which will provide funding directly to fire-affected communities to help in their ongoing recovery after the 2019-20 bushfires.

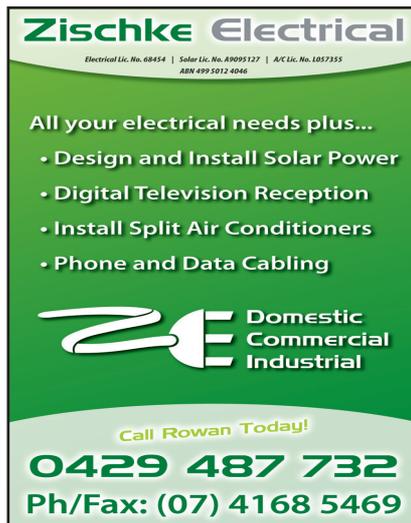
Grants of between \$20,000 and \$10 million are available, covering up to 100 per cent of eligible project expenditure.

"This grants program is a great opportunity for the Wide Bay's bushfire-affected communities to invest in recovery and resilience, through projects that address the social and economic needs of their community," Mr O'Brien said.

"There's broad scope within this program and suitable initiatives can include projects to create or support local jobs; promote interstate or overseas trade such as rebuilding infrastructure to support commercial activities, or tourism-related activities; right through to projects that enhance the cultural life of the community; address health impacts of the fires; or benefit of Indigenous people or communities.

"I encourage local organisations to look at the guidelines, consider their community's needs and start planning projects – you know your local area best, so have a think about what a share of this funding could be used for that would really benefit your community and help with recovery."

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Workshops to assist applicants with the grant process will be available in person and online from mid July.

The Government has committed more than \$2 billion to bushfire recovery support and these grants will help communities continue their bushfire recovery journey.

Coordinator-General for the National Recovery and Resilience Agency, the Hon Shane L Stone AC QC said the grants are for projects that boost community recovery and at the same time help minimise the impact of future natural disasters.

"We know it takes time for communities to move forward after a disaster, and the impact of the Black Summer bushfires is still deeply felt," Mr Stone said.

"True to my agency's guiding principle of 'locally led, locally understood and locally implemented', we have designed this program to be as simple and flexible as possible, so recovering communities to can develop local projects that make sense to them."

Grants can range from \$20,000 to \$10 million and are open to community organisations, businesses and councils in Local Government Areas that were disaster-declared as a result of the 2019-20 bushfires.

The Black Summer Bushfire Grants program is part of the National Bushfire Recovery Fund. The National Recovery and Resilience Agency administers the grants. For more information and workshop details visit recovery.gov.au/black-summer-grants.

Guidelines and the preview application form are available from the Business Grants Hub at <https://business.gov.au/bsbr>

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Workshops to help students RISE to new opportunities

More students throughout Queensland will have the opportunity to become budding film directors, with Noosa Film Academy to receive \$298,445 for a series of school workshops, Federal Member for Wide Bay and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Llew O'Brien announced.

Academy award-winning film-maker Greg Huglin is visiting high schools to guide students through the scriptwriting, directing, acting and production process to create their own short films, with funding under the third batch of grants from the Morrison Government's \$200 million Restart Investment to Sustain and Expand (RISE) Fund.

"Greg Huglin has many artistic, creative and technical talents, he is highly regarded and recognised, and this grant will enable more students to learn directly and benefit from his expertise," Mr O'Brien said.

"Noosa Film Academy is giving students an unparalleled opportunity to obtain first-hand experience using state-of-the-art cameras and movie equipment, and present their own short films that can be used in their digital portfolios.

"This funding will provide critical support to the arts and entertainment sector to create new opportunities for growth, as well as enabling students to explore the possibilities in film-making and learn skills that are in demand in the modern workforce, from content creation to digital storytelling and more."

Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP said the latest RISE grants will begin to flow immediately to 66 organisations across Australia, supporting the arts and entertainment sector to restart, re-imagine or create new cultural and creative activities.

"The arts and entertainment sector is intrinsic to local communities in Wide Bay, supporting cultural expression and social wellbeing, and providing significant employment and economic benefits," Minister Fletcher said.

"Our investment of \$25 million towards 66 projects is our latest commitment to the rejuvenation and long-term sustainability of cultural and creative organisations throughout Wide Bay."

The investment towards these leading organisations is part of the \$100 million the Government has committed through the RISE Fund to date, which has created over 89,000 job opportunities and expanded cultural and creative experiences for audiences across Australia.

The full list of Batch Three RISE recipients will be published by the Office for the Arts in the coming weeks at: www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update

Please Lock Up, or lose it, Say Police

Police are appealing to homeowners to ensure their houses and properties are secure when they're out, after a number of recent break-and-enters.

A police spokesperson said the majority of the offences occurred between July 25-26

The stolen property has included small items such as car keys, purses, personal identification and bank cards.

Offenders have taken advantage of unlocked or unsecured doors or windows in many of the incidents.

"By ensuring doors and windows are locked, even when you're at home, and by keeping sought-after items such as phones, jewellery, wallets and cameras out of sight, each member of the community can help prevent this from occurring," the spokesperson said.

"Neighbours can play a big role in preventing these offences by keeping an eye out for each other, assisting with mail collection for those who are away and placing rubbish bins out at the usual collection time."



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| Sept 19 | Carnival of Flowers – includes M/Tea |
| Oct 16 | Craft and Quilt Fair – includes Ticket |
| Nov 27 | Mystery Trip – includes M/Tea & Lunch |

2021 TOUR

Christmas on Norfolk Island: Tuesday, 21 December
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COVID-19 vaccination super clinic for Cherbourg

Darling Downs Health will provide doses of the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine at a super clinic at Cherbourg Town Hall from Tuesday 3 August to Thursday 5 August. The Cherbourg clinic will be set up to accommodate all eligible South Burnett residents aged 16 years and over. Everyone who is eligible, and wants to have a vaccine, can pre-register their interest. Registration forms are available at the Cherbourg Hospital, Murgon Hospital and Cherbourg Council office. Staff will be available to help with the forms. Registrations can also be done online via www.vaccinebookings.health.qld.gov.au If you have questions about the vaccine, talk to your doctor or health care worker to get the right, up-to-date information. The vaccination is safe and is free. It is the best way to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community. If you plan to attend the clinic, please bring ID, your Medicare card, and a pen. The clinic will be open from 8.30am to 4pm from Tuesday 3 August to Thursday 5 August. NOTE: People who have received one dose of the Astra Zeneca vaccine, which has been provided recently through GPs and Aboriginal Medical Services, should receive a second dose of Astra Zeneca and NOT a Pfizer vaccine. If you are unsure which vaccine you have received, talk to doctor or health care worker.

Darling Downs Health is also negotiating with the SB PCYC in Murgon for a venue later in August and September for COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine clinic. Ph 41681889 for updates & also watch facebook for further information.



The Sunshine Caravan Club had 17 caravans staying at Barambah Bush Caravan Park for a week 20th June – 27th June and visited a few of the wineries, B.P. Dam and had a meal at Murgon R.S.L. and all up spent \$3764 in and around Murgon, this is apart from the money spent at our park. They all enjoyed their stay and I'm sure we will see them again either individually or as a club event.

Reserve Forces Day

Greetings folks,

Please accept this short report on the 2021 RFD parade at Wondai. I'm sure everyone was aware of the handicaps organising the occasion had to deal with and I'm sure many other events around the State suffered the same sort of difficulties.

After missing the occasion for similar reasons last year to miss it again, bearing in mind how important the objectives of the occasion represents, was unthinkable.

In no small measure your co-operation and participation as always is valued and appreciated and without it the effort wouldn't measure up.

Against the background of the 80th Anniversary of the Second World War the 2022 Parade and Recognition Service will take note of the work of the Army both at home, in New Guinea and the Western Desert in 1942.

Once again thank you, it was with no expectations given the restrictions imposed by COVID that the Committee proceeded to the 2021 event. Should the impositions continue then it will be with the same approach for 2022.

Yours sincerely, Noel Selway,
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Dob In a Dealer campaign will help clean up drugs in Wide Bay

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

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

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

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

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

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

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As well as the dollar-for-dollar matched funding incentive, Plus1 also provides you with the opportunity to attract new donors to your organisation, build valuable relationships and networks for new and diverse revenue sources, and boost your fundraising skills, with support from Creative Partnerships Australia along the way.

Applications close on Thursday, 5 August at 5pm AEST.

Head to [our website](#) for everything you need to apply, including video FAQs, case studies, program guidelines and the application form.

APPLY NOW

Do you know an arts or cultural organisation that may benefit from Plus1? Share this email with them and encourage them to apply.



Creative Partnerships' Programs Officer

As your go-to for everything Plus1, our Programs Officer, Catherine Hempenstall is able to assist you with the application process. If you have further questions prior to applying, email or phone Catherine on 03 9616 0321.

GET IN TOUCH



Murgon Services and District Memorial Club

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Photo L-R : Stacy Christenson - Cherbourg Ration Shed, John Flegg Murgon Services Club

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A Moment – with Murgon Local Ambulance Committee



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All interested community members in the Murgon, Cherbourg, Goomeri and Wondai areas are cordially invited to attend.

A Current Project: When sudden serious illness or an accident occurs on a rural property or adjacent road, medical assistance will take some time to arrive. With this in mind, Murgon LAC members, in partnership with staff from QAS Murgon, have commenced delivering the RESQ R000S emergency First Aid program at two local schools. Children will learn when - and how - to call Emergency 000 and basic First Aid to care for a sick or injured casualty.

Wooroolin boys lobby local MP for Skatepark



Member for Nanango Deb Frecklington has met with local Wooroolin children to throw her support behind their push for a skatepark.

Mrs Frecklington recently received a handwritten letter from local youths Nate and Harry seeking her assistance to help them have a skatepark built in the township of Wooroolin.

“I called a meeting with the boys and some of their friends to discuss how we can work together to bring this idea to fruition” Deb said

“Wooroolin has a group of passionate youths in their town and I am certainly willing to help them in any way I can. I will be advocating on behalf of the boys to South Burnett Regional Council”.

“I have already contacted local community groups to discuss grant opportunities and at the meeting we discussed possible fundraising options” Deb said.

“I was very impressed by the group who showed a great deal of passion and confidence throughout the meeting to talk me through this project for their community”

“The next step will be to start a petition and I look forward to working with Nate, Harry and their friends to see their dream become reality” Deb said

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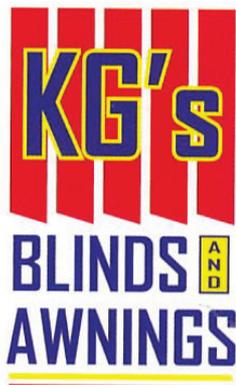


Looking for new friends?

QCWA Gympie South Burnett Division wish to extend an open invitation to those who would be interested in joining our organisation. We are establishing a new group in the Murgon area, if you are new to the area and looking for new friends we would like to welcome you along to our next meeting on Wednesday 4th August 2021 from 9.30am at the Murgon Rooms Macalister Street Murgon. Hope to see you there.

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Biosecurity Alert – Harrisia Cactus (Harrisia martini) Harrisia Cactus, an invasive cactus species has been confirmed by the Queensland Herbarium as being present in the Glan Devon district of Nanango.



Council's Pest Management contractors made the discovery during routine weed surveillance on a property recently. Harrisia Cactus (Harrisia martinii) is a restricted invasive plant (Category 3) under the Biosecurity Act 2014 and regarded as a medium - high biosecurity risk in the South Burnett. This is the only known active infestation of Harrisia Cactus in the South Burnett and if allowed to spread, has the ability to form dense infestations that will reduce pastures to a level unsuitable to stock. Seeds are highly viable and readily spread by birds. Council's Natural Resource Management (NRM) team and pest management contractors will be undertaking surveillance of properties in the Glan Devon area over the coming weeks to determine the extent of the infestation and identify if there is a risk of further spread to new areas. Council are asking landholders and residents to familiarise themselves with the identification of Harrisia Cactus, check their paddocks and gardens and report any suspicious plants on your property to Council's NRM team on 4189 9100. Early detection and reporting are key elements in controlling Harrisia Cactus. These reports will be essential in mounting a response to this new biosecurity threat to our region. For assistance with identification, to report possible sites or to find out further information, please contact Council's Natural Resource Management team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

We sadly mourn the loss of:

BRAITHWAITE, Julie Lorelle, Late of Murgon

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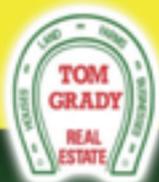
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Dairy & Heritage Museum Murgon



A visit to the dentist is not what we all have fond memories of, but Stella from "The Country Dentist" donated this chair and equipment, and with the assistance of retired dentist John Watt we have been able to put together a display which is significant to Murgon. I am sure many of you can remember sitting in this chair at some stage. This was once the property of the late Mr Neil Perkins who was Murgon's family dentist for many years. We are always looking to add to our displays, and thanks to Stella we now have our own dentist.

COVID has prevented Schools from visiting

over the past 18 months, but we are looking forward to having St John's Lutheran School Kingaroy visit in early August. Hoping that we are headed in the right direction and that we will have the pleasure of more school visits for 2021.

If you have not visited our Museum I know that like many of our visitors, you will be amazed at what we have on display. "Well worth the visit" is a comment often written in our Visitors Book.

Joy Fennell



Gympie Regional Council

On Monday, work will commence on the construction of a 12.5m concrete pedestrian and cycle bridge across Wide Bay Creek along the Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail.

The location of the bridge construction will be at Wide Bay Creek, approximately 6.5km from the start of the trail in Kilkivan, and 800m from Cinnabar Road. Users will still be able to pass through this section of the trail uninterrupted by the works.

Construction is scheduled to commence on Monday, 26 July 2021 with completion expected by the end of September 2021 in time for school holidays.

Construction of the Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge at Wide Bay Creek – Kilkivan to Kingaroy Rail Trail Project is estimated to cost \$283,500 and is a joint initiative by the Queensland Government through the Works 4 Qld program and Gympie Regional Council.

Council would like to thank the public in advance for their patience. If you have any questions, give Gympie Regional Council a call on 1300 307 800



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BYTE NITE is back at the SB PCYC for term 3. 2021.. the next BYTE NITE will be Saturday the 14th of August 5pm – 8pm. South Burnett PCYC Supporting Our Local Youth Barambah Youth Together Evening - Free night of fun, games, and dinner. Everyone welcome. ...Maximum occupancy 80 Persons also 28th August 11th September 25th September Free Bus home to Wondai, Cherbourg, Murgon and Goomeri if required.

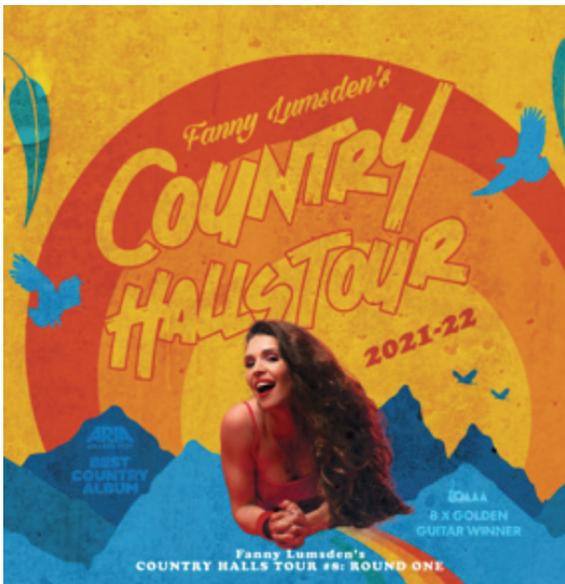
Baconfest Friday 20 August 2021 to Sunday 22 August 2021

Temporary road closures and traffic conditions for Baconfest

South Burnett Regional Council advises of the upcoming road closures for BaconFest 2021 from Friday 20 August 2021 to Sunday 22 August 2021. To deliver a safe and secure event, please see below full list of road closures and changed traffic conditions:

- Glendon Street (Council office side only), between Alford Street and Commercial Hotel drive through bottle shop, 6:00am Friday 20 August to 4:00pm Sunday 22 August 2021
- Lane way beside Council library, access from Glendon Street, 6:00am Friday 20 August to 4:00pm Sunday 22 August 2021
- Circular Place Carpark, access from Glendon Street, 1:00pm Friday 20 August to 4:00pm Sunday 22 August 2021
- Carpark behind Council office, access from Youngman Street and Glendon Streets, 1:00pm Friday 20 August to 4:00pm Sunday 22 August 2021
- Alford Street, between Youngman Street and Glendon Streets, 4:00pm Friday 20 August to 4:00pm Sunday 22 August 2021
- Lane Way behind Council office, access from Youngman Street to Commercial Hotel, 4:00pm Friday 20 August to 4:00pm Sunday 22 August 2021
- Glendon Street (both sides), between Alford Street and Commercial Hotel drive through bottle shop, 4:00pm Friday 20 August to 4:00pm Sunday 22 August 2021

These road closures are in accordance with provisions under the Local Council apologises for any inconvenience caused and appreciates your patience and cooperation during this period to ensure the delivery of a safe and successful BaconFest 2021



**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US AT
MONDURE HALL
SUNDAY 18TH JULY AT 3.15 PM
TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON LINE AT
www.fannylumsden.net or contact
Karen 41689858 or Kay 0128731803**

| | Pre sale | Door if available |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Vip ticket (pre show meal and drink) | \$55 | \$60 |
| Adult (16 yrs +) | | \$35 \$40 |
| Kids (5 to 15 yrs) | | \$15 \$20 |
| Family (2 Adults + kids) | \$90 | \$100 |

Food and refreshments will be available

The Mondure Hall Committee are very excited to announce that Fanny Lumsden the 5x CMAA Golden Guitar 2021 winner incl. ALBUM OF THE YEAR + FEMALE ARTIST + SINGLE OF YEAR is coming to the Mondure Hall!! Fanny Lumsden also is the ARIA AWARDS WINNER. BEST COUNTRY ALBLJM 2020. PLUS TOP TEN ARIA CHART DEBUT

Mondure Hall has been lucky to be chosen as one of the venues for the upcoming "Country Halls Tour". Fanny generously brings her band to perform in country areas where people would otherwise not get the chance to see many concerts (in comparison to larger urban areas). There will be a supporting artist performing, along with a local country artist also generously given the opportunity to Perform. This event is a fundraiser for our hall so food, bar and raffles will also be running. We would like to invite you to get a few friends together and join us for a great afternoon. We'd love your company for the evening! All money raised will be going towards maintaining and upgrading our hall for the use of the local community.

REASON FOR POSTPONMENT: Our Fanny Lumsden Concert was postponed due to the NSW Covid restrictions. She comes from NSW. We will hopefully be given another date soon. Ticket holders have been asked to keep their tickets till next date.

Dementia Friendly Community Education Session

**Learn about dementia and understand how to support a friend,
family or community member.**

**Please join us for this free informative session with various
guest presenters sharing practical ideas that can lead to positive
impacts for people living with dementia and their carers.**

Be part of Proston becoming an inclusive dementia friendly community.

SATURDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 9.30am to 12 noon

**PROSTON COMMUNITY HALL,
Rodney Street, Proston.**

**Morning Tea provided. For more information or to register for the session, please
contact Kathy Crane on 0407 091 019 or email kathleen.crane@health.qld.gov.au
*Supported by Proston Men's Shed***

Cherbourg and South Burnett working together to look after Country



See it. Report it. Stop illegal dumping. The Local Government Illegal Dumping Partnerships Program (LGIDPP), a collaborative project between North Burnett Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, is a very positive way for Councils to build a relationship and look after Country. On Thursday 15 July 2021 South Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council conducted a joint clean-up of an illegal dumping area. Illegally dumped material was collected, measured and correctly disposed of before undertaking

investigations in order to identify and fine the offenders. Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council is now installing signs to provide awareness and conducting compliance activities. South Burnett Regional Council is providing assistance to identify and collect evidence of alleged illegal dumping offences and conducting compliance actions. This programme has facilitated beneficial relationship building and enhancement between these Queensland councils, State Government and other stakeholders, with a mutual objective of creating cleaner, greener and more sustainable regions. These groups are working in partnership to educate the public on illegal dumping, empower them to report it when they see it, and assist councils in taking action against offenders for greater liveability and quality of life in Queensland. This project is proudly supported by the Queensland Government. Sick of seeing rubbish in your community? Report illegal dumping by contacting Council's Compliance Officer on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Images (2): Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council and South Burnett Regional Council working together to clear an illegal dumping site towards a sustainable future for our region.

Car insurance due?

Give Old Mate a call!

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 info@oldmateinsurance.com.au

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MURGON RSL SUB BRANCH

**VETERAN SERVICES
 PENSIONS AND WELFARE SERVICES
 SUB BRANCH MEMBERSHIP**

MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
 10am - First Saturday of each month
 Murgon RSL Welfare Drop-In Centre
 44 Stephens Street West, Murgon

SPEAK TO THE TEAM
 secretary@murgonrsl.org or 0427 915 533

RSL
 Murgon Sub Branch

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock

Situated on a large 5,154sqm block only minutes to Murgon. Featuring 3 comfortable bedrooms all with fans, built-in wardrobes, and security screens. A large family bathroom including a separate bath, and plenty of storage. Open plan kitchen, spacious living area with a large sliding door to the covered deck. The large timber deck off the front and one side of the home provides plenty of space for entertaining. Separate laundry. Located at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac with rural views. **\$300,000**

Situated just outside Wondai on 1 hectare, is this spacious 5-bedroom home. This property consists of four bedrooms, the fifth can be a bedroom or an entertaining area. Main bedroom includes an ensuite and walk in robe. Spacious lounge and separate sitting room with a woodfire. Open plan kitchen and dining with a large built-in pantry. The dining room leads you to the concreted and covered entertainment area. The full-length front verandah has a rural outlook. 3 carport spaces, large shed, garden sheds, and tank water. **\$440,000**

This contemporary designer home in the sought-after country town of Wondai, offers effortless living inside and out. The single level home facilitates comfortable family living; four bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite, built-in cupboards, well-appointed elegant kitchen, open plan living areas, outdoor entertaining area, two alfresco spaces, separate laundry, ample car accommodation, concrete driveway set on a 1265sqm allotment. The gardens have been fully landscaped. The shed provides a workshop and lock up accommodation plus an undercover carport for five vehicles and an extra side access. Extras include a security system, solar, 15amp power at the shed, 7000-gal rainwater tank, and fully fenced. This property is a must see. **\$470,000**

ACROSS COUNTRY REAL ESTATE & LIVESTOCK

WE NEED YOUR LISTINGS!

For the past 12 months the team here at Across Country Real Estate and Livestock have been on fire. Therefore, we need your listings. We specialize in rural, residential, and commercial property sales and property management. We also offer free appraisals! If you think we might be able to assist you, contact the office on: 4168 1600.

Across Country Real Estate & Livestock
 86 Lamb Street, Murgon Qld 4605. P.O.Box 377
 Ph: 0741681600, Fax: 0741681542
 Mobile: 0407097109,
 Email: dianne.acrelivestock@bigpond.com

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY - MURGON

18 August 2021



Murgon RSL Sub Branch will host a Breakfast for Vietnam Veterans commencing at 8.00am at the Murgon Services Club. All veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

Breakfast Cost: Vietnam Veterans \$0 All others attending \$25.
Bookings essential – contact the Secretary on 0407 737 097 by 9th August.

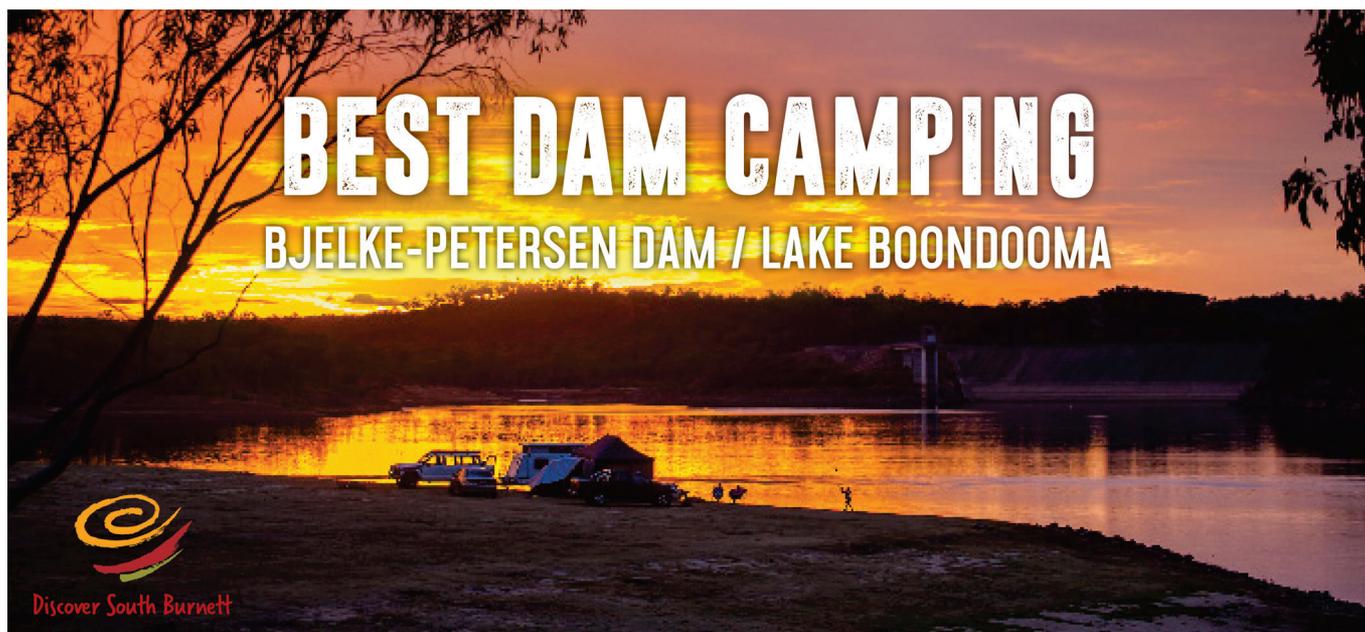
Following the Breakfast a short Memorial Service will be conducted at 10.00am at the Murgon War Memorial. Assemble at the Cenotaph at 9.45am.



All RSL Members and members of the public are welcome to attend.

We encourage everyone to support our Vietnam Veterans on this day.

Please join the members for fellowship at the Murgon Services Club following the Service.



Visit the lakes of the South Burnett and experience fishing, water sports and fun in the outdoors. Camping, cabins, villas and caravan sites are available. Both dams have excellent amenities including ensuite facilities, hot showers, laundry facilities, kiosks with groceries, bait and tackle.

 [yallakoolpark](https://www.facebook.com/yallakoolpark)

Haager Drive Moffatdale Q 4605

Call 07 4168 4746 www.yallakoolpark.com.au

 [lakeboondooma](https://www.facebook.com/lakeboondooma)

40 Bushcamp Road via Proston Q 4613

Call 07 4168 9694 www.lakeboondooma.com.au

WHAT'S ON @ SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES

AUGUST 2021 | www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/libraries



SOUTH BURNETT
REGIONAL COUNCIL

South Burnett Libraries Collection Development



South Burnett Libraries provide collections that meet the information, education, recreation and cultural needs of the community, and support the development of lifelong learning.

To ensure books, magazines and DVDs in the South Burnett Libraries collection suit the interests of people who live locally, our Librarians regularly order titles that have been requested for purchase by library patrons.

The addition of these titles helps to build a collection that is responsive to the needs of our diverse community. In the 2020-2021 financial year, items requested for purchase by members of the public made up 18% of the funds spent on the collections in the Blackbutt, Kingaroy, Murgon, Nanango, Proston and Wondai Libraries.

To check out some of the adult fiction and adult non-fiction titles that have been requested recently, scan the QR Codes below.



Adult Fiction
Requests



Adult Non-Fiction
Requests

If you'd like to request an item for purchase or if you'd like more information, please contact the Kingaroy Library on (07) 4189 9256.

TECH HELP AT SOUTH BURNETT LIBRARIES

The Kingaroy, Nanango and Wondai Libraries host weekly tech help sessions designed to assist members of the community who wish to learn more about technology and the internet.

Tech Help Sessions

Kingaroy Library 2.30pm – 3.30pm every Monday

Nanango Library 2.30pm - 3.30pm every Thursday and Friday

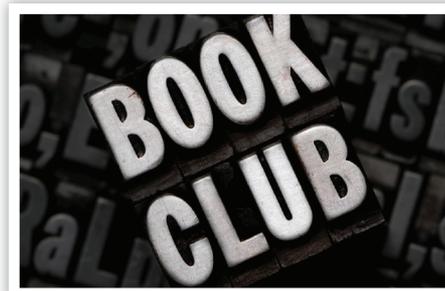
Wondai Library 9.00am - 10.00am every Wednesday

Bookings are essential for these sessions due to COVID restrictions. Please call the Kingaroy Library on (07) 4189 9256, the Nanango Library on (07) 4189 9438 or the Wondai Library on (07) 4189 9252 to secure a place.



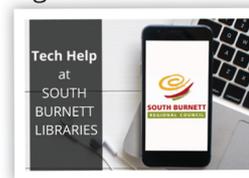
HELP WITH THE CHECK IN QLD APP

Community members who are unsure how to download or use the QLD Check In app are invited to drop into their local library for assistance. Library staff are available to talk customers through the process of downloading and using the app. For more information about this please contact the Kingaroy Library on (07) 4189 9256.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - WONDAI LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

Are you a book worm living in Wondai or the surrounding area? Why not register your interest in creating a book club that would meet monthly at the Wondai Library. For more information, please contact the Wondai Library on (07) 4189 9252.



Discover the magic... @ YOUR LIBRARY

South-Burnett-Libraries

Smithfield Cattle Company



Smithfield Feedlot hosted 35 Ag Teachers and Assistants from across the Wide Bay region. 20 schools from as far north as Bundaberg and Monto, west to Munduberra and east to Kilcoy, Gympie and Noosa where they enjoyed a firsthand look at the important role feedlots play in the beef supply chain.

Smithfield understands how important it is to create real connections with teachers to showcase our feedlot farming practices, which in turn promotes the amazing career opportunities available to students, and gives an invaluable tangible link to where quality Australian food comes from.

Small Employer of the Year

Minx Contemporary Hair Boutique

www.minxcontemporaryhairboutique.com.au

(07) 4632 3055

The Murgon Florist

www.facebook.com/themurgonflorist

(07) 4168 1888

Queensland Country Meats

www.qldcountrymeats.com.au

(07) 4622 1317



Congratulations to Felicity from The Murgon Florist...well done! ...in the top 3 for the Darling Downs region in the 60th Qld Training Awards.

VISIT SOUTH BURNETT



SOUTH BURNETT

SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

Get Involved - Have your Say, Grants, Prizes, Surveys, Events and Reviews

+ Links for COVID-19 information

- [Blackbutt Arts Strategy](#) - Have your say and support the Blackbutt Avocado Festival develop a five year arts strategy.
- [Mouse Plague assistance](#) - Rural Aid fund to support farming families dealing with the mouse plague.
- [Plastics Ban](#) - Qld's ban of single use plastics starts 1 Sept 2021.
- [Australian of the Year - 2022 Nominations now open!](#)
- [Inquiry into social isolation and loneliness in Qld](#) - Have your say and make a submission. Closes 18 August.
- [Takata Airbag Safety Recall](#) - Airbag replacement information
- [Winter Fire Safety](#) - Three simple tips to protect your household
- [EKindy](#) - Free access to kindergarten for eligible families
- [Fitbox](#) - Free business coaching for gym and fitness business owners.
- [Road Safety Grants](#) - Funding for community organisations to delivery road safety programs. Closes 27 August.
- [Bruce Highway Upgrades](#) - Share your views in 10 minute survey
- [Energy Tariff Adjustment Scheme](#) - support for eligible regional businesses as they move from obsolete electricity tariffs to standard business tariffs.
- [Buy Qld Awards](#) - Nominations close 8th September
- [Export Awards 2021](#) - Celebrating Qld exporters. Closes 6 Aug.
- [Small Business Grants](#) - Three new grants to help Qld small business
- [Investing in Qld Women Grants](#) - Up to \$15,000 for community groups. Opens 1 July.
- [Qld Great Awards](#) - Nominate an exceptional individual or group for their contribution to the Queensland.
- [Queensland Day 2022](#) - Applications now open. Closes 31 August.
- [Rural Financial Counselling Service](#) - Free service for primary producers and small business owners
- [Roadmap to easing Queensland Restrictions](#)
- [Qld Health Direction on Home Confinement, Movement and Gathering](#)

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



Gympie Regional Council ratepayers will face a 3.2 per cent rise in their rates bills after the Council handed down its \$157.66 million 2021-22 Budget on Wednesday.

Charges for water and waste collection will also rise marginally over the coming year, while sewerage charges will increase by 3.35 per cent.

The changes mean that in general, almost 70 per cent of Gympie Regional Council ratepayers will face an increase of between \$25 and \$75 a year.

However, the discount for early rates payments has been halved from 10 per cent to 5 per cent, but this year it will apply to the entire rates notice, including special levies.

Council will maintain its \$160 pensioner discount and will make \$360,000 available through its community grants program, with \$175,000 provided specifically to environmental community groups.

Council will also invest \$40.7 million in capital works.

For Goomeri and Kilkivan residents, the most significant projects over the coming year include:

Kilkivan Library – \$150,000 to move the library to the Kilkivan office chambers

KKRT Rail Trail – \$173,352 for trail improvements

Goomeri Hall Of Memory – \$80,000 for electrical system, painting and exterior works

Goomeri Pool – \$75,000 to replace plant filtration system

Goomeri Water Treatment Plant – \$120,000 to upgrade plant

Goomeri Sewage Treatment Plant – \$159,000 to complete tank repairs

Gympie Mayor Glen Hartwig said Council would not be investing in any major new infrastructure projects during 2021-22.

Instead, Councillors would continue to work on finding cost savings through a “back-to-basics” approach.

He said he was hopeful the Budget would return the Council to a \$60,000 surplus by the end of the financial year.

Gympie Regional Council’s 2021-22 Budget can be found **on the GRC’s website**

Courtesy South Burnett Online



Volunteers Wanted

Volunteering is a satisfying, heart-warming and rewarding experience. Castra Murgon is seeking the assistance of volunteer help in the Leisure and Lifestyle area. Duties include

- **One on one visits (chatting, walking, reading or doing an activity with a resident)**
- **and / or assisting residents in the recreation room when playing cards, or bingo or other activity.**

Contact Jan Irvine or Maureen on 07 4169 8700.

OPENING SOON

NEW MURGON CLOTHING STORE

LAMB ST LOCATION

BRAND NEW QUALITY FAMILY APPAREL

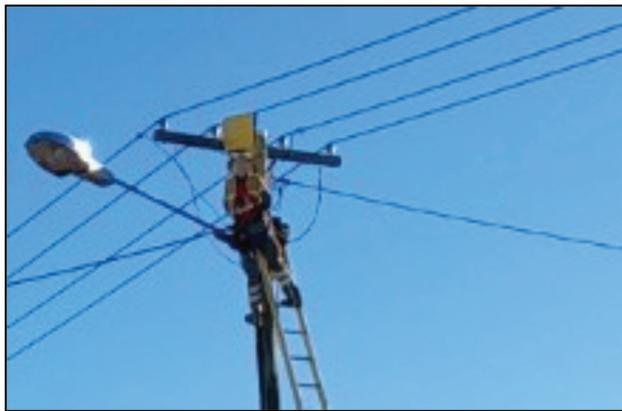
UPCOMING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES



CLASS OF
1991

MURGON STATE HIGH SCHOOL - MSHS CLASS OF 1991 - 30 YEAR CLASS REUNION

30 years older, are we any wiser? Proposing a casual get-together at Murgon RSL on Saturday the 2nd of October (long weekend). Partners and children are welcome. Contact Kristine Bryen for more information.

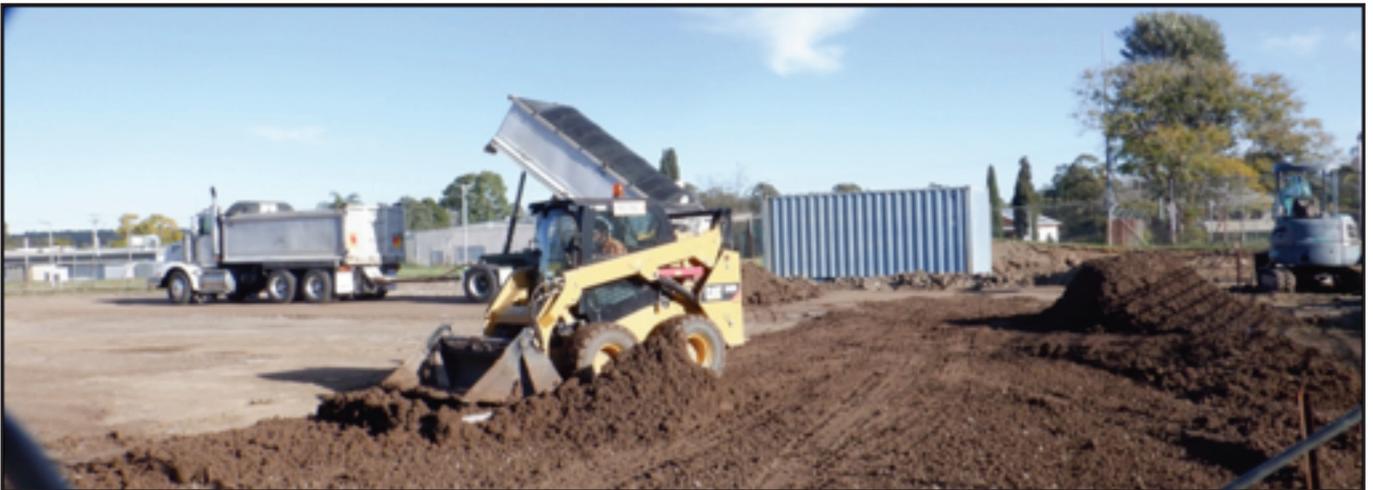


When you thought you would never see this again. This young lady connected the power to the new Art Gallery and Fossil building being built in Macalister street. Murgon. We hope in years to come you will be able to show your grand children how we still did it in 2021 and yes that's me up there. It was a pleasure to watch and

meet you and watch the precise things you did at the top of that pole.



BUILDING MY NEW HOME JULY 2021





One of the fossils that will be on display

CCA is building a museum in Macalister street Murgon to display the fossils, along with a “prehistoric garden” that would show what the swampy Eocene landscape of 55 million years looked like and the creatures that lived in the region at that time.

As well, the building would house an art gallery to display and sell works by South Burnett artists – along with an arts and crafts workshop, a theatrette and a cafe. the complex would be about 30 metres rectangle with an open-air garden in the centre.

The project received \$1,596,514 through Round 4 of the Morrison Government’s Building Better Regions Fund. It’s a history-making moment, and the start of a bright future for South Burnett tourism, jobs, and the Murgon community. Congratulations to Murgon Creative Country president Richard O’Neil,

It is being built by a local building firm, with construction work expected to support up to 40 jobs.

Date Claimer

Saturday 21ST May 2022

PCYC MASQUERADE BALL

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

South Burnett Regional Council in conjunction with Biosecurity Queensland will be participating in a **coordinated Wild Dog & Feral Pig Control Program.**

Baiting stations will be held throughout the South Burnett from Friday 13 September to Friday 20 September 2021. All participants must register their intention to conduct baiting no later than Wednesday 8 September 2021.

Failure to control wild dogs and feral pigs can result in livestock losses, attacks on domestic pets and the loss of native fauna. Landholders have a legislative responsibility to control declared pests on their land and participation in this program is an effective way to help meet this responsibility.

For further information and to register your intention of attending a baiting station please contact Council's Stock Route and Pest Officer on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

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South Burnett Regional Council was pleased to celebrate NAIDOC Week from Sunday 4 July through to Sunday 11 July 2021.

This year's theme Heal Country, invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

During the month of July, residents are invited to call in to the Kingaroy Library foyer which showcases a collection of indigenous artwork owned by local resident Andrew Townes which features a number of vibrant paintings, boomerangs and digeridoos.

As part of NAIDOC Week celebrations the South Burnett's First Nations people will join the Star of Taroom's epic walk back to Country, which leaves Brisbane and will travel through Kingaroy. South Burnett residents are invited to join the NAIDOC Week festivities celebrating the arrival of the Star of Taroom at the Town Hall Forecourt on Glendon Street on Tuesday 13 July from 10am. The event will feature First Nations dancers, a free sausage sizzle and more.

The Star of Taroom was uncovered in the early 1970s by a young veterinarian, Jim, on a property between Wandoan and Taroom. While working on the property, a large sandstone rock with a beautiful star carved deep into its face caught his eye. The stone was loaded into a ute and taken to Brisbane, where it took pride of place in Jim's backyard. The stone is now being returned to Taroom and will arrive on the 24th of July for the official opening ceremony of the Wardingarra Keeping Place at the Taroom Historical Museum. For further information on the Start of Taroom and this epic journey, see the Star of Taroom website.

For further information regarding NAIDOC Week contact Council's Communities team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email Council.

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South Burnett Regional Council is offering cattle facilities for lease by tender.

The cattle facilities are located at Mt Stanley Road in East Nanango, Bunya Highway in Wondai and Corner of Sale Yard Road and Okeden Road in Proston.

The facilities have been historically used to support local livestock producers to maintain the cattle tick line. The facilities all have unique features and can be utilised for livestock husbandry practices, stock grazing and consolidation of small consignments of cattle to larger trucks for delivery to markets.

The Department for Agriculture and Fisheries has no interest in the sites but has offered its support to any potential lessee to reactivate the facilities.

Offer documents can be downloaded by registering on Council's new tendering platform Tenderlink which can be accessed on Council's website. The Tenderlink reference is BURNET-977335.

Tender release date: Tuesday 6 July 2021

Tender closing date: 2.00pm Tuesday 17 August 2021

Instructions on how to register for Tenderlink are available [here](#).

For further information regarding the Invitation to Offer contact Council's Property team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.

Meet some of South Burnett Regional Council's volunteers. South Burnett Regional Council are pleased to introduce some of the dynamic and valued volunteers continuing to commit their time to our Visitor Information Centres (VIC), Museums and Libraries. Volunteering for Council is a productive way to develop various technical and social skills, meet new people and engage with the South Burnett community and its visitors through a different platform.

Bob has volunteered at the South Burnett Visitor Information Centres in Wondai and Murgon over the past 16 years. Bob said he enjoys the social interactions he has between volunteers and visitors who come into the Visitor Information Centres. Bob explained, "Since coming to the region in 1978, it is fair to say I have developed the skills and knowledge to promote the region to a variety of different people. As a volunteer, I simply enjoy spending my time with visitors and the opportunity to give back to the community has been so beneficial to me since the day I arrived." "What is not to love about the South Burnett?"

South Burnett Regional Council's 77 volunteers make a positive, significant difference to our region, our community and our visitors, across Visitor Information Centres, Museums and Libraries. Council recognises and appreciates everything they bring to their roles as volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Council visit <https://www.southburnett.qld.gov.au/volunteeringcouncil> For further information contact Council's People and Culture team on 1300 789 279, 4189 9100 or email info@sbrc.qld.gov.au.



SBRC volunteers,
Cr Frohloff and
Cr Henschen at
Roy Emerson
Museum Blackbutt



SBRC volunteers at Dairy
Museum Murgon

Qld App update from 9th July

In addition to the hospitality sector, from 9 July 2021 the Check In Qld app will be mandatory for a number of new sectors, including shopping centres and supermarkets, beauty and personal care services and venues that attract large crowds.

For the full list, check the Restrictions on Business, Activities and Undertakings Direction.

The Check In Qld app is available to download and use across a number of businesses to help keep Queenslanders COVID Safe. You will need to use it when out and about at:

- venues that attract large crowds, such as stadiums, convention centres, theme parks, concert venues and cinemas
- shopping centres and supermarkets
- beauty and personal care service, such as hairdressing, beauty therapy and nail services
- indoor events, such as cultural festival and expos
- outdoor events, such as fun runs and fetes
- leisure and recreation facilities, such as gyms, health clubs, indoor sports facilities and indoor pools
- short-term residential facilities such as hotels, boarding houses and short-term holiday rentals
- outdoor recreation, such as caravan parks, camping areas, zoos and aquariums
- public-facing government services, such as customer service counters in government buildings, galleries, museums, libraries and community centres such as recreation halls
- weddings, funerals and places of worship (only required if indoor)
- higher education institutions, such as universities, TAFEs and registered training organisations
- adult entertainment venues
- hospitals, residential aged care, disability service accommodation (applies to visitors, volunteers and contractors, not staff or patients/residents).

The Check In Qld app is a contactless, free, secure and convenient way for customers to sign into a Queensland business.

By using the Check In Qld app you'll be:

- able to check in to participating businesses without having to enter your details each time
- protecting your own personal information – data is stored by the Queensland Government and only used for contact tracing if needed
- helping make contact tracing faster, more reliable and complete.

For more information click on the link here:

https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld?fbclid=IwAR3eV3iWydO5K9NYbvxAixBxWoYq8O5Pae4yPOoxTJFleIHv-FTLqjSV_Ms

SOUTH BURNETT PARKINSON'S' SUPPORT GROUP



We welcomed two of the most dedicated members of the **Murgon Ambulance Committee** (Bob and Kerry) to our June meeting. They did a very interesting **Powerpoint** presentation on health events pertinent to Seniors e.g. stroke, dehydration, heat stress, heart attack etc. We all learnt something new, whilst reinforcing some first aid actions we were already aware of. We have invited Bob and Kerry back to our October meeting to further educate us on the use of a defibrillator and to brush up on **CPR**.

Other visitors on the day included Willow who was on holidays at her grandparents, and Emily & Ron (Cooloola Coast friends).

It was a very lucky day for Ancy as she won all the game prizes. Being such a special person she donated her winnings to Willow and Charles. Ancy, with her nursing background, correctly guessed that there was a set of tweezers in the **Mystery Box**.

Charles was celebrating his birthday one day early and wife Marilyn had baked a healthy cake for us all to enjoy. With the birthday celebrations on, there was only time for one joke : an

appropriate **Sidestep The Doctor** joke which caused some laughter.

For our July meeting, the group enjoyed a social morning tea at the **Murgon Services Club**.

There was plenty of time to chat about **"This and That"** after refreshments. We shared some lighthearted memories about our past member, Leif. Leif had been a loyal member of the group for 5+ years and he will be in our memories for a very long time. Six of the group had been able to attend Leif's memorial about a week earlier, at his property **"Monticello"**. Those present were touched by the photos and personal items which were set up on the verandah to honour his memory. On the day, we all learnt something different about Leif's life.

It was unanimously decided that the 2021 Christmas lunch would be held at **Wondai Diggers' Club** on Monday November 29th.

CONTACTS: DARRYL 4168 3116 or CARMEN 5486 1268.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic, degenerative disease with a variety of symptoms. There is presently no cure for this common neurological disease.

Our August and October meetings will be held again at Graham House.

BOOKINGS REQUIRED. LAST MONDAY of the month (Feb. to Nov.). Our small friendly group welcomes community members to come along to our monthly meetings.

CONTACTS: CARMEN 5486 1268 or DARRYL 4168 3116

PHOTO: Bob from the Murgon Ambulance Committee with visitor Willow.



A great roll up at the Murgon Services Club for a Digital Media Marketing Workshop conducted by Melanie from Visit South Burnett Inc.

Proston Team Off To The Ekka!



FLASHBACK: Success at Beef 2021 ... 'Sapphire' with Proston State School's Jessica Jackson, ag assistant Mikaela Ross, ag teacher Katrina Hayward and Barb Madden, from Smithfield (Photo: Supplied)
July 29, 2021

Proston P-10's show team will be heading off with a team of cattle to the Brisbane Ekka, thanks to the generosity of a number of rural businesses.

The students are hoping to repeat their success from Beef 2021 in May where their steer 'Sapphire' took out the prestigious Ray White Rural Junior Led Steer competition against more than 60 entries from across the State.

'Sapphire' was one of two steers donated to the school by Smithfield Cattle Co last year which have won ribbons at local shows as well as at Rockhampton.

The students have been busy preparing themselves and their cattle for the Ekka, but faced a financial hurdle.

When Smithfield – which operates a major feedlot at Proston – heard about the problem, the company leapt into action, contacting key suppliers and encouraging them to donate whatever they could to support the school.

“We were thrilled with the response from our amazing suppliers and raised over \$5500 in a matter of weeks,” Smithfield co-owner Barb Madden said.

Smithfield has a long-standing partnership with Proston State School, spanning generations.

“The school is humbled by the ongoing support shown from Smithfield and their suppliers,” ag science teacher Katrina Hayward said.

“They see the great work our Rural Studies program does, and they want to encourage students to choose career paths in Ag.

“It's about providing real opportunities for kids to connect with cattle and country.”

Smithfield and the Proston students will be catching up at the Ekka next Tuesday to hand over the \$5500.

As well as Smithfield, the companies which have supported the school include: Thompson Longhorn, Performance Feeds, Bentleys, Nutrien Ag, Feed Central, Elanco, HLE Smith, Bovine Dynamics, Agroc Contracting and Zoetis.



Deadly Choices launched in Cherbourg

The Cherbourg Regional Aboriginal and Island Community Controlled Health Service (CRAICCHS) have officially launched an important health program for indigenous people in the South Burnett called Deadly Choices. The program empowers people to make healthy choices for themselves and their families. A massive thanks to Deadly Choices Ambassadors Willie Tonga and Rhonda Purcell who visited on the day and to the CRAICCHS team who will be delivering the program.

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July 2021



Important discussions with Barambah Local Justice Group

Together with our LNP Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, John-Paul Lanbroek, in mid-June I met with members of the Barambah Local Justice Group to highlight key issues affecting the Cherbourg community. I look forward to working further with this dedicated and professional group.



Blackbutt has a new Community Directory



1000 copies of the brand new Blackbutt Community Director are being distributed to the township and surrounds following its official launch in mid-July. The handy booklet has been produced by the Blackbutt Tourism and Heritage Association which was put together by volunteers who spent two months sourcing and gathering information about local businesses and services. I was delighted to support the group by helping to print and collate the booklets at my Electorate Office. Well done Blackbutt!!



Shadow Minister Update

My Shadow Minister role took me to Cairns, Tinaroo Dam, Mareeba, Tablelands, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg and Moreton Bay in late June. The Tinaroo Dam in Far North Queensland (pic below) provides water to many crops making the Atherton/Mareeba region one of the most productive in Queensland. More can be done to ensure we are capturing water and opening up new areas that will produce high quality food production. Just add water! I also took the opportunity to meet with Cairns, Tablelands and Mareeba Regional Councils to talk regional development. And in the Wide Bay I toured manufacturing businesses to hear first hand the issues of most importance to our manufacturing businesses.

The Star of Taroom

In the early 1970s, a young veterinarian was on Iman Country, blood testing cattle on Bethany Station, a property between Wandoan and Taroom. Jim's work took him all over the backroads of Queensland, where over the years he picked up the habit of poking around in paddocks and sheds in search of interesting "things" for his collection.

While working on Bethany, a large sandstone rock with a beautiful star carved deep into its face caught Jim's eye.

The property owner wrapped a chain around the 160kg groove stone and in a cloud of diesel smoke pulled it from its resting place with a tractor. The stone was loaded into a ute and taken to Brisbane, where it took pride of place in Jim's backyard.

In 2019, Jim was diagnosed with cancer. He and his eldest son, Johnny, talked about taking one last road trip together to return the groove stone. But Jim's cancer moved faster than they could, and he passed away six months later – peacefully – listening to the song of a butcher bird. The Star of Taroom remained in the Brisbane backyard, 500km away from Country.



A year after Jim's passing, Johnny felt it was time. But before he could return the Star, he needed to do some reading. He learned about 30,000 years of Iman occupation on the Upper Dawson. About a darkness that swept over the land in the 1850s, and of the silence that followed. He learned about the Federal Court's 2016 recognition of the Iman's pre-existing native title. And he began to understand the meaning of the words "always was, always will be".

Compared to the bravery, resilience and determination of the Iman, driving the stone back to Country now seemed like a pretty soft gesture. And so, in July 2021, Jimmy's son and a growing band of volunteers will be walking the stone 500km back to Country in a specially built hand cart. The walkers leave Brisbane on the 3rd of July and for 22 days will push the rock across the rail trails and backroads of Turrbal/Yuggera, Jinibara, Gubbi Gubbi, Wakka Wakka, Wulli Wulli, Auburn Hawkwood and Iman Country. The Star will arrive in Taroom on the 24th of July for the official opening ceremony of the Wardingarri Keeping Place at the Taroom Historical Museum.

Auntie Heather, Uncle Stuart and other members of the Wardingarri Aboriginal Corporation Board have met with the team in Brisbane and on Country and have given the journey their blessing. Uncle Stuart said that the stone's distinctive star is strikingly similar to a boundary stone on Country, which was used as evidence to determine native title. This makes the upcoming July repatriation even more significant.

An ever-growing group of family, friends, neighbours and volunteers are now busy training and planning out the logistics of the walk. The cart has been designed by a master bicycle frame builder, and the cart will soon be ready for testing on the trails around Brisbane. And as for the Star of Taroom, it's getting plenty of love and attention before it leaves Brisbane in a special farewell ceremony.

The team is inviting volunteers to walk with them each day, so if you'd like to join for a 25km leg, [Click Here](#). "We hope to meet all sorts of people," says Johnny, "to have a 500km-long yarn about Country, about life." "But we've got to tread lightly too," cautioned the 54-year-old, "because this is a healing walk and not a circus, and the ancestors – including my Dad – will be watching!"

This walk is about the unfinished business between a father and son. It's about the unfinished business of returning the hundreds of thousands of cultural heritage items and ancestral remains from private collections and museums both here and overseas. And most of all, it's about the unfinished business of reconciliation. By pushing the Star of Taroom home to Country, it's hoped that Australians will be reminded that we can move even mountains when we all walk together.

When Johnny was a small boy, he imagined the Iman groove stone was a star that fell from the night sky. In July, he and his friends hope the Star of Taroom will guide us all back to Country



The Star of Taroom passing through Murgon



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- Kingaroy Visitor Information Centre, 128 Haly Street, Kingaroy
- Nanango Visitor Information Centre, 41 Henry Street Nanango

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Kathy's Comments

Aussies doing us proud

Isn't it great to be an Aussie when you see the way they are performing at the Olympics. The green and gold are smashing it out in lots of events and we even have some home-grown locals succeeding. There are two many success stories to mention but well done everyone, Aussie Aussie Oy Oy Oy!!

Council's Budget

The budget was very challenging as always. We have not put the rates up for the farmers and the general rates for non-farmers has gone up 1%, however due to the valuation increases and averaging over three years there will still be variations in what people end up paying. There have been no cuts to Council's services on the ground and there has been some additions to the parks and gardens budget to ensure better outcomes for the community. The roads budget has also been looked after and Council will continue with the commitment to grade every gravel road at least once per year.

BYTE Nites are back.

The team of volunteers and workers from the PCYC are hosting BYTE nites again every second Saturday. We are always looking for volunteers to help so if you are interested please give Rene a call at the PCYC. They will assist if you don't have a blue card.

The Star of Taroom

My Portfolio includes Indigenous Affairs and we recently celebrated NAIDOC week. As part of that celebration, we welcomed the Star of Taroom to the South Burnett. This was an amazing story of a 160kg groove stone being pulled in a hand cart for a 500km trek from Brisbane to Taroom. John Danalis and a team of helpers joined in our celebrations and brought the rock to Kingaroy, Wondai, Cherbourg and Murgon before travelling to Jack Coe Park at Boondooma. Mayor Otto and I joined in the walk for 11km from Crawford to Wooroolin along the rail trail and helped pull the cart for a short part of the walk!! The rock has cultural significance and John said that it was mostly about reconciliation. The journey of taking the Star of Taroom home to Country, brings the hope that Australians will be reminded that we can move even mountains when we all walk together.

Mondure Country Halls Tour Postponed

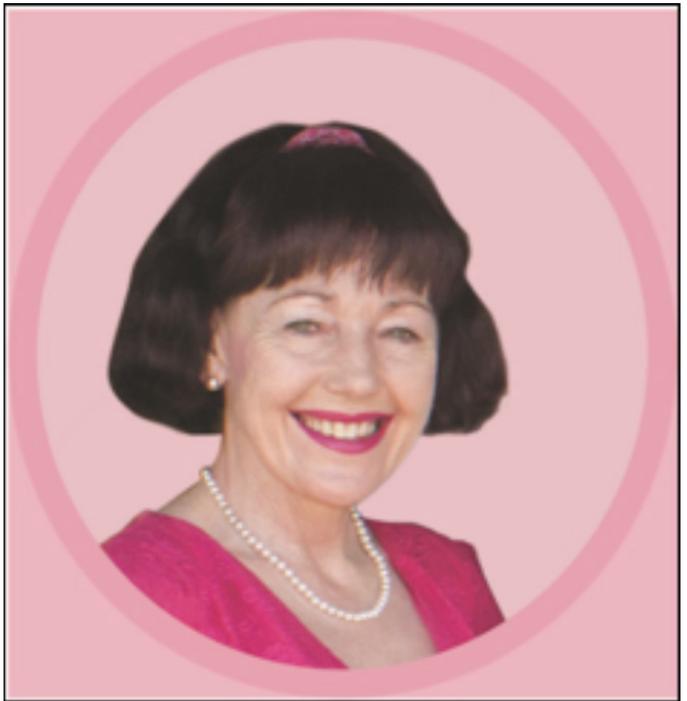
Due to Covid the Fanny Lumsden concert at Mondure Hall for her Country Halls Tour has been postponed. I have spoken to the committee and Fanny is coming back possibly early next year. Covid is causing challenges for a lot of our community events. I know everyone was excited so fingers crossed it won't be long before we can have Fanny and enjoy this great opportunity to have fun again in one of our country halls like they did in the good old days.

Scots in the Bush cancelled

Unfortunately, this event is also cancelled due to Covid restrictions. The Boondooma Homestead Committee run an amazing event, but they have been affected by some artists not able to travel due again to Covid restrictions.

The Intrust Cup held in Murgon

Murgon really does footy well. I attended this event and could not believe the number of people there. There was footy for all ages as well as the big one, the Intrust Cup. Congratulations to Scott Prendergast and your dedicated team of helpers. It



was a great event for Murgon and wonderful to see so many young people involved in footy.

Community Engagement Days

Council is holding regular community engagement days. This is your opportunity to meet with the Councillors and Senior staff on matters that you would like to raise with Council. They are an informal discussion where decisions aren't made but if you have a concern that is bigger than a Customer Request then please make an appointment to share your views.

Community Grants Open throughout August

Council's Community Grant applications are open for the month of August. Grants of up to \$3000 are available for not-for-profit groups for events or infrastructure. The application forms are available at any Council Office or download a form on the website.

Proston Showcased in Barcaldine

This year Council's Bush Conference is in Barcaldine and I have been asked to showcase the success of the Proston Shops in a PowerPoint presentation to the whole conference. There will be Mayors and Councillors from right across Queensland and so Proston's story will be widely viewed. This is the follow up from the Butch Lenton Award and Peak Services presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 to Proston Qld two years ago.

Murgon Shop Success

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The Germans elected her to lead them, and she led 80 million Germans for 18 years with *competence, skill, dedication and sincerity.* She did not utter nonsense. She did not appear in the alleys of Berlin to be photographed. She was dubbed “The Lady of the World” and who was described as ‘the equivalent of six million men.’

During these eighteen years of her leadership of the authority in her Country, *no transgressions were recorded against her. She did not assign any of her relatives to a government post. She did not claim that she was the maker of glories. She did not get millions in payment, nor did anyone cheer her performance; she did not receive charters and pledges, she did not fight those who preceded her.*

Merkel left the party leadership position and handed it over to those after her, and Germany and its German people are in the best condition ever.

The reaction of the Germans was unprecedented in the history of the Country. *The entire population went out to the balconies of their houses and clapped for her spontaneously for 6 continuous minutes. A standing ovation nationwide.*

Germany stood as one body bidding farewell to their leader, a chemical physicist who *was not tempted by the fashion or the lights and did not buy real estate, cars, yachts and private planes*, knowing that she is from former East Germany.

She left her post after leaving Germany at the top. She left and her relatives did not claim advantage. Eighteen years and she never changed her wardrobe. God be upon this silent leader.

At a press conference, a female Journalist asked Merkel : *We notice that you’re wearing the same suit, don’t you have any other? She replied: “I am a government employee and not a model.*”

At another press conference, they asked her : *Do you have housemaids who clean your house, prepare your meals and so on? Her answer was: “No, I do not have servants and I do not need them. My husband and I do this work at home every day.*”

Then another journalist asked : *Who is washing the clothes, you or your husband? Her answer: “I arrange the clothes, and my husband is the one who operates the washing machine, and it is usually at night, because electricity is available and there is no pressure on it, and the most important thing is to take into the account the possible inconvenience for the neighbours, thankfully the wall separating our apartment from the neighbours is thick.” She said to them, “I expected you to ask me about the successes and failures in our work in the government.*”

Mrs. Merkel lives in a normal apartment like any other citizen. *She lived in this apartment before being elected Chancellor of Germany. She did not leave it and does not own a villa, servants, swimming pools or gardens.*

Merkel: the now former-Chancellor of Germany, the largest economy in Europe.

Joachim Sauer (born 19 April 1949) is a German quantum chemist and professor emeritus of physical and theoretical chemistry at the Humboldt University of Berlin. He is the husband of the former Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel.

Merkel attended the University of Leipzig, where she studied physics from 1973 to 1978, earning her doctorate in 1978. She was awarded a doctorate for her thesis on quantum chemistry in 1986.



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Mr Littleproud said the existing lights would be removed and replaced with compliant lighting to help make night landings and take-offs safer.

"Keeping our regional airstrips in top-notch condition will help locals to remain well-connected, improve the delivery of goods and services and ensure emergency services continue to have quick and easy access to our towns."

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Another Win For Taliqua

Taliqua Clancy (our local girl) hit the winning the shot on Wednesday night to secure victory in the second of the Aussies' preliminary rounds at the Olympic beach volleyball competition in Tokyo.

Clancy and Mariafe Artacho del Solar defeated Viktoria Ori Toth and Marta Menegatti, from Italy, 2-0 after locking in narrow sets victories: 22-20 and 21-19.

The lead changed several times during the see-sawing contest, which was broadcast live on the 7Plus streaming network.

At one stage Clancy and Artacho del Solar had five match points but the Italians worked hard to get back into the game.

The Aussies, who are playing in Pool E of the competition, next face Russian competitors Nadezda Makroguzova and Svetlana Kholomina on Friday.

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